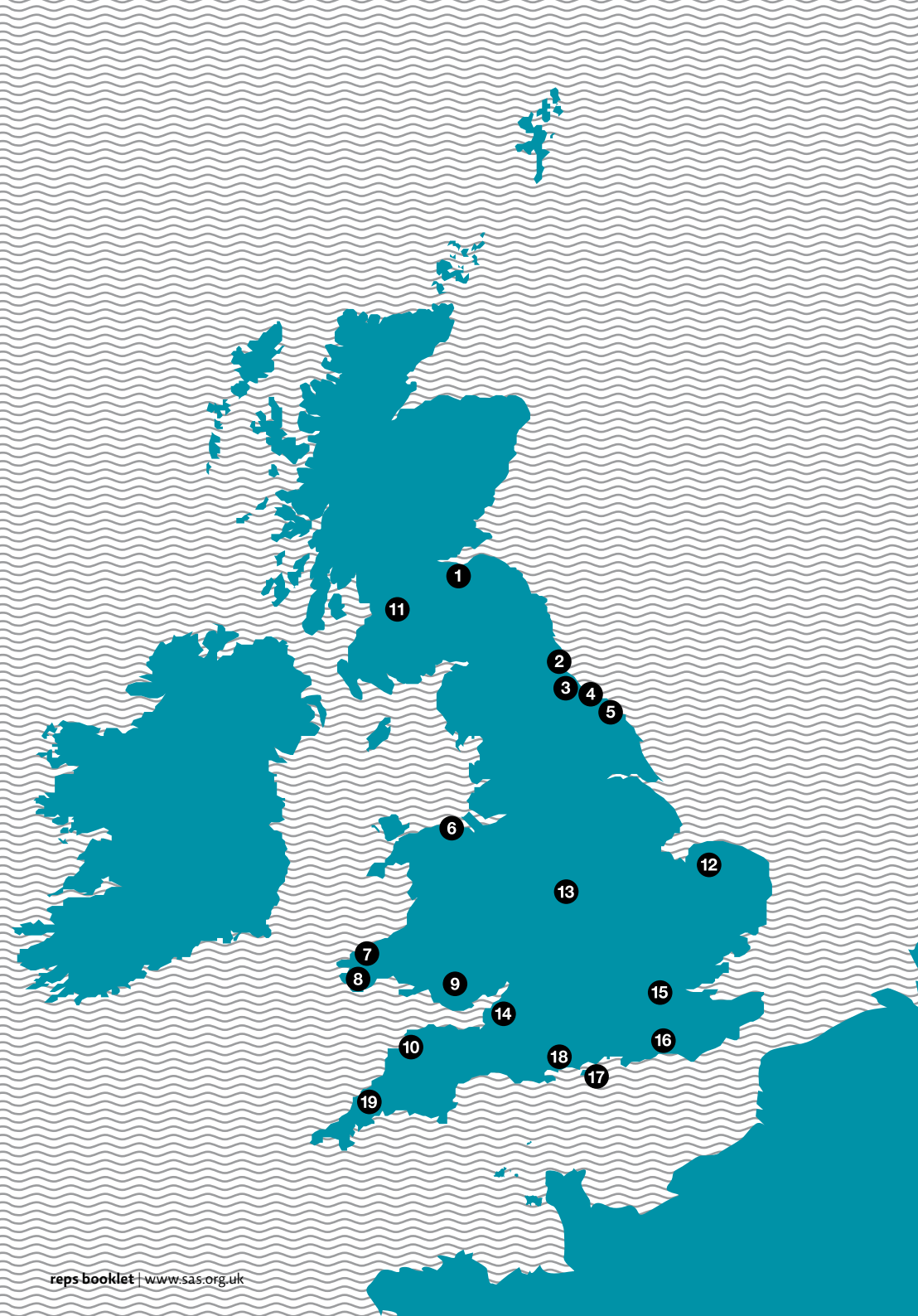


**SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE**

# **REPS BOOKLET**



**SURFERS  
AGAINST  
SEWAGE**



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# WHAT IT IS TO BE AN SAS REP

**PLEASE MEET OUR TALENTED AND  
DEDICATED TEAM OF SAS REGIONAL REPS.**

They all contribute in their own way, from organising beach cleans and local campaign actions, through to advising on our campaign policy or scientific reports, helping make a huge difference to the marine environment nationwide. This fantastic group of ambassadors are located at or around the top surf and water sports areas in the country. If you want to get more involved in your area please drop your Regional Rep an email and they'll let you know about all the campaigns and volunteer activities happening near you. If you're interested in becoming part of the network of Regional Reps please drop us a line with your CV and location to [info@sas.org.uk](mailto:info@sas.org.uk)

IMAGE OF YOU...



YOUR DETAILS HERE!

NAME

SPECIFIC  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
INTERESTS

PROFESSION

REGION

KEY BEACHES  
COVERED

MISSION STATEMENT

SAS  
BACKGROUND

QUIVER

TEL:

EMAIL:

# SAS REPS AROUND THE UK

## 1 ALASDAIR STEELE Edinburgh

**Profession** Surveyor

**Key beaches covered** Pease Bay, Belhaven and the beaches of east Lothian and Fife

**SAS background** I been a member for longer than I care to remember, and am a former SAS director. Now kept busy raising awareness of local issues, organising beach cleans and carrying out educational talks to anyone who wants to listen!

**Specific environmental interests** I am passionate about anything to do with water, especially the sea and getting folk to treat it with a bit more respect rather than seeing it as a dumping ground.

**Quiver** 6'8 quad, 7' magic carpet and a 9' longboard for the summer swells

**Personal mission statement** to help make people aware of the current SAS related issues in my area and do my best to make sure that we carry on improving and protecting the marine environment. To try and get as many people to feel involved as possible along the way.

Tel 07808 479 333



**Email** scotland@sas.org.uk

I have been involved with SAS for about 15 years now. From the time when I used to windsurf in Aberdeen and couldn't work out why I often felt so ill after a sail...then later found out I was in an area where raw sewage was being pumped out, I have always wanted to help clean up the seas and remove the health threat to recreational water users. I now live in Edinburgh and spend as much time as I possibly can surfing and at the beach.



## / THE NORTH EAST



Owain Davies and SAS  
director Hugo Tagholm

### 2 OWAIN DAVIES North East – Tynemouth

**Profession** Music and Marketing Management

**Key beaches covered** Longsands

**SAS background** Long-term member, word spreader, event and beach clean organiser.

**Specific environmental interests** CSO's, marine litter

**Quiver** 6'1 Rob Vaughan, a fish for the beachies and Bushman's

**Personal mission statement** To help raise awareness and spread the good word of Surfers Against Sewage in the North East, the British Isles and further afield.

Owain has long been a supporter of SAS, his hard work and surfing heritage has helped recruit members and spread awareness of Surfers Against Sewage and its campaigns not only to the hardcore Geordie surfers but also further afield, through events and tours he delivers across Europe.

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### 3 SIMON PALMER North East – Saltburn

**Profession** Procurement Manager

**Key beaches covered** Saltburn and Redcar

**SAS background** Dissertation in coastal pollution for Law Degree, water treatment campaigns in 90's, Many beach cleans, Specific Environmental interests, clean Seas / no CSO's.

**Quiver** 6'8' Fish, Mal, Long board with nose broken off.

**Personal mission statement** Active environmental responsibility for all.



Nick Noble  
& friends  
Saltburn Beach

“AFTER MANY CAMPAIGNS AND BEACH CLEANS THE WATERS HAVE IMPROVED BUT WE STILL HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT”

I started surfing in Cape Town and you couldn't keep me out of the water as a boy. You still can't at 49. The same stoke is there every time I see a pulsing wave going off.

When I came to the North East in the 90's the level of domestic waste pollution was obscene. condoms. tampons, shit slicks were commonplace in the water. And I was so angry that it was allowed to happen that I joined SAS. After many campaigns and beach cleans the waters have improved but we still have our work cut out. Currently, I am viewing a teaching career and teaching a surf programme to the local uni surf club. My hope is to get surfers to pay back what they take out of this great way of life. Often, many walk by the environmental issues we face and yet it is the environment that gives us the stoke of surfing. I hope through our work more surfers will get it...

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### 4 NICK NOBLE North East – Saltburn

**Profession:** Owner Saltburn Surf Hire & Surf School

**Key Beaches Covered** Saltburn and surrounding area

**SAS Background:** Joined SAS in the early 1990s and have been an active member and rep ever since.

Born in 1958 I've been surfing since the 1970's and have been passionate about environmental issues since being a teenager. As owner of Saltburn Surf Hire and Surf School I started the seafront business in 1983 and began lobbying Northumbrian Water on coastal pollution. I joined SAS in the early 90's and remain an active member to the present day. I'm also a member of Greenpeace, Survival, Amnesty International and Oxfam. I was also one of the early members of the now defunct local environmental umbrella group 'Teeswatch'. I've always been aware of the paradox that exists in the sport of surfing. No one can deny the special relationships we have with the natural world and yet intrinsic in that relationship we embrace and use materials derived from manufacturing processes that are very damaging to nature. Each year there are more people surfing and surfers are travelling more to pursue their sport and generally have access to more and more equipment. We are consuming more and our carbon footprint and the damage we are doing to the planet and life upon it is increasing. I believe it is our responsibility to use less in whatever way we can.

**Tel** 07587 006 639





## 5 STEVEN CRAWFORD Scarborough, North Yorkshire

**Profession** Surf Instructor/ Surf shop owner

**Key beaches covered** Scarborough, Cayton and all around

**SAS background** I have been involved with SAS activities since the early Aggie days. Organised beach cleans and fund raising events (Paddleboard jousting), working locally with Yorkshire water to improve communication and increase CSO telemetry.

**Specific Environmental interests** Mainly the impact of human waste and litter on marine flora and fauna.

**Quiver** Pretty extensive (see Profession, when you have a surf shop there are plenty of toys around) all I need is a carbon in-cut fish from Mark at Plank and I have all I need.

**Personal mission statement** My aim at the moment is to try and increase awareness and encourage people to be more pro-active. The problems we face aren't just on two weekends a year at beach cleans, they are year round.

**Tel** 07891094976

**Email** scarborough@sas.org.uk

I've now been surfing for 32 years both in Cornwall and in the North East. I love it as much now as I did when I was 10. I run a surf shop, Fluid Concept and teach people to surf. As surfers we are the ones who see the result of all the litter and effluent that goes in the water and it's our responsibility to let people know the situation. When I teach people to surf the last thing any of us wants is a big poo floating by.



Ingrid Griffiths at SAS HQ

## 6 INGRID GRIFFITHS & PAUL GRIFFITHS North Wales, The Wirral & The North West

**Profession** Senior Lecturer and VW Restorer / Foster Carer

**Key beaches covered** North Wales: Hells Mouth – Abersoch; Rossneiger – Anglesey; Llandudno; Colwyn Bay; Prestatyn. The Wirral: Wallasey; The North West: Ainsdale, Formby, Southport, Lytham, Blackpool.

**SAS background** Member of SAS for around 12 years. Organise beach cleans; provide school, college and university talks; fund raising activities; and taking the SAS message across parts of Europe!

"I AIM TO EDUCATE  
AND INSPIRE THE  
NEXT GENERATION"

**Specific environmental interests** Marine litter, water pollution. The environmental impacts of sports tourism.

**Quiver** 9'6" Long Board (Custard Point)  
7'4" Mini Mal (Ocean Magic – Nigel Semmens)  
6' 10" Short Board (HIC)  
6'2" Pop out (My son's!!)

**Personal mission statement** Education, education, education!! To raise the profile of SAS and their work. To live life just that little bit greener!

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**Email** northwales@sas.org.uk



## 7 ROSS BEESE West Wales

**Profession** Adventure Manager

**Key beaches covered** Newgale, Broadhaven, Whitesands Bay, Freshwater West.

**SAS background** The last 15 months have been an incredible experience, I've made some lifelong friends, inspired hundreds of kids to change habits and make big changes happen, helped bag, bin and recycle over 1000kgs of beach litter, appeared on BBC Wales and ITV shouting about core SAS campaign messages, danced with Batman and Robin at the SAS ball, learnt a huge amount about CSO's, walked on the very front line with over 50,000 passionate activists highlighting climate chaos, raised over £1000 through European surf film premiers and other fundraisers, I've learnt that passionate activism along with sustainable solutions are incredibly powerful tools.

**Specific environmental interests** Ocean protection, renewable energy, design and technological advancements that create new opportunities that encourage and enhance one planet living.

**Quiver** 9ft1" performance Seabase longboard.

**Personal mission statement** To educate and inspire the next generation, giving them the knowledge, tools and skills to make big changes happen ensuring the future safety of our oceans.

**Tel** 07583288197

**Email** westwales@sas.org.uk

I'm a passionate surfer and environmentalist who has been given an incredible opportunity to make our oceans and beaches a safer, cleaner place to enjoy the sports we love.





## 8 ALICE MIDDLETON Mid & West Wales

**Profession** Adventure Coordinator

**Key beaches** Newgale, Whitesands, Freshwater West and Broadhaven.

**SAS background** independent SAS beach cleans as well as the national beach clean tours, represented SAS in the media during the brown flag campaign, regularly raise awareness, run film and comedy nights as fundraisers and go into schools and national organisations for environment days and presentations and whatever else comes our way. It's been an incredible year and I'm as excited now as I was 15 months ago about future events and actions which will continue to protect wave riders and waves around the UK coastline.



**Specific Environmental interests** Living as we do in Britain, we'd need 3 planets to support us. Fact is we've only got one. We need to dramatically change the way we live our lives if we want to survive. I'm interested in the way we can design, make and use things to tread much lighter on our planet.

**Quiver** 9'0" Noah Ka Oi, Takayama longboard

**Tel** 01437 721 473/725 040

**Email** westwales@sas.org.uk



## 10 MIKEY CORKER North Devon

**Name** Mikey Corker

**Profession** Surf hardware retail/Videographer

**Region** North Devon

**Key beaches covered** Saunton, Croyde, Puttsborough and Woolacombe

**SAS background** I have organized a beach clean and been part of rolling out of last years Motivocean event as well as using social events and my position in the surf industry to promote SAS. I have been a member for a few years now and really enjoy the fact that as a collective voice we are a powerful organization to affect positive change.

**Specific environmental interests** Hard to be specific but day to day water quality is really high up and marine litter is a huge factor affecting our coastline. Of course climate change too as Croyde fires on a very low tide!

**Quiver** Anything that floats 5'8 – 10', whatever the conditions demand.

**Personal mission statement** To help implement sustainable solutions for problems affecting our coastal environment, and encouraging beach goers, especially surfers, to take stewardship of the coast.

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**Email** devon@sas.org.uk

## 9 ELLIOT DUDLEY South Wales

**Profession** Professional Surfer

**Key beaches covered** Llantwit Major – Porthcawl

**SAS background** Paddled across the English Channel in July 2010 to raise money for SAS

**Specific environmental interests** Marine litter and protecting the marine environment generally. Also, how we can embrace renewable energy without compromising our wave resources.

**Quiver** Logs and fishes

**Personal mission statement** I want to raise awareness of the issues that threaten our marine environment and ensure that we can all surf without having to fear for our health.

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**Email** southwales@sas.org.uk



## / SCOTLAND, NORFOLK & MIDLANDS



### 11 GABE WORTMAN West Scotland

**Profession** Senior Development Officer,  
Clean Glasgow Environmental Community Action Team

**Key beaches covered** Macrihanish, Westport

**SAS background** Organized beach cleans,  
consulted with Marine Scotland regarding offshore  
development, promoted SAS to the public and other  
Scottish environmental groups

**Specific environmental interests** clean water, clean  
beaches and healthy sea life

**Quiver** 6.0, 6.2, 6.10, 7.4

**Personal mission statement** As a surfer I feel it is  
my responsibility to support SAS and encourage  
others to do likewise.

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**Email** westscotland@sas.org.uk

Originally from Arizona, I now call Glasgow home.  
For the past 8 years I have been exploring Britain  
and surfing as many of its beaches as I can.  
Usually I can be found on the West of Scotland  
enjoying white sandy beaches, the odd reef and  
some very secret spots. The water can get a bit  
cold, and sometimes it's pretty windy, but I can  
tell ya that the waves are world class. Besides a  
few others in 6.5.4s and some seals, there ain't no  
crowds to worry about and the whisky is divine.



### 12 LOUIS HUDSON East Anglia, Norfolk

**Profession** Film maker

**Key beaches covered** Cromer, Lowestoft

**SAS Background:** Active rep for two years

**Quiver** Bic pro & belly board

**Specific environmental interests** I don't care  
much for people using the sea as a dumping ground  
for their rubbish!

I have been surfing in Norfolk since 1996, and set  
up the first predictive surfing site for Cromer/East  
Runton four years later when I was 15. A friend  
and I also ran a local campaign to raise signatures  
for funding from the local council for a surf  
webcam. Unfortunately they didn't take two 15  
year olds seriously enough!

After leaving school, I did an art foundation  
course and then completed a BA Honours course  
in Graphic Design at Falmouth University in  
Cornwall and I'm currently raising money for an  
MA in film at Bournemouth.

“I DON'T CARE MUCH FOR  
PEOPLE USING THE SEA  
AS A DUMPING GROUND  
FOR THEIR RUBBISH!”

I have been drinking the brown waters of the  
Norfolk East coast most of my life and am really  
keen to deliver ongoing improvements with SAS.  
I don't care much for people using the sea as a  
dumping ground for their rubbish! I love cooking  
using local sea produce; I'd rather be ill from eating  
a rotten mussel than human waste. I have sailed  
around the North East coast since I was three  
and have been witness to the change brought  
about from the human impact on the coastline,  
also started my surf 'career' in Cromer from the  
age of ten— luckily missed out on the various eye  
infections the older boys got from a sewage pipe  
that ran out there and was removed a few years  
before I started.

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### 13 MARTIN POYNTZ-ROBERTS Midlands

**Profession** BBC Producer

**Key beaches covered** hmmm...

**SAS background** Over the past couple of years  
I have helped to raise the profile of SAS in the  
national media – Radio 4, BBC1. Taken part in the  
Wave climate change march, helped out with beach  
cleans for the 20th Anniversary

**Specific environmental interests** I am obsessed  
with poo. I recently ran a full reporter piece talking  
about cow pats. My main interest is the lack of  
suitable facilities to deal with the amount of sewage  
that is produced in the UK – the water companies  
inability to deal with the amount of waste, coupled  
with their disinterest in solving the problem. There  
is no reason today, for raw sewage to find its way  
into the sea and onto beaches.

**Quiver** Polystyrene, natch. I am the only SAS rep  
who is literally putting the sewage into surfing  
– i.e. I am shit.

**Personal mission statement** I want to make the  
government and the water companies stop polluting  
the sea with sewage and plastic. Simple as that.

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I am a BBC producer, working in both radio for  
Radio 4 and BBC television programmes, for  
BBC's BAFTA winning series Coast and BBC1's  
Countryfile programme. I have always been  
involved in programmes that tackle environmental  
issues and in particular pollution. My aim is to raise  
awareness of SAS campaigns through the media  
and political channels. I am at my happiest when I  
am attempting to not drown in the sea.



Giles Watson

## 14 GILES WATSON Bristol

**Profession** Science teacher (secondary school)

**Key beaches covered** N.Devon, Bude, Porthcawl/ Rest Bay

**SAS background** Hosted screening of surf movies, helped with beach cleans, helped at tradeshow, recruited via Bristol Surf Club.

**Specific environmental interests** Overfishing, destructive fishing practices, marine pollution, renewable energy, sustainable/recyclable surfing equipment.

**Quiver** 5'10" twin keel fin fish, 6'0" bump wing quad, 6'2" shortboard, 6'4" and 6'6" step ups, 6'10" Indo semi-gun.

**Personal mission statement** I am passionate about surfing and environmental issues so working with SAS is a natural fit. Anything that helps the world's oceans, however small, is worth doing!

**Email** bristol@sas.org.uk

I am a scientist by background and training and am passionate about science and the environment – I have been from an early age and I always will be. I studied biology, then applied marine science at university, then pursued a career in marine pollution research at Plymouth University, where I worked as a research assistant and then completed a PhD in marine "ecotoxicology", developing techniques and publishing papers on the use of marine organisms as indicators of pollution in the marine and estuarine environment.

I am committed to living in as "green" a way as I can, although I have to admit to travelling extensively (I have been lucky enough to surf all over the world) so I am as much to blame for the state we're in as anyone else – probably more so. But I am trying not to fly as much and try wherever possible not to live a wasteful life. I hope I can try and persuade others to do the same.



## 15 DAVID TUDOR London

**Profession** Marine Scientist

**Key beaches covered** those on the Thames (not many surf beaches, but there are loads of surfers in London!) Also, the beaches around Kent and Essex.

**SAS background** I have been a member of SAS almost from the beginning. I have organised a number of fund raisers and film nights in London as well as helping out on the first ever SAS London beach clean in collaboration with Thames21. I've also been on marches and events and helped out my fellow SAS reps.

**Specific environmental interests** Marine litter, water quality, climate change

**Quiver** a thruster and a trusty mini-mal

**Personal mission statement** I grew up near the sea and have spent my life enjoying and working on beaches and in the marine environment. I have a passion for the sea around the UK and its sustainable use for us all and for future generations.

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I grew up near the sea and have spent my life enjoying and working on beaches and in the marine environment. I have been lucky enough to work in numerous roles that have involved helping with the management and sustainable use of the seas and oceans. I am a PhD qualified specialist in marine, coastal and environmental matters and have a great passion for the marine environment. I have been a member of SAS for more than 15 years and am proud and pleased to be an ambassador for this great organisation and its members.



## 16 AARON JENNINGS Brighton

**Profession** Product Manager

**Key beaches covered** Brighton Marina, West Pier, Hot Pipe, Shoreham

**SAS background** Have organised beach cleans, fundraising surf movie nights, manned the SAS stand at Paddle Round the Pier and White Air Festival.

**Specific environmental interests** Coastal environment, global issues, studying for degree in Environmental Studies.

**Quiver** 5' 10" fish, 6'3", 6'4" and 6'6"

**Personal mission statement** Clean beaches and excellent water quality should be a right, no one should have to chance illness or paddle through polluted water to enjoy their watersport.

**Tel** 0797 6503229

**Email** brighton@sas.org.uk

Every UK surfer I know has been made ill from the water at some time and personally I suffer from regular ear infections, essentially due to the poor quality of Brighton's waters.

I work in the travel industry but rather than jetting abroad to surf I'm committed to exploring the excellent waves and beautiful beaches we've got around the UK. An action that if multiplied will not only help the UK surf industry to thrive but put more pressure on those polluting our seas, and all without paying excess baggage or getting your board damaged in transit.





## 17 JOE CAUDWELL Isle of Wight

**Profession** Musician

**Key beaches covered** Compton, Freshwater, Niton, Shanklin

**SAS background** Member of the Year 2008, beach cleans, fundraisers, press interviews and campaigns, school talks

**Specific environmental interests** the effect of marine litter on our oceans

**Quiver** Longboards and bodyboard

**Personal mission statement** To continue to work alongside SAS with their campaigns, spread the message to a wider audience and undertake more beach cleans in the next year.

**Tel** 07925152833

**Email** iow@sas.org.uk

There has been a lot of coverage here this year regarding water quality and CSOs. It was great to be involved with this and the interview with the Times newspaper really brought the problems here into the limelight. The spring beach clean was a great success with good local support and it was fantastic to have SAS and Barefoot come over in the summer for their clean and BBQ. All of this has helped to raise the profile of SAS here on the Isle of Wight.

## 18 CHRIS RANFORD Bournemouth

**Profession** Studying 3rd year in BSc (Hons) Marine and Coastal Management

**Key beaches covered** Bournemouth and Boscombe

**SAS background** Worked as a volunteer at SAS HQ during the summer of 2009, which led onto becoming the rep for Bournemouth. Represented SAS at the Sorted Surf Festival and organised a beach clean within the festival. This led on to becoming the Motivocean Officer for summer 2010.

**Quiver** Shed of bodyboards, knackered old lifeguard rescue/paddleboard and a 5'8" Firewire blade to impress the beach babes with

**Personal mission statement** Look, listen, learn, travel, communicate and take action.

**Tel** 07885612980

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I grew up in deep west Cornwall, lived and breathed the sea in every way which was possible and aimed to gain an understanding into how this fragile environment works. Since travelling to the corners of the earth I realised it was time to give back to what had given me so much. This led me onto enrolling on a Marine and Coastal Management degree in Bournemouth Uni, which further introduced me to working closely with SAS as a volunteer and as the Motivocean Officer for summer 2010. I am currently in my final year and have a much wider knowledge how we as humans impact upon our oceans and coastline. I aim to transform this knowledge into the real world as soon as possible and help make a difference.



## 19 HUGO, DOM & ANDY Cornwall

The SAS team not only co-ordinate all national SAS campaign activity but, due to the SAS office being located in Cornwall, can also react very quickly to pollution incidents in the south-west.

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## WAYS YOU CAN GET EVEN MORE INVOLVED:

- Join us at one of our numerous beach clean events
- Come along to one of our educational talks
- Join the SAS team at a campaign action
- Volunteer to help out at the SAS offices
- Get in touch with your SAS regional rep
- Report local pollution incidents to SAS and the Environment Agency
- Report any incidents of post-surf sickness at [www.sas.org.uk](http://www.sas.org.uk)
- Send a donation to support the campaigns
- Keep your membership up to date!





**WE  
NEED  
YOUR  
HELP**

***POLLUTION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR BEACHES IN MANY FORMS; LITTER, SHIPPING WASTE, CHEMICAL SPILLS, SEWAGE SPILLS AND MORE. SAS CAMPAIGN AGAINST MANY FORMS OF POLLUTION ENTERING THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT BUT WE ARE ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE 22,000 COMBINED SEWAGE OVERFLOW DRAINS (CSOS) THAT DISCHARGE RAW SEWAGE INTO RIVERS AND SEAS ALL AROUND THE UK COAST. PLEASE BECOME AN ACTIVE PART OF THE SAS TEAM AND REPORT ANY POLLUTION WITNESSED AT YOUR SURF SPOTS.***



# HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

## STEP 1

If you witness a pollution event, the first thing to do is to contact the **Environment Agency (EA)** **Pollution Hotline** on Tel: 0800 80 70 60.

This number is the same in **Scotland (for SEPA)** and **Northern Ireland (for NIEA)**.

The EA (or their equivalents in Scotland and Northern Ireland) act a bit like the 'green police' and will go and check it for any suspected water pollution. Once you have reported an incident they **MUST** investigate it. You'll need to provide them with all the relevant details, so make a note of the time you saw the pollution as well as where you saw it. If you can take a picture **EVEN BETTER!**

Make sure you give them a contact number for you and **ASK** them to call you back when they've examined your report to see what action may need taking.

## STEP 2

Then contact **SAS Pollution Hotline** on Tel: 01872 555950.

Whilst we are not always able to visit a pollution incident first hand we want to know about it! It may well be that we have had previous reports of pollution at the same site and by you contacting us we are able to build up a case file, which could be used in securing long term improvements to the site.

But remember to register it first with the EA so there is an official record of the event. This gives us much more to work with when pushing for a prosecution or an infrastructure improvement.



	INCIDENT 1	INCIDENT 2		INCIDENT 2	INCIDENT 4	INCIDENT 5
DESCRIBE POLLUTION INCIDENT						
BEACH / LOCATION						
DATE OF INCIDENT						
TIME OF INCIDENT						
TYPE OF POLLUTION (SEWAGE, OIL, LITTER ETC)						
DOCUMENTED WITH FILM / PHOTO* EVIDENCE (Y/N) <small>*PLEASE SEND TO SAS</small>						
REPORTED TO ENVIRONMENT AGENCY? (Y/N) 0800 807060						
REPORTED TO SAS OR SPOKEN TO REGIONAL REP? (Y/N) 01872555950						
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# TAKE ACTION WITH RETURN TO OFFENDER

We are encouraging all our supporters to TAKE ACTION and become an active part of SAS's award winning anti beach litter campaign Return To Offender (RTO). The RTO campaign challenges companies whose litter is found on UK beaches to:

- To step up the 'anti-littering' message on their products
- To look at using less harmful packaging to ensure products can be broken down naturally without putting wildlife at risk
- To promote recycling and/or reuse wherever appropriate
- To support community beach litter initiatives or anti-litter projects

#### Take RTO Action in 4 easy steps:

1. Keep an eye out for identifiable marine litter whenever you are at your local beach
2. Download your own SAS Return to offender campaign letter at [www.sas.org.uk](http://www.sas.org.uk) (Marine Litter Section) and fill in the spaces with the details of where you found the beach litter
3. Download the Offender Addresses/find the manufacturer that makes your beach litter and post it off (take care to trace the big company that owns the brand, E.g. Cadbury is owned by Kraft!). We know postage can be expensive so we have also provided Freepost addresses for members of the "Dirty Dozen" worst offenders and some others
4. If you are able to, please email [dom@sas.org.uk](mailto:dom@sas.org.uk) with photos and details of the litter you Return To Offender!



## CAMPAIGN ACTIONS

### THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH

Every day people are flushing objects such as cotton buds, sanitary products, condoms and razors down the toilet instead of putting them in the bin. Known in the business as **sewage related debris** or **SRD**, this can end up on our beautiful beaches and have a huge impact on the marine environment. Some items include plastics, which will remain in the marine environment indefinitely, are hazardous to wildlife and can ruin a surf session!

Flushing these items can cause many problems including blocking the sewage systems, reducing capacity at treatment works and polluting the marine environment.

**Remember to add your TBYF sticker to your nearest loo!**

### NO BUTTS ON THE BEACH

An estimated **4.5 TRILLION** cigarette butts enter the environment every year.

Apart from the littering itself, the major issue is the **filters**. They are not, as commonly thought, made of paper, but cellulose acetate, a type of plastic, which persists in the environment for many years. As with many types of marine litter, cigarette ends can be mistaken for food and eaten by marine animals. They have been found in the guts of whales, dolphins, sea birds and turtles where they can leach toxic chemicals, cause inflammation of the animal's digestive system and occasionally (if they cause a blockage of the gut) even death.

The cigarette filters are designed to absorb tar and chemicals such as cadmium, lead and arsenic. When filters enter the water these chemicals cause pollution by leaching out. Experiments have shown that just one cigarette filter is toxic enough to kill water fleas in eight litres of water (K. Register, 2000.)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SEE [WWW.SAS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.SAS.ORG.UK)**





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**SAS** campaigns cover six main areas: sewage, marine litter, climate change, toxic chemicals, shipping and protecting the recreational wave resource including access to waves for surfers.

The recently launched **Protect Our Waves** campaign strand, helps protect surf spots from environmental damage, negative impacts on wave quality and to safeguard water users' right of access to ensure sports such as windsurfing, surfing, kayaking and others can benefit from the very best sporting wave resources the UK offers.

**SAS** represents all waveriders and recreational water users in the UK, from surfers and sailors, through to bodyboarders and windsurfers. The campaigns protect the coastal environment for all to enjoy, and promote a clean and safe water environment for people to enjoy and practice a wide variety of sports that rely on these marine resources.



To join the movement, please visit:

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