

Nurdles,
photo by Leyline Creative

WHAT ARE NURDLES?

Nurdles or "mermaid's tears" are small plastic pellets about the size of a lentil. Billions are used each year to make nearly all of our plastic products! Bio-Beads are also small plastic pellets that are used as part of the filtration process in some wastewater treatment plants in the South West. But why are they on our beaches? Many of these nurdles and Bio-Beads enter the marine environment through spills when being transported and or from poor handling procedures.

Bio-Beads and nurdles are a big pollution problem – they are incredibly hard to remove from the environment and are often mistaken for food by many types of birds, fish and other marine species. The Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition are working hard to combat nurdle and Bio-Bead pollution at source.

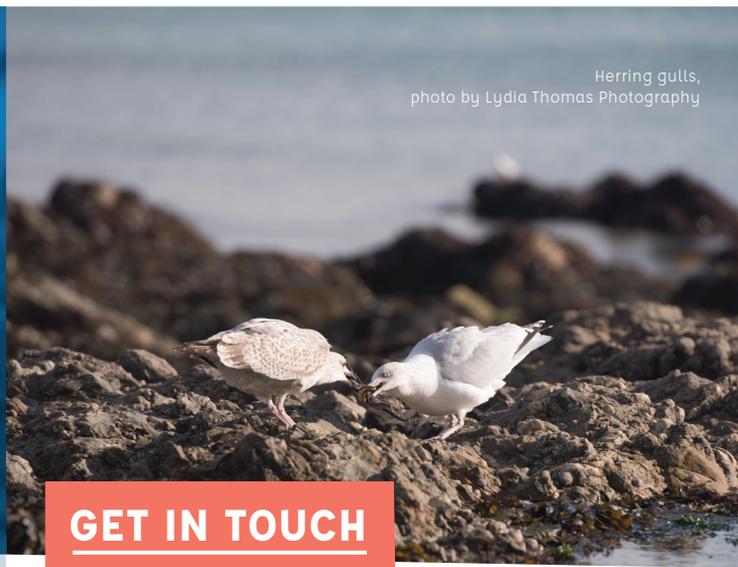
Please report mass sightings of nurdles and Bio-Beads and if possible send any samples and locations to Claire Wallerstein at claire.wallerstein@gmail.com. To find our more please visit our website falmouthmarineconservation.co.uk.

Mermaid's tears (plastic nurdles), photo by Leyline Creative



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Herring gulls,
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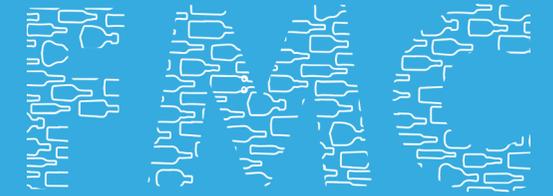
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SUP beach clean, photo by Leyline Creative



ABOUT US

Cornwall has a thriving network of local marine conservation volunteer groups who promote and protect the marine environment in their local patch. Together, this 'Your Shore' network is a powerful voice for our marine environment. Learn more about the Your Shore network at beachrangers.com.

In autumn of 2016, Falmouth began the journey of setting up its very own marine conservation group and it continues to build momentum and interest.

The Falmouth Marine Conservation Group are active volunteers that hope to:

- Inspire the community through engaging & motivating events, campaigns & projects
- Work with local groups, organisations & schools to raise awareness about marine conservation
- Monitor & record marine wildlife to support conservation efforts
- Engage with local businesses so that together we can have a positive effect on the local environment

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

GOT TWO MINUTES?

Of course you have. Make a difference with a #2minutebeachclean beachclean.net.

WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

If you are out & about on the coast, you can let us know what you see. Sightings of marine life can be reported at: orks.org.uk.

MARINE STRANDINGS

If you find a live stranded dolphin, porpoise, whale, sea or turtle, ring: **British Diver Marine Life Rescue** on 01825 765 546 (07887 433 412 out of office hours).

Please also report any dead marine strandings or signs of marine disturbance to the **Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Marine Strandings Network** on the 24h hotline 0345 201 2626.

GET INVOLVED

There are many ways you can get involved with the Falmouth Marine Conservation Group. Everyone is welcome to all of our events but if you would like to get more involved with any of our projects or would like to find out more about joining our committee then please get in touch at: info@falmouthmarineconservation.co.uk.



Midnight rockpool, photo by Leyline Creative



Sunset snorkel, photo by Meg Hayward-Smith

Seashore Code

Common starfish, photo by Sue Scott



Show respect for seashore creatures, handle them as little as possible & always put them back where you found them.

Take photos home, not animals.



Always put overturned rocks back carefully as you found them.

Take your rubbish home with you or put it in a bin.



Keep safe on the seashore, check the tides & weather, keep away from cliffs and big waves.