

Join the Great British Beach Clean

Adopt and care for a local stretch of coastline.

WARNING!
 Make sure you follow UK Government social-distancing guidelines during your beach clean. If these rules are changed, you may have to cancel your event. Avoid touching your face and remember to wash your hands when you finish.



What you need

- A internet-connected device
- A local beach that you can get to safely
- Sturdy gloves for everyone
- Litter pickers (if possible)
- Rubbish bags
- A notebook or printed form and pencil to record the rubbish that you find
- Appropriate clothes, water and sun cream
- Soap and water
- An adult to accompany you

How does it work?

Each year, the Marine Conservation Society (MCS) organises the Great British Beach Clean – a nationwide event where people come together to tidy up their local coastlines. This year's event is on 18–25 September. Things will be a bit different to previous years because of social-distancing rules. MCS is asking people to organise their own small events instead of big public ones. By registering on the MCS website, you can be sure there won't be anyone else cleaning the beach at the same time as you, and there is information on how to stay safe. Make sure to keep track of what you find, because that allows MCS to monitor how much rubbish is on our shores.



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1 Ask an adult to register for you at tinyurl.com/SNbeach. Find a local beach and invite everyone in your household and social bubble to help.



2 Pack a bag with supplies including thick gloves, bin bags, pen and paper, bottles of water, sun cream and appropriate clothes.



3 Head to the beach of your choice and pick up as much litter as you can. Follow the MCS instructions to properly record your findings.



4 Separate recyclable rubbish from the rest and ensure that all litter is disposed of responsibly. Send your survey to MCS once you get home.

If you've enjoyed these activities, share the fun with other readers. Send your photos and videos to scienceandnature@dennis.co.uk
 Look out for more amazing activities in the next issue, including making beautiful artworks using the power of the Sun and growing your very own beanstalk through a mystery maze.