

PFH Report H&L CPP May 2023

PFH continue to work with our Business Champions and Community Allies.

HCC and PFH 10 am last Saturday in the month beach cleans resumed after a January break.

We thank A & B for providing a 20 yard skip in February and March. PFH supplemented this with a 10 yard skip. Around 30 people and David Howie with his tractor clearer the 10 yard strip close to the pier and hand picked plastics, wipes and other rubbish from the remaining 90 m to the Hendry Bell Monument.

Nearly 50 people turned out for the PFH clean up of the grass and prom at the East Bay 661 kgs of debris was removed. At least 60 bags of rubbish had already been removed from here post the December clean up.

These early cleans are really important as it stops the high tides on windless day taking all of the plastics, wipes and other rubbish to recirculate around the river and out to sea.

We attended KSB Upstream Battle anchor group meeting to here what was happening up stream and on the Forth and Tay.

We also attended the Coastal Communities and Scottish Island Federation Marine Litter Conference in Mallaig in March. Here we lead a breakout session on Barriers to Disposal for Marine Litter.

Later in march the SAS Ocean Activists Conference in Swansea gave incite and perspective on what is happening around Britain.

An outcome was that PFH lead on the formation of a Scottish group. The Conference delegates along with other PF Communities we are already working with are now jointly looking at matters of litter.

The first step is looking into better ways of disposal and information to take a ways on the lack of facilities for products labelled as bio-degradable as there are currently no suitable schemes for disposable in Scotland.

As PFH we are continuing to look at and lobby for a way to sustainably dispose of the huge quantities of plastic contaminated debris washed up in winter storms and encourage reducing use and discouraging littering.