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FYLDE COAST AGAINST SEWAGE SAYS IT'S TIME TO TAKE A STAND FOR CLEAN WATER!



On Sunday 3rd November between 11am and 2pm Fylde Coast Against Sewage (FCAS) will be holding a demonstration about the state of our nations rivers and seas. This coincides with the National Stand for Clean Water demonstration which has been organised by Feargal Sharkey in London. Why go to London when you can join us on Blackpool Promenade?

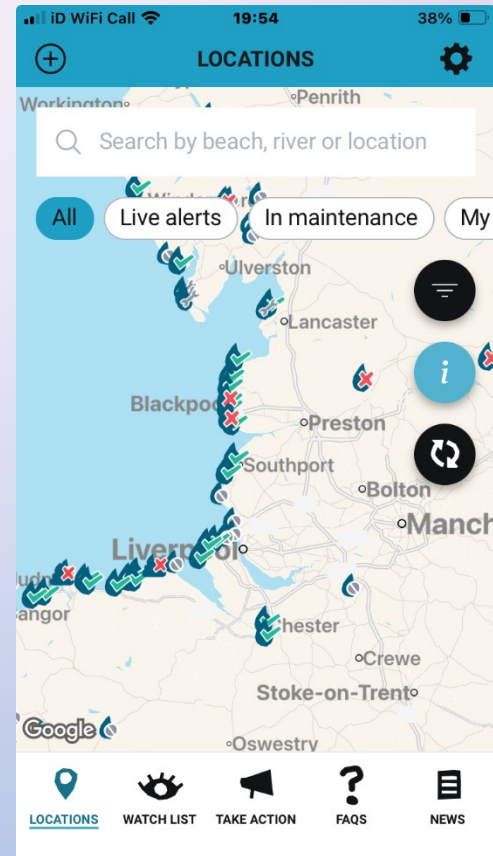
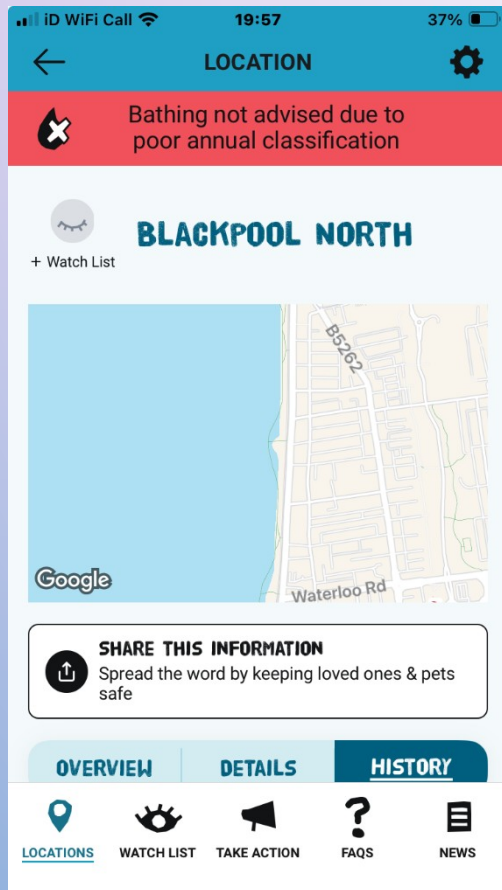
Over the last 12 months FCAS has been working in collaboration with Fleetwood Town Council and Fylde Borough Council to highlight the issue of sewage pollution in the sea. Currently two Fylde Coast beaches have lost their bathing status; St Annes North and Blackpool North Beach.

This is unacceptable!

We will be on the Comedy Carpet on the North Blackpool Beach stretch of the promenade to send a message to United Utilities and the Government so why not come and join us?

• Enough is Enough!

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A Message to UU



What is Turning Tides

“Turning Tides is a cross-agency partnership working together in north west England to do everything we can to improve the quality of our bathing waters.”

Turning Tides state that the *key objectives* are to:

1. *Inspire and change perceptions and values of key decision makers, the media, politicians, the private sector and the wider community*
 2. *Collaboratively strive to raise the quality of north west bathing waters*
 3. *Identify and raise awareness of funding streams for north west bathing water improvements.*
- Chaired by the CEO Blackpool Council
 - Attendees include UU, Fylde Borough Council, Blackpool Council, Wyre Council and Environment Agency
 - No community group on committee
 - UU donated £1.8 million ? What are they using the money for? Administration and Trees...

Challenges

- Working with Councils seen as “kudos” or “Good Publicity” rather than a cooperative working program
- Councils are unhappy about the Bathing Standard and want to change the it is measured rather than look at root cause
- Unsupportive of joining Turning Tides – we might upset UU!
- No funding from any Council at the moment for further testing although we have some leads...

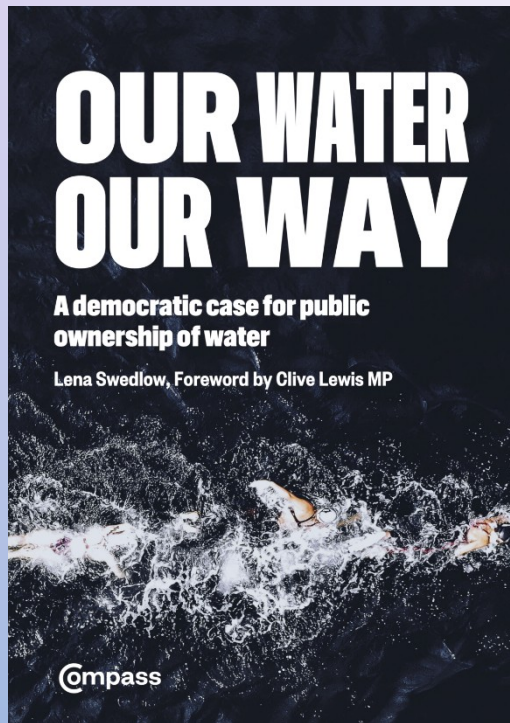
Positives !

- We have supportive MPs in Blackpool and Fleetwood
- Following UU protest we were approached by their PR staff re joining Turning Tides
- Our members are keen to continue with the testing
- We have raised awareness about the local issues
- The current Government is starting to do something

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“We all know our water system was broken when it was privatised. Passing an essential of life that is a natural monopoly into private and profit maximising hands was always going to lead to disaster. Yet there is a solution that unites our desire for an economy that works for everyone, handing genuine power back to communities through democratic reforms, and the need for real sustainability – public ownership.”

Lena Swedlow and Clive Lewis

Where Next?

- Currently no testing taking place
- Discussions with Fylde Borough Council
- Discussions with Chris Webb MP for Blackpool South
- Discussions with UU and Turning Tides
- Members are keen to continue with testing and raising awareness
- Commitment to re-nationalisation of the water companies



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Thank you !
Any Questions?