



Beach Management Plan

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Purpose & Objectives:

The purpose of this document is to set out a structured Beach Management Plan which will be adhered to in the management and operations of our seafronts and will be reviewed and updated at least every 24 months and/or when significant changes/incidents occur. Furthermore, this plan forms the basis of information provided to beach users to assist all members of the public, allowing them to enjoy the area safely. Additionally, this information forms a part of our Normal Operating Procedures and Emergency Action Plans for Tendring District Council employees.

The objective is to offer reassurance to our residents, visitors and responsible beach users that the Council will take a robust approach in keeping our beaches clean and safe by working with partners and taking a collaborative approach to their safety and management.

Background

Every year thousands of visitors come to our resorts at Brightlingsea, Clacton, Frinton, Walton, Dovercourt, and Harwich. Tendring District Council employs a Seafront Team consisting of seasonal Senior Beach Lifeguards, Lifeguards, and Seafront Wardens, all of whom are dedicated to keeping the seafront areas a safe and enjoyable area for everyone to use. Our Seafront Team have a wealth of knowledge and can advise on safety issues, including tide times, together with local and general safety and visitor information. Definitions of roles within the Seafront Team are as follows:

The Seafronts Services Manager oversees the Beach Patrol Team to ensure user safety and promote beach safety. They coordinate activities along the seashore, promenades, cliffs, and other seafront areas. They collaborate with Council services to enhance maintenance and appearance standards and work with the Tourism Team to promote district beaches.

Seafront Wardens patrol seafronts scanning the coastline, reporting back any defects on Seafronts or lifesaving equipment damaged or stolen, they assist members of the public with local information, give out safety advice and advise on local bye-laws (cycling, dog bans etc.). They assist with looking for missing persons, supporting Emergency Services where appropriate on the seafront (Police, Ambulance, Fire and Coastguard), and can directly assist in managing emergency situations that arise, including crowd control etc. Seafront Wardens are trained to deal with first aid incidents but are not expected to enter the water in an emergency.

Beach Lifeguards hold an RLSS Beach Lifeguard qualification. They are tasked with performing free swim and rescue board assistance as required. Additionally, they may patrol on the rescue board during busier periods, especially at the change from low tide to high tide. They will be stationed at the Beach Office or between the flagged areas outlined in this document so that they are ready to respond to any sea-based emergency that arises. Beach Lifeguards are trained to use Council Jet Skis and boats to patrol the coastline and perform a rescue where required.

Senior Beach Lifeguards have the same qualifications and responsibilities as the Beach Lifeguards. They are also responsible for the management and overseeing of day-to-day operations at their respective locations and staff management (at Clacton, Walton, Frinton).

Both Senior Lifeguards and Lifeguards are issued with very high frequency (VHF) radio, which also allows direct communication in the event of emergency with Coastguards and RNLI. For the purpose of this document, all roles will collectively be referred to as the Seafront Team.

The UK's beaches are unique places, known worldwide for their beauty, and attracting millions of people every year. Tendring Coastline covers 36 miles, but Tendring District Council is only responsible for a proportion of this. As such, for the purpose of this document, the definition of the Tendring Coastline in this document is as follows:

The Council's jurisdiction starts to the right of Batemans Tower to Brightlingsea Harbour, 'The Close', Jaywick Sands to Holland Haven radio mast, Frinton: Waylings Beach Huts site to the Walton on the Naze (except Sandy point Beach hut sites). The final section covers from Dovercourt Earlhams Beach West End Lane, to Angelgate in Harwich.

*Note: Please refer to the maps provided in **Appendix 1** for further details.*

With over 36 miles of clean, sandy beaches, the Tendring coastline is a perfect location to create lifelong cherished memories for those who visit from near or far. This is also vital to the economies of local communities; they generate millions through tourism and attract new residents who are seeking a better work-life balance, contributing directly to the economy of our towns and resorts. In 2024, Tendring has been awarded three Blue Flag Beaches at Brightlingsea, Dovercourt Bay and Frinton. Further to this, the Council secured 7 Seaside Awards for Brightlingsea, Dovercourt Bay, Harwich, Frinton, Walton-on-the-Naze and the town's Albion beach, and Martello Bay in Clacton.

Underpinning all of this is beach safety. A considerable amount of work goes on behind the scenes, involving Emergency Services, RNLI, HM Coastguard, local partnerships, attraction owners, third sector bodies and local lifesaving and rescue organisations. This work is fundamental to the wellbeing of thousands of people and often is only highlighted following a serious accident or incident; by the end of the season, our staff will have dealt with over 1000 incidents and given beach safety advice to over 4000 beach users. The design of this Strategy corresponds and aligns with the wider Health & Safety at Work Act, Management Health & Safety at Work Regulations, and Tendring District Council Health and Safety Policy to continue this vital service.

Plan

Standards and approach to managing risks on the seafronts:

The Seafronts Services Manager is responsible for ensuring a seafront risk assessment for the Tendring Coastline is in place, identifying significant hazards and mitigating risk with appropriate control measures. Risks will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Premises and Utilities hazards** - relating to the structures and features under TDC jurisdiction, including access to the beach.
- **Task hazards** – age, number and the behaviour of seafront users, particularly those at risk.
- **Activity hazards** – hazards associated with the seafront activities.



The following hazards/risks have been factors in previous fatalities or serious injuries:

- Inadequate or inappropriate supervision by a responsible adult
- Prior health problems (e.g. heart trouble, impaired hearing or sight, epilepsy)
- Alcohol, drugs or food before swimming
- Wearing of inappropriate clothing
- Youth and inexperience
- Weak or non-swimmers straying out of their depth
- Use of locations where bathers are warned/advised not to use/bathe, e.g. Piers
- Diving into insufficient depth of water and off from rocks (leading to head or spinal injury)
- Unruly behaviour and misuse of equipment
- Lack of awareness / knowledge / exposure to beaches, tides and undercurrents
- Suicide

Careful recording and consideration of any incident on the seafronts is vital to ensure that risk assessments and safety arrangements can be reviewed as and when appropriate to ensure that they remain relevant.

Risk assessments are reviewed annually unless there are changes to an area or if there has been a severe injury sustained by a user of the beach or a member of staff. All Risk Assessment actions will be completed in a timely manner, and a risk reduction plan used to manage outstanding actions that are required to be taken. Once the Risk Assessments have been completed, these are incorporated into work instructions for staff, known as a NOP (Normal Operating Procedure) or EAP (Emergency Action Plan). These documents are reviewed annually along with the Risk Assessment itself.

Key locations, such as beach entry points, beach car parks, visitor centres, and websites, shall define and provide standard-RNLI compliant safety information for visitors that reflects the risks, aiming to inform both local users and visitors alike. Providing vital information in such locations supports the education of all users before attending the seafront. A balanced approach has been applied to ensure an appropriate number of signs in key locations across the Tendring Coastline.

Safety Measures:

The Tendring District Council Beach Lifeguards supervise beaches in the following locations, and these can be clearly identified by the yellow and red flags:

- Clacton – Martello Bay*, Palace Breakwater (Yellow beach), East (Fishtail 1 and 2) *
- Frinton-on-Sea – on the lower promenade at the bottom of the Zig Zag Steps*.
- Walton-on-the -Naze – Albion Beach, directly down from Central Kiosk and Central Public Toilets*.

*This is dependent on the staffing levels

The Council promotes these beaches as supervised areas, in busy visitor areas. All other beaches are not supervised.

The Tendring District Council Seafront Wardens patrol the following locations:

- **Brightlingsea** – From Bateman’s Tower to Brightlingsea Sailing Club*
- **Dovercourt** – From Dovercourt Bay to Harwich Haven Authority *
- **Frinton-on-Sea** – From The Walings to Lea’s*
- **Walton-on-the -Naze** - From the Lea’s to the Naze Cliffs*
- **Clacton** – West Beach to Holland Haven *

*This is dependent on the staffing levels

Tendring District Council have a Seafront Team operating from the following locations; however, these locations are **RED Flagged Beaches** and are not supervised. As such, it is advised for beach users to locate themselves on a supervised beach listed above:

- **Clacton** - Either side of the pier
- **Walton** - Either side of the pier

The Seafront Team are available from 10.30 am to 5.30 pm on weekends, bank holidays and school holidays from May Half Term until around the end of the summer school holidays. Please note, Brightlingsea and Dovercourt Beach Office will be open from 11am-5pm on weekends, bank holidays and school holidays from May Half Term until around the end of the summer school. The dates for beach supervision will be dictated by those set out by the Local Education Authority; the service completes an operational review of these dates adjusting the start of season accordingly each year.

The entire Seafront Team have sound local knowledge and provide information to visitors. Staff also deal with and, where appropriate, report antisocial behaviour issues to the Police or other relevant agencies.

The Seafront Wardens also undertake walking patrols, monitoring seafront activity and advising users of local bye-laws where appropriate. They log all issues within their pocket notebook, which they have dealt with, reporting them back to the relevant department with required details.

All staff carry a VHF radio at all times to maintain contact with colleagues and with the Senior Beach Lifeguard on duty. Also, the Senior beach Lifeguard has direct contact with Dover Coastguard, Local Coastguard teams and Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)

Lifeboats. During the season, the Seafront Team, when required, will work alongside any of the Emergency or Volunteer Services to assist in bringing an incident to a safe conclusion.

Tendring hosts a regular Tendring Water Safety Forum and is a member of the Essex Water Safety Forum to support and promote water safety initiatives. Our participation and leadership in these forums enable us to recommend safety precautions for visitors from throughout the county and beyond, in addition to our local area.

Wristband Safety System:

The Council operates a wristband system at Clacton, Frinton and Walton beaches to assist in reuniting parents/guardians quickly with their children or those they are responsible for. Each coloured band issued corresponds with a specific stretch of beach with a matching colour. Parents can also include mobile phone numbers on these bands, which are free to collect from Beach Office. The team also proactively hand out wristbands to families during seafront patrols.

Regular patrols are carried out during the day by the Seafront Team to check for any damage or misuse of lifesaving equipment.

Seafront Team Responsibilities Summary:

The essential functions and duties of the Seafront Team can be described as follows:

- Supervising the Coastline under their jurisdiction.
- Communicating effectively with beach users and other staff.
- Anticipating problems and preventing accidents.
- Intervening to prevent behaviour that is unsafe.
- Identifying emergencies quickly and taking appropriate action.
- Effectively raising the alarm and performing a rescue from the water where safe to do so, or via rescue craft where that is appropriate and available staff have been trained.
- Give immediate first aid to any casualty.
- Managing incidents of missing persons.
- Providing safety and visitor advice.
- Enforcing bye -laws such as restrictions of dogs on beaches.
- Check Beach Office defibrillator and equipment.
- Check on infrastructure on the seafronts e.g. lifesaving equipment.

Seafront Team Training:

Beach Lifeguards/ Seniors hold a current nationally recognised RLSS Beach lifeguard qualification. Staff responsible for rescues from the water practice their skill sets before the start of the season, demonstrating competency before undertaking Beach Lifeguard duties. Additionally, monthly training is provided to all the Seafront Team. The Seafront Team complete an induction led by the Seafronts Service Manager before the season begins, which includes issuing the work instructions documents - NOP (Normal Operating Procedure) & EAP (Emergency Action Plan). Staff are required to sign to confirm they have received these before commencing their role.

Beach Lifeguards are trained by the RYA (Royal Yachting Association) in Power Boat level 2, where required, and PWC (Personal Watercraft) to ensure they are competent in using the powered craft at their disposal. ALT UK Driver Training is provided for those team members that use the Quad Bikes and Mule. Additionally, staff must be at least 18 years old for the use of all watercraft and vehicles.

Seafront Team:

Whilst supervising the Seafronts, our Seafronts Team will:

- ✓ Be alert and be seen to be alert.

- ✓ Enforce the safety rules to support beach users.
- ✓ Be punctual and adhere to rotation times.
- ✓ Carry out regular checks and patrols.
- ✓ Wear the uniform distributed.
- ✓ Maintain concentration at all times.
- ✓ Never allow their attention to be drawn from the seafronts when undertaking a patrol.
- ✓ Maintain correct levels of supervision.

Seafront Team Uniform:

The Seafronts Team uniform can be clearly identified by the following:

Senior Beach Lifeguards - Red T-Shirt and red jumper, with "Senior Beach Lifeguard" writing in white, and navy-blue shorts.

Beach Lifeguards – Red T-Shirt and red jumper, with "Beach Patrol" writing in white, and navy-blue shorts.

Seafront Wardens – White top with black "Warden" writing, and navy shorts. Also, they can be seen in a black jumper and white "Warden" writing.

Major Incident:

If a major incident was to occur, the Seafronts Team will follow a serious incident management process. A serious incident, for example, includes:

- A severe injury where emergency services have been called.
- Fatality.
- Pollution incident.
- Uncontrolled escape of a hazardous gas, liquid or solid.
- Bomb threat / Suspect package.
- Fire.
- Sexual or physical assault on a member of the public or member of staff.
- Immediate risk of safeguarding issues to a child/adult.
- Activation of the Council's 'Civil Emergency Plan' requiring the takeover of any part of the area.

If support is required, the senior Seafront Team Member on duty will contact a Senior Council Officer, as below:

Contact should be made in the following order:




1. Seafront Service Manager, First Duty Call Officer and/or Careline (depending on the circumstance).
2. Sport & Leisure Operations Manager.
3. Asst. Director of Economic Growth & Leisure.
4. Corporate Director.

In the event that a person on the contact list is unavailable, the Senior Beach Lifeguard shall continue escalating the issue until support can be obtained.

Examples of each safety standards use across our seafronts:

General safety signage follows the format of the link below:

<https://www.nationalwatersafety.org.uk/adviceresources/coastal-safety-signs>. In some instances where there are particular risks that have been identified in the location where the document doesn't provide a relevant sign, local signage has been created to support awareness.

Title	Image	Information
Warning Banners.		<p>In collaboration with the RNLI, these family-friendly banners have been installed at Martello Bay beach and adjacent to Clacton Pier. They are unique to Clacton, and the image portrays the local landmarks.</p>
Beach Access Points Signs.		<p>These supplementary signs have been installed adjacent to all the beach access points on the east side of the Pier. They contain the key safety information points, which are listed in more detail on the Beach Safety signs. These signs include 'what 3 words' location information.</p>
Supplementary Safety Signs.		<p>These signs are now displayed on Beach access points.</p>

Large supplementary sign on main access ramp and all main beach access points on the east side of Pier. This is 1500mm x 1200mm in size.



Supplementary signs such as this have been installed adjacent to all the main beach access points on the east side of Clacton Pier. The sign includes 'what 3 words' location information.

Seafront Swing Signs



These double-sided signs which display daily safety information, such as tide times, weather and warning flags are on display outside each Beach Office.

Windbreak signs, installed on the tide line.



Four of these temporary windbreaks are installed during the season by the Seafront Team, with one on either side of Clacton Pier and two on either side of the Palace Breakwater.

		
Title	Image	Information
Warning signs on Groynes.	 	Supplementary warning signs have been installed alongside the groynes, in addition to the ones previously mentioned.

Signs have been designed in accordance with the national RNLI framework as stated below:

Red background: The beach name, logo and emergency text should be displayed as shown. The RNLI logo can be replaced with a local authority or landowner logo.

White background: There is room for up to eight safety symbols to be displayed; these can be a combination of hazard and prohibition symbols. The symbols are in order according to risk, with hazards displayed first as shown. The appropriate symbols for the beach have been selected.

Yellow background: Flag illustrations appropriate to the beach, together with beach lifeguard service dates and times.

Additionally, there are two categories of beach safety flags: those indicating dangerous conditions and those indicating zones on the beach suitable for particular activities. Red and yellow flags, and black and white flags, are zone flags and should be used in pairs to indicate the extent of the zone.

A qualified lifeguard should designate the positions of red and yellow flags. Red flags and orange truncated cones indicate dangerous conditions, and a single red flag will be flown. It is essential to ensure that only one red flag is displayed on a beach or area of beach, as two red flags could be mistaken as indicating a safe zone to swim.

Red and yellow flag



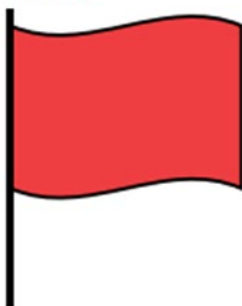
Meaning Lifeguard-patrolled swimming and body boarding zone or lifeguard on duty
Function To signify a swimming and body boarding zone that has a lifeguard patrol or to signify that a lifeguard is on duty
Colour and shape Red and yellow rectangle divided horizontally into two halves: red half at the top Pantone 186 C and yellow half Pantone 109 C
Minimum size 750mm x 900mm
Maximum size 1500mm x 1800mm

Black and white flag



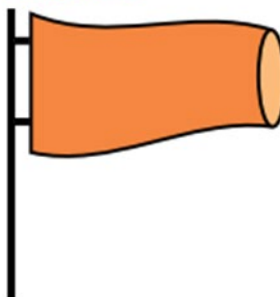
Meaning Surfboard and other water craft zone or zone boundary
Function To signify a zone, or boundary of a zone, designated for use of surfboards and other water craft
Colour and shape Black and white rectangle divided into four equal rectangles: two black and two white, upper black rectangle at the pole side
Minimum size 750mm x 900mm
Maximum size 1500mm x 1800mm

Red flag



Meaning Dangerous conditions: do not enter the water
Function To signify a severe hazard, that water conditions are unsafe for swimming and other water activities, and people should not enter the water
Colour and shape Red rectangle, Pantone 186 C
Minimum size 750mm x 900mm
Maximum size 1500mm x 1800mm

Orange cone



Meaning Danger: no inflatables to be used on the water
Function To signify the danger of using inflatables in windy or unsafe water conditions
Colour and shape Orange truncated cone, Pantone 166 C
Minimum length 1500mm
Minimum diameter 250mm at the small end and 500mm at the larger end

Staffing Levels and Patrol Framework

Level 1 – Community Surveillance

Level 2 – First Aid Station

Level 3 – Lifeguard Limited Capability Patrol

Level 4 – Full Lifeguard Patrol

Level 1 – Community Surveillance

Capability – Reactive only: Standalone or to enhance support for other teams. Surveillance cover for prevention and to provide safety information. Act as a person at the scene of an incident to bring in outside help. Must contact HMCG for incidents.

Team Structure:

Clacton: 2 team members (Senior Beach Lifeguard, with either a Beach Lifeguard or Warden) stationed at Clacton Beach Office, 1 team member at Palace and Martello Beach Office (this team member can be either a beach lifeguard or warden).

Frinton Beach Office: 1 Senior Beach Lifeguard, Beach Lifeguard or Seafront Warden to be stationed at the Beach Office, no patrols to take place.

Walton Beach Office: 1 Senior Beach Lifeguard, Beach Lifeguard or Seafront Warden to be stationed at the Beach Office, no patrols to take place.

They must be confident to work on their own (solo operation subject to assessment and lone working procedures would apply)

Equipment: No watercraft to be put on service. No red and yellow flagged beaches to be set up. Pier is still to be red flagged.

Level 2 – First Aid, Beach Office

Capability - Pro Active: Standalone first aid patrols. Minor first aids and major first aids. Understand their roles with HMCG: Surveillance & Proactive activity.

Team Structure:

Clacton: At Clacton Beach Office, 1 Senior Beach Lifeguard with 2 team members (either a Beach Lifeguard or Warden). 1 team member at each location (either a Beach Lifeguard or Warden) at Palace and Martello Beach Office.

Frinton Beach Office: 1 Senior Beach Lifeguard and either a Beach Lifeguard or Seafront Warden to be stationed at the Beach Office. The Beach Lifeguard or Warden is to patrol to the Leas public toilets and return, this is to be completed on a rolling basis, with 30-minute rest in between. The Senior Beach Lifeguard is to remain at the Beach Office.

Walton Beach Office: 1 Senior Beach Lifeguard and either a Beach Lifeguard or Seafront Warden to be stationed at the Beach Office. The Beach Lifeguard or Warden is to patrol to the Last Fishman Café, this is to be completed on a rolling basis, with 30-minute rest in

between. Ensuring the patrol includes Albion beach, and the Senior Beach Lifeguard is to remain at the Beach Office.

They must be confident to work on their own (solo operation subject to assessment and lone working procedures will apply).

Equipment: If qualified staff member present, land vehicle can be used if needed for emergencies. No red and yellow flagged beaches to be set up. Pier is still to be red flagged.

Level 3 – Lifeguard Limited Capability Patrol

Capability- Pro Active: Beach Offices are to be staffed with at least three members at main beach offices. Minor and Major first aids/trauma. Proactive safety advice activity and limited rescue response.

Team Structure: Main Beach Offices to have watercraft on service for response and 3 staff members at the office (Senior Beach Lifeguard, Beach lifeguard and Warden). Other Beach Offices to have a minimum of 1 staff member lone working (subject to assessment and lone working device)

Equipment: Land vehicle and watercraft can be used if needed for emergencies. No red and yellow flagged beaches to be set up. Pier is still to be red flagged.

Location	Senior Beach Lifeguard	Beach Lifeguard		Seafront Warden
Clacton Beach Office	1	1	And	1
Palace Beach Office				1
Martello Beach Office		1	Or	1
Clacton East Fish Tail 1-2				
Frinton Beach Office	1	1	And	1
Walton Beach Office	1	1	And	1
Albion Beach				
Dovercourt Beach Office				1
Brightlingsea Beach Office				1

Level 4 – Business as Usual - Full Lifeguard Patrol (NOP, as stated in this document will apply P9)

Capability – Full Service: All Beach Offices to be set up as outlined in the 'staffing levels and flagged beach locations' section at the start of this document. Minor and Major first aid/trauma. Proactive safety advice activity and proactive rescue response.

Team Structure: All Beach Offices staffed fully as outlined in the 'staffing levels and flagged beach locations' section at the start of this document.

Equipment: Land Vehicle and Watercraft to be used as set out in this document. Watercraft can be used for patrols when necessary. All red and yellow flagged beaches set up and the pier red flagged.

Location	Senior Beach Lifeguard	Beach Lifeguard	Seafront Warden
Clacton Beach Office	1	1	1
Palace Beach Office		2	
Martello Beach Office		2	
Clacton East Fish Tail 1-2		2	1
Frinton Beach Office	1	2	2
Walton Beach Office	1	1	2
Albion Beach (Opposite central Toilet Block)		2	
Dovercourt Beach Office			1
Brightlingsea Beach Office			1

When a full lifeguard patrol service cannot be put on, HMCG and management must be informed as soon as possible.

Order of Beach Office Closures

Should the need arise to close any Beach Office, it should be done in the following order:

- Brightlingsea Beach Office
- Dovercourt Beach Office
- Frinton Beach Office
- Walton Beach Office
- Walton Albion
- Martello Beach Office
- Palace Beach Office
- Fishtail 1-2
- Clacton Beach Office

These Beach Offices have been selected in this order in accordance with the level of risk associated with each beach based on the risk assessment. It has also considered staffing capacity/abilities, previous incidents, and accidents to determine the order of service delivery within these locations. As part of this process, it was identified that Clacton Beach Office held the highest level of risk and it should be noted that the launch equipment is in this location, should a rescue be required. As such, resources will be relocated to support the full operations where possible in the Clacton area.

Policy Led, Support Teams and Publicising:

This policy is led by the Assistant Director, Economic Growth and Leisure and Sport and Leisure Operations Manager. It is implemented by the Seafronts Services Manager. The

Council's Corporate Health & Safety policies supported the creation of the Beach Management Plan.

Partnership working with key stakeholders has also been undertaken to inform and design this policy. Partnerships that have been formed are described later in this Policy. Additionally, this Policy has been presented and agreed upon by the Tendring District Council's Senior Management Team ahead of its rollout.

Tendring District Council is committed to developing a collective and consistent approach by regularly reviewing this Policy, updating this document with new initiatives and safety measures required following incidents or change to guidance.

The Beach Management Plan will be publicised on the Council's Website, and all staff will be trained in its delivery. Key elements of this plan will also be used to educate the public on the website, Love Tendring App and appropriate social media platforms.

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Risk Profile:

Along our Coastline, we have varied identified risks, which will be offset via the following measures:

Piers:

- Dangerous currents under and around the piers.
- Hidden structures and objects under and around the Pier.
- Variant depths under and around the Pier.
- Tombstoning (Jumping off Pier).

We have erected permanent and temporary signage explaining the danger of swimming under and around the Pier with currents. There are three buoys at the section where Clacton Pier collapsed to stop people and vessels from going into the area in case of any hidden dangers that may cause damage. The Seafront Team when on duty actively keep people away from going under and around piers either on land with megaphone and whistles or on Rescue Boards, Boats and Jet Skis. The Pier has signs warning about Tombstoning (Pier jumping) and has Life Rings along the Pier itself.

Groynes and rock breakwaters:

- Dangerous currents around groynes and rock breakwaters.
- Slip, trip hazards and possible risk of becoming trapped or entrapment between the groynes and rock breakwaters.

Groynes and rocks become very slippery once wet and covered in algae and seaweed. Also, with rock breakwaters, users can be cut off by the tide. Rock breakwaters have gaps which if a user was to fall into one, they might not be seen if hurt or unconscious. They may be unable to get out, as the tide covers rocks, and if not found, could lead to a possible fatality.

Signage is in place at rock breakwaters telling people not to climb on or swim around rocky breakwaters. Additionally, signage is in place to advise users not to climb on rock groynes. The Seafront Team, when on duty, add an additional A-board to warn visitors to keep off groynes. Finally, signage is in place saying do not swim around groynes.

Palace groynes in Clacton has seen many incidents over the years in that location, so an additional Beach Office was put in place in the 2020 season to help reduce such incidents, with two members of staff present. In addition, two new Beach Lifeguard locations (Fishtail 1-2, Clacton east side of Pier and Walton Albion beach) have been introduced for 2024 as part of an ongoing review.

Vehicle on promenade:

- Members of the public coming into contact with vehicles.

We have strict timings regarding vehicles on the promenade between 8am and 10am and 6pm till 8pm, authorised access only. So, between 10am and 6pm there is no vehicle access to promenades.

In Clacton, the Seafront Team put drop posts on either side of the promenade where it meets the Pier Gap to stop vehicles. Across the District, gate locks with combination padlocks are installed. Signage showing access times are located on the gates, along with the message for the gates to remain closed at all times.

Powered Watercraft:

- Swimmers being struck by powered watercraft in sea.
- Bathers coming into contact with powered watercraft while launching.
- Swimmers and bathers coming into contact with RNLI Watercraft during launching and recovering at Clacton Martello and Walton-on-the-Naze.

We have no public launching watercraft on our seafronts, individuals must belong to a club to launch watercraft, and the clubs have rules, policies and risk assessments on launching and recovering. We have clubs at Clacton Martello, Holland on Sea, Frinton and Dovercourt.

Buoy channels are in place so powered watercraft can launch safely, and swimmers are advised through signage and via the Seafront Team with chequered flags and verbal commands with megaphone and whistle to stop swimmers entering in buoyed channels. This ensures watercraft can safely launch and recover without coming into contact with swimmers. Buoy channels are located at Clacton Martello, Holland Haven, Frinton and Dovercourt; these are in place from Whitsun to September.

Watercraft can come into any beach but must come in at a slow speed (8 Knott's) from 200 metres from the low tide mark. If watercraft come ashore at greater speed, Marine Police and the Seafront Team will talk to persons and remind them of bye-laws. Slow speed reduces the risk of swimmers being hit as it gives swimmers time to get out of the way, also time for watercraft to take action to avoid swimmers.

RNLI Lifeboat launches from Clacton Martello and Walton-on-the-Naze. RNLI have stringent policies on launching and recovering and this is completed in a very safe manner, with 'banksman's' and tractors with flashing lights. At Clacton, in particular, RNLI have a loud siren that goes off at the Lifeboat Station to warn people of launching. The Seafront Team assist with launch too, with staff not letting members of public set up where the RNLI lifeboat launches from during the day and keeping the buoyed channel clear at Clacton Martello. They also wear hi-vis tops and help ensure clear beaches, with RNLI shore crew, so Lifeboats can launch in a safe and efficient manner so they can get to their rescues as soon as possible.

Infrastructure, i.e. Steps, promenades:

- Slip, trips and falls

Infrastructures on seafronts are checked annually by Tendring District Council engineering service department, but also the Seafront Team when out on their patrols and report back anything they find, which is passed on to our engineering department to be repaired.

What3words:

What3words is an app which divides the whole world into 3-metre squares. Each square is named by 3 words; if you call Police, Fire Service, Coastguard, or Ambulance service, and give the operator the 3 words, they will be able to direct the service required to the exact 3-metre square, thereby speeding up help. It's also suitable for directions, so if you know the what3words for a destination, or if lost, the what3words can provide an exact location.

All the Beach Offices have the what3words displayed on them, and all new signage also incorporates the what3words across our District on the seafronts.

Animals on Beaches:

There are bye-laws that include animals on our beaches, dogs and horses in particular.

Dogs:

We have seasonal bans on specific beaches from 1 May till 30 September. The Dog Warden service and the Seafront Team police this and ask people to remove dogs on these beaches. We are fortunate to have beaches that dogs are allowed across the whole District all year long. Signage indicates which beaches dogs not allowed and timings and where they are allowed.

Horses:

Our beaches are open to horse riders, but the following local bye-law is in place, to be aware of:

'No person shall on the Seashore break in any horse or other animal or ride or drive any horse or other animal in a race or so as to cause danger or annoyance to any person using the Seashore.'

In order not to cause danger or annoyance to other beach users:

- Do not ride your horse when beaches are busy.
- Restrict riding to quiet times and at low water.
- Do not race horses.
- Access the beach via the footpath and gate opposite Second Avenue.

Seals:

We have a significant population of seals in Tendring, and they are often found on our beaches either resting or in some incidents unwell, injured, or sadly deceased. We ask people to leave them alone, keep their distance and ask dogs to be kept away from seals; for the seal's safety but also that of the public and their dogs, as seals can give a nasty bite.

If a seal has been found with injuries visitors are asked to phone the British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR), who have trained staff who can assist with removal and care of the injured seal. The phone number for BDMLR is 01825 765546.

If a dead seal is found, this should be reported to the Seafronts Team 01255 686702 or phone the out of hours Careline service on 01255 222022, and arrangement of removal of the dead seal will be organised.

Whales and Porpoises:

We do have whales and porpoises on our seafronts in Tendring, but unfortunately, people only come across them generally if they have died. If a user was to come across a dead whale or porpoise, they should phone 999 ask for the Coastguard.






Jellyfish:

We do get a lot of jellyfish in our seas, especially in the hot weather. We do experience people being stung by them, and the Seafront Team will administer first aid. They would first get the person who is stung to wash off the sting area with saltwater, and then the Seafront Team would give them an icepack to ease the sting.

Weaver fish:

Weaver fish are small fish we get in our seas which have a small spine on their backs. If trodden on, they cause extreme pain and sometimes swelling. If a bather stands on one, the Seafront Team member on duty will request they put their foot in as hot water as they could possibly stand, and after a time, the pain and swelling will die down. In extreme cases, the user or staff member should phone 999 ask for Ambulance service.

The way Tendring District Council communicate the above to users is via the following signs:

Title	Image	Information
Dog Ban Areas		Information can be found on the sea defence walls for all beaches.
Horse Access Points	<p style="text-align: center;">Horse Access to Beach</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please note the below in order not to cause danger or annoyance to other beach users:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do not ride your horse when beaches are busy Restrict riding to quiet times & at low water Do not race horses</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Access the beach via the footpath & gate opposite Second Avenue</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Our beaches are open to horse riders, but the following local byelaw is in place which you should be aware of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>'No person shall on the Seashore break in any horse or other animal or ride or drive any horse or other animal in a race or so as to cause danger or annoyance to any person using the Seashore.'</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">In order not to cause danger or annoyance to other beach users:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do not ride your horse when beaches are busy Restrict riding to quiet times and at low water Do not race horses</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Access the beach via the footpath and gate opposite Second Avenue</p>	Information can be found on relevant access gates in Frinton.

Organisation Responsibility:

It is the responsibility of all relevant Tendring District Council staff to ensure that this procedure is implemented and upheld. Tendring District Council is dedicated to providing safe beaches for all by ensuring the control measures are in place to avoid/decrease serious accidents and injuries from occurring.

When previous events have occurred, Tendring District Council have reviewed practices and ensured they are operating in a measured approach putting in any new procedures required.

There is risk involved in everything we do. The risks associated with using the beaches vary. Educating the public can increase their knowledge to act accordingly to ensure they and others aren't put at risk.

The Seafront Team and others employed by Tendring District Council will provide support as specified in this document. The Seafront Team are trained to assess a risk presented and take the necessary action to avoid harm to the public.

Additionally, Tendring District Council may be responsible for byelaws covering the water/land, but there are areas on the Coastline that do not come under Tendring District Council. Some areas are private beaches or maintained by the Environment Agency. Furthermore, Appendix 1 demonstrates the multi-groups in further detail.

Working in partnership:

Tendring Water Safety Forum

In September 2018, Tendring District Council, together with the RNLI, set up the 'Tendring Water Safety Forum' which brought together all the local experts on water safety, including:

- *Tendring District Council*
- *RNLI*
- *HM Coastguard*
- *Essex Police & Marine Police*
- *Essex Fire and Rescue Service*
- *Harwich Haven Authority*
- *Brightlingsea Harbour*
- *Swim England*
- *and other partners on an ad hoc basis*

In 2024, that group collaborated with Swim England to offer free 'Swim Safe' sessions to approximately 353 children in Clacton, organised by Tendring District Council. Additionally, another 108 children in Harwich participated in sessions run by a community group and sponsored by the Harwich Haven Authority. These sessions were available for local children aged between 7 and 14 years. These 60-minute practical sessions with qualified instructors and lifeguards teach participants about safety in the sea.

This group has continued to meet virtually to share best practice and discuss further safety measures across the District's Coastline.

Child Education:

We offer schools a free guided tour which will encourage children to be safe on the seafront and make them aware of the day-to-day duties that Seafront Team carry out. This will include a tour of our Beach Office, safety of equipment used, weather safety warnings and how to stay safe in the sun. Schools or other organisation who require further information or to book a tour can contact Seafronts on 01255 686702 or e-mail seafronts@tendringdc.gov.uk.

Additionally, supporting partnership activity through dedicated Water Safety Forums both Tendring and Essex amplifies and enable more emphasis on widespread public education campaigns, including targeting tourists who might not be familiar with local risks, and young people.

Working with internal departments:

Tendring Seafront Team works with internal departments, such as the Licensing Team, regarding risk factors associated with alcohol licenses across the kiosks, reporting any known issues, and discussing these further internally to deter the consumption of alcohol before swimming. Additionally, collaboration with the Community Safety Team occurs to discuss areas of concern regarding safeguarding matters, mental health reports, suicides, and antisocial behaviours.

In addition to this, there is an Operational Enforcement Group meeting that occurs regularly. This includes various departments, including licensing, community safety, public realm, waste enforcement, dog wardens, and so on. This meeting allows all departments to support each other in resolving concerns. The Seafront Team is vigilant on their patrols, reporting

incidents quickly to the relevant department/authority to source additional support where needed.

Delivery Plan:

The Seafronts Service Manager is responsible for executing the delivery plan by different measures as demonstrated below:

Risk Reduction Plan:

Where existing control measures are not adequate, and additional control measures need to be introduced, a Risk Reduction Plan (RRP) would be completed. The hazards would be put in order of importance and the most serious addressed first.

The Seafronts Service Manager records new initiatives and actions on the RRP, recording the following:

- Action to be taken to reduce the risk.
- Target dates for implementation.
- Priority rating (high, medium or low).

Once the control measure has been implemented, the Seafronts Service Manager will review and add the control measure to the relevant risk assessment.

Safe System of Work/Work Instructions:

A safe system of work/work instruction is a document that provides an instruction for staff members to follow to carry out work activities or operate a piece of plant machinery or equipment safely. It defines safe methods to ensure that hazards are eliminated, or risks minimised.

The safe system of work/work instruction would consider the following;

- What hazards are relevant to the task
- Who may undertake the task
- What are the safety precautions / personal protective equipment to be used and worn
- Equipment used in the task
- Is there a requirement for a written procedure
- In what order should the tasks be undertaken
- What training is required

A safe system of work/work instruction would generally be required for the following;

- Jobs and tasks which vary from day to day
- Isolated jobs and tasks which can occur at infrequent or irregular intervals
- High-risk activities and processes as detailed in the facility and task-specific risk assessment, for example (*this list is not exhaustive*):
 - Using of equipment such as jet skis and boats.
 - Completion of manual handling tasks.
 - Safe handling of hazardous substances.

Additionally, as mentioned, child safety systems are in place, whereby a colour-coded 'wrist band' scheme operates in Clacton, Frinton and Walton. This is free to the public - in a typical season, our seafront team help to reunite almost 50 missing children with their relieved parents.

Check

Adequately controlled the significant risks:

It is essential to develop various methods to check against the risk profile findings and details of action taken. Tendring District Council achieves this by the following measures:

- Audits completed by Corporate Health & Safety.
- Action plans developed following the Audit.
- Review of actions completed by Corporate Health & Safety will also capture any unintended effects via the control measure imposed.
- Random spot checks to support the Seafront Team.
- Water safety forum meetings to discuss learnings from any accidents & incidents.
- Risk Assessments reviewed and amended if required following any accidents & incidents.
- Working with partners such as RNLI, RLSS to identify key actions to improve the safety measure.
- Actions following Coroner's Prevention of Future Deaths reports.
- Monitoring of accidents and incidents that occur, reviewing trends and hot spot locations, addressing any incidents that have reoccurred.
- Additionally, service records and check sheets are completed on all equipment used by the Seafronts, with all remedial work records kept on file.
- Records relating to ongoing training and assessment should be reviewed as part of the annual pool safety monitoring/audit process.
- Best practice is used where possible from other local authorities and landowners.

Finally, as part of the monthly monitoring, the Seafront Service Manager shall check that Accident and Incident Report Forms are fully completed to ensure they contain sufficient detail. Where necessary, that investigation documentation has also been provided, with follow up action taken.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are reported to the Seafront Services Manager regularly, trends are identified, and all reasonable follow up actions taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

Act

Improvements within the last year:

In 2023, Tendring District Council has initiated many new measures to improve safety on the District's beaches further.

We have worked with RLSS as an expert body to review the Seafront Team operations to improve the service delivery. As such, there have been the following changes to the 2024 service:

- Designated supervised Beach Lifeguard locations, identified by their red and yellow flags these are as follows:
 - Clacton – Martello Bay, Palace Breakwater (Yellow beach), East (Fishtail 1 and 2)
 - Frinton-on-Sea – on the lower promenade at the bottom of the Zig Zag Steps.
 - Walton-on-the -Naze – Albion Beach, directly down from Central Kiosk and Central Public Toilets.

- Separate roles have been created with new responsibilities, meeting the training and qualification requirements.
- An adjustment to the season start date was made to align with other coastal areas.
- Patrol patterns for Seafront Wardens and Beach Lifeguards have changed.
- Some replacement of notices across the District
- Replacement of Lifebuoys and rope where required to continue to meet the required standard.
- What3Word stickers introduced on glasdon lifebuoy housing to report faults and damages.
- Introduction of a new section / operations for staffing levels and patrol framework & order of beach office closures

The above is in addition to all measures set out in the Council's initial response to the coroner, which were in place when the Beach Patrol service resumed operation for the 2020 season, and have continued since.

The additional signs listed in the table above (examples of beach safety standards used across our seafronts) were installed following a seafront signage audit by the RNLI, which took place on 10 March 2020.

The Beach Management Plan document has since been created in June 2021 to add a level of consistency and adaption, allowing us to revisit practices used to develop them further. This document will become a live tool that will continue to grow through learning and best practice.

Website reviews have been undertaken, due to an introduction of a new website to help improve communication to the public, making it easier to read and more accessible. The new website can be accessed by www.tendringdc.gov.uk/departments/seafronts

Additionally, a 'Love Tendring' App was created and is downloadable on any smart phone device, which will also help spread safety messages across many users. The app is able to support the users of our beaches. For instance, at present, Tendring District Council have the opportunity via the app to communicate how busy the beaches are following their patrols

— helping the public in selecting their location, which in turn supports the Seafront Team in crowd control.

The Blue Flag Award



Finally, the Blue Flag beach award is widely considered the gold standard for beaches. Awarded by the Foundation for Environmental Education, the Blue Flag is internationally recognised. For further information on the award and criteria, please visit <https://www.blueflag.global/>

Additionally, a number of our seafronts have been recognised with Seaside awards. The scheme is the nationwide standard for the best beaches across the UK. While Seaside Award beaches can be vastly different, the flag is a symbol of quality which ensures visitors are guaranteed to find a clean, safe, attractive and well-managed coastal stretch. For further information on the award and criteria, please visit <https://www.theseasideawards.org/home/1778>

Seaside Award



For further information about all of our beaches, including facilities, amenities, safety and car parking, please see the individual pages (hyperlinks) below:

- [Brightlingsea Beach CO7 0HH](#)
- [West Beach, Clacton on Sea CO15 1QX](#)
- [East Beach, Clacton on Sea, CO15 1QX](#)
- [Martello Bay Beach, Clacton on Sea CO15 1BN](#)
- [Frinton Beach, Frinton on Sea CO13 9DN](#)
- [Albion beach, Walton on the Naze CO14 8QQ](#)
- [The Naze, Walton on the Naze CO14 8LJ](#)
- [Dovercourt Bay, Dovercourt, Harwich CO12 3TA](#)
- [Harwich Beach CO12 3DL](#)

The Team at Tendring District Council will continue to strive in achieving other awards to support the work and dedication of the team.

Scrutiny, audit and external review:

It is intended to send this document to Members of the Water Safety Forum for comments and scrutiny.

Seafronts has been subject to scrutiny, audit and external review regularly, as mentioned in the check section. Additionally, below are detailed other measures Tendring District Council have developed internally to support ensuring the seafronts are safe to our users.

Trend Analysis and Accident Mapping:

Accident analysis and trends are reviewed at team meetings and the health and safety committee meetings. Appropriate actions are discussed and then acted upon accordingly.

Risk Assessment Review and Revise Process:

Communicating with stakeholders where needed to review and support risk assessment development for the seafronts. When the risks change, such as the introduction of new equipment and activities, changes to procedures and activities, changes to the building's physical structure, or as a result of an accident or incident, processes are revised and communicated.

Safe Systems of Work/Work Instructions:

Safe systems of work/work instructions would also be reviewed as part of the risk assessment review, and changes must be communicated to all staff members.

Working with external stakeholders:





As mentioned through this document, Tendring District Council have continued to work with stakeholders such as the RNLI and RLSS to review the seafront signage. This approach will continue using other key stakeholders, which allows the Council to receive regular feedback that can be acted upon.


Externally reviewed and scrutinised:








This final published version has been viewed and scrutinised by the Water Safety Forum. The Water Safety Forum consists of – HM Coastguard, RNLI, RLSS, Police, Fire Service, Ambulance service, Harwich Haven Authority, Clacton Pier, Clacton Volunteer Lifeguards, Brightlingsea Harbour Master and Tendring District Council.

Appendix 2 – Supporting/ Additional Information

Subject	Information / location / who's responsible	Links to / contact numbers / emails / downloads / postcodes
Beach Hut Locations	Beach Hut associations Security Leases Fees None TDC Sites (Walton Pier/ Sandy Point)	<p><u>Beach Hut Associations</u></p> <p>Brightlingsea - Sarah Chandler - 01206 855447</p> <p>Clacton/Holland - Mr R Lafferty – 01255 487276</p> <p>Frinton - Peter Dias - Chairman - 01255 851167 - www.frintonbeachhutassociation.co.uk</p> <p>Harwich/Dovercourt - Heather - 01255 556944 or 07969 925477</p> <p>Walton - Chairman Melanie Whitehead - 01206 827887 or Membership Secretary Richard Bareham - 01206 210799</p> <p><u>Beach hut locations</u></p> <p>Clacton Holland Frinton Walton Dovercourt Harwich Brightlingsea</p> <p><u>Council-owned huts for lease or rent</u></p> <p>Pastel beach huts Clacton Blue Chalet beach huts Clacton Accessible Huts Clacton Pastel beach huts on beach Holland</p> <p>Contact Seafronts-01255686702 or seafronts@tendringdc.gov.uk</p>
Refreshments Kiosk	Locations TDC Leased	<p><u>Clacton/Holland</u></p> <p>Beach Dinner –Hastings Road CO151BW Greensward café- Marine parade west CO151XB Kiosk 1 Kiosk 2 Kiosk 3 (Bar 3) Martello Lounge Kiosk 5 Paddle Bay Diner, King's Promenade CO151QN Beaches Café CO155AB Flags Café, CO155QS</p>

		<p>Beach Haven Café CO155TU</p> <p><u>Brightlingsea</u></p> <p>Batemans Café –Promenade way CO70HH</p> <p><u>Walton</u></p> <p>Mays Boardwalk Café CO148LD The Beach Hut kiosk CO148EH The Colonade Kiosk CO148AP Ice-cream Central CO148QD Last Fisherman’s Café CO148PX Naze Links Café CO148LD</p>
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Do’s and don’ts Brightlingsea Clacton Walton Dovercourt	<p>Natural England will take <u>enforcement action</u> on you or others who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> intentionally or recklessly damage the SSSI destroy any of the features of particular interest disturb wildlife for which the site was notified carry out listed operations without consent <p>Where possible, Natural England will work with you to avoid legal proceedings. Read the section on <u>enforcement undertakings</u> to find out more. Natural England will use enforcement measures as a last resort.</p> <p>For more information - <u>Site Search</u> (<u>naturalengland.org.uk</u>)</p> <p>Then in the search boxes, Site names are Harwich Foreshore SSSI, Holland on sea cliff SSSI, Colne Estuary SSSI, and The Naze SSSI. In the Designation type, SSSI County, Essex</p>
Conservations areas/ Nature Conservation / Country Parks	Do’s and don’ts Seafronts and Holland Haven, The Naze	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Seasonal banning of dogs on beaches a </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  naze bylaws.pdf </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Holland Haven Country Park.doc </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  Pleasure Ground Byelaws.pdf </div> <p>Further information can be located on the Tendring District Councils website.</p>
Alcohol-free zones	Clacton	<p>We do not have any alcohol-free zones anywhere in Tendring, but we do have PSPO (Public Space Protection Orders)</p> <p><u>Seafront Areas</u> Clacton Pier</p>

		The area comprising the greenswards, gardens, promenades, Venetian Bridge, Pavilion, cliff paths, shelters, public conveniences, play areas, model boating pond and beach extending from the mean low water mark to the boundary of the public highway at Marine Parade East, Marine Parade West, Hastings Avenue and Selsey Avenue. From a point opposite the western flank wall of the block of flats 111-117 Selsey Avenue to a point opposite the western boundary of Heseltine Court, First Avenue.
Piers	Clacton and Walton Privately owned Ha'penny Pier Harwich	Clacton Pier – Pier Avenue CO15 1QX Contact number- 01255 421115 Walton Pier - Pier approach, Walton, CO148ES Contact number 01255 672288 Ha'Penny Pier, the Quay, Harwich CO123HH
Coastal Sea Defences	TDC /Environment Agency Boundary responsibly marked on information maps Hazard of Breakwaters and Rock breakwaters.	 MMD-324123-C-DR-00-XX-1002 PP.pdf
Public Toilets / Showers	Cleaning Opening times (Winter and Summer) Legionella testing Location maps	Toilets are generally open 8 am till no later than 8 pm. To note some toilets are opened seasonally and further information can be located on the Tendring District Councils website. Showers Clacton by the west beach is open from May till September - weekends and school holidays 10.30-5.30pm Brightlingsea Back of toilet in Promenade way carpark outside open 24 hours in summer Water flushed weekly, and temperature checked monthly by qualified staff for legionella
Sailing Clubs / Water sports / Powered Watercraft Lunch sites	Brightlingsea Clacton Sailing Club Gunfleet Sailing Club (Clacton)	Brightlingsea sailing club- Waterside, Brightlingsea, Colchester CO7 0DY 01206303275 Clacton sailing club -The Esplanade, Holland-on-Sea, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 5TU 07434877317

	<p>Gunfleet Boating Club (Clacton) Walton Yacht Club (Walton Backwaters) Harwich Yacht Club PWC Launching Hutley's Beach Clacton Martello Holland Haven Frinton Beach Dovercourt Bay</p>	<p>Gunfleet Boating Club The Club House Borrow Pit 5TZ, Manor Way, Holland-on-Sea 01255814318</p> <p>Clacton boat club (sea fishing)-Hastings Ave, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 1BW 07762318606</p> <p>Walton yacht club-Mill Ln, Walton-on-the-Naze, Walton on the Naze CO14 8PF 01255678161</p> <p>Gunfleet Sailing club - Hazelmere Rd, Holland-on-Sea, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 5HU 01255814485</p> <p>Frinton watercraft club – info@frintonwatercraftclub.orguk</p> <p>Harwich Town sailing club - Angelgate, Harwich CO12 3EJ 01255503200</p> <p>Dovercourt Bay Jet ski Club- 07775862826</p> <p>Hutley's Beach - Beach Front, St. Osyth, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 8TB www.hutleys.co.uk</p>
Coastal Museums	<p>Point Clear Martello Tower Leading light Harwich Beach</p>	<p>East Essex Aviation Museum-Point Clear Rd, St. Osyth, Point Clear, Clacton-on-Sea CO16 8JD Jaywick Martello Tower-The Promenade, Belsize Ave, Jaywick, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 2LF Harwich Low Lighthouse-Harbour Cres, Harwich CO12 3NL</p>
Bye-laws	<p>Brightlingsea Harbour Harwich Haven TDC Pleasure Boats Pleasure Ground Dogs on beaches</p>	<p> Seaside Pleasure Boats.doc  Public Bathing and the Nav of Sailboardof dogs on beaches a </p> <p> Pleasure Ground Byelaws.pdf  naze bylaws.pdf  Holland Haven Country Park.doc</p> <p> Seashore Byelaws.pdf</p>
Car parks / Coach Parks	<p>Fees Disabled Parking</p>	<p>Martello car and coach park- CO151AH Coronation car park CO14 8PZ Naze car park- CO148LT Station yard carpark CO148DH</p> <p>Further information can be located on the Tendring District Councils website.</p>
Tidal information	<p>Tide Times for the seafronts</p>	<p>Tide information found out our Tendring District Council website; https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/content/tide-timetables</p>

Emergency Telephones	Careline out of hours Award Beaches Brightlingsea (to be checked) Martello Bay (Lifeboat Station)	Careline out of hours -01255 222022
Clacton Volunteer Lifeguards	Adjacent to Greensward café Clacton	Open every Sunday from Whitsun till 2nd Sunday in September
Disabled Access Points	Locations	<p>Brightlingsea Access to Brightlingsea award beach is by a slope leads onto beach easy access for disabled, prams and all users.</p> <p>Dovercourt Access to Dovercourt award beach is by a slope that leads onto the beach by the seafront wardens hut easily accessible for disabled/Wheelchair, prams and all users.</p> <p>Frinton on Sea Access to Frinton on Sea award beach is by a slope that leads onto the beach bottom of Third Avenue and by the Beach Office, easily accessible for disabled/Wheelchair, prams and all users. To get to Promenade, there is access to easy slopes and steps.</p> <p>Harwich beach Access Harwich award beach is by a slope that leads onto beach easily accessible for disabled/Wheelchair, prams and all users.</p> <p>Martello Bay Clacton Access Martello bay award beach is by a slope that leads onto the beach easily accessible for disabled/Wheelchair, prams and all users. To access the road, we have access via a slope on Selsey avenue, by pavement next to Clacton lifeboat station also steps from carpark in Hastings Road.</p> <p>Walton the Naze Beach Access Walton the Naze beach is by a slope that leads onto the beach by either the slope by Beach Office or slope on Promenade to right of Walton Pier. Disabled access also at the end of Cliff Parade that leads to toilets at Eastcliff, easily accessible for disabled/Wheelchair, prams and all users. The Promenade has easy access by flat services.</p> <p>Clacton and Holland Access to bottom Promenade is along multiple slopes along our seafronts access for disabled/wheelchair users and people with prams. Once on Lower Promenade at Clacton, there's a slope on either side of Clacton Pier, a slope onto the yellow beach which is</p>

		<p>the second beach right of Clacton pier, and a disabled ramp on the Greensward beach.</p> <p>At Holland access to the beach by Beaches Café (bottom First Avenue), By Gunfleet Sailing club (opposite Hazelmere Road), a slope to the beach (opposite Cliff Road), by Beach Haven Café bottom of The Esplanade also on many of beaches in Holland where new beaches are sand now level with Promenades plenty access to wheelchair and pram users</p>
Emergency Vehicle Access points	Seafront gate how to obtain gate code	<p><u>Clacton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pier gap CO151QX • Greensward gate CO151XB • Hasting road (next to Clacton lifeboat station) CO151BW • Gunfleet sailing gate CO155HS • Opposite Hazelmere Rd gate CO155HL • Opposite the First avenue CO155AA • Opposite Cliff Road CO155SL • By Beach Haven café CO155TU • Holland Haven (radar mast) CO155TZ <p><u>Walton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naze tower CO148LD • Sunny point CO148LE • The Parade CO148AS • Walton Pier CO148ES <p><u>Frinton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Leas CO139NL • Opposite Third Avenue CO139EA • Golf Course CO139EP <p><u>Dovercourt</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West end lane CO123FA • Rugby club CO123ST • Leisure Centre CO123TA • Launch ramp gate CO123ST • Opposite Beach Road CO123SS • Harwich beach CO123DJ <p><u>Brightlingsea</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promenade way CO70HH <p>Access codes call Seafront 01255686702 Or Out Of Hours Careline 01255 222022</p>
Coastal Golf courses	Clacton on sea Frinton on sea Beach	<p>Clacton On Sea Golf Club West Road CO151AJ phone number 01255 421919</p>

		Frinton Golf Club 1 Esplanade CO139EP phone number 01255 674618
RNLI Lifeboat stations	Clacton on sea 2 Lifeboats Walton on the Naze 1 Lifeboat Harwich 2 Lifeboats	Clacton lifeboat station –Hastings Avenue CO151BW Harwich lifeboat station- The Quay CO123HH Walton lifeboat station- The Parade CO148EA
Martello Towers	Leased by TDC Overseen Natural England Which have public access	Jaywick Martello Tower Address: <u>Belsize Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 2LF</u> Phone: 01255 822783 Official Website: <u>viawire.net</u>
Seafront waste management	Veolia (contracted by TDC) Areas / Times	Beaches scavenged three times daily during the summer season by Veolia
Seafront National Cycle Route	Maps / routes	Seafront National Cycle 150 route <u>Sustrans: Frinton-on-Sea to Clacton-on-Sea (ordnancesurvey.co.uk)</u> <u>Frinton-on-Sea to Clacton-on-Sea - Sustrans.org.uk</u> A cycle route between Jaywick and Frinton. Starting at Jaywick, stay on Promenade till Clacton Lifeboat station, cycle on the path till joining top Promenade by greensward café, once enter Pier Gap come down to bottom Promenade head towards Holland on Bottom Promenade till you get to First Avenue then go up the slope to top Promenade, follow Promenade to Holland haven then follow the pathway until the gate opposite Second avenue gate at Frinton (by Frinton Golf Course).
Boating Lakes	Brightlingsea Clacton on sea Dovercourt Bay	Brightlingsea –Promenade way CO70HH Clacton –marine parade west CO151LS Dovercourt-Lower Marine Parade CO123TA
Beach award areas	Mark on maps	<u>Beach Award Areas</u> <u>Blue Flag</u> Frinton Dovercourt Brightlingsea <u>Seaside award Flag</u> Clacton Martello Bay Frinton Walton-on-the Naze

		Walton-on-the-Naze Albion Harwich Beach
Green Flag award areas	Clacton on sea Frinton on sea	Clacton Seafront Gardens Crescent Gardens Frinton Cliff Park Dovercourt Weeley Crematorium Gardens
Beaches	Maps to show the boundary and who is responsible. Private Nudist (Seawick) Environment Agency TDC	See Appendix 1
Lifesaving equipment	Lifebelt locations DE fib locations	<p><u>Defibrillators</u></p> <p>Every Beach Office has a defibrillator, Beach Offices open May Half Term till September Weekends and school holidays.</p> <p>Opening hours, 10.30am – 5.30pm</p> <p>Brightlingsea and Dovercourt: 11am - 5pm</p> <p><u>Beach Lifeguard/Warden Offices locations with What3words</u></p> <p>Clacton West Beach Office ///pays.conquests.postcard Clacton Palace Beach Office ///ordeals.hunk.grit Clacton Martello Beach Office ///starlight.repeated.protests Walton Beach Office ///pound.tightrope.automate Frinton Beach Office ///puncture.stowing.adjusting Dovercourt Beach Office ///orchids.enclosing.spots Brightlingsea Office ///declines.sands.pronouns</p> <p>Public defibrillators close to seafronts found at Clacton lifeboat station, Dovercourt rugby club and Brightlingsea Toilets Promenade way CO70HH</p>
School Trips / Beach safety talks	Who to contact for advice	To book a school trip/ beach safety talk, contact Seafronts on 01255686702 or email seafronts@tendringdc.gov.uk

Holding events along the seafront	Applications Temporary Event notice Safe Advisory Group	To find an application for holding an event on our seafronts, log onto – www.tendringdc.gov.uk , enter Events, and fill in the event application form
Water Quality	When. Where and who tests	Water quality is tested throughout the summer season by the Environment agency from May September, results shown on the Environment Agency website or award signs across District
Pollution incidents	Reporting	Report to the Environment agency www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency Environment incident hotline Telephone (24-hour service) 0800 80 70 60 For Tendring District Council
Filming on the seafront	Application TDC Communications Manager.	To film on Tendring District Council land, go to the link and fill in the application. https://www.filminginengland.co.uk/partnership/
Managing Beach Safety	A guide from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency on managing beach safety	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/managing-beach-safety