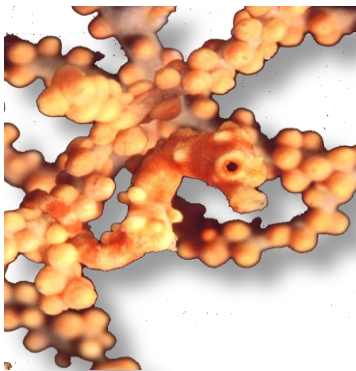


The Seahorse Trust

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NATURE

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NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our latest newsletter, please enjoy it. We hope you have had a great spring and summer, especially with the amazing heat wave that drove so many people to the coast, and it's been very hot. Global warming is a fact, and we collectively need to do something about it. By supporting our charity, you can make a massive difference to the natural world and global warming and below are just a few stories about what we have been up to this year.

For a lot more information, check out our very active [FACEBOOK](#) page and we hope you enjoy it and love the things [The Seahorse Trust](#) and our incredible team of volunteers and supporters have managed to achieve this year.

Even with a small team we seem to make a massive difference, but it is you, our amazing supporters that allow us to do this. – THANK YOU from everyone involved in [The Seahorse Trust](#).

We need your help please. To manage to do all the conservation, education, research and advocacy work that we do costs a lot of money and we are totally reliant on donations and grants. If you could make a small donation by using this QR code it will help us to carry on our fight for the natural world and to make sure we have seahorses in the future. **Thank you**



Studland Bay Seahorse Project

What an incredibly successful year for Studland Bay and the partnership. With all the hot weather, Studland has been very busy, and the use of the [ecomoorings](#) has been fantastic and very successful. We need to do a bit more work for the smaller boats and install shallow water [ecomoorings](#) for them, but all in all, a very successful year.



This success has been proven in so many ways, such as by the Masters Project done by Kira Dunn from our partners at [Southampton University](#). Kira (picture left) has shown, through her research work that the anchor scars caused by anchors being dropped into the seagrass are healing and repairing themselves, now there is an alternative with the [ecomoorings](#).



Kira Dunn
Picture by Valerie Mather

This is a vindication of our long, hard fight to save this incredibly special area, the seagrass and the seahorses.

More good news is the [Environment Agency](#) did a survey of the Studland Bay and have shown that the seagrass is spreading north in the bay at a very fast rate, again vindication of the use of our ecomoorings.

There is more good news. Dr Ken Collins and Jenny Mallinson, who organize the surveys at Studland Bay in partnership with us, have shown that on all dives, seahorses are being seen. This is the first time in years

that this has happened. We even went through a period of 2 and half years, a few years ago, when we did not see a single seahorse.

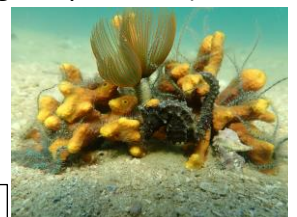
We have left the best news to last. Juvenile seahorses have been seen a lot this year on the site and on one dive we had 8 juveniles in one area and juveniles have been seen on repeat dives. These juveniles would have been born this year and are up to 10 cm from the top of the head to the end of the tail.

Without a doubt the making of [Studland Bay into a Marine Conservation Zone](#) has proven to be an important, major, groundbreaking step, even though it took so long. [The Seahorse Trust](#) and its partners fought so hard to achieve this, and we did it and the results speak for themselves.

None of this could have been done without you, without your support, without your kind donations, Thank you. There is still more to do and the ecomoorings cost the [Studland Bay Marine Partnership](#) about £100,000 a year to maintain and so please help us to keep this project going.



Greece Seahorse Project The Seahorse Trust works with partners all over the world and one of our favorites, is with Susan in Greece. Susan is doing a survey very similar to ours in Studland; to find out more about the seahorses in her area. (sorry we cannot give the location at this stage to protect it). Her work is proving to be very exciting and now we have teamed up with Alex and Christina from the Patros University in Greece, to study the area in more depth. It's proving to be an exciting site with both European seahorse species present, plus Pinna Shells, dolphins, pelicans, flamingos and so much more.



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Seahorse art exhibition



Artist Perdita Sinclair put on an incredible art exhibition, supporting [The Seahorse Trust](#) at the Phoenix Centre in Brighton. Perdita was inspired to paint human sized seahorses and the paintings were stunning. The exhibition ran for a week, and she was inspired to call the exhibition Nøkk, which is an old Norse word for seahorse, taken from the Scandinavian water spirit Nøkken. Perdita's paintings are still for sale, so contact us if you are interested.



We wanted to say a massive thank you to [The Sealife Trust](#) for their £1,000 donation towards our seahorse surveys in the British Seahorse Survey. This comes from their 2026 Conservation Funding Programme. With this grant, we can buy kit and pay for air for some of our volunteers, which will allow us to do more research. We already have 7 sites in the survey and are hoping to expand this much further; It is the biggest survey of its kind in the world. Hundreds of volunteers have put in a lot of hours underwater (thousands since 2008, when we

started at Studland), logging and recording seahorses under our [Marine Management Organisation Licence](#). All of this data has allowed us to install ecomoorings, set up [Marine Conservation Zones](#) and learn so much more about seahorses here in the UK.

We can only do this type of study by working in partnership with so many others, such as [The Sealife Trust](#). Thank you from everyone here at The Seahorse Trust

Annual East Dorset Open Water Seahorse Swim

We had a fantastic day at the [Annual East Dorset Open Water Seahorse Swim](#). They kindly invited Neil, the Founder of The Seahorse Trust, to present prizes, and it was an amazing turnout, with 300 swimmers taking part in lots of categories of races

This annual event has been going on since 2012, and they kindly make a donation to [The Seahorse Trust](#) and other fantastic charities each year. What is great about this event is how many groups and volunteers participate in it, and it has become a major part of the annual calendar. Thank you to Jen, Mark and the amazing team for putting on this event every year and for your incredible support of our research and conservation work.



Weymouth Sea Life Conservation evening

[Weymouth Sea Life Centre](#) had its annual conservation evening and kindly raised £1302 towards the Work of the Seahorse Trust. Every year they put on this exciting evening and work tirelessly to promote conservation organisations and project, here in the UK and further afield. Thank you to everyone involved for doing this, it makes a massive difference to our work. THANK YOU



We would like to say a special thank you to [Wildwood Devon](#), which is part of the [Wildwood group of rewilding charities](#) who kindly host our office at their site on [Escot Estate](#), near Ottery St Mary in Devon. It's an incredible organisation, dedicated to the restoration of British species, such as Crayfish, Red Squirrels and even European Bison. Click on their logo to find out more about their fantastic work and if you need a great venue for a conference then check out [Escot Estate](#)



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Adoption and membership scheme online

Don't forget we run an adoption and membership scheme to help raise funds for our seahorse research, education, and conservation work. It is simple to do and can be set up online in minutes. Once you have set it up, we then send out your information pack and send you newsletters electronically a couple of times a year.

Sadly, due to costs we can no longer send out the newsletter by post.

<https://www.theseahorsetrust.org/adopt-a-seahorse-4/>



Seahorses Environmental Communications

For all press and media enquiries please contact Matt at [Seahorse Environmental Communications](mailto:info@seahorseenvironmental.co.uk) on info@seahorseenvironmental.co.uk

Matt, Isobella and the team have been amazing over the years in their incredible support for our work. A massive thank you to them all.

QR Code

Thanks to Ellen at Seahorse Environmental, we now have a QR code if you want to donate to our work.

Just point your camera at the QR code to the right and click the web link and it takes you to our [PayPal site](#), where you can donate. You don't have to have a PayPal account as you can make the donation by debit or credit card.

As a very busy charity making a massive difference to the marine environment, we are reliant on the generosity of others to be able to keep all our projects going.

If you love what we do and love seahorses like we do, please donate. THANK YOU.



Fancy a making a donation? Why not give up a coffee a day and donate that money to [The Seahorse Trust](#) through our [Ko-fi app](#). Click on the logo to the left and you can donate the equivalent of a coffee to our work.

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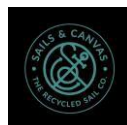
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