

MARINE FEST 2022

SATURDAY 4TH TO SUNDAY 12TH JUNE

Join us for a packed programme of fun and thought-provoking events, exhibitions, workshops, trails and science shows. This programme lists all the bookable events but please keep checking our website and social media for additional activities.

SATURDAY 4 JUNE - SATURDAY 20 AUGUST

EXHIBITION: OUR PLASTIC OCEAN

10:00 – 17:00 (Suggested donation £5, members free)

Our Plastic Ocean, exhibition by international award-winning photographer Mandy Barker, addresses the current global crisis of marine plastic pollution. Barker collects debris from shorelines across the world and transforms them into powerful and captivating images.

SATURDAY 4 JUNE

ROCKPOOL RAMBLE

11:00 – 12:00 (£7.50, discount for Seabird Centre members)

Discover the amazing wildlife that can be found in the rockpools of North Berwick. Enjoy a brief talk followed by a guided ramble along the nearby rocky shore. Prepare to be amazed by the variety of life and the different adaptations of the creatures you meet.

PUPPET SHOW – WHAT'S FOR SNACK?

12:15 – 13:00 (£5, children FREE)

Join Craig the Crab for this interactive puppet show. With sing-a-long fun, young visitors will be asked to help Craig who has eaten some marine litter by mistake. He will be joined by some of his seaside friends who will aim to help him get rid of his sore tummy.

The show is suitable for young children age 2+

LOBSTER LOWDOWN

14:00 – 15:30

(Drop in; donations welcome)

Come and meet the European lobster - Scotland's most fascinating crustacean! Learn all about the anatomy and lifecycle of this amazing species at the Firth of Forth Lobster Hatchery.

EVENING SEABIRD CATAMARAN CRUISE

18:30 (£26 adult, £24 concession, £10 child)

Enjoy an hour long evening cruise around Craigleith to spot the puffins and out to the Bass Rock to experience the world's largest colony of Northern gannets.

SUNDAY 5 JUNE -

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE

SCOTTISH COASTAL CLEAN-UP

10:00-16:00

Borrow one of our beach clean kits and do your bit for the Scottish Coastal Cleanup, taking place this year from Berwick upon Tweed to Aberdeen. Lil (Lower Impact Living) is coordinating the stretch from Berwick to Edinburgh, with support from Taylor Wimpey East Scotland, with Caledonian Horticulture coordinating Edinburgh to Aberdeen.

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SPEED SKETCHING BY THE SEA

13:30 -15:30 (£20)

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GUIDED CITIZEN SCIENCE TRAIL

14:00 – 15:00 (£5, children FREE)

Join our Conservation Officer for an outdoor, interactive introduction to marine citizen science, exploring our new citizen science trail around North Berwick. Learn what citizen science is, why it's important, and discover how you can get involved in collecting data to safeguard wildlife and habitats.

MONDAY 6 JUNE

MAKE MESS MATTER (UNDER 5'S)

10:30 – 11:15 (£6)

Sea slime, nautical nonsense and ocean potions! Get stuck in, have fun and make some marine-themed mess with the Make Mess Matter team. All materials provided, beware, you may get messy!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

COASTAL WELLBEING WALK

10:30 – 12:00 (£7.50, discount for Seabird Centre members)

Take a moment to enjoy the sights, sounds and feel of the seaside with this interactive wellbeing walk. Take part in activities designed to allow you to switch off from everyday life, unwind and enjoy your surroundings. This walk is for adults.

SEA KAYAKING ADVENTURES WITH ROBIN LLOYD JONES

14:00 – 15:00 (£8, discount for Seabird Centre members)

Join booker prize nominated author, Robin Lloyd Jones, to hear about his amazing sea kayak adventures around the magical west coast of Scotland. There will be opportunity for Q&A and book signings. 'Argonauts of the Scottish Isles' will be available to purchase at the event.

TRIM YOUR BIN WORKSHOP WITH LIL

18:30 – 20:00 (£8)

Join Lower Impact Living for an interactive, fun workshop full of practical tips and ideas to reduce the waste & recycling your house creates and live more sustainably. You will receive some advance homework to get to the bottom of your bin and we'll have plenty of time for your questions so you can leave with a tailor made plan for your home. Suitable for adults.

TUESDAY 7 JUNE

FIND OUT ABOUT... RESTORATION FORTH

14:00 -15:30 (Drop in, FREE)

Drop in to find out about Restoration Forth, a pioneering community-inspired conservation project to restore seagrass and oyster habitats in the Firth of Forth.

SEA CHANGE WINE TASTING & OPTIONAL BEACH CLEAN

17:30 – 19:30 (£5)

Sea Change are passionate about two things: protecting our oceans and great tasting wine. Every bottle of Sea Change helps fund ocean conservation projects across the globe and minimal packaging reduces waste and environmental impact. Enjoy samples and discuss tasting notes from the range which is available to purchase at the Scottish Seabird Centre. Sea Change will hold a beach clean event starting from the Centre ahead of the wine tasting event from 5:30pm - 6:15pm to which all are welcome.

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WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE

UNDER 5'S STORYTELLING

10:30 - 11:30

(£5 adult, children FREE)

Be transported to the underwater worlds of a few of our favourite sea-themed short stories. This event is suitable for pre-school children with an accompanying adult.

COASTAL WILDLIFE TOUR

14:00 - 15:30 (£7.50 discount for Seabird Centre members)

Join our Conservation Officer for a relaxing 1.5 hour wildlife tour along the North Berwick coast to celebrate World Oceans Day! We are delighted that, thanks to the incredible work of the team at [Beach Wheelchairs](#), all of our coastal wildlife sessions are now accessible for wheelchair users (subject to availability).

MEET THE SCIENTIST; MARINE RESCUE

19:00 - 20:00 (£10, discount for Seabird Centre members)

Chelsea Knight is the assistant coordinator for the British Divers Marine Life Rescue for Edinburgh, Lothians and the Borders. BDMLR are a UK wide non-profit charity dedicated to rescuing injured and stranded dolphins, whales, seals and porpoise. Learn about the different marine mammals found in the Forth and how to appreciate them responsibly as well as the highs and lows of rescues past and present. Chelsea will also cover how you can get involved and become a marine mammal medic yourself.

THURSDAY 9 JUNE

MAKE MESS MATTER

10.30 - 11.15 (Under 5's)

Sea slime, nautical nonsense and ocean potions! Get stuck in, have fun and make some marine-themed mess with the MMM team. All materials provided. Beware, you may get messy!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

NORTH BERWICK IN BLOOM COASTAL WILDFLOWER WALK

14:00-15:30 (FREE)

A team of passionate volunteers keep North Berwick's floral displays looking tip top and in award-winning shape. Join the North Berwick in Bloom team for an easy, guided walk on flat ground, looking at the many wild flowers that grow on the local coast.

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LIL FASHION REVOLUTION

19:00-20:30 (£15)

Get set for summer and restyle your wardrobe with the most sustainable fashion available. Grab your friends, declutter your wardrobe and join Lower Impact Living for a glass of fizz and fashion swish - find the perfect outfit or fab shoes for the price of your ticket.

FRIDAY 10 JUNE

POLLUTION SOLUTIONS WITH FIDRA

11:00-15:00 (FREE)

The team from North Berwick based environmental charity Fidra are on hand to explore how you can be the solution to pollution! Drop in to find out what environmental issues are affecting our oceans and how we can solve them: how to spot chemicals in packaging, what's a nurdle and where are they, how to tackle sports pitch pollutants... plus loads more.

DROP IN BEACH CLEAN

10:00-18:00

Borrow a beach clean kit from the Centre and do your bit help improve marine habitats and protect wildlife. Our beach clean kits include a litter picker, bag for waste and information. Please note kits are allocated on a first come-first served basis. Why not treat yourself afterwards to a bite to eat from the Slice Girls who're offering up delicious pizza between 16:00-19:00pm.

SLICE GIRLS PIZZA

16:00-19:00

Mouth-watering, fresh wood-fired pizzas from the local Slice Girls who're popping up in their distinctive yellow truck for Marine Fest. Treat yourself at the end of the week (especially if you've done a beach clean beforehand!) and hang out in our Marine Fest Tent with DJ Lil Miss Mixtape providing the soundtrack.

SATURDAY 11 JUNE

FELTING WORKSHOP WITH THE CRAFTY KIT COMPANY

10:00-12:00 (£10)

Join the Crafty Kit Company for a fun, relaxing needle felting workshop where you can learn to 'paint with wool' to create a cheeky puffin in a hoop. Needle felting is an easy, therapeutic craft. **Suitable for complete beginners, ages 10+. All materials are included.**

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TOBERMORY OYSTERS CART

13:00-18:00

Innovative and sustainable, Tobermory Oysters are a small, family-run business who farm their Grade-A oysters by hand on Mull with no single use plastic. Delicious with a range of accompaniments to try on the spot or to takeaway. Add on a glass of fizz for the ultimate seaside seafood treat!

FUN SCIENTISTS

14:00 -14:30, 14:45-15:15, 15:30-16:00, 16:15-16:45 (£6.50)

Unlocking the magic of our universe one experiment at a time, Fun Scientists are on-hand with mini marine-themed sessions and plenty of awesome science up their lab coat sleeves. Prepare to be wowed by 'Squidy' the world's first voice-activated performing squid! Get stuck into making jellyfish slime and discover the science behind balance.

SUNDAY 12 JUNE

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ABERLADY MOONSHINE ORCHESTRA

14:00 - 15:00 (£7.50)

Enjoy the relaxing sounds of jazz and blues by the sea with Alan McLay, John Donoghue and Charlotte McMillan. The Aberlady Moonshine Orchestra will play a mix of standards, contemporary songs and originals.

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