

NCI Hengistbury Head – News Archive 2021

Santa Brings a Special Present for NCIHH Four Legged Friends



Many of our four-legged friends dragged their owners up to the Lookout on Boxing Day, why? To visit and use their new water dispenser.

This special present from all of our Watchkeepers was appreciated by so many of you! We received many lovely comments and some donations – we thank each and every one of you. Every penny donated will go into ensuring we can continue to serve our local water and shoreline users – keeping 'eyes along the coast'.

You can see more photographs of our happy four-legged friends enjoying their new water dispenser, by visiting our [Facebook page](#).

It definitely got the woof of approval and appreciation!

However you support us, thank you!

NCI Hengistbury Head wish all our NCI colleagues, emergency services partners, local agencies we work with and our supporters and friends a peaceful, safe and healthy Christmas. And for all of us we hope 2022 brings easier times. Thank you for everything you've done that has made it possible for us to continue to assist HMCG in protecting lives at sea and around the coastline.



To see Christmas cards received from our NCI colleagues across the country, click on the jolly Santa. (Page now Closed)

**NCI
HENGISTBURY
HEAD**

**CLOSED
CHRISTMAS DAY**

**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999 AND ASK FOR
THE COASTGUARD**

WIN a £1,000 DECATHLON voucher



Be in the draw on the 1st January and you could win a £1,000 Decathlon voucher

Remember there are weekly Cash Prizes up to the £25,000 Jackpot too!

To be in with a chance of winning and also support our Lookout, click here: [BH Coastal Lottery](#), see the 'Current Offer - 'Tis The Season To Make A Difference Today - PLAY -

Then buy your tickets, for your chance to WIN a £1,000 DECATHLON voucher to spend on 70+ sports, nutrition & body care products!

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Hampshire street artist Hendog pays us a visit



Upon opening the Lookout on the morning of the 17th November, we discovered that we had been visited overnight by the Hampshire-based street artist known as Hendog.

Dorset Live has spoken to Hendog, who said the artwork of a small child fishing in a fishbowl is titled 'Don't hate the game changer'. To him the piece was a metaphor about not giving up on something. But it's important for people to connect with it in a personal way.

Speaking about why he chose our station at Hengistbury Head, Hendog said, "I go to that location quite often. Everything that I try and do street art wise has a charitable angle either in a direct way or in a different way".

Quoted in an article in the Daily Echo, our Station manager Peter Holway said: "Whilst we appreciate that the artwork added to the lookout overnight by street artist Hendog is really very good, we also need to emphasise that it is graffiti and that we cannot condone the building being used in this manner. "Furthermore, the building isn't owned by the National Coastwatch Institution and we, therefore, have no say on whether the artwork will remain."

If you would like to read the article, [click here](#).

*20th December 2021 - A date for your Christmas diary
Living Advent Calendar comes to Christchurch
with NCI Hengistbury Head a chosen charity*

Christchurch Living Advent Calendar

At the invitation of Christchurch Rotary Club, NCI Hengistbury Head is honoured to be one of the 24 local charities to benefit from the inaugural Christchurch Living Advent Calendar (CLAC).



Our day in the CLAC schedule is Monday 20th December



Our venue is The Boathouse on Christchurch Quay. There will be entertainment! All to be revealed when the doors open at 18:15!

There will be a raffle with significant prizes!

**Here are some tasty examples
An evening meal for four at the Boat House restaurant**

Two Conker presentation boxes – one 35cl bottle of Conker Gin with glasses and one 35cl bottle of Conker Cold Brew Espresso Martini Coffee Liqueur with glasses

And more!

Raffle tickets will cost £1 each or £5 a strip.



If you can take even more excitement! – Our very popular 2022 calendars, will also be available to buy – stock permitting!

Don't be surprised if during the same day, you come across our smiling, uniformed, volunteer watchkeepers. To help with our funding, we are very grateful to have been granted, a Street Collection Licence for Christchurch.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from outside the Regent Centre/Information Centre during the hours of our Street Collection and at the Boat House from 17:00.



We will be receiving a donation from our sponsor for the day, Kamm Civil Engineering, for which we are extremely grateful.



All the proceeds of the raffle and donations on the night come direct to us. Every penny will go into ensuring we can continue to serve our local water and shoreline users – keeping 'eyes along the coast'.

The concept of a Living Advent Calendar was born in Sweden in 2005 and came to the UK, initially in Henley-on-Thames, ten years ago. You can read all about this event which runs from the 1st to 24th December at <https://christchurchlivingadventcalendar.org.uk/>

'Thank you' Boscombe Cliff Bowling Club

We would like to say a very big thank you to **Boscombe Cliff Bowling Club** for their very kind, and greatly appreciated, generous donation to our funds.

One of our Watchkeepers, Tim Orr, as President of the Club, put our Station forward as their nominated charity for the duration of his presidency.

At a recent Club event, Tim presented Station Manager Peter Holway with a cheque.

Thank you. We really, really appreciate your efforts.

This donation will make a real difference to our Station - helping us to continue keeping 'eyes along the coast'.



HHNCI Commences Winter Operating Hours



NCI Hengistbury Head
Winter operating hours
from 31st October 2021
0800 - 1700
(or dusk if earlier)
Everyday



In line with the clocks going back, we have commenced our winter operating hours - 0800 until 1700 (or end of daylight hours, if earlier) seven days a week.

Win £1000 in John Lewis Vouchers



Be in the draw on the 30th October and you could win £1000 in John Lewis vouchers

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Hengistbury Head, will be manning the NCI stand at the Southampton Boat Show on Sunday 12th September Stand F052.

Information on this year's show is available from the RYA at <http://rya.org/BX1c50G2SVf>

For tickets visit <http://rya.org/2BF750G2SUK>

Don't forget to undertake a lateral flow test within 48 hours prior to arriving at the show. Find out more here <http://rya.org/okiQ50G2SUI>

You will find us at Stand F052 until the 19th September, where you'll be able to learn more about the part we play in the UK Search and Rescue organisation and how our volunteer Watchkeepers help to save lives at sea and around the coastline of England and Wales.

NCI Hengistbury Head Awarded Declared Facility Status



Ian Weston, David Crozier, Ed Essery, Peter Holway (l-r)

2nd September 2021 - NCI Hengistbury Head, awarded Declared Facility Status.

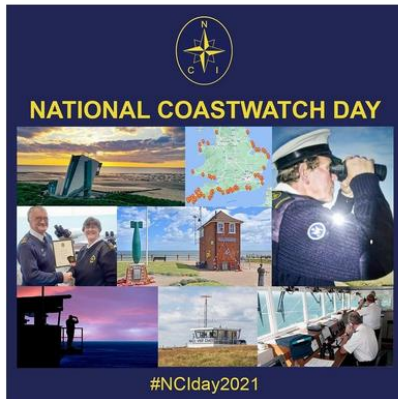
This means that we are now officially recognised by HM Coastguard as an integral member of the Maritime Search and Rescue emergency services.

Two assessors – David Crozier and Ian Weston – spent yesterday with our Station managers and committee members and today at the Station with our volunteer Watchkeepers.

This afternoon David Crozier, CEO of NCI said of HHNCI:
'To reach Declared Facility Status during the year of the COVID pandemic is an exemplary achievement.'

As a Station we are delighted. Our Management team have worked so hard to get us to today and all our Watchkeepers have played their part.

NATIONAL COASTWATCH DAY 28TH AUGUST



WE'RE GOING TO BE AT THE CHRISTCHURCH FOOD FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND!!!

To coincide with National NCI Day on the 28th August, we will have a stall on The Quomps over the weekend so please come and see us during the festival weekend of 28th-30th August.

The Food Festival has a great line up of local and national chefs, food stalls, entertainment and livestock but we too have a pretty impressive line up of Watchkeepers for you ...

On Saturday from 10:00 until 1:00 our stall will be manned by Peter our Station Manager and Vicki our Fundraising Officer. So if you have any burning questions or ideas on how to help raise much needed funds for us, pop over and have a chat. From 1:00 until 4:00 Brian our Deputy Training Officer and member of the HHNCI presentation team will be manning the stall with me (Caroline) our PR/Media Officer. Please come and say hi and maybe chat about booking a Hengistbury Head NCI presentation or offering copy space for an article about NCI Hengistbury Head. Saturday ends with Tim and Paul on the stall. Tim helps out with Station finances so will be very happy to take money off you and Paul is one of our Duty Station Officers and will be able to answer most queries. Sunday and Monday offer an equally great line up of volunteers and, of course, we will be selling our very popular 2022 calendars, together with NCI merchandise and other goodies. Oh, and we'll be keeping the Lookout fully manned as well.

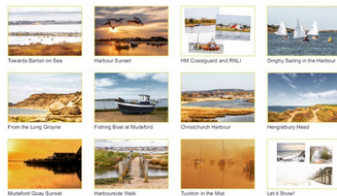
We really look forward to seeing you there. For further details of the food festival visit www.Christchurchfoodfest.co.uk

Our 2022 Calendar is available now!

We are very excited to be able to tell you that our NCI Hengistbury Head 2022 calendar is now available.

As in previous years, every penny of profit from sales is ploughed back into our Station – enabling us to continue, and improve, our vital service.

Huge thanks go to our camera wielding Watchkeepers who have provided all the photos, to @cobwoodstudio for generously giving his time and expertise to put the calendar together and to PP Printing in Christchurch for doing an amazing job of printing the calendars for us at an amazing price.



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January 2022

1st Sun	Christmas Eve
2nd Mon	Boxing Day
3rd Tue	1st Jan
4th Wed	2nd Jan
5th Thu	3rd Jan
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26th Thu	24th Jan
27th Fri	25th Jan
28th Sat	26th Jan
29th Sun	27th Jan
30th Mon	28th Jan
31st Tue	29th Jan

Call us on VHF Channel 65 www.nci.org.uk

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T: 01202 526606
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T: 01202 499199
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T: 01425 540072
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See below for a list of our wonderful stockists

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Please show your appreciation of our Station, which is run entirely by volunteers and funded entirely by the generosity of our supporters, and buy our calendar. Thank You.

HM Coastguard Promoting Use Of NCI For Radio Checks

National Coastwatch
25 YEARS 1994 - 2019
EYES ALONG THE COAST

VHF Channel Your first call for:

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- Radio & AIS checks
- Local tidal conditions
- Current local weather
- Local coastal information

From 23rd July 2021, in anticipation of a very busy summer period, HM Coastguard are using VHF Ch16 to promote using NCI on VHF Ch65 for radio checks to considerably reduce the workload of HMCG. The hourly broadcasts state that radio checks can be made using VHF Ch65 between 1000 hrs and 1600 hrs – this being the shortest period any Solent area NCI Station is open. Those of you familiar with NCI Hengistbury Head will know that we are open from 0800 until 1900 and will happily accept calls during those hours.

🍌 WIN the PEAR-fect prize this summer! 🍌



Beat The Supermarket Queues!

Be in the draw on the 26th June and you could WIN 1 of 3 amazing national prizes, a year's supply of fruit and veg home delivery. If you are 1 of 3 winners, you will receive a coupon to redeem with Boxxfresh that includes 12 x £30 purchases.

Remember there are weekly CASH prizes up to the **£25,000 jackpot** too!

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'Thank you' to Christchurch Harbour Association

Our Station has received a very generous donation from Christchurch Harbour Association. After what has been a difficult fund raising past 12 months, this is a welcome boost to our funds. Every penny will go into ensuring we can continue to serve our local water and shoreline users - keeping 'eyes along the coast'.

The Christchurch Harbour Association are a voluntary group of Sailing Clubs, fishermen and marine businesses who are responsible for laying the channel markers in the harbour and the entrance channel.



HHNCI Commences Summer Operating Hours - 0800 until 1900 Every Day



As of Monday 29th March 2021, to coincide with the easing of Lockdown restrictions, we commenced our summer operating hours – 0800 until 1900 every day when you can also call us on VHF Ch65.

The easing of Lockdown restrictions also means that HHNCI is able to return to double manning in the Lookout. We will, of course, be operating in accordance with NCI National (and government) COVID safe procedures.

Unfortunately, we are still unable to welcome visitors at this time.

Win A Grand Prize For Your Home!

Be in the national draw on the 24th of April for your chance to WIN A £1000 Currys PC World voucher.

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Good Morning and Happy Anniversary to us!



Today marks the 3rd anniversary of our opening from the Beach Office at Southbourne on 3rd March 2018.

Unfortunately our Watchkeepers could not actually get to the 'Station' because 'The Beast from the East' had hit, and we had to delay the start of the very first Watch.

Since those humble beginnings our volunteers have: –

Spent more than 26,000 hours on Watch.

Logged approximately 90,000 vessels that have passed through our area of viewing.

Taken approximately 750 VHF Ch65 calls for radio checks/local weather and sea conditions etc., logging Ch65 calls only began in Jan 2020.

Been involved in 121 incidents.

'Thank You' to Mudeford Sandbank Beach Hut Assn.

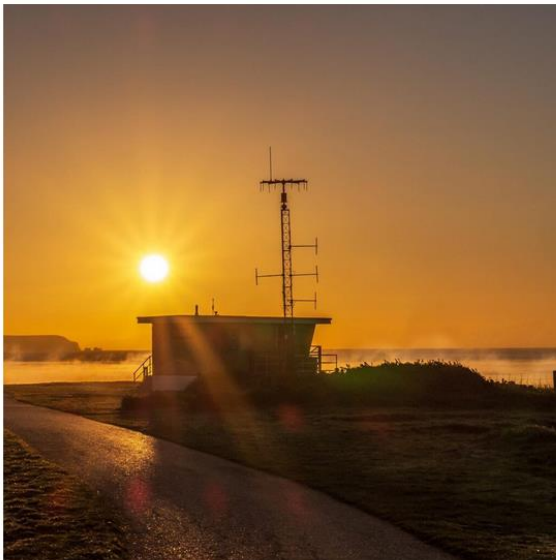
We would like to say a very big thank you to [Mudeford Sandbank Beach Hut Association \(MSBHA\)](#) for their very kind, and greatly appreciated, donation.

As with so many other charities, fundraising proved a huge challenge during 2020 and their support will help us to maintain a watch from Barton-on-Sea in the east, through Christchurch and Poole Bays, and 12 miles out to sea round to Bournemouth pier in the west.

This donation will make a real difference to our Station – helping us to continue keeping 'eyes along the coast'.



Effective 6 Jan 2021, HHNCI temporarily operating on single manned basis



Under the latest government restrictions NCI Stations are able to remain operational. However, in order to reduce the risk of COVID transmission as much as possible, with effect from 6th January, we will be operating single manned Watches with a remote phone buddy (unless two Watchkeepers live under the same roof).

We are, of course, pleased to be able to carry on being 'eyes along the coast' but would ask you to bear in mind that it may take a little longer to answer radio checks or phone calls if our Watchkeeper is otherwise engaged in their duties. Please call 999 and ask for the Coastguard if you get into trouble or see anyone else in trouble on the water or coastline.

This means that since the outbreak of the pandemic, our Watchkeepers per shift has reduced from four down to one. By following guidance and remaining positive, we will get through this.

Stay safe and we really do appreciate your ongoing support.



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