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## **Bournemouth Students Take on Beach Litter!**

**Bournemouth beach saw a lot of litter over the summer so it was fitting that the first student beach clean was held there. Students are a vital part of the solution to tackle litter on our famous beach!**

### **Main text:**

Burnt out sparklers left from bonfire night, cigarette butts and bottle tops were amongst the items that Bournemouth University students found and picked up on their first student only beach clean of the academic year!

Bournemouth Students blitzed Bournemouth beach with litter pickers and bin liners on Wednesday! Beach cleaning is one of the most popular volunteering activities at Bournemouth University and has a dedicated student volunteers group - The SUBU Beach Champions; this is run through the Student Union. This project gives students the opportunity to make the most of Dorset's incredible coastline, give back to the community and the natural environment.

*'The coast is the only accessible place we can tackle the existing marine litter and beach cleans provide a crucial opportunity to remove the litter once and for all before it's washed away on the next tide. Marine litter harms our wildlife and only recently a discarded fish hook wounded a dog out on its walk near Poole Harbour. It won't be long before we find plastic on our plates in the fish we eat, so we must all do our bit and pick up what litter we can, both on our streets and on the beach.'* Jess Bone- the SUBU Beach Champions Project Leader.

The SUBU Beach Champions have had a working partnership with Dorset Litter Free Coast and Sea for a few years now and both parties have had a strong focus on not just picking up litter- but attempting to solve the root of the problem in the first place by educating students and members of the public. The Student's Union at Bournemouth University is to host their first ever 'Zero Waste Week' at the beginning of December which will focus on raising awareness of excess waste around the Christmas period.

The SUBU Beach Champions will be hosting beach cleans once a month especially for students at several different seaside hotspots during the academic year- so look out for the SUBU Beach Champions springing up at a beach near you very soon!



SUBU Beach Champions at Bournemouth Beach on Wednesday

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