

Annual Members Survey 2020

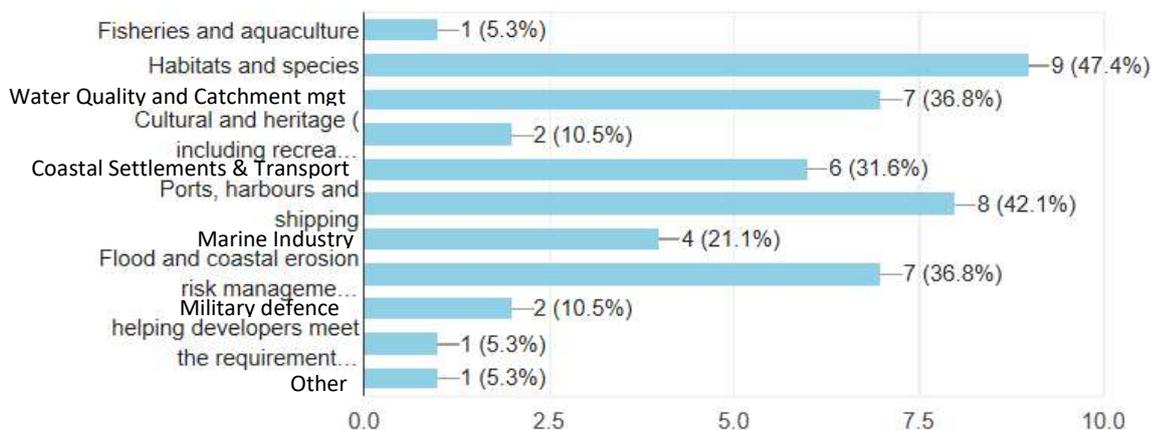
19 Responses

1. Please list your current most important coastal and marine area of work:

Saltmarsh conservation
Civil engineering flood protection
Recreational Boating
recreational disturbance mitigation for overwintering birds
management of bait and shellfish hand collection within Chichester Harbour
Regeneration and new development in the coastal zone.
Regeneration of brownfield sites adjacent the Solent
Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management
Portsmouth Naval Base
Natural England - nitrogen and nutrients
Planning for new Housing
Policy
Nutrients
Coastal Path Analysis
Marine Safety and Navigation
Ease and safety of navigation in Hamble Estuary
Local Plan development - planning policy for the area
Nutrient discharge and its impact on planning delivery
The 130 million Flood defence works commencing in Old Portsmouth and working east along Southsea Sea Front towards Eastney; scheduled to commence Jun 20 now expected to start Sep 20.

1a. Which category(ies) does this work area come under, please tick all those that apply:

19 responses

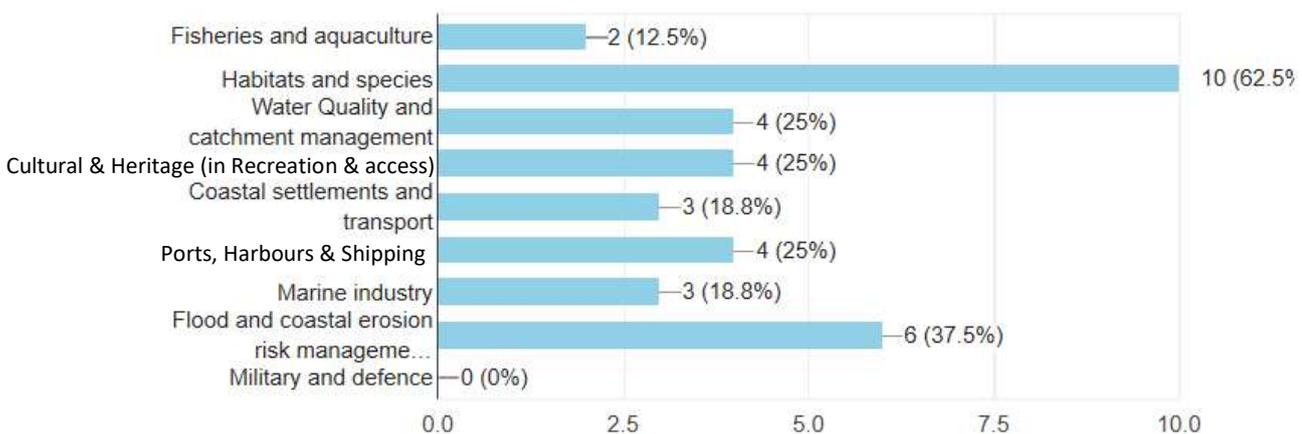


3. Please list your current 2nd most important coastal and marine area of work:

Improved methods of maintenance dredging and disposal of dredged material
Conservation
native oyster restoration
Flood risk and coastal erosion
Improving health and well-being
Sustainable growth.
Port infrastructure repurposing – ABP Southampton
groyne rebuilding
Ensuring new development is nutrient neutral
regulation
Coastal squeeze
Planning Application analysis
Environmental stewardship
Harbour development and mooring provision
Coastal erosion and change, particularly Hurst Spit (impacts on Castle) and implications for designations
Newly established MCZ that has come into existence off Bembridge IOW - anchoring being of specific note.

2a. Which category(ies) does this work area come under, please tick all those that apply:

16 responses

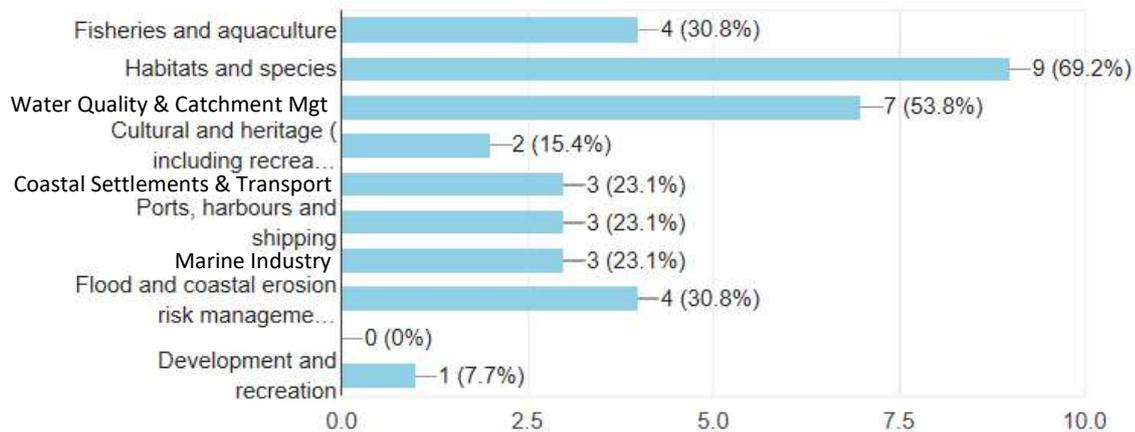


3. Please list your current 3rd most important coastal and marine area of work:

Increased awareness raising and improvements to existing information management of trawling and netting within Chichester Harbour
The environment and net gain
protecting important habitats and increasing biodiversity
Restoring Estuaries and Coastal Habitats
Port Asset Management
Houseboat discharge into harbour
Reducing recreational disturbance on the Solent SPAs
Coastal partnership
Favourable condition / habitat creation and restoration
Water Quality Reviews
Environmental enhancements
Recreational disturbance from new development - particularly Fawley waterside

3a. Which category(ies) does this work area come under, please tick all those that apply:

13 responses



4. Please detail any existing coastal and marine partnership working that you are involved with in the Solent. Please provide links to the work if available.

SF, CPN, Bournemouth University (Yarmouth Pier), developing links with Solent Catchment Partnerships on water quality.
Working for ESCP on the Portsea phase 4 sea defence project.
Solent Forum, Final Straw Solent - partner, Hamble Estuary Partnership - member, Secrets of the Solent - steering group member.
the whole Bird Aware Partnership is based on Partnership working. It also requires extensive work with 3rd parties who are not in the formal Partnership, such as land owners, recreational clubs and facilities based along the coast and those who provide a stewardship role such as undertaking beach cleans.
Currently developing a new local plan, the Island Planning Strategy (https://www.iow.gov.uk/Residents/Environment-Planning-and-Waste/Planning-Policy-new/The-Island-Plan-Review/Background-Information1) that will require compliance with the Duty to Co-operate.
Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership, Bird Aware Solent, Partnership for South Hampshire
Shoreline Management Plans refresh, Regional Habitat Compensation Programme; Capital FCERM schemes; Net Zero Carbon; Local Authority Strategic and Local Plans, Nutrient Neutrality and development; Research studies; Environment improvement projects and interest working groups; Shellfish and Bathing waters improvements.
SOCORRO https://www.interreg2seas.eu/en/SOCORRO
Partnership for South Hampshire, Bird Aware Solent, East Hampshire Catchment Partnership, Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership.
Chair SF - also helping to develop COBA
We work in partnership on an ad hoc basis with SIFCA, UoP, RSPB, EHCP, ESCP, HIWWT, and others.
Solent Oyster Restoration Project BUDS Bournemouth Uni/Marineff Project for sea wall enhancements Hamble Estuary Partnership Most, if not all of, Solent Forum's working groups
Through the Local Plan process we engage with various stakeholders including the EA, Natural England, the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership, the MMO - each has particular expertise which we rely on for different policy areas in the plan.
Guess catchment partnership may just qualify? Coastal Ranger work including community litter, SEMS, forthcoming Hurst Spit to Lymington coastal scheme, NFDC Waterside Strategy

5. Are there any areas of your work where you would like to develop partnership working with others in the Solent?

Small scale saltmarsh re-creation and dredging issues. Monitoring from Yarmouth Pier with Bournemouth University.
Many - TBD
We are keen to extend the partnership working of The Green Blue so as to increase our outreach without increasing resources or doubling up on other activities already taking place. This could include co-branding of materials and sharing presentations, training etc. so that a broad range of issues can be covered at single events.
We are currently focusing on creating 'codes of conduct' with recreational user groups (kayaking groups, kite surfers, sailing clubs and the like) and are reaching out to organisations and clubs that represent them.

management of bait and shellfish hand collection
There needs to be clearer links between projected growth as set out in local plans and the EA's review of discharge consents to help address the water quality issues.
To develop a partnership to mitigate the current nitrates issue which will involve landowners and a range of charities interested in land purchase for example Wildlife Trust, RSPB, National Trust. The South Downs National Park, New Forest National Park and the Chichester Harbour Conservancy also has a role to play.
Solent LEP and MMO
Dredging our entrance channel
With an increase in development in Fareham and with the onset of Biodiversity Net Gain, the need to reduce recreational disturbance on Solent SPAs and the need for new development to demonstrate nutrient neutrality. The Borough Council will be interested to hear about more environmental improvement projects proposed in Fareham. The idea being that development contributions can be spent on these projects.
Mapping historical vs. current extents of habitats
MCZ Oversight
Unknown at this time.
Continue sharing best practice for environmental enhancements, either stand alone or in relation to developments
We are always keen to engage with stakeholders around the Solent, particularly where there is expertise and knowledge that can help us inform our evidence base behind the plan, but also through consultation to help steer the development of the plan itself. It is also good to communicate with others to identify opportunities where work can be tied together or we can support each other in our objectives.
If there was capacity with us and partners - economic links with environment

6. Please detail any coastal or marine policies, strategies, research projects, plans or events that are likely to be published/launched during 2020/21.

Not yet known
We will be publishing the RYA's Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan late Q3 or early Q4 2020. I would be happy to present this to the Forum once it is formally launched. Input from the Forum would be useful!
Our annual monitoring work (this will be coastal visitor surveys, pedestrian counts and recreational disturbance monitoring).
The IWC and EA are working in partnership on a programme of coastal defence and flood risk schemes for various coastal communities across the Isle of Wight.
Consultation Draft of the Gosport Borough Local Plan 2036 (Reg 18)
Natural Capital of the Solent (water quality); Greening the Grey; River Basin Management Plans; Flood Risk Management Plans.
Fareham aims to enter examination and subsequently adopt its emerging Local Plan within this time period.
HPMA review, fisheries bill
None
Unknown at this time.
The Local Plan continues to be developed, though the current covid crisis has delayed things slightly. At present we are hoping to consult on a full draft plan (reg 18) before the end of the year, though this is dependant on the level of consultation we can engage in within the context of the pandemic. A

review of our timetable and options going forwards is currently taking place and we will be in a better position to advise in the near future hopefully.
None specifically aimed at coast - corporate agenda of working under themes of 'Net Zero with Nature' (addressing climate change through nature solutions) would include coastal solutions - still in development
MOD plan to deepen several berths within HM Naval Base - scheduled for 2021.

7. Please give your thoughts on the Solent Forum's current organisational arrangements, publications and events this year (please consider in your response challenges such as Covid-19, climate change considerations and any other external challenges).

Good so far. There are restrictions on certain programmes (such as Zoom) and file sharing sites that might cause problems for members based in local authorities. Nothing works as well as actually meeting but for now some could be done remotely. The EMS officers one worked quite well but might have to be on Microsoft Teams if that is more widely used by LAs? Happy that publications are online.
We have just joined as members and new to the organisation.
The arrangements work very well, and the staff manage to achieve a huge amount within their limited time and other resources. I really value the meetings and the information and networking that they provide. I think that online meetings could work almost as well, most of the time, and will of course reduce travelling. They can be more immediate and engage more people through chat and Q&A boxes. The monthly newsletter is very informative, with the links provided being to interesting and relevant material.
The Solent FORum are a very supportive and inclusive organisation to work with. Whilst I like the idea of the meetings being recorded, there is also a high value in the networking opportunities that stem from physical attendance at the meetings and would encourage all to attend (when social distancing rules are relaxed) and participate.
I agree that all publications should go online, and that recordings of meetings should be made available, and that all meetings should have the option to either dial in or attend by video call.
The work of the Forum remains as relevant as ever, if not more so. One of the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic has been to take attention away from addressing climate change. The Forum can play an important role in keeping members informed of the facts as new research, modelling and predictions on climate change come to light. The Forum can then discuss with a view to identifying potential impacts, mitigation and any future research that the Forum could lead on.
The Solent Forum has the potential to keep the conversation going on a number of key issues which were gaining momentum before Covid-19 such as plastic pollution, climate change, water quality and biodiversity. When austerity bit after the 2008 crash, issues relating to the environment became less urgent priorities for the Government. There is concern the same could happen again. The opportunity of recovery post Covid-19 needs to focus on creating an environmentally healthier Solent.
Electronic communications, and virtual meetings would keep costs down (environmental, time, expenses). It would be good to have the option to meet face to face at some point as this helps build relationships and network.
Seems very sensible.
Ability to attend meetings - covid - Island based is very negative, so any betterment that allows us to be more involved would be much appreciated.
N/A
None
Support the movement to digital means in response to the situation with Covid-19

Solent Forum appears to be addressing the challenges presented by Covid19 by the introduction of virtual meetings. This is essential. Management of such meetings presents its own difficulties and these should be considered. IT issues will need to be considered along with necessary funding. We do not see Global warming as an issue in the short term, at least during the life of this business plan. We consider funding of Solent Forum to be a real concern, transparency is critical here.
Increased use of video calling is a good, and necessary plan. I like the SF organisational arrangements and publications.
Happy with current arrangements, and the required adaptations in relation to the pandemic.
The current arrangements seem to generally work well. The monthly newsletter is a useful and comprehensive source of information for what is going on around the wider Solent. Substituting meetings for online/video conferencing would seem to be a sensible decision for the immediate future (and potentially longer term now that it is becoming more normal the working world) - also it is a good means of cutting emissions and travel time for participants, and could make attendance at key meetings easier.
That all sounds great and a good approach. Organisations such as CIWEM have been showing that quite a lot can be done with webinars online, potentially with even more outreach - a friend who runs a worldwide ocean education business has found she can raise income from fairly short and cheap events online (i.e. if you can reach over 200 people, you only need to charge a nominal fee to break even). However being a luddite I do not underestimate the time and effort these types of things must require.
All seems to be working well at present - Well done SF

7. Organisation Name

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Langstone Harbour Board
River Hamble Harbour Authority
Portsmouth City Council
New Forest National Park Authority
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