

## BEACH CLEANING KIT



It has everything from gloves to a water testing kit, sharps box and even a risk assessment and lots of other info. It all packs away nicely in the big bin but most of it packs in the black box if transportation is an issue. All groups will need to do is provide their own alcohol gel and bin bags. (Instructions on page 2.)

Afterwards leaders should

- complete the visitors report log
- dispose of the rubbish collected
- clean the kit, including washing the gloves
- replace anything that gets damaged
- return the kit



## STEP 1 WELCOME TO YOUR SCHOOL BEACH CLEAN BOX

### WHAT IS A BEACH CLEAN BOX?

It is a specially designed, beach protection kit and is available for anyone to use. Looked after by SAS Regional Reps and Beach Guardians, there are now hundreds of Beach Clean Boxes in coastal locations across the UK.

Each box contains equipment and guidance that will not only allow communities to remove many tonnes of plastic pollution from their beaches each year but also to help SAS tackle the plastic pollution crisis beyond the beach clean, helping to create #PLASTICFREECOASTLINES!

### WHY DO WE NEED BEACH CLEAN BOXES?

Plastic Pollution is perhaps the most significant threat to our oceans today. It is an environmental problem on a global scale and adversely impacts wildlife, the economy and human health. There may now be around 5.25 trillion macro and microplastic pieces floating in the open ocean and over 5,000 items of plastic litter per mile of the UK's beaches.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

By leading a beach clean you are making a real and noticeable difference to the health of your beach, wider marine environment and the wildlife that live within it. Equally importantly you are setting an incredibly positive and powerful example by donating your time and passion.

Information is Power! In addition to simply removing plastic pollution from the beach, the campaign activities that you take part in and data that you collect are vital in SAS's battle to create plastic free coastlines.

- SurfersAgainstSewage
- sascampaigns
- surfersagainstsewage

## STEP 4 FINISHING TOUCHES

**Organising Your Beach Clean:** Head to the Beach Cleans area of the SAS website and follow the 'STEP BY STEP GUIDE' for more tips.

**Big Beach Clean?:** If there are more than 15 of you and/or your beach has loads of litter it is best to contact the beach manager (council [regional/local] or private) and let them know what you plan to do and where you will place the litter.

**Recycling:** Please recycle as much as you can. PET plastic bottles and cans are the most 'recyclable' items.

**Bin It!** More often than not it will be possible to put the litter in the bins provided on or near the beach. If you have to leave some next to the bins, make sure it's securely bagged and contains no organic waste. It's important to ensure that the litter you remove stays off the beach and doesn't cause harm elsewhere.

**Recording (and shouting about!) Your Beach Clean Results:** Once you've finished please remember to log all of your 'stats' in the Report Book. Upload photos from your beach clean to your social media using #PLASTICFREECOASTLINES and tag SAS.

## STEP 2 SCHOOL BEACH CLEAN BOX USER GUIDE

### THE BEACH CLEAN BOX CODE

We hope that this box will serve your school and community for many years, so please be careful not to damage it and always leave it at least as tidy as you find it. If there is anything missing or broken, please let SAS HQ know (you could even re-stock the bin bags, or wash the gloves).

### KEEPING SAFE

Our beaches are as wild and unpredictable as they are beautiful. Please do everything you can to ensure yours and your beach clean team's safety whilst leading a beach clean.

Please read the SAS Beach Clean Safety Guide and Risk/Benefit Assessment Documents included in the 'Keeping Safe' folder. Key things to remember include;

### DYNAMIC RISK ASSESSMENT

Use a bit of good old common sense! When you arrive at the beach stand quietly for 60 seconds and think about the location, environment, tides and weather in relation to your volunteers and how you will keep them safe.

Simple rules include;

- Make sure all volunteers under 16 are accompanied by a responsible adult
- Know the tide times and heights
- Try to stay above high tide line when cleaning (this is where the litter settles)
- Don't go near/in the water
- Don't climb cliffs or dunes
- Be very careful on and around rocks
- Don't pick-up any organic waste (dog poo bags especially!) as it makes the bin bags attractive to scavengers

Sharps! Make it very clear that people should not pick up sharp or potentially contaminated materials. Ask them to let you know if they spot some and remove it yourself if safe to do so.

Sharps include;

- Needles and other medical waste
- Broken glass
- Rusty/jagged metal
- Recently discharged Sewage Related Debris

### FIRST AID

Familiarise yourself with the location and contents of the First Aid kit but remember, if in doubt, CALL 999.

### MANUAL HANDLING

The Beach Clean Box is pretty heavy, please be careful when lifting it and share the load wherever possible.

## STEP 3 BEACH CLEAN BOX KIT LIST

### BEACH CLEAN TOOLS

These are the tools of the trade, use them well and they'll prove invaluable in keeping your beach clean and safe.

- 50+ Bin Bags
- 40 Beach Clean Gloves (10 x adults and 30 x kids)
- 2 'Graptor' Litter Pickers
- 2 Beach Clean Buckets
- Beach Clean Mini Shovel
- Special Microplastic Sifting Sieve
- Citizen Science Test Tube Rack
- SAS Beach Clean Flag
- Campaign Clipboard

### JUST FOR FUN

Protecting the marine environment is serious business but that doesn't mean it can't be fun. Use these to explore, create and make people smile!

- Marine Litter Monsters 'Creation Cards'
- 1 pack of Monster Googly Eyes
- Beach Clean Bingo Cards
- Rocky Shore Explorers ID Card
- SAS stickers

### BEYOND THE BEACH CLEAN & CITIZEN SCIENCE

We can't solve the plastic pollution crisis with beach cleans alone. Use these special assets to increase your knowledge and collect vital evidence for SAS.

- Beach Clean Box Report Book
- Plastic Free Schools Campaign Kit
- Plastic Free Coastlines Campaign Kit
- SAS Plastic Pollution Guide
- SAS Ocean School Pack

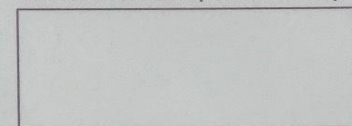
### KEEPING SAFE

The most important thing is that you and your beach clean volunteers stay safe at all times. Familiarise yourself with all of these before you start.

- Risk/Benefit Assessment and SAS Safety Guidelines
- First Aid Kit
- Sharps Box
- Hand Sanitiser

### SAS REGIONAL REPS & BEACH GUARDIANS TEAM-UP

This Beach Clean Box is kept and maintained by:



We'll be working in partnership with your local SAS Regional Reps team.

### KIT RUNNING LOW?

Remember the 'Beach Clean Box Code' and let your local Rep and beachcleans@sas.org.uk know if anything needs topping up or replacing (and if you have any great ideas about extra kit!).



### THANK YOU!

For donating your time and passion, helping us to protect our oceans, waves and beaches for everyone to enjoy. We can't wait to hear how your beach clean goes!

### FURTHER INFORMATION

There's so much more to get involved with, so if you've been inspired by using the Beach Clean Box please drop us a line at: [beachcleans@sas.org.uk](mailto:beachcleans@sas.org.uk) or call 01672 553001

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