

Plastic Free Helensburgh.

As part of Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Communities PFH is striving to achieve Plastic Free Town status.

Based on the population of Helensburgh we are tasked with signing up local independent businesses and community groups as allies to pledge to reduce the use of single use plastics and adopted more sustainable habits and lifestyles.

We have more than 20 approved business and another tranche waiting approval from SAS in Cornwall.

We are hoping to sign 20 community groups and businesses shortly.

We have a small steering group who meet every 4 weeks on teams and a wide following of active members in the community who are concerned and striving to reduce litter and waste and remove the rubbish lying around our beaches, townscape and country side.

We are currently pressing for more effective waste bins particularly along the front and have undertaken a trash survey for the month of July of some 50 bins in the central area.

In conjunction with many of our members undertaking regular individual litter picks we joined the Community Council in there monthly beach clean.

We have planned another survey/ information giving and gathering exercise with the fast food shops in the town, with information on the withdrawal of some packaging such as polystyrene due next year.

We are also looking into the quality of sea water on our shores and the factors which caused the highest number of overflows reported to SEPA by Scottish Water in 2020 with 1245 overflow events from the Wastewater Treatment Works.

PFH has planned, secured funding, (from A&B and Stop Climate Chaos Scotland Climate Fringe Fund) and organised a full programme of events for the Climate Fringe Week 18th -26th September. In collaboration with a number of local groups there are events for a wide range of interests and ages throughout each day in multiple locations in the town and on zoom, some ticketed, some self directed.

Funding has also allowed the purchase of litter picking equipment and feather flags to highlight where activities are taking place.

We are also part of the A&B Climate Education Summit. And collaborating in the Council lead Pre-Cop Event in November.

Events will be advertised on facebook and the community advertiser.

If you are interested in any of the up coming events, our general activities, becoming a community ally group or joining our steering group please get in touch via face book.

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Helensburgh Litter Pickers

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