

**LOCAL EVENTS AND MANNED SITES FOR NWDW 2008**

If you don't see any events listed for your area, please check the website again soon as we will be adding more details shortly. Times and locations of events may still change and will be confirmed closer to the events, please get in touch with the local contact for more details.

***If you would like to set up a watch site please contact  
Edita Magileviciute at 01545 561227, [sightings@seawatchfoundation.org.uk](mailto:sightings@seawatchfoundation.org.uk).  
You can either conduct your own watch or invite others to join you – in which case we would like to  
advertise your watch on this site!***

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**SHETLAND**

As cetaceans can easily be seen all around the islands at this time of year, no specific watch dates have been set, but the following locations are particularly recommended for anyone interested:

- Sumborough Head
- Mousa Sound
- Yell Sound
- Lambaness (Unst)

Please send any sightings to Paul Harvey, or contact him if you require further information.

Contact: **Paul Harvey**, Shetland Biological Records Centre

Tel: 01595 694688, Email: [sbrc@zetnet.co.uk](mailto:sbrc@zetnet.co.uk)

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Mousa Sound and Sumburgh Head

7 July times to be confirmed

Contact: Karen Hall, Area Officer-Marine

Tel: 01595 693345; Email: [Karen.Hall@snh.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.Hall@snh.gov.uk)

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**ORKNEY**

- Papay, between Fowl Craig and Fowl Flag,  
21-29 June, 6pm-9pm

Contact: **Nic Crocker**, Tel: 01857 644245

Email: [papawestray@btinternet.com](mailto:papawestray@btinternet.com)

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**Orkney Mainland:**

- Hoxa Head, South Ronaldsay,  
25 June 6.30pm-8.30pm  
28/29 June 12-5pm

Anyone is welcome to turn up at anytime, no bookings needed. However, all watches are weather dependent

Contact: **Jenni Kakkonen**, Tel: 01856 871423 / 07731306334

Email: [jenni\\_kakkonen@hotmail.com](mailto:jenni_kakkonen@hotmail.com)

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## **NORTH SCOTLAND**

- Thurso Bay, Caithness, near Caravan Park,  
21-22 June 10am - 12pm

Contact: **Karen Munro and Colin Bird**

Tel: 01593721480/ 07762969822, Email: [colinB51@aol.com](mailto:colinB51@aol.com)

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- Strathy Point – North Sutherland - Sea Watch  
24 June 2pm – 4pm.

Join the ranger for a guided sea watch looking for whales, dolphins and porpoise at Strathy Point in North Sutherland. Bring along your binoculars and use the ranger's telescopes to look for these fascinating sea mammals.

Meet at Strathy Point (Totegan) car park grid reference NC 827687 at 1.45pm and stay as long as you wish. Bring binoculars and wear warm clothing. No dogs please. Donations welcome.

Contact : **Paul Castle**. Highland Council North Sutherland Ranger

Tel: 01641 521884; Email: [paul.castle@highland.gov.uk](mailto:paul.castle@highland.gov.uk)

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## **NORTH EAST SCOTLAND**

- The South Sutor of Cromarty top car park (GR NH 8090 6698)  
21 June 10am-4pm  
26 June 5pm-8pm  
27 June 5pm-8pm  
28 June 5pm-8pm

Contact: **Howard Loates**

Tel: 01463 221312, Email: [howardloates@talktalk.net](mailto:howardloates@talktalk.net)

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Meet at Latheronwheel Harbour, Caithness  
23 June 2pm

Highland Council Countryside Ranger Event

Learn about whales and dolphins of the Caithness coast. Visit a blow hole and help with the national survey by sea watching with the ranger on a beautiful cliff top. Binoculars useful.

Please wear stout footwear and warm clothing.

Contact: **Marina Swanson**

Tel: 01955 607758; Email: [marina.swanson@highland.gov.uk](mailto:marina.swanson@highland.gov.uk)

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## **MORAY FIRTH**

- Burghead lookout  
22 June 2pm-4pm
- Lossiemouth North Pier  
25 June 6pm-8pm
- Spey Bay car park  
27 June 6pm-8pm
- Findochty Church  
28 June 2pm-4pm

Contact: **Alan Airey**

Tel: 0130 9675689, Email: [al\\_airey@hotmail.com](mailto:al_airey@hotmail.com)

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## GRAMPIAN

### North Grampian

Moray Firth Wildlife Marine Tours  
21-29 June Buckie

Contact: **Peter Hizzett**  
Tel: 07747 626280; Email: [info@geminiexplorer.co.uk](mailto:info@geminiexplorer.co.uk)  
[www.geminiexplorer.co.uk](http://www.geminiexplorer.co.uk)

### South Grampian:

- Balmedie Country Park (just north of the visitor centre - look for the dolphin windsock)  
21st June 1-4pm
- Muchalls  
29 June 1-4pm

Contact: **Kevin Hepworth**  
Tel: 07818680129 Email: [grampianseawatch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:grampianseawatch@yahoo.co.uk)

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**SCOTTISH  
NATURAL  
HERITAGE**



**St Cyrus  
National Nature Reserve**



**Events  
May - September 2008  
All events are Free!!**

### May

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> – Up with the Lark

Celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day at St Cyrus National Nature Reserve! Discover the beauty of the dawn chorus on an early morning stroll around the reserve. Remember to wrap up warm & bring your binos!

**Time** – 0430 to 0700

**Meet** – SNH Visitor Centre, St Cyrus National Nature Reserve, Nether Warberton, St Cyrus

**Booking** – **Essential only 15 places!** Phone 01674 830736 to book or for more information. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – Spring Beachclean

Do your bit to keep St Cyrus Beach beautiful by helping collect the litter that's been washed ashore by the winter storms. Gloves and litterpickers provided.

**Time** – 1000 to 1200

**Meet** – SNH Visitor Centre, St Cyrus National Nature Reserve, Nether Warberton, St Cyrus

**Booking** – **Not necessary.** Phone 01674 830736 for more information. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> – Between the Tides

A celebration of the world between the tides. Join local salmon fisherman Jim Ritchie on a fascinating walk to learn how local folk have made a living from the world between the tides, harvesting salmon from the beach at St Cyrus for hundreds of years.

**Time** – 1100 to 1300

**Meet** – SNH Visitor Centre, St Cyrus National Nature Reserve, Nether Warberton, St Cyrus

**Booking** – **Essential only 15 places!** Phone 01674 830736 to book or for more information. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult

### June

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> – Magical Moths

St Cyrus National Nature Reserve is home to a huge variety of butterflies and moths but many people miss the moths that fly at night. Celebrate National Moth Night by joining moth expert Brian Stewart and Scottish Natural Heritage staff on an evening exploring the moths attracted to light traps. Remember to bring a torch and wrap up warm!

**Time** – 2100 to late

**Meet** – SNH Visitor Centre, St Cyrus National Nature Reserve, Nether Warberton, St Cyrus

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### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – Fin Spotting!

Take part in with National Whale & Dolphin Watch Week by helping reserve staff scan the bay for whales, dolphin & porpoises and learn more about the marine mammals that live around our coast. Remember to bring binoculars if you can and wrap up warm – the cliff top can be cold even on a sunny day!

**Time** – 0700 to 1000 and 1600 to 1900

**Meet** – Top of cliff path at the end of Beach Road, St Cyrus.

**Booking** – **Not necessary, just drop by.** Phone 01674 830736 to book or for more information. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult

## July

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – Beautiful Botany

The fantastic displays of flowers at St Cyrus National Nature Reserve change with the seasons and the dunes are carpeted with pinks, purples and yellows throughout the summer. Join botany expert David Welch and Scottish Natural Heritage staff on a guided walk through the flower rich grasslands of the reserve and discover some of the hidden beauties beneath your feet. Remember to find a hand lens and flower ID book if you have them!

**Time** –1400 to 1600

**Meet** – SNH Visitor Centre, St Cyrus National Nature Reserve, Nether Warberton, St Cyrus

**Booking** – **Essential only 15 places!** Phone 01674 830736 to book or for more information. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - St Cyrus Family Fun Day

Come & join the fun at St Cyrus National Nature Reserve. Lots of games & activities for all the family based at the visitor centre.

**Time** –1200 - 1600

**Meet** – SNH Visitor Centre, St Cyrus National Nature Reserve, Nether Warberton, St Cyrus

**Booking** – **Not necessary, just drop by.** Phone 01674 830736 for more information. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult

## August

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Sands of Time

St Cyrus National Nature Reserve is much more than just golden sands and beautiful flowers, the area is steeped in human history too. From Stone Age hunters and cannibal lairds to brave soldiers and amazing innovators discover the daring deeds and tragic stories from St Cyrus' past on a guided walk around the reserve.

**Time** –1400 to 1545

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### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> – Ice & Fire

St Cyrus National Nature Reserve has had an eventful life! From its days near the equator to volcanic eruptions and ice ages. Celebrate the start of Scottish Geology Month with a stroll through the reserve & travel back in time to uncover the clues to St Cyrus' past hidden in the cliffs and dunes.

**Time** –1400 to 1545

**Meet** – SNH Visitor Centre, St Cyrus National Nature Reserve, Nether Warberton, St Cyrus

**Booking - Essential only 15 places!** Phone 01674 830736 to book or for more information. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult

## September

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – Funky Fungi

Join expert mycologist Liz Holden for a guided walk to explore the fascinating fungi found at St Cyrus National Nature Reserve. Discover some weird & wonderful facts about the wealth of fungi that makes St Cyrus its home.

**Time** – 1400 to 1600

**Meet** – SNH Visitor Centre, St Cyrus National Nature Reserve, Nether Warberton, St Cyrus

**Booking – Essential only 15 places!** Phone 01674 830736 to book or for more information. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – Beachclean

Do your bit to keep St Cyrus Beach beautiful and take part in the Marine Conservation Society's annual Beachwatch event. Gloves and litterpickers provided.

**Time** – 1000 to 1200

**Meet** – SNH Visitor Centre, St Cyrus National Nature Reserve, Nether Warberton, St Cyrus

**Booking – Not necessary.** Phone 01674 830736 for more information. All under 18's must be accompanied by an adult

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## SOUTHEAST SCOTLAND

- St Abbs Lighthouse, St Abbs Head National Nature Reserve, 28 June, 11am-4pm  
Turn up anytime, no booking required.

Contact: **Liza Cole**

Tel: 01890 771443, Email: [lcole@nts.org.uk](mailto:lcole@nts.org.uk)

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## INNER HEBRIDES

- Tobermory Lighthouse, Isle of Mull, 21 June, meeting at 11am outside HWDT shop, Main St., Tobermory
- Ardnamurchan Lighthouse, Isle of Mull, 23 June,  
In the morning education event with Acharacle primary school and then in the afternoon we are doing a public watch from 1-3pm.

Contact: **Natalie Ward**, Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust

Tel: 01688 302859 / 01688 400364, Email: [sightings@hwtd.org](mailto:sightings@hwtd.org)

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- Sea life Adventures: Two to five hour whale and wildlife trips aboard the purpose built 850 horsepower "*Porpoise II*" on the West Coast of Scotland near Oban in Argyll.

21 June 11:30

25 June 10:45, 14:00

27 June 09:00

28 June 12:30

29 June 10:30

Contact: **David and Jean Ainsley** Tel: 01631 571010 (Day) 01852 300203 (Eve and W/ends)

Email: [info@sealife-adventures.com](mailto:info@sealife-adventures.com), Website: [www.sealife-adventures.com](http://www.sealife-adventures.com)

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## NORTH WEST SCOTLAND

- Gairloch Marine Wildlife Centre & Cruises, vessel based surveys and land watches.  
21-29 June, 10am-4pm

Contact: **Sam and Ian French**,  
Tel: 01445 712636  
Email [info@porpoise-gairloch.co.uk](mailto:info@porpoise-gairloch.co.uk)  
Website [www.porpoise-gairloch.co.uk](http://www.porpoise-gairloch.co.uk)

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Arisaig Marine Ltd, vessel based surveys  
The MV Sheerwater operates daily from late April until late September, departing Arisaig at 11.00 am.

Contact: the **Harbour Office** Tel: **01687450224**  
The Harbour, Arisaig  
Invernesshire

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10:00 – 15:00 Whale and Dolphin watching at Stoer Lighthouse. NC 041 297, Stoer Hall, 7 miles north of Lochinver. A slideshow at Stoer Hall followed by a visit to the cliffs to watch for passing cetaceans. Part of National Whale and Dolphin Watching Day.

Contact: **Assynt Rangers**, 01571 844654

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Stoer lighthouse, Assynt, Sutherland  
26 June 10am-3pm

Join the ranger for a slide show at Stoer hall (7 miles north of Lochinver NC041 297) followed by a visit to the cliffs to watch for passing cetaceans. Bring binoculars and telescope if you have one.

Contact Highland Council Ranger: **Andy summers**  
Email [andy.summers@highland.gov.uk](mailto:andy.summers@highland.gov.uk); Tel:01571 844654

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'Whale and Dolphin Watching at Reiff'  
27 June 11am-3pm

Join the Rangers and take a walk to look for passing Cetaceans. Part of National Whale & Dolphin Watching Week.

Meet at Achnahaird Beach Carpark (NC 015 139). Bring wet weather clothing and shoes. Bring binoculars and a telescope if you have one! All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Booking essential** so call Lindsey Duncan on 01854 613904 for more details.

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## NORTH EAST ENGLAND

- The Deep, Hull  
21 June 10am-4pm

There is no charge for the watches, which take place from the Observatory/Cafeteria but the talks take place throughout the day in the North Sea area for paying visitors to the attraction.

- Flamborough Head (near Lighthouse),  
22 June 10am-4pm

Watches, public participation

- Whitby Coastal Cruises

28-29 June, 10am-4pm

Watches aboard Whitby Coastal Cruises during the afternoons and early evenings. Prices vary but start at under £5 per trip. See [www.dolphinspotter.co.uk](http://www.dolphinspotter.co.uk) for more up to date details

Contact: **Robin Petch and Kris Simpson**, Tel: 07768 592306  
Email: [robin@dolphinspotter.co.uk](mailto:robin@dolphinspotter.co.uk), [www.dolphinspotter.co.uk](http://www.dolphinspotter.co.uk)

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## SOUTHERN ENGLAND

**Dorset:**

- Poole Bay, 26 June 10am-2pm

Contact: **Ian Rabjohns**, Poole Cetacean Watch  
Tel: 01202738882, Email: [rabjohnsfamily2@cwctv.net](mailto:rabjohnsfamily2@cwctv.net)

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## **SOUTHWEST**

### **North Devon:**

- Hartland Point, GR (sheet 190) 231 276, 24
  - Baggly Point, National Trust Car Park, GR (sheet 180) 423 405,
  - Bull Point, Morteohoe, GR (sheet 180) 464 467,
  - Capstone, Ilfracombe, GR (sheet 180) 519 481
- 21-22 June 10am-3pm  
28-29 June 10am-3om

Contact: **Dave Jenkins and Julie Gordge**  
Tel: 07970011542, Email: [davidjenkins@mortepoint.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:davidjenkins@mortepoint.eclipse.co.uk)

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- Capstone Point, Ilfracombe
- 21 June 10am-12pm  
22 June 1pm- 3pm  
23-28 June 10am-12pm  
29 June 1pm-3pm

Contact: **Chris and Sharron Blackmore**, Email: [christosblackmore@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:christosblackmore@yahoo.co.uk)

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### **South Devon:**

- Berry Head National Nature Reserve, Brixham,
- 21-22 June, 6am-6pm  
28-29 June 6am-6pm  
Anyone who wants to help is welcome!

Contact: **Nigel Smallbones**, Berry Head National Reserve  
Tel: 01803 882619, Email: [berryhead@countryside-trust.org.uk](mailto:berryhead@countryside-trust.org.uk)

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### **South West Devon**

- At the Castle, Lundy Island, Bristol Channel
- 22 June (23<sup>rd</sup> if the weather is bad on the 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Contact: **Nicola Saunders**, Lundy Warden  
Email: [warden@lundyisland.co.uk](mailto:warden@lundyisland.co.uk)

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### **Cornwall:**

- St Ives Bay, Godrevy Point SW580433 (opposite the lighthouse)

21<sup>st</sup> June 11am – 1pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> June 11am – 1pm  
24<sup>th</sup> June 7pm – 8:30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> June 2pm – 4pm  
27<sup>th</sup> June 11am – 1pm

Contact: **Daniel Jarvis**, Cornwall British Divers Marine Life Rescue  
Tel: 01736 752723 / 07774 711 949, Email: [tolroydave@aol.com](mailto:tolroydave@aol.com)

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- Elemental Tours Ltd, Atlantic Adventures: Marine wildlife cruises on RIB *Ocean Ranger*, taking 12 passengers. Two and Three hour trips daily from Albert pier, Penzance. All passengers can get involved in wildlife observing .

Contact: **Rory Goodall**, Tel: 01736 811200/07971540280, Email: [elementaltours@blue-earth.co.uk](mailto:elementaltours@blue-earth.co.uk)  
Web: [www.elementaltours.co.uk](http://www.elementaltours.co.uk)

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- Marine Discovery Penzance: 1 and 2 hour trips from Penzance Harbour for 9 passengers.

Contact: **Hannah and Duncan Jones**, Tel: 01736874907/07749277110, Email: [info@marinediscovery.co.uk](mailto:info@marinediscovery.co.uk), Web: [www.marinediscovery.co.uk](http://www.marinediscovery.co.uk)

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## WALES

### North Wales

- St. Mary' s Well (SH 139 252)
- Braich Y Pwll (SH 123 258) overlooking Bardsey Sound  
21-22 June, 9:30am-1pm

Call Chris if it is raining or windy to check the venue  
Contact: **Chris Cameron and Julie Dawson**,  
Tel: 07948 288333, Email: [chris@avengerpenguins.com](mailto:chris@avengerpenguins.com).

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Bull Bay, North Coast of Anglesey.  
22 June 12pm - 4pm.

Join in with National Whale & Dolphin Watch Week 2008 and watch out for porpoises, dolphins and seals from Anglesey's magnificent coastline!  
Marine Awareness North Wales' Harbour Porpoise Action Plan volunteers will be there on the day to provide identification and spotting tips, use of equipment and information about Wales' charismatic marine mammals!

Contact: **Nia Jones** [NiaJones@wildlifetrustswales.org](mailto:NiaJones@wildlifetrustswales.org)

### West Wales

- New Quay Pier, Ceredigion Council and SWF Watch, New Quay  
21-29 June 9am-5pm

Bird' s Rock, Ceredigion County Council Watch, New Quay  
21 June 11am-5pm  
26-28 June 11am-5pm

Contact: **Edita Magileviciute**, Sea Watch Foundation  
Tel: 01545 561227, Email: [sightings@seawatchfoundation.org.uk](mailto:sightings@seawatchfoundation.org.uk)

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- **Winston Evans Boat Charter**: 1 and 2 hour dolphin and wildlife watching trips along the Ceredigion Marine Heritage Coast on motor vessels *Ermol V* and *Ermol VI*, daily from New Quay Pier. Join SWF volunteers conducting research on dolphins and porpoise!  
Contact: Booking Office, Tel: 01545 560800 (day) or 01545 561375 (eve)

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- Aberystwyth Castle  
28 June 11am-5pm

Contact: **Janet Baxter** Email: [janetbaxter@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:janetbaxter@tiscali.co.uk)

## South Wales

The Seawatch Centre, Summerhouse Point, Boverton, Nr. Llantwit Major. Grid Reference SS 994 665  
29 June 2pm - 4pm

Contact: **Louise Bebb** at the Seawatch Centre Tel. 01446 795203 or at the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Centre 01656 880157

Directions to the Seawatch Centre

1. From Barry, Cardiff and the East:

Approach Llantwit Major along the B4265 coast road and TURN LEFT at the first traffic lights.

2. From Bridgend or Cowbridge:

Approach Llantwit Major and join the bypass (B4265) at a traffic island, heading East towards St. Athan and Cardiff. TURN RIGHT at the second set of traffic lights immediately after going under the railway bridge.

Then:-

Follow the road for 1/4 mile into Boverton TURN LEFT before the shops Take the first LEFT Follow the road for 1 1/2 mile through the farms where the road surface deteriorates By the entrance to the former Summerhouse Bay Camp, TURN RIGHT into the small car park At the Car Park walk through the kissing gate ( by the Seawatch sign) and follow the path down keeping RIGHT until you reach the coast footpath. Take the next RIGHT leading to the steps and the Seawatch Centre.

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## NORTH WEST ENGLAND

### Lancashire and Merseyside:

- Mirror Ball, New South Promenade 21 June 12pm-4pm
- Mirror Ball, New South Promenade, Blackpool 23-27 June 1pm-2pm
- Bispham Tram Station, New South Promenade, Blackpool 28 June 3pm-7pm
- Mirror Ball, New South Promenade, Blackpool 29 June 3pm-7pm
- Mirror Ball, New South Promenade, Blackpool 30 June 12pm-1pm
- Mirror Ball, New South Promenade, Blackpool 1 July 12pm-1pm

Contact: **Dave McGrath**, The Solaris Centre, New South Promenade, Blackpool  
Tel: 01253 023 Email: [solaris.centre@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:solaris.centre@blackpool.gov.uk) ; [www.solariscentre.org](http://www.solariscentre.org)

### Cumbria

- St Bees Beach, near Whitehaven,  
28 June, 10am-4pm

St Bees' festival of sealife and art Plus a host of other events including rockpool rambles, art workshops, bird walks, porpoise spotting and many others.

Contact: **Kay Foster**, Cumbria Wildlife Trust  
Tel: 01931 711022, Email: [kayf@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:kayf@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk)

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## CHANNEL ISLANDS

### Jersey:

- Le Hurel Slip, Grouville Bay, near the restaurant Borsalino Rocque  
21 June – 29 June, all day

Contact: Bertram Bree  
Tel: 01534 854533, Email: [b\\_bree@hotmail.com](mailto:b_bree@hotmail.com)

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## REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

21-29 June  
Whale Watch West Cork

Union Hall  
Co. Cork  
Ireland

Contact: Nic Slocum  
Tel: 00 353 28 33357  
Mobile: 00 353 86 120 0027  
Email: [nics@whalewatchwestcork.com](mailto:nics@whalewatchwestcork.com)  
[www.whalewatchwestcork.com](http://www.whalewatchwestcork.com)

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