

Calshot

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Owning a beach hut during the continuing Covid - 19 pandemic has been an invaluable asset and for many hutters has given us the opportunity to enjoy 'away days' at Calshot. We saw an increase in visitors during the long hot days of summer, and on the whole, we enjoyed sharing the beach. Now that Autumn has arrived, we are still enjoying warm sunny days but in a quieter environment!

Looking back, Calshot had its fair share of excitement over the summer and it all started with a light aircraft running out of fuel and ditching in the Solent, luckily without injury. The RNLi have been kept busy with rescues off the beach, from inflatables being carried out to sea to paddleboarders getting stuck on the mudflats.

Unfortunately, it has not all been good, with anti-social behaviour which required Police attendance, and a waste bin fire needing the Fire Brigade to extinguish it. An ongoing problem with visitors camping overnight has been an issue of which NFDC is aware. Please report any anti-social behaviour to **101**, quoting the postcode, **SO45 1BR**.

Thanks to hut owners and beach visitors alike, rubbish has been kept to a minimum; especially important as we had to cancel our annual litter pick.

As Covid still dominates our life, NFDC has been unable to re-open the Slipway toilets due to the construction of the building which affords little ventilation. I will continue to push for these toilets to be re-opened as soon as possible.

On a very positive note, the demand for huts at Calshot has rocketed and those which have changed hands over the summer commanded high prices. I still have 15 prospective buyers on my waiting list. Buyers and sellers are reminded that there is now a free-to-use (for NFBHOA members) Hut Sales page on our website, so please visit www.newforestbeachhuts.com for up to date information.

Hopefully when this virus allows, we can celebrate at our huts and bring our little community back together with the biggest of hugs!

For now, social distancing is still required, so please be aware of this when enjoying the beach.

Keep safe, stay well, and look out for one another!

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