

Community Engagement & Education

We believe that community engagement plays an important role in encouraging both visitors and residents to feel a sense of ownership for their local coastline.

The Fylde Sand Dunes Project offers an outreach programme delivering public engagement and education in the form of:

- Talks and presentations
- Guided walks
- Beach School
- Events: Including beached art competitions, mini-beast hunting, mud dipping, pond dipping, beach bonanzas, strandline searches, and many more!
For a full list of our upcoming events please visit: www.lancswt.org.uk/events

For more information on our outreach programme please visit our website or contact us.



For more information on this project please visit www.lancswt.org.uk/fylde-sand-dunes or contact Amy Pennington, our Sand Dunes Project Officer, by emailing apennington@lancswt.org.uk

Get Involved

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help in the delivery of our work.

If you are passionate about your local area and keen to make a difference, please contact us.

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Introduction to the Dunes

With the help of volunteers and the local community, the Fylde Sand Dunes Project works hard to make the dunes a better place for both wildlife and people.

The Fylde sand dunes are an important feature of the coastline, covering approximately 80 hectares between Starr Gate in the North and Lytham in the South.

Unfortunately, over the past 150 years, more than 80% of our sand dunes have been lost. This loss is mainly due to the urban expansion of our coastal towns.

However, while much depleted, the remaining dunes in Fylde make up more than 90% of Lancashire's sand dunes, and still form the most significant part of the Borough's coastal defence. It is therefore important that we protect and conserve this valuable asset to our coastline.



The Fylde Sand Dunes Project

The Fylde Sand Dunes Project is a partnership project between Fylde Council, Blackpool Council and The Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside.

It was established to conserve the dune system and to increase awareness of their significance. The main aims for management of the Fylde sand dunes are to:

- Enhance the nature conservation interest of the coastal habitats,
- Improve the efficiency of the dunes and saltmarsh as soft sea-defence
- Enhance public appreciation and enjoyment of the dunes

Practical Conservation

The project regularly carries out practical conservation management on the dunes which includes;

- Controlling invasive non-native species
- Repairing the dunes by thatching and filling blow-outs
- Developing pathways to create recognisable access points and reduce dune erosion
- Erecting posts and using chestnut paling fencing to trap wind-blown sand and create new dunes on the foreshore.
- Planting dune grasses to help bind and anchor sand particles
- Creating dune slacks to encourage a greater diversity of wildlife

