

Marine litter campaigners call at Musselburgh

Fisherrow Sands near Musselburgh will be the centre of marine attention on Friday with a beach clean and litter survey.

The initiative coincides with the arrival of the Sea Dragon, a vessel being sailed around the UK by all-women crew on the lookout for marine plastics.

The Marine Conservation Society (MCS) are organising the event which starts at 9am and the RZSS Wild About Scotland team will also be there with their double-decker bus classroom.

Visitors can meet the crew to find out what they've discovered so far on their journey, take part in the beach survey and hear about the difference this work has on our native wildlife.

Catherine Gemmell, MCS Scotland Conservation Officer, said: "We can all be doing something to fight back against marine litter."

MCS surveys have recorded a steady increase in the amount of beach litter since 1994.

The four main sources are from the public, fishing, sanitary waste (particularly wet wipes and cotton bud sticks) and shipping.

To sign up see the MCS website www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch or call Catherine on 01316 334 000.