



The Shores of South Devon
Marine Life Interest Group
www.shoresofsouthdevon.org.uk



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Dear supporter of SoSD

Newsletter No 3

Not a great deal has happened with the group since I last sent out a Newsletter in April at the beginning of lockdown, but we now have a bank account and Mike Puleston lead a small safari of Steering Group members to explore Blundle Head, Shaldon in July (see below).

The Shores of South Devon Facebook page goes from strength to strength and now has nearly 400 members. If you are not one of them then you can sign up to the page and find a treat of photos of the marine life on our fabulous local beaches.

Prior to the safari (on 6 July) Mike and I took part in a trial run of the Rockpool project's citizen science Crustacean survey at the Ness Head beach at Shaldon. The Rockpool project (www.therockpoolproject.co.uk) is an example of the kind of activity we hope that members of SoSD will actively support when it becomes possible.

Now that we have a bank account we are actively inviting interested people to join the Group so that when we have members in place to get going quickly when we are free of the Covid menace. The fee under Covid 19 restrictions is only £5, so please join by completing the form that can be found on our website at www.shoresofsouthdevon.org.uk/documents/.

Thanks

Toby Sherwin
(co-Chair SoSD)

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Brief report of the Bundle Head safari



Anne, Celia, Mike, Rob and Toby on the SoSD inaugural Safari

On Wed 22 July 5 members of the Shores of South Devon steering group had our first safari since lockdown eased at Bundle Head, Shaldon. Amongst the marine life that we found were: juvenile squat lobster, young shanny juvenile prawn; ascidian stars; as well as common limpets and snakelocks anemones, Sargassum muticum (wireweed), Strawberry anemones, sea lemon (sea slug), flat periwinkle, grey chiton, furbellows (kelp), acorn and wart barnacles, green leaf worm, topshells, punctured ball weed and much more. Bundle Head was a very interesting and varied site for us to start on. And Mike was his usual fountain of knowledge.

Toby Sherwin