

# Yorkshire's Bathing Waters

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# 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  
★ ★ ★  
★ ★  
★  
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**Good** bathing  
water quality  
★ ★ ★  
★ ★  
★  
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**Sufficient** bathing  
water quality  
★ ★ ★  
★ ★  
★  
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**Poor** bathing  
water quality  
★ ★ ★  
★ ★  
★  
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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 advise

## Water Companies

Responsible for  
sewerage  
infrastructure

# Yorkshire Coastal Bathing Water Partnership

Environment  
Agency

Scarborough  
Borough  
Council

East Riding of  
Yorkshire  
Council

Yorkshire  
Water

Yorkshire  
Wildlife Trust

University of  
Hull

# Partnership History

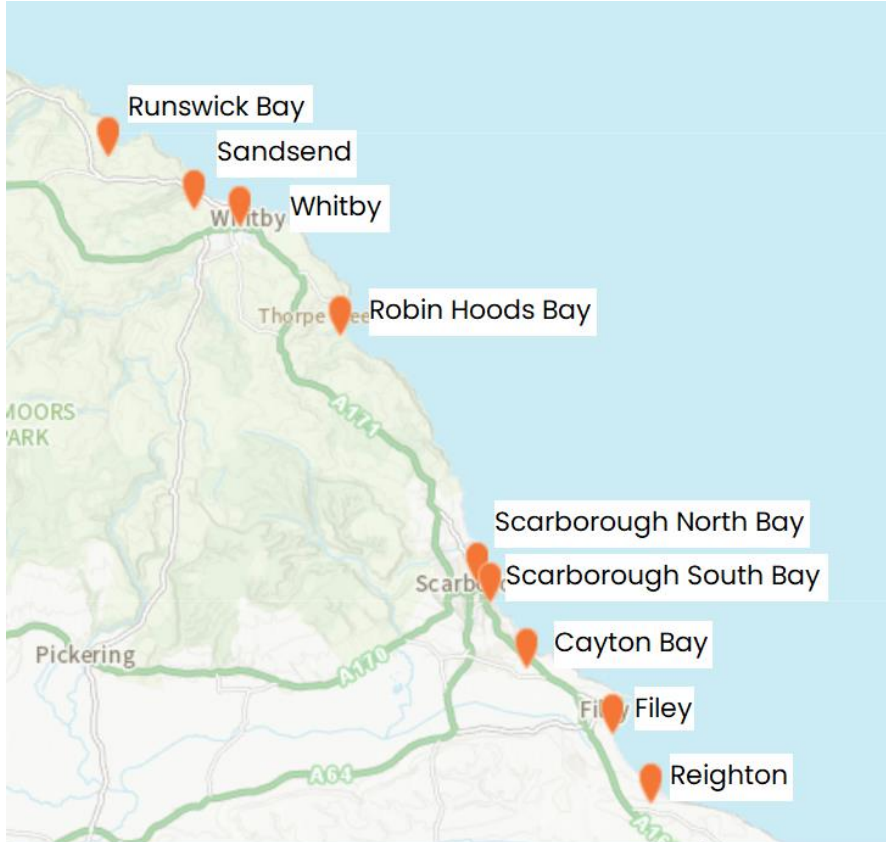
## First projections under rBWD for Yorkshire



## Latest classifications for Yorkshire



# Scarborough and Whitby Area Bathing Waters



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



**Good** bathing  
water quality  
★ ★ ★  
★ ★  
★  
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- Sandsend
- Filey



**Poor** 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

Last year, 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

