

- Don't leave your line behind. Unwanted line should be stored safely until it can be placed in a collection bin.
- If your line gets snagged or breaks, make every effort to safely retrieve it.
- Practice and develop your skills and find out about the ground you are fishing on so gear is not lost.
- Collect discarded line, debris and other abandoned fishing gear when encountered.
- Do not feed wildlife as it encourages animals to approach fishing boats and anglers.
- Tell other anglers about the scheme.
- Help out with beach cleans in your local area.

Dorset Coastlink is a partnership of the coastal visitor centres and organisations along the Dorset coast. Their aim is to raise awareness of the marine environment and organise practical conservation work such as beach cleans and litter surveys.

Litter in the marine environment is a growing problem and comes from a number of sources including beach visitors, shipping and fishing. Some beaches in Dorset have a high percentage of fishing and angling related litter. Coastlink aims to work with the various user groups to reduce the amount of litter in our seas.

For more information about sponsoring a bin or starting a scheme in your local area contact Coastlink on 01929 481044.

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Dorset's marine wildlife needs you!

Don't leave your line behind - dispose of your old fishing line safely

The Problem



- Discarded monofilament fishing line is hazardous to everyone and everything. Every year it causes injury and death to many kinds of marine wildlife.
- Animals may swallow fishing line, resulting in illness or death.
- Wildlife may become entangled, drown, starve or lose a limb.
- Fishing line is a threat to divers who can drown if they become entangled.
- For boat users, entangled propellers can result in costly repairs.

It is illegal to improperly discard fishing line.

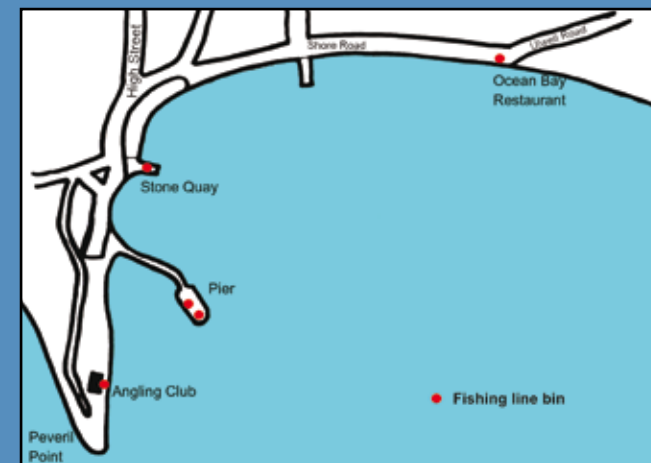
Did you know ..?



Monofilament fishing line lasts about 600 years in the marine environment.



SeaClean Project



A new scheme to collect unwanted fishing line is being trialled in Swanage in 2007.

Collection bins have been placed on Swanage Pier, the Stone Quay, by the Angling Club and by the Ocean Bay restaurant.

Volunteers will empty the bins regularly. If enough line is collected it can be recycled into new tackle boxes or even new line!

Swanage anglers are leading the way nationally. If the trial is successful the project will be extended all along the Dorset coast and beyond.