

## Survey Volunteer 5 step guide.

### Step 1: Download the Marine LitterWatch app:

- 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](#)

The Marine LitterWatch app has been developed by the European Environment Agency.

### 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.



You must enter the beach name.

**Step 3: Find your beach clean:**

- Beach pages provide details on survey location and survey length. Access the relevant beach page by opening the menu and selecting “beaches”. Scroll down until you find your beach. Beaches are usually listed alphabetically, but not always.

If you can't find your beach, the survey coordinator might not have uploaded it yet. Please confirm the surveying is still going ahead with the survey coordinator.

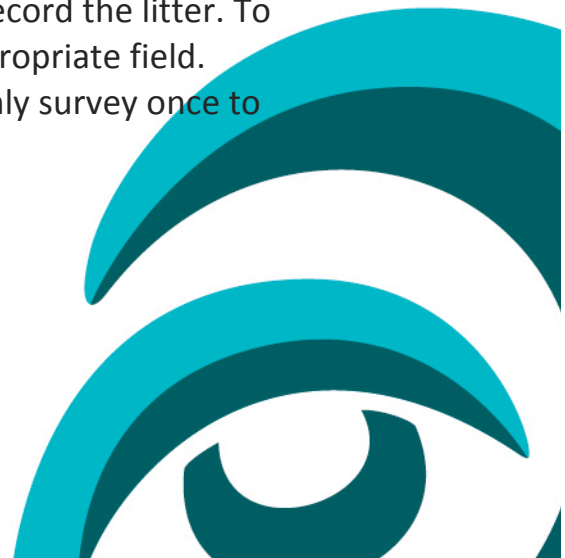
**Step 4: The survey:**

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

- Start a survey by clicking the “Start filling in a survey” button on the home page.
- Enter your “event code”. You will get this from the survey coordinator. If you don't have an event code, don't worry. This can be added after the survey is finished but BEFORE the survey is submitted.

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.

**IMPORTANT!** Please ensure the area of beach is only survey 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 easily be adapted on the beach and without Internet connection.

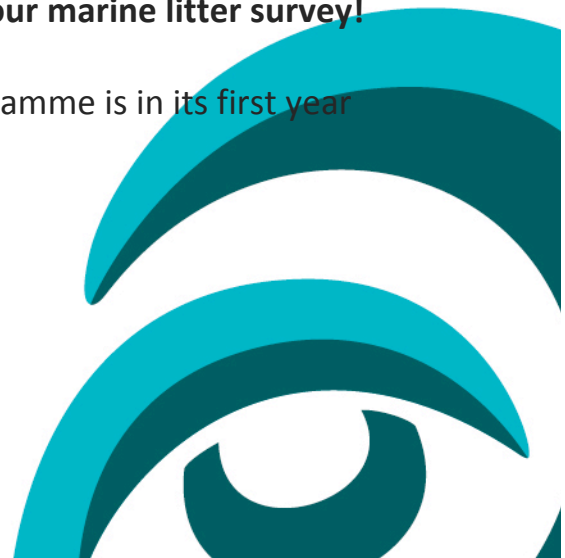
- When the survey is complete simple press "save" and select submit if you have entered the event code and have a good Internet connection, or postpone if you don't have a good Internet connection and/or the event code.

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. Press on this survey and then select "save". Press submit (make sure you have submitted the event code). It may take up to 28 days to process the survey. 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).

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

The Marine Litter Monitoring and Evaluation Programme is in its first year





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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](mailto:beachcleans@sas.org.uk)

**THANK YOU!**

