



Hello!

Well, Autumn is officially here. There's a chill in the air, the beautiful wildflowers are all but over, and the dune grasses are taking on golden and orange hues.

With the current restrictions and advice on social distancing, our sand dunes offer a great option for getting outside and connecting with nature. Often not as busy as the beach, why not opt to explore your local dune system?

At this time of year, Studland Bay in Dorset is a great place to watch a starling murmuration in the early evening, and soon expectant [grey seal](#) mothers will start to haul out on the beaches at Donna Nook in [Lincolnshire](#) and South Walney in [Cumbria](#), to have their pups.

Don't forget to keep a respectful distance when watching wildlife, and take your litter home with you to protect our coastal species!

We're delighted to be sharing the A-Z of Dynamic Dunescapes on our social media. Each day in October, we're posting a different video from the dunes, filmed by our team members from across England and Wales, celebrating the diversity of life that our sand dunes support. Find out more about this below!

Best wishes,

The Dynamic Dunescapes team

Explore the A-Z of sand dunes

Every day this month we're sharing videos on our social media, exploring the habitats and species that live in our dunes - from A, to Z!

Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to find out about cows, queen bees, lizards and orchids (and lots more). You'll also meet

different members of the Dunescapes team and explore our beautiful dune sites all across England and Wales.



What we've been up to:

Removing invasive species

Invasive species are plants or animals that aren't usually found somewhere. On sand dunes, they can grow quickly and take over, reducing biodiversity and making the habitat less healthy for the native creatures that live there.

This month we've been removing Sea buckthorn, an invasive plant with bright orange berries, from Braunton Burrows in Devon, where it has taken over large parts of the dunes. Visit our website to find out more about the [invasive species](#) we're tackling as part of the project.



Meet the team: David Kilner

People Engagement Officer (Wales), Plantlife



"I've spent 10 years growing people's connection with nature through field work teaching, school pollinator projects, community growing projects and most recently using green spaces and growing as a tool for supporting health and wellbeing of local communities. Our natural world is our most valuable asset!

Click to find out more about our work in [Anglesey and Gwynedd, Carmarthenshire,](#) and [Swansea, Neath and Port-Talbot.](#)

[Watch David's Intro Video](#)

Featured Blog:

[A day in the life of a Reserve Warden](#)



Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a Reserve Warden? Jim Turner shares his experience in this blog, where he takes you through a day on the reserve at North Walney NNR in Cumbria. Meet Natterjack Toadlets and find out about the rare Walney geranium

[Click to read the blog](#)

Do you have a story to tell?

Whether you're a creator whose work is inspired by our sand dunes, a local expert who knows all about a particular coastal species, or you've got some wonderful photos that you'd love to share with us - [get in touch!](#)

For more information on how to pitch an article, email dynamicdunescapes@naturalengland.org.uk or use [this page on our website.](#)

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