Shoresearch is a volunteer scheme to identify and record animals, plants and habitats along our shoreline. It was first developed by Kent Wildlife Trust, and has now been adopted in Sussex. The aim of the scheme is to build a baseline of data on intertidal wildlife around Sussex, to help promote its conservation.

**Shoresearch Surveys**
The Sussex Shoresearch team organises a programme of survey events throughout the year when we visit selected sites around the coast. All these organised events provide a good opportunity for those new to marine life identification and marine surveys to learn in the field from the experienced Shoresearchers. We are usually on the shore for about 1-2 hours and there will always be Shoresearch leaders present to clarify and run surveys. **Everyone is welcome - you do not need to have any knowledge of marine life before joining in with Shoresearch.**

Some key sites will be visited twice to enable us to collect important information and conduct more detailed surveys. As well as collecting baseline data on the species and habitats found at these sites, we will look at selected species to monitor distribution changes due to climate change and the spread of non-natives.

**Booking**
There is no charge to come along and we don't limit the numbers to these events. We do ask that you let us know if you are planning to come along so we know how many people to expect and if we need to wait for anyone.

**Contact Olle Åkesson** ([olleakesson@sussexwt.org.uk](mailto:olleakesson@sussexwt.org.uk)) to book.

**For surveys, please bring along:**
- Appropriate clothing for weather conditions on the day (warm clothing and waterproof trousers are often useful).
- Sturdy footwear - wellies or other waterproof footwear, preferably with good ankle support.
- Sun cream and a hat for appropriate skin protection.
- Any food required and a good supply of drinking water (outdoor activities can often require a level of physical exertion, so it's worth bringing a snack to keep energy levels up, and water to prevent dehydration).
- A hand lens is useful, if you have one.
- Some people find washing-up gloves useful for looking in rock-pools in cold weather!
- **Collins Pocket Guide to the Sea Shore of Britain and Northern Europe** is a useful field guide (although not essential).
Shoresearch Data
At each of these organised survey events, we complete a Shoresearch survey form collectively, to ensure we capture a comprehensive list of all the species seen, linked to the main habitat types in which they were found, and with an estimate of their abundance.

All the records gathered by Shoresearch are entered into the national database ‘Marine Recorder’. Along with the data from the complementary SCUBA diver survey, Seasearch, Shoresearch records can then be used to help build our knowledge of the marine environment; to identify the county’s most important sites, habitats and species; and to highlight changes.

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<td><strong>Wednesday 9 March</strong></td>
<td>Worthing Pipe</td>
<td>Disused Victorian sewage outflow pipe off shingle beach colonised by an interesting range of marine life. About 8km offshore from this site is the Kingmere Marine Conservation Zone.</td>
<td>Car park in Western Road near pedestrian crossing</td>
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<td>Eastbourne - The Pound</td>
<td>The Pound is located to the western end of Eastbourne’s shingle beach. The rockpools cover 5 ha and at low tide are 0-1m deep. Freshwater springs keep the visibility good and the thin sandstone reef offshore shelters the Pound. The site is enhanced by the shingle specialist plants that grow there.</td>
<td>‘The Kiosk’ – small café on corner of Duke’s Drive, near St. Bede’s School.</td>
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<td>Seven Sisters</td>
<td>The beach at Cuckmere Haven is next to the famous chalk cliffs of the Seven Sisters and is a Voluntary Marine Conservation Area (VMCA). It consists of shingle in the upper shore and a chalk platform with gullies lower down the shore that is covered by high tide. This site is within the Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zone.</td>
<td>Seven Sisters Car Park (south of the A259).</td>
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| Monday 9 May       | 18:00 | 19:41, 0.38m | 20:35   | Selsey Bill (West)  
The name *Selsey* is derived from the Saxon *Seals-ey* and can be interpreted as *the Isle of Sea Calves* (sea calves are better known as seals)  
Site consists of a shingle beach with groynes which is good for seahorses and cuttlefish if you are diving.                                                     |
|                    |       |           |         | **Meeting Point:** Marine Gardens Car Park, bottom of Hillfield Road  
**Nearest Post code:** PO20 0LJ                                                                                                                            |
| Monday 6 June      | 18:00 | 19:26, 0.65m | 21:10   | Bexhill  
A new survey new site for 2016 which is within Beachy Head East Recommended Marine Conservation Zone.                                                                                                           |
|                    |       |           |         | **Meeting Point:** Bandstand/Shelter East of Bexhill sailing club on De la Warr Parade  
**Postcode:** TN40 1JX                                                                                                                                        |
| Monday 4 July      | 16:00 | 18:07, 0.8m | 21:16   | Seven Sisters  
The beach at Cuckmere Haven is next to the famous chalk cliffs of the Seven Sisters and is a Voluntary Marine Conservation Area (VMCA). It consists of shingle in the upper shore and a chalk platform with gullies lower down the shore that is covered by high tide. This site is within the Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zone. |
|                    |       |           |         | **Meeting Point:** Seven Sisters Car Park (south of the A259).  
**Postcode:** BN25 4AD  
**Map Ref:** TV 518977  
**Site GPS:** N50°45’26.5” E00°09’18.9"                                                                                                                        |
|                    |       |           |         | Note: pay and display car parking is available at the park. The survey beach is approximately a half an hour walk from here.                                                                                  |
| Tuesday 5 July     | 17:00 | 18:29, 0.56m | 21:15   | Selsey Bill (East)  
The name *Selsey* is derived from the Saxon *Seals-ey* and can be interpreted as *the Isle of Sea Calves* (sea calves are better known as seals). Site consists of a shingle beach with groynes which is good for seahorses and cuttlefish if you are diving. |
|                    |       |           |         | **Meeting Point:** Large car park on Kingsway, east of the Museum and Life Boat Station.  
Toilets available.                                                                                                                                               |
| Thursday 18 August 16.30 | **Saltdean**  
Saltdean beach, at the base of the chalk cliffs, contains a chalk platform that is covered at high tide, a feature common to this stretch of coast. This allows a range of algae and other species to thrive on the rocky substrate. This site is within the Beachy Head West Marine Conservation Zone.  
**Meeting Point:** Car park on Saltdean Park Road, next to Saltdean Lido.  
**Postcode:** BN2 8SP.  
**Map Ref:** TQ 380019  
**Site GPS:** N50°48’00.3” W000°02’41.6” |
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| Low Water: 18.17 – 0.92m  
Sunset: 20:14 | **Eastbourne - The Pound**  
With an aim to explore the coast a little further to the West of Eastbourne we'll be meeting at the usual place to survey 'The Pound' at Eastbourne but then walking a little further west along the coast towards Beachy Head.  
**Meeting Point:** 'The Kiosk’ – small café on corner of Duke's Drive, near St. Bede’s School.  
**Postcode:** BN20 7XL |
| Friday 19 August 17:00 | **Eastbourne - The Pound**  
With an aim to explore the coast a little further to the West of Eastbourne we'll be meeting at the usual place to survey 'The Pound' at Eastbourne but then walking a little further west along the coast towards Beachy Head.  
**Meeting Point:** 'The Kiosk’ – small café on corner of Duke's Drive, near St. Bede’s School.  
**Postcode:** BN20 7XL |
| Low Water: 19:17, .73m  
Sunset: 20:12 | **Eastbourne - The Pound**  
With an aim to explore the coast a little further to the West of Eastbourne we'll be meeting at the usual place to survey 'The Pound' at Eastbourne but then walking a little further west along the coast towards Beachy Head.  
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