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Meet at Red Acre beach steps (opp Surestart Building in Seaham) keeping the sea free from plastic and other waste. Please wear sturdy footwear and clothes. You can come for ten minutes or longer. You can contact Ian at ian.graham@sunderland.gov.uk for meeting and parking arrangements.

### Thursday 31 May

#### Nose’s Point to Eastington Circular Geology Walk, 10am-2.30pm

Join Ian, Coastal Ranger, who will tell you all about the area, past and present. Discover how access to the beach was possible, travelling along the stream, at the bottom of the dene. We will be looking at the many trees and plants that have colonized the steep walls of the dene. Wellington boots are a MUST for this event. This is a challenging one kilometre walk down into the Dene, walking along the stream bed at times. Please contact Ian for meeting and parking arrangements. Email: ian.graham@sunderland.gov.uk or call 0191 5612468.

#### Secrets of Seaham Archaeology Walk, 10.11-10.30am

Meet our Archaeologist friend David who will take you on a walk through time, taking in St. Mary’s Church and letting you in on Archaeological secrets in Seaham Walk length approx. 1 mile. Meet outside Tonia’s cafe, Seaham Hall beach carpark, North Road, Seaham, SR7 1AQ

#### Toddle round the Dene! 10-11.30am

All toddlers must be with an adult. Suitable for ages 10 months – 3 years. Please note this event is not pushchair friendly. 
Meet outside Seaham Hall beach carpark, Castle Eden Dene NNR, Oakeside Denes Drive, Stanhope Chase, Peterlee, SR8 1NJ.

#### Blast Beach Photography Walk with Gary Lintern, Photographer

10.11-11.30am and 1.30-2.30pm

Join Gary for a photography workshop, where you’ll learn how to photograph coastal landscapes. This event is suitable for absolute beginners, but also for experienced photographers who want to learn more about coastal landscape photography and/or need more practice using manual modes or filters. There will be plenty of opportunities to practice, under expert supervision. Please bring your own camera (and tripod if you have one). Booking only on Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/coastal-landscape-photography-walk-blast-beach-tickets-45804205612) and places are limited! Please note there is a fee of £5 (and a small booking fee for this session).

### Tuesday 29 May

#### Discover Rhyme’s Denemouth Heritage Walk, 10-12noon

Join Ian, Coastal Ranger, who will tell you all about the area, past and present. Discover how access to the beach was possible, travelling along the stream, at the bottom of the dene. We will be looking at the many trees and plants that have colonized the steep walls of the dene. Wellington boots are a MUST for this event. This is a challenging one kilometre walk down into the Dene, walking along the stream bed at times. Please contact Ian for meeting and parking arrangements. Email: ian.graham@sunderland.gov.uk or call 0191 5612468.

#### Yoga on the Beach, 10-11am

Now is your chance to try yoga, not just any old yoga but yoga on the beach! Suitable for all abilities, why not come along, meet Marian and give it a go! All participants are welcome to join us for a well deserved cuppa afterwards at Tonia’s. Booking only – please telephone 03000 268131 to book your place. Please note this event is for 10-16’s only. Meet outside Tonia’s cafe, Seaham Hall Beach carpark, North Road, Seaham, SR7 1AQ

#### Blackhall Rocks Big Bug Hunt! 10.30-12noon

Join Durham Wildlife Trust to discover what bugs may be making their home in these magnificent coastal grasslands. Get creative with some big bugs and take them home (car park only)! This event is suitable for all ages, but under 4’s must be with an adult. Please book your place at www.durhamwt.org.uk/ events

#### Meet at the main car park at Blackhall Rocks picnic area off the A1086 Coast Road, (Nearest Postcode: TS27 4DG)

#### Eastington Colliery Heritage Group Walk, 1-3pm

Two miles (easy) walk and talk. Come and join Brian from Eastington Colliery Heritage Group to find out more about this former pit. For more information please contact Billy Elliot and the miners who worked the area. After the walk there will be a short film show and a cup of tea back at Eastington Welfare Hall. Meet outside Eastington Colliery Social Welfare Centre, Seaside Lane South, SR8 3PL.

#### Red Acre Beach Blitz, 1-2pm

Your coast needs YOU! Help is needed to clean our beaches along the Durham Coast, all required. There will be a short morning (approx 30 minutes) of instruction and a free tool kit provided for those who do not have one. Please bring a packed lunch for the lunch stop which will be at Easington Park café, Park Lane, Horden, SR8 4DE.

#### Crimdon Beach Clean Up! 10am-12noon

Pop-up Beach Clean! Come and join in and help us with the war against plastics. We will clearing the beach at Crimdon, meet at the Little tender hut at 10am. Come for as little or as long as you like, all help much appreciated. All equipment supplied. Please wear sturdy footwear and suitable clothing. Meet at the Little ten hut, follow the path to the south end of the car park.

#### Horden Kite Making and Flying, 2pm and 3.30pm

Come along to Horden welfare park cafe and make and decorate your own kite – we will be flying them in the park afterwards too! Sessions at 2pm or 2.30pm in the Welfare Park cafe, Park Lane, Horden, SR8 4DE

#### Coastal Spring Birds Walk, 10am-1pm

Join Countryside Ranger and Bird Expert John Orray for this 2.5 mile walk around Blackhall. Don’t forget your camera and binoculars! Meet at Blackhall Rocks Carpark, off the A1086 Coast Road (past Station Road), TS27 4AD

#### Ryhope Creepy Crawlies and Rockpooling!, 10am-1pm

Don’t miss Steve and his Animal Ark at Ryhope community centre! This family friendly event will be a short film show and a cup of tea back at Easington Welfare Hall. Please book by telephoning Gail on 0191 5612468 or by emailing gail@hordenwelfare.org.uk

#### The Big Seaweed Search invites you to explore the coast with your friends and family and contribute to real scientific research for the Natural History Museum and the Marine Conservation Society. Come and meet marine expert Emily to learn about the seaweeds of the British Isles and contribute to the important research. Further information can be found at www.bigseaweedsearch.org

#### Meet Emily outside Tonia’s café, Seaham Hall Beach Carpark, SR7 1AQ for a quick chat about the project before heading down to the rocky shore! Booking only - please call Ian Graham on 0191 5612468 or email ian.graham@sunderland.gov.uk

#### Friday 1 June

#### Horden Welfare Park and High Tea, 2-3.30pm

Come along and rekindle those memories and chat about days gone by! High tea and nostalgia will be provided by the lovely staff at Horden Heritage Centre and Vintage Teddy Bears! This is a dementia friendly event, all attendees are welcome to bring a carer or family member along. Please book by telephoning 03000 268131 for further information.

#### Meet outside the café in Horden Welfare Park, Park Lane, Horden, SR8 4DE at 2pm.

### Wednesday 30 May

#### Coastal Footpath Walk (6 hours) 10am start.

Event costs £10.00 (places are limited!)

#### Eastington Colliery Sea Glass Safari, 11am-3pm

Join artist Stuart Langley on a sea glass safari at Easington Colliery beach followed by an art workshop to create your own illuminated seaglass keepsake. Please bring a packed lunch along. Refreshments will be available at Eastington Colliery Bandroom (funds raised for charge). Limited spaces so bookings only online at sea.glass.safari.eventbrite.co.uk or telephone 03000 268131 to book your place.

#### Meet at the entrance to Eastington Colliery coastal carpark at 11am (SR7 3QH) when we will walk to the beach together (suitable clothing and footwear are essential; please note access is by very steep steps.)

#### Not for Softies! River to River Walk

Organised by North East Sport, this will be a challenging 7 mile walk approximately 25 miles along the coast from the Wear to the Tees. It’s tough going so not for the faint hearted! Booking is essential and through North East Sport.co.uk/

#### coastwalk. Over 18’s only. The walk will take up to 8 hours including a lunch break (don’t forget to bring a packed lunch with you and plenty of water!) This is a free event with the return journey by bus from Hartlepool Meeting point is at the rear of the Sunderland Echo 24 Building (on the River Wear side), SR1 3XH

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#### Sandcastle competition

This year we have a sandcastle competition on Slip Seabed and the Bride 22nd May. Everyone from County Durham are offering a VIP Family Pass to many of Durham’s top attractions with free entry to the end of the year! You have to be in it to win it so why not come along and join in the fun!

#### Thursday 31 May

#### Sea kayaking tour 11.30am (Min age 14)

#### Friday 1 June

#### Charity fundraiser for George Elmy Lifeboat House (Min age 14)

#### Saturday 2 June

#### Family ticket to kite making and sandcastle competition at 10am and 1pm (Min age 6)

Please note there is a charge for these activities

To book and for further information call the main office on 0191 561 89 98.