



# Welcome

*Conference Chair:*

*Caroline Salthouse*

*Chair of the North West Coastal Forum*

- Housekeeping
- NWCF Key Changes
- Defining the Day

# North West Coastal Forum - Charitable Status

We became a registered charity on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

To do this we needed to slightly revise our aim to make our purpose clearer to the general public so our new aim is:

To promote and advance, for the public benefit, the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the coastal areas of North West England including those under other national jurisdictions and education in sustainable development.

We were then able to apply to the Championing Coastal Coordination Fund and as a result we have a **full-time project officer in post - Linn Wiberg** - and are able to hold this event (as well as doing a lot of other 3Cs project work in 24-25).

# North West Coastal Forum - Governance Changes - and Opportunities!

In place of the Management Board we now have:

- The Board of Trustees - responsible for overall direction and governance of the Forum)
- The Expert Advisory Committee - the members of the Forum, providing of advice / guidance to the Trustees to inform the Forum's work

## **Current Trustees:**

Niall Benson

Joanna Hayes

Hannah Jones

Dave McAleavy

Caroline Salthouse

**We are actively looking for  
additional Trustees**

# North West Coastal Forum - Expert Advisory Committee members

Environment Agency  
Natural England  
Historic England  
North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority  
The North West Wildlife Trusts  
Mersey Rivers Trust  
Solway Firth Partnership  
Morecambe Bay Partnership  
Wirral Council  
Warrington Council  
University of Liverpool  
Liverpool John Moores University  
Our Future Coast  
Peel Ports Group  
National Oceanography Centre  
Marine Management Organisation are a EAC observer.

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additional EAC members**



# Defining the coast and its habitats

**Coast:** Extent of terrestrial influences out to sea, and extent of marine influences inland - so it is very much issue-based but includes land above mean high water mark- sometimes a surprisingly far way inland and land and sea below mean low water mark - again sometimes surprisingly far out to sea.

**Habitat:** Examples of coastal habitat include sand dunes, saltmarsh, vegetated shingle, mudflats, seagrass beds, biogenic reef, maritime cliff and slope, etc.