

Blue Flag Award Assessment

St Annes - North Beach

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<u>Environmental Education</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information about Blue Flag must be displayed at the beach. Environmental Education activities must be offered and promoted at the beach. Information about water quality must be displayed. Info relating to local eco systems and environmental phenomena must be displayed. A map of the beach indicating different facilities must be displayed. A code of conduct that reflects appropriate laws governing the use of the beach and surrounding areas must be displayed. 	<p>Install 2 x interpretation signs.</p> <p>Environmental Education can be offered as part of the existing Ranger Service, Fylde Sand Dunes Project and LoveMyBeach team programmes. Includes volunteer days, public events and environmental education.</p> <p>Install 2 x safety signs with integral notice board showing beach safety information, bye-laws, emergency contacts and water quality information.</p> <p>This can be incorporated in the 2 x interpretation signs.</p> <p>This can be incorporated in the 2 x interpretation signs.</p> <p>This can be incorporated in the 2 x safety signs as above.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>	<p>Est. £2,000</p> <p>Utilise existing staff. Materials and publicity costs £1,000 per annum.</p> <p>Est. £1,500</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

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<u>Water Quality</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beach must fully comply with the water quality sampling and frequency requirements. The beach must fully comply with the standards and requirements for water quality analysis No industrial, waste water or sewage- related discharges should effect the beach area. The beach must achieve 'EXCELLENT' water quality as set out in bathing water directive. 	<p>Bathing Water Quality tests ongoing Environment Agency. BWQ status currently 'GOOD'. Multi-agency approach to improving water standards. More localised dog and litter controls to be examined.</p> <p>As above. Multi-agency approach to improving water standards. More localised dog and litter controls to be examined.</p> <p>As above. Multi-agency approach to improving water standards. More localised dog and litter controls to be examined.</p> <p>As above. Multi-agency approach to improving water standards. More localised dog and litter controls to be examined.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>	<p>Undetermined at present. Cost implications to beach cleansing, enforcement of bye-laws and improved signage.</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
<u>Environmental Management</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Local Authority should establish a beach management committee. The Local Authority must comply with regulations affecting the location and operation of the beach. The beach must be clean. 	<p>Form sub group of the Fylde Environmental Forum.</p> <p>To be determined.</p> <p>Existing beach clean operation. Poor access causing H&S risks. Review operational methodology and volunteer capacity.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>-</p> <p>Y</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>Maintenance implication.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bins must be available at the beach and must be regularly emptied. 	Existing beach clean operation. Poor access causing H&S risks. Review methodology and volunteer capacity.	Y	Maintenance implication.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities for separation of recyclable waste materials should be available at the beach. 	None at present. As above, review beach cleansing operation and assess feasibility of the introduction/ emptying of recycling bins in key locations.	N	TBC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilet facilities must be provided. 	None at present - feasibility report produced. Obtain accurate costings from Danfo for 2-4 x units.	N	Estimate between £90,000 - £140,000 construction and installation installed. Maintenance costs to be factored and weighed against the revenue of for-charge units.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets/ restroom facilities must be kept clean 	As above.	N	Estimate of £ 5,000 per annum
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets/ restroom facilities must have controlled sewage disposal. 	As above.	N	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There should be no unauthorised camping, driving or dumping of waste on the beach. 	Vehicular access controls and signage required. PSPO's could be utilised to control ASB and be enforced by rangers.	N	Enforcement time implication.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the bathing season dogs must be excluded from the area of the beach. 	Dog exclusion applies 1 st May – 30 th September.	Y	-
		Y	Maintenance implication.

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<u>Safety and Services</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If appropriate, an adequate number of lifeguards and/or lifesaving equipment must be available at the beach. First Aid equipment must be available at the beach. Emergency Plans to cope with pollution risks must be in place. There must be management of beach users and events to prevent conflicts and accidents. There must be safety measures in place to protect beach users. A supply of drinking water should be available at the beach. 	<p>Life belts present and inspected daily. Rangers patrol daily.</p> <p>Coast Guard Station possible first aid point but access limited. Emergency procedures and contacts to be advertised on new signage. Rangers carry first aid provision in vehicles.</p> <p>Informal process in place. Coastal Emergency Plan to be developed to ensure formal approach to incidents. New safety notice boards to be utilised for risk notices.</p> <p>Coastal Emergency Plan and corporate Event Management Procedures to be utilised to achieve this.</p> <p>Signage, water safety equipment, staff patrols and enforcement, Coastal Emergency Plan.</p>	<p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>

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St Annes – Pier Beach

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	Environmental Education can be offered as part of the existing Ranger Service, Fylde Sand Dunes Project and LoveMyBeach team programs. Includes volunteer days, public events and environmental education.	Y	Utilise existing staff. Materials and publicity costs est. £1,000 per annum.
	Install 2 x safety signs with integral notice board showing beach safety information, bye-laws, emergency contacts and water quality information.	N	Est. £1,500
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilet facilities must be provided. 	Existing Danfo toilet Units within Promenade Gardens and are on a maintenance contract.	Y	-
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