

NURDLE —NEWS—

FINDS

THE GREAT EASTER NURDLE HUNT! This Easter weekend we teamed up with the [Marine Conservation Society](#) for an Easter hunt with a difference! Hunts were carried out across the UK and abroad with the help of NGOs across Europe with finds reported to our online map. Here are some of the photos we were sent on our #nurdlehunt twitter feed:



Cumbræ Island (N Welden)



Oslo Fjord, Norway (C. Spiten)



Westerschelde, NL (J Dagevos)



Tegrantle, Cornwall (C Buckland)

Remember, we're keen to hear about any hunts for nurdles. You can report your finds to us [online](#). Have a look on our website for some [tips to help you hunt](#).

THE CLYDE NURDLE QUEST This Spring we're working with Natalie Welden, a researcher at the Stockholm Environment Institute, organising a unique citizen science nurdle survey on the Firth of Clyde. Supporters include Arran [COAST](#), [FSC Millport](#) and members of the [Firth of Clyde Forum](#). A training day will be taking place on 30th April at the Field Studies Centre, Millport, Cumbræ Island. **Contact us to get involved!**

Want to get involved in citizen science in the Clyde Sea?

then join the...
CLYDE NURDLE QUEST

Help us to monitor harmful plastic pollution on your local beach

INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY FIRTH OF FORTH: Our work with industry in the Firth of Forth region is progressing well. We are pleased to report that FOUR new companies have taken the [Operation Clean Sweep](#) pledge to reduce pellet loss to zero. Thanks to [Thredgards](#), [Brand-Rex](#), [John Mitchell Haulage and Warehousing](#) and [Glendale Plastics](#) for taking the pledge and showing your commitment to stopping pellet loss for good. We have also begun to extend our engagement to the Firth of Clyde.



Our Nurdle Map complete with Nurdle Champs ()

HIGHLIGHTING GOOD WORK: We are keen to highlight the positive steps being taken by industry to tackle this problem, so we've updated our website: You can now find 'OCS champs' placemarkers on our Nurdle finds map. Also, in the ['Nurdles: The Solution'](#) section of the website, you can now find out more about our [Work with Industry](#), [Operation Clean Sweep](#) and details of some [Case Study](#) companies.



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EVENT REPORTS

POLYTALK 2016

Together with [Fauna and Flora International](#), we travelled to Brussels to attend the international conference *Polytalk 2016: Zero Plastics to the Oceans* organised by Plastics Europe, where we gave a 6 minute speed-talk about pellet loss and prevention. The conference was a great opportunity to meet other NGOs interested in marine litter issues, and to make new connections with industry around Europe.



Dan Steadman (FFI) and Maddy Berg (Fidra) speaking about pellet loss at Polytalk 2016

RESEARCH



PUTTING NUMBERS ON NURDLES

Early this year, we commissioned a report, conducted by [Eunomia Research and Consulting](#), to find out how many pellets might be lost to the environment by the plastics industry each year in the UK. The report is now available to read [online](#), along with a [report briefing](#) we've made to put results into context.

(Image by Clare McIntyre, @WitchCreations)

OTHER FIDRA NEWS

A BUDDING NEW WEBSITE

Fidra's other ongoing project, The Cotton Bud Project, now *has its own website!* Here you will find all you need to know about plastic cotton bud sticks: Why they end up on our beaches, why they are bad news for wildlife, and how you can become a cotton bud buddy!

Fidra has been working away behind the scenes for a number of years engaging with retailers to switch from plastic to paper cotton bud sticks. The launch of the website comes with the fantastic news that both Waitrose and Johnson&Johnson have agreed to *phase out plastic cotton bud sticks by the end of 2016!*

FIDRA IN THE NEWS

Numbers from our new pellet loss report featured in the [Independent on Sunday](#).

Transport News featured Fidra and John Mitchell Haulage and Warehousing in their October 2015 Issue.

The Cotton Bud Project made it into the [Telegraph](#) with the news of J&J's switch to paper sticks!



FIDRA IS ONLINE!

Check out our new website, www.fidra.org.uk for news of our other projects. You can also follow Fidra on LinkedIn ([Fidra SCIO](#)) and Twitter ([@FidraInfo](#)).



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