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| **Scotland’s Beach Awards 2025** **Application Form****Designated bathing waters applicants please fill in all sections incl. DBW 1-4.****Non-designated bathing waters applicants please fill in all sections except DBW 1-4.** |
|  | Beach Name |  |
|  | Grid Reference |  |
|  | Nearest Town |  |
|  | Lead person’s name |  |
|  | Lead person’s email address |  |
|  | Lead person’s telephone number |  |
|  | Name of local or operating authority |  |
|  | Beach website address |  |
|  | Relevant social media accounts |  |
|  **Please see Guidance for Entrants 2025 for guidance on completing this form.** We will invoice you following receipt of the application form. The fee for a Beach Award will be £315 + VAT per beach

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|  Enter PO Number (if required). |

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|  |  |  | Please return application form by **17:00 on 28 March 2025** to: |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | beach@keepscotlandbeautiful.orgor |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Keep Scotland Beautiful, Glendevon House, Castle Business Park, Stirling, FK9 4TZ |  |  |  |
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| **If you are a community group applying for the Beach Award, please ensure you have consulted with your local authority and other relevant organisations.** |

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| **BACKGROUND INFORMATION** |
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| **The information provided in this section will be used on our webpages to promote your beach and Scotland’s Beach Awards.** |
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|  | Beach description (please include a short description of the landscape, nature, activities etc.) |  |
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|  | Beach location (please highlight if the beach is on a cycle route and any public transport links, etc.) |  |
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|  | **Please select those features/facilities/activities which apply to/or are close to the beach:** |  |
|  | **Features** |  |
|  |  | Cliffs | Yes/No | Rocky | Yes/No | Wildlife reserve / SSSI | Yes/No |  |
|  |  | Dunes | Yes/No | Sandy | Yes/No |  |  |  |
|  |  | Promenade | Yes/No | Shingle | Yes/No |  |  |  |
|  | **Facilities** |  |
|  |  | BBQ area | Yes/No | Disabled parking | Yes/No | Lifeguard | Yes/No |  |
|  |  | Beach huts | Yes/No | Disabled access | Yes/No | Pay Parking | Yes/No |  |
|  |  | Café | Yes/No | Dog Exercise Area | Yes/No | Public rescue equipment | Yes/No |  |
|  |  | Campsite | Yes/No | Dog free area | Yes/No | Telephone | Yes/No |  |
|  |  | Crazy Golf | Yes/No | First Aid | Yes/No | Toilets | Yes/No |  |
|  |  | Disable toilets | Yes/No | Fitness Equipment | Yes/No |  |  |  |
|  | **Activities** |  |
|  |  | Canoeing | Yes/No | Surfing | Yes/No | Sailing | Yes/No |  |
|  |  | Jet skiing | Yes/No | Windsurfing | Yes/No | Good for wildlife | Yes/No |  |
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|  | Please describe any extra beach facilities. |  |
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| **SECTION A: ACCESS, FACILITIES AND SAFETY** |  |
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| **1.** | **Have there been any serious incidents during the last year?** | Yes/No |  |  |  |
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|  | If yes, please describe any serious incidents which have occurred in the past year. |  |  |  |
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| **2.** | **Has a safety risk assessment been carried out at the beach?** | Yes/No |  |  |  |
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| a) | When was the risk assessment last reviewed? |  |  |  |
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| b) | When will the risk assessment be next reviewed? |  |  |  |
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|  |  | ***Please submit a copy of the current beach risk assessment.*** |  |
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| **3.** | Please give information on the hazards present and explain how they are managed. |  |  |  |
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| a) | Please provide details if local emergency plan is not provided. |  |  |  |
| ***Please submit a copy of the local emergency plan.*** |  |
| Please note, it is vital that KSB is informed immediately of any major incidents that occur during the season. |  |
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| **5.** | **Is appropriate, well-maintained life-saving equipment provided at the beach?** | Yes/No |  |  |
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|  | If yes, please describe the life-saving equipment. |  |  |  |
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|  | If no, please describe why there is no life-saving equipment. |  |  |  |
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| **6.** | **Is the following displayed on or near the information point:**  |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Relevant contact details for: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | i. | Beach manager |  | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ii. | Local authority |  | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | iii. | Local police |  | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | iv. | Lifeguard (where applicable) |  | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | v. | Local hospital/first aid |  | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| b) | Code of conduct for beach users |  | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| c) | Emergency protocol for beach users |  | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d) | Potential hazards not highlighted on map | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| e) | Scotland’s Beach Award certificate, flag, or plaque |  | Choose one |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| e) | Where is the information board located? |  |  |
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| f)  | Is it possible to access the beach without passing an information point? |  |  |
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| **7.** | **Is a map of beach present with the following marked on it:** |  |  |  |  |
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| a) | The award section of the beach | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |
| b) | Access points | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |
| c) | Disabled access (where applicable) | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |
| d) | Footpaths | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |
| e) | Information points/you are here | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |
| f) | Public facilities (drinking water, toilets – where applicable) | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |
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| g) | Disabled toilets (where applicable) | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |
| h) | Potential hazards | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |
| i) | Lifesaving equipment points | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |  |
| j) | Wastewater discharge points and riverine inputs (if present) | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| k) | Location of litter bins and dog waste bins (where applicable) | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| l) | Location of recycling facilities (where applicable) | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |  |  |  |  |
| m) | Environmentally sensitive or protected areas (SSSIs) (if present) | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **8.** | **Are there an appropriate number of bins?** | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |
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| a) | How many bins are provided? |  |  |  |
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| b) | What factors have been taken into consideration when locating and designing litter bins (e.g. site accessibility, character). |  |  |  |
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| c) | If bins are provided, how often are they emptied? |  |  |  |  |
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| d) | If no litter bins, what measures do you take to discourage littering? |  |  |  |  |
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| f) | Is there a litter management plan for the beach? | Yes/No |  |  |  |
|  | ***If yes, please submit a copy of your litter management plan.*** |  |  |  |  |
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| **9.** | **Is dog waste an issue at the beach?** | Yes/No |  |  |  |
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| a) | Are there adequate provisions for the disposal of dog waste? | Yes/No |  |  |  |
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| b) | Are there any other initiatives to minimise dog fouling on the beach? | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |  |  |
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| e) | Please describe any ways in which the public are encouraged to clean up after their pets. |  |  |  |
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| **10.**  | **Are buildings managed by the operator maintained to a high standard?** | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |  |  |  |
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| a) | Is there any construction work (or new development) in progress or planned for next season? | Yes/No |  |  |  |  |
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| b) | If Yes, is it or will it be safely confined? | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |  |  |  |
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| c) | If construction work or development is planned, will it detract from the beach user’s enjoyment? |  |  |  |  |
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| **ACCESS, FACILITIES AND SAFETY (ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATED BATHING WATERS SITES)** |
| **DBW1.** | **Does the beach have toilet facilities?** | Yes/No |  |
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| a) | If Yes, are these well maintained, cleaned and stocked regularly? | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |
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| b) | Please describe the cleaning regime and opening times of any toilet blocks at the beach. |  |
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| c) | If no, what special circumstances are there and what arrangements are in place for visitors? |  |
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| **DBW2.** | **Is there adequate road access and parking available?** |  | Yes/No |  |
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| a) | If Yes, does this include disabled parking? |  | Yes/No |  |
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| b) | Is there safe access to the beach from the car park? |  | Yes/No |  |
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| c) | Is there steep or restricted access? |  | Yes/No |  |
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| **SECTION B: LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY** |
| **1.** | If water quality is not sampled, what is done to ensure any potential users who go into the water are made aware of any issues? |  |
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| **2.** | **Is the beach managed for the conflicting needs of different users?** |  | Yes/No |  |
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| a) | How is the beach managed for different users? If no, please describe further.  |  |
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| **3.** | **Are all beach facilities free from graffiti?** |  |  | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |
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| **4.** |  | **Are dogs permitted in the beach area?** |  |  | Yes/No |  |
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| a) | If yes, what is done to ensure dog owners keep their dogs under control? |  |
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| d)  | Is unauthorised camping or driving and issue at the beach? |  |  | Yes/No |  |
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| e) | If yes, please describe how unauthorised camping or driving is managed. |  |
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| **5.** | **Are there any fragile sites or rare/protected species on/near the beach?** |  | Yes/No |  |
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| a) | If yes, how are they managed and which conservation organisations have been consulted? |  |
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| **6.** | **Are there any climate change adaptations in place for the beach or surrounding areas?** | Yes/No |  |
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| a) | If yes, please give a brief overview of the adaptations in place. |  |
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| b)  | If no, please describe how you plan to implement climate change adaptations at the site. |  |
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| **7.** | **Is alternative sustainable transport encouraged?** |  | Yes/No |  |
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| a) | If yes, please provide details of what options are available (e.g. bicycle racks, bus stops, train timetables or electric vehicle charge points, etc.)? |  |
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| **8.** | **Is recycling encouraged at the beach?** |  | Yes/No |  |  |
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|  | Please provide details of any recycling facilities or initiatives. |  |
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| **LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATED BATHING WATERS SITES)** |
| **DBW3.** | **Does this beach include a designated site according to the Bathing Water Directive?**  | Yes/No |  |
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| a) | What is the name of the bathing water? (see sepa.org) | SEPA bathing water name. |  |
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| b) | What category does the water quality fall under |  | Select category. |  |
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| c) | Is a bathing water profile summary and classification displayed?  |  | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |
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| d) | Is there electronic signage giving real time predictions? | Yes/No/(N/A) |  |
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| **DBW4.** | **Is there any evidence of pollution or sewage at the site?** |  | Yes/No |  |
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| a) | If yes, please mark on a large scale map and comment if enclosed with the application. |  |
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|  | **SECTION C: COMMUNITY AND HERITAGE** |  |
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| **1.** | **Is the beach cleaned by a community group/ non-local authority group?** | Yes/No |  |
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| a) | If yes, please give details. |  |
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| **2.**  | **Is community engagement encouraged at the beach?** | Yes/No |  |
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| a) | If yes, please provide details of the community (or communities) that get involved. If no, please describe further. |  |
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| b) | Please provide details of any community activities were carried out over the last year. |  |
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| c) | Please provide details of any future community activity planned for 2025. |  |
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| **3.** | **Are visitors encouraged to protect and conserve the beach and environment through educational materials?** | Yes/No |  |
|  | e.g. interpretation boards, ranger activities, community led conservation |  |  |  |
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| a) | Describe how visitors are encouraged to protect and conserve the beach and if any educational materials are present. |  |
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| 4.  | **Are visitors encouraged to engage in local cultural, industrial or natural heritage sites on or near your beach?** |  | Yes/No |  |  |
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|  | Describe how visitors are encouraged to engage in local heritage sites on or near your beach. |  |  |
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|  | **SECTION D: ADDITIONAL SITE DETAILS** |  |
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| **1.** | Please briefly describe the scheme of ‘guardianship’ or management in operation. |  |
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| a) | Is information about the guardianship or management available to beach visitors | Yes/No |  |
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| **2.** | **Is the award area clearly defined on the information board map?*****Please submit a copy of the map with your application (required)*** | Yes/No |  |
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| **3.** | Please describe any future plans for the beach. |  |
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| **4.** | **Existing award holders: Were any problems identified by the assessors or at other times during last summer?** | Yes/No |  |
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| a) | If yes, please describe how they have been addressed and what action has been taken to avoid these problems occurring in the future. Details will be checked against official records and if this section is left blank, it will be assumed that the issues have not been addressed. |  |
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|  | **Have you included** |  |
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|  | A copy of the map currently in use or which you plan to use in the future, highlighting the points which should be on it. | Yes/No |  |
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|  | Promotional photographs for our website (up to 3) |  | Yes/No |  |
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|  | Any further documents you feel may support and enhance your application, for example, your beach’s normal operation procedures and/or a litter prevention action plan. | Yes/No |  |
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|  | Please return application form by 17:00 on 28 March 2025to beach@keepscotlandbeautiful.org or toKeep Scotland BeautifulGlendevon HouseCastle Business ParkStirlingFK9 4TZ |
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