




**Get started!**

To get started contact either the **Litter Free Team** on 02920 874713 or email [litterfreesomerset@gmail.com](mailto:litterfreesomerset@gmail.com), or the **Somerset Wildlife Trust Team** on 01823 652400 or email [enquiries@somersetwildlife.org](mailto:enquiries@somersetwildlife.org).

CORE PRINCIPLES					
Actions speak louder than words – lead by example and celebrate what you are achieving within your community.					
It's action time – find your allies within the school, and make a plan of action to achieve each of the different actions in the Award's action plan.					
Set to work – it's time for some investigation – what does your school already do to protect the coastal environment and where could it do better.					
Get your team ready: Identify fellow Guardians of the Coast and pick your A team (hint – try to include a wide range of players in your team including teachers, school managers, PTA members, pupils and TAs)					
Voluntarily sign up to the School Award and become an active Somerset Coastal Guardian					
WATER		WASTE		NATURE	
Work with the school's maintenance team to make sure that all drains are clear and flowing freely. Make sure you visit the <a href="http://connectright.co.uk">connectright.co.uk</a> website to find out more about checking for and fixing mis-connections.	✓	Make sure your school has a registered waste carrier to recycle cooking oil.	✓	Organise an event or assembly to 'Celebrate Nature along the Coast' (this could include art, drama, poetry or prose) for the whole school or local community.	✓
Sign up to and implement the national Yellow Fish campaign to ensure that only rain goes down the drain. Work with the school's maintenance team and cleaning staff to ensure that the drains are kept clean ( <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/avoiding-pollution-yellow-fish-scheme">www.gov.uk/government/publications/avoiding-pollution-yellow-fish-scheme</a> ).	✓	Review the amount of food waste generated in the school. Identify ways to reduce food waste and ask your head teacher to make sure that any leftover food from the lunchroom is recycled properly as food waste. Where possible, set up links with a local food bank to make sure that any unwanted food is put to good use and to further minimise waste.	✓	Did you know that dog fouling at the coast is bad for the ecosystem, water quality and even peoples health. Investigate the issues and ways to avoid impact. Share your report findings with the different classes in your school.	✓
Add sink strainers and a grease separator where necessary to all plugs in the kitchen and canteen (and any cookery areas) to prevent food from washing down and blocking drains.	✓	Bird-proof your bins, practice and promote the messages behind the #DontFeedtheLocals campaign (see separate materials).	✓	Help protect local coastal wildlife by carrying out some simple conservation tasks such as working with local environmental groups or businesses on a coastal project or making bird boxes, bug palaces or wild areas in your school grounds.	✓
Install drinking water fountains across the site to ensure easy access to drinking water	✓	Challenge your school to have a single-use plastic free lunch at least once a week.	✓	Find out if the fish in your school meals has been sustainably caught or sourced. Work with your school caterers to make sure this becomes a school policy. Make posters about sustainable fishing to put up in dining areas to promote this to all pupils.	✓
Congratulations, you have completed the second level! On to level three!					



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