

Yorkshire's Bathing Waters

Scarborough and Whitby Area Constituency Committee
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Overview

- Bathing Water Directive
- Influences on Bathing Water Quality
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Yorkshire Coastal Partnership
- Our Investment

Bathing Water Directive

The Bathing Water Directive sets out the requirements for:

- Monitoring and classifying bathing water quality
- Managing bathing water quality
- Providing information to the public on bathing water quality

Under the Directive, bathing waters are classified annually into the following categories:



Excellent bathing water quality



Good bathing water quality



Sufficient bathing water quality



Poor bathing water quality



Advice against bathing

Influences on Bathing Water Quality



Roles and Responsibilities

Defra

Designate
bathing waters

Publish
classifications

Environment Agency

Regulatory
sampling

Assess BW
compliance

Local Authority

Apply for
designation/de-
designation

Display bathing
water advice

Water Companies

Responsible for
sewerage
infrastructure

Partnership
working

Yorkshire Coastal Bathing Water Partnership

Partnership Board
(Twice Yearly)

Attendees:

- Yorkshire Water (CHAIR) – Lee Pitcher
- Environment Agency – Mike Dugher/Martin Christmas
- East Riding Yorkshire Council – Alan Menzies
- Scarborough Borough Council – Nick Edwards
- TAG Link/Tech Sec – Geraldine Sewell

Technical Action Group
(Bi-Monthly)

Attendees:

- Environment Agency (CHAIR)
- Yorkshire Water
- East Riding Yorkshire Council
- Scarborough Borough Council
- SBC Harbour Commissioner
- ER Harbour Commissioner

By Exception:

- Yorkshire Wildlife Trust
- University of Hull
- Other organisations to give specific updates

Stakeholder
Forum
(As required)

Communication
Group
(As required)

Our Vision:

To support the development of a thriving and prosperous coastline in Yorkshire by unlocking the benefits of excellent bathing water quality on the coast.

Our Objective:

To achieve excellent bathing water status at all of Yorkshire's designated bathing waters.



Partnership History

First projections under rBWD for Yorkshire

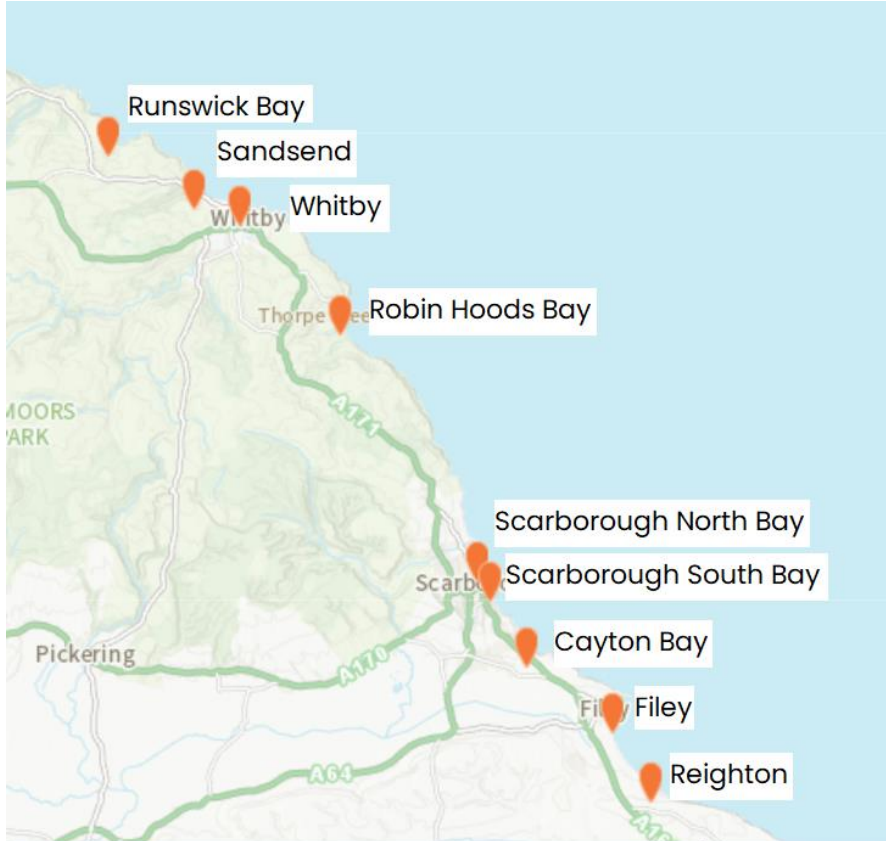


Latest classifications for Yorkshire



Tunstall is 'unassessed' due to lack of safe access.

Scarborough and Whitby Area Bathing Waters



Excellent bathing water quality
★ ★ ★
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- Runswick Bay
- Whitby
- Scarborough North
- Cayton Bay
- Reighton



Good bathing water quality
★ ★
★ ★ ★
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- Sandsend
- Robin Hoods Bay
- Filey



Sufficient bathing water quality
★ ★ ★
★ ★
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- Scarborough South



Our Investment

Between 2010 and 2015, we invested over £110 million in improving Yorkshire's beaches. In Scarborough, this included over £50 million to:

- Increase our storm water capacity
- Reduce storm discharges to sea
- Increase our pumping capacity

This included upgrades at:

- Wheatcroft
- Toll House
- Scalby Mills
- Scarborough Sewage Treatment Works



Our Investment

In 2020, we invested £1 million (across Scarborough and Bridlington) to develop prediction models, to further enhance our understanding of what impacts bathing water quality.

We also launched our 'Do Your Bit' campaign in 2019 in Scarborough, to encourage responsible beach use and plastic recycling with the installation of Fin the Fish.



Future Plans

- Currently undertaking pre-season walkovers & agreeing partnership action plans
- Ongoing investment at Endeavour Wharf to improve station reliability
- Ongoing investment at Scalby Mills to improve screenings handling
- Pathway to Excellence Project



Any Questions?