



Hello!

Like many of you, we've been hearing 'How is it September, already?' a whole lot during our project team calls at the moment.

But, now six months after the UK's lockdown was first put in place, and six months since we brought on our Engagement and Communications team, we're delighted to see that the project is, like the UK, looking a little different to how it did in March!

The socially-distanced [events](#) that we've been planning are starting to take place; like rock-pool rambles with Bev in Woolacombe, Devon, and self-guided scavenger hunts organised by Julia (pictured above!) across the dunes at Studland Bay in Dorset.

Each of our project partners have been thinking hard about how and when volunteering can restart, and we're delighted to start offering opportunities. You can [register your interest in becoming a volunteer using our online form](#), and read about our Cornwall and Dorset volunteering positions below.

There have been several large wildfires in public nature spaces this summer. The dry weather means that even the smallest disposable BBQ can spark a fire that spreads, causing a devastating loss of habitat and life for local wildlife. We know and love dunes as the perfect place for a sheltered lunch while at the beach, so please consider swapping a hot BBQ for a simple picnic with a view!

See you in the dunes soon!

Best wishes,

The Dynamic Dunescapes team

Volunteering is back!

(For some small groups)

In Cornwall, a small group of Cornwall Wildlife Trust's [Wild Allet volunteers](#) have been out onto the dunes with a Ranger to survey the slacks, which is essential for understanding the health and needs of wildlife in these damp areas between the dune ridges.



In Dorset, a weekly [citizen science volunteer](#) opportunity has also just opened at Studland Bay.

[Volunteer in Cornwall](#)

[Volunteer in Dorset](#)

What we've been up to:

Dune heath restoration

Natalie from our Natural England team in [Sefton](#) visited one of our sites, The Triangle, to see how the dune heath is coming along. A while ago we removed some scrub from the area to allow the beautiful (and rare) purple dune heather to spread back out onto the dunes. We'll also be re-seeding some of the newly opened areas with heather shoots harvested from Lancashire Wildlife Trust's Freshfield Dune Heath Nature Reserve next door.



Meet the team: Natalie Coffey

People Engagement Officer (Sefton Coast), Natural England



"I love getting out in nature, whether it's with my two dogs or by myself. Sand dunes are one of my favourite environments to spend time in, either by having picnics on the dunes at Formby or taking the dogs for a walk on the Lytham Sand Dunes.

There is so much life hiding in the dunes, I can't wait to show you it! Maybe we'll even see the elusive sand lizard. I'm also excited to hear all about your #dunememories and to help you create new dune memories!"

[Explore our work in Sefton](#)

[Watch Natalie's intro video](#)

Featured Blog:

Footprints in the sand – a jewellery journey



Fine jewellery maker Georgie Orme-Brown writes about how sand dunes, and the beautiful tracks and patterns that dune creatures leave in the sand, inspire her elegant jewellery creations, from her studio near Bath.

[Read the blog](#)

Upcoming Event:

Restoring Sand Dunes in North Devon Online Q&A

9 Sept 2020, 7:30pm. Tickets: £3

Join Bev from our North Devon team for an online presentation exploring how sand dunes are formed. She'll talk about their importance as habitats, about species living within the dunes in North Devon and how the project will restore, manage and protect dune systems.

There will be a chance to ask questions and find out how you can get involved. Booking is essential. Joining instructions will be sent out before the event.



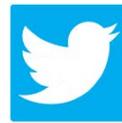
[Register for this event](#)

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 dynamicdunesapes@naturalengland.org.uk or use [this page on our website](#).

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