

Calshot

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Looking back over the Summer at Calshot, the weather has been mixed. If you were lucky enough to be able to drop everything and get down to your hut on those hot sunny days, they were wonderful. On those occasions we shared our beach with many visitors, but now the cooler days have arrived we have a more peaceful experience when visiting our huts.

Weekly sea water samples taken from Calshot by the Environment Agency over the summer have been for the most part excellent, but on three occasions the weekly samples have shown a slight rise in e-coli due to sewage being discharged into the Solent at Calshot. Very few samples were taken last year due to the pandemic, but in 2019/18 the beach rating was uniformly excellent.

On a happier note, Steve Cook, NFDC's Coastal Service Manager has run four distance races including the London Marathon to raise money for Parkinson's UK, Oakhaven Hospice and Solent Mind. Your Association has donated £100 in support of Steve's excellent efforts.

This newsletter wouldn't be complete without mentioning the demolition of the Fawley Power Station chimney, a much-loved feature dominating the Calshot skyline for over 50 years. Our beach huts are outside the safety exclusion zone for the 07.00 planned demolition. If you are thinking of coming to Calshot on 31st October, be aware that the B3053 road leading to Calshot will be closed from 05.30 (to be confirmed).

NFDC have appointed ABP to maintain and replace the exclusion marker buoys off Calshot and this has now been completed. NFDC are also working to reopen the Gents toilets on the slipway car park which were vandalised earlier this month. Thanks to all of you who have kept Calshot clean by litter picking over the summer.

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