

Designation of Kite Beach, Shore Road as Bathing Water Quality

Sewage Pollution isn't the only form of pollution in Poole Harbour but it's certainly one of the most unpleasant, affecting locals, tourists and the shellfish industry alike.

Currently Kite Beach is not designated as bathing quality water and therefore doesn't need to be monitored in the same way that the seafront beaches are.

Given the thousands of beachgoers per bathing season (May to September) and the amount of year-round activity in the kite area, it seems sensible to have the area designated as Bathing Quality Water.

This will take a year or so to achieve and we may not win but the advantages are that:

- the water will be sampled ten times per bathing season by the Environment Agency – data that would be of great benefit to the struggling shellfish industry
- the public would then receive alerts to any sewage spills (there is an outflow near to Salterns Marina and many in Holes Bay)
- and in general we will have a better idea of exactly what's going into the water

There's a lot of detailed information about Pollution in Poole Harbour on our club site under 'Articles' but if you would like to be kept updated about the bathing water designation process, or better yet help out then please email pollution@beachpeople.org and we'll take it from there.

Kind regards

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