

Dear Forum Member,

I am delighted to inform you that the annual North Yorkshire and Cleveland coastal forum meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2009. This years Forum is taking place at Rush Pool Hall Saltburn-by-the-sea. A map and details of how to get to the Rushpool Hall can be found on their website:

[www.rushpoolhallhotel.co.uk/about-us.php](http://www.rushpoolhallhotel.co.uk/about-us.php)

This years Forum will touch on a wide variety of interesting and topical subjects. I have recently been contacted by forum members requesting some fishing related topics at this year's forum conference. As a result we have organised two presenters covering this field. We have arranged for Dr Magnus Johnson (University of Hull) to talk about the inshore fishing community and how they work together and interact with coastal ecology. We also have the pleasure of a presentation from Professor Nicholas Polunin, Chris Sweeting & Helen Bloomfield, (Newcastle University) presenting on 'Fish effects of prohibited trawl areas, focusing on the areas of Filey and Whitby.'

The remaining speakers will include Stewart Rowe (Principle Coastal Officer, Scarborough Borough Council) presenting on the 'Cell 1 coastal monitoring Programme' this presentation will focus on the monitoring of beaches, coastal slopes, coastal defence assets along our coastline. The final presentation will be given by Jon Club, Regional Climate Change coordinator (Yorkshire & Humber) Presenting on the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Change Adaptation Study. The afternoon session of the Forum will conclude with a short walk to view the Saltburn Pier the only surviving Victorian pier on the North East Coastline.

Due to the success of last years Soapbox session we have decided to run this feature again. If you have a particular topic or issue you would like to tell everyone about, the floor is yours for five minutes with a chance for questions and answers afterwards. Please contact Forum staff in advance to discuss your topic as slots will be limited.

On behalf of the Forum I hope you are able to attend, as this promises to be a very interesting day. This year a free mini-bus leaving from the Scarborough's King Street car park will be supplied for people without access to a vehicle to attend the event, places are limited and will be agreed on a first come first served bases by emailing or phoning me. If you have any questions please feel free to email me on [robin.siddle@scarborough.gov.uk](mailto:robin.siddle@scarborough.gov.uk) or call me 01723 232448. Please find enclosed a copy of the Forums agenda.

Kind regards,

Robin Siddle (Coastal Forum Officer)

Please visit the Forum Website: [www.coastalforum.org.uk](http://www.coastalforum.org.uk)