

Survey coordinators 5 step guide.

Step 1: Download the free Marine LitterWatch app:

To do this you need to have an iOS or Android smart phone or tablet.
Download the free Marine LitterWatch app here:

[For iPhones and iPads](#)

For Androids smart phones and tablets visit [Google Play](#)

Step 2: Open the app and explore:

We have a Surfers Against Sewage marine litter community within the Marine LitterWatch app.

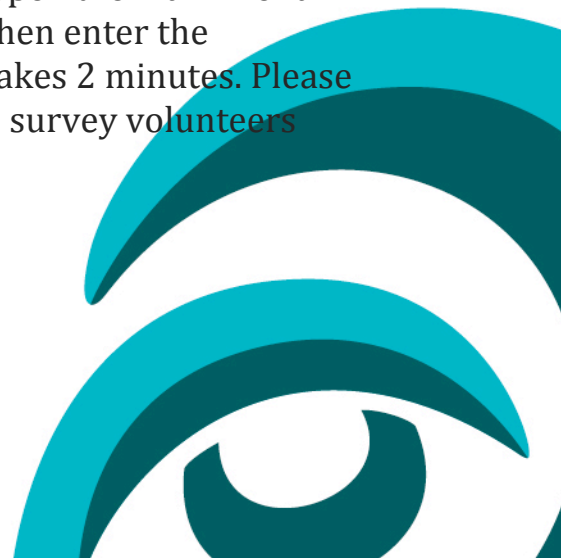
Open the app and login in. Then select “My profile” from the menu and enter the SAS community code **QTKAH**

This will take you to our marine litter community.

The app features “beaches”, “events” and “surveys”. A “beach” is the location where an “event” is organised and the “survey” will take place.

Step 3: Setting up a beach:

Enter the beach details into the app. To do this, open the main menu and select “beaches”. Select “NEW BEACH” and then enter the information in response to the fields. This only takes 2 minutes. Please set up your beach on the app before the event as survey volunteers



might search for the beach on their app.

- Enter the beach name.
- Enter the survey site area on the map. Make sure you mark the start and end of the survey site. To create a start point simply touch the screen on the map where the survey will start and repeat at the place where the survey will end. Then press OK.
- Enter details on survey location (e.g. starting at the car park, surveying 100m north).
- Enter Beach type from the list provided
- Enter Beach location from the list provided

And save the beach by pressing “SAVE”

After saving the beach select “YES” to create an “EVENT” and see step 4.

Step 4: Setting up an event:

The event is the actual monitoring activity (and beach clean activity if appropriate).

Select “New Event”

You won’t have an event code yet so ignore this field for the moment. Select the beach name from the list (you will have uploaded the beach



as described in step 3).

Date: Enter the date of the survey

- Start and end times: Times the surveying activities will begin and end.
- Event Information: This can be directions to find your team, what to wear, any potential hazards to be aware of etc..
- Attendees: Enter the number of people attending (this can be submitted after the event to ensure everyone is counted).
- Event Summary: Summarise your event in a short paragraph. Again this must be done after the event.

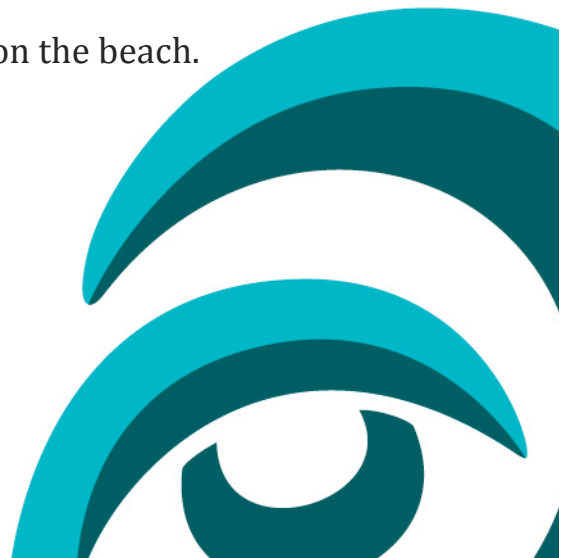
(Note, surveying should take place before any beach cleaning events on the day.)

When you have entered this data you will be given an EVENT CODE.
(To get your event code you need to close and reopen the app and click on your event).

Share the event code with all survey volunteers so their data is also collected within the same event.

Step 5: The Survey:

A “survey” is the recording of litter items found on the beach.



- Click the “Start filling in a survey” button on the home page.
- Enter your event code and press “start”

The Marine LitterWatch survey features an easy to use list displaying images of litter items and a simply +/- feature to record the litter. To record a litter item press the “+” button in the appropriate field.

- Please ensure the area of beach is only surveyed once to prevent litter items being recorded twice.

The litter featured on the list is organised into 8 categories of material type with each material type having a different colour.

The survey list displays the top 20 litter items found on European beaches. This isn't comprehensive and additional litter items can be added from the full list either in the top right of the screen on Android devices or bottom left on iOS devices. The list can be easily adapted on the beach and without Internet connection.

- When the survey is complete simply press “save” and select submit if you have good Internet connection, or “postpone” if you don't have a good Internet connection.

Uploading a postponed survey. In the main menu select “surveys”. If your survey hasn't been submitted it will appear with a red unhappy face icon 😞. Press on this survey and then select “save”. Press submit (make sure you have entered the event code.) It may take up to 28 days to process the survey.





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On Android devices you must long tap on the survey to ensure it offers you the opportunity to enter a survey code.

(If the survey has been submitted but not yet processed it will appear with an amber neutral face and when the survey has been submitted and processed it will appear with a green smiley face 😊).

Survey data can be viewed and compared with other surveys at :
<http://discomap.eea.europa.eu/map/MarineLitterWatch/>

Well done, you have completed and submitted your marine litter survey!

The Marine Litter Monitoring and Evaluation Programme is in its first year and as such there will be lots of questions for first time surveyors. After testing the Marine LitterWatch app we've addressed some of the most obvious questions below. However, if you have any further queries please contact beachcleans@sas.org.uk

THANK YOU!

