



Ceredigion County Council

Port Waste Management Plan (PWMP)



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1.0 Introduction

Ceredigion County Council (CCC) is the Statutory Harbour Authority for the following:

- Aberaeron Harbour
- Aberystwyth Harbour
- New Quay Harbour

The harbours all have their own distinguishing features and profile. They are primarily used by leisure craft with a small fleet of commercial fishing boats and pleasure trip providers.

The number of visiting vessels, both leisure and commercial, is low.

The scope of this plan covers Council operated and maintained facilities and does not include private facilities such as Aberystwyth Marina.

2.0 Context

Ceredigion is a large rural county located in mid-west Wales benefiting mostly from both rural and coastal settings.

The high quality of the natural and built environment is very important from many perspectives and is highly valued by both local residents and visitors. Tourism and agriculture are key features of the local economy. This is reflected by, on the whole, the public managing and disposing of waste arising in all scenarios in a responsible and legal way. This is evidenced by Ceredigion consistently being amongst the best performing local authority area in Wales in respect of key measures including:

- Recycling performance
- Local Environment Audit Management Surveys (LEAMS)
- Fly-tipping
- Air quality

3.0 Background

The waste management arrangements at the harbours managed by CCC have historically been reflective of the nature, size and level of activity at the harbours. They are deemed to have been appropriate in this respect with no known issues arising. In this context CCC is extremely eager to retain and maintain this position moving forward.

The amount of waste generated by the Harbour Authority in discharging its duties is minimal and limited to that generated at the Harbour Offices at the respective harbours.

The Harbour Authority recognises it has a role and responsibilities to support harbour users in fulfilling their obligations to deal and dispose of the waste they generate in a responsible and legal manner.

The Harbour Authority is eager to work with other stakeholders who also have a role in respect of ensuring compliance related to any waste related matters arising at its harbours.

All aspects of Ceredigion's harbours are managed in accordance with the current Ceredigion Harbour Management Policy which can be found at:

[Coast & Harbours - Ceredigion County Council](#)

This includes specific reference to waste management expectations and responsibilities.

CCC is conscious of the need to consider and balance, in respect of waste management, the expectations of various stakeholders who may have differing and potentially conflicting expectations which are not aligned. These will relate, but are not limited to, matters of compliance and costs.

4.0 Management Objectives

The overall management objective is to support harbour users with

- Appropriate
- Compliant
- Efficient
- Effective
- Sustainable

waste management solutions.

This will be achieved by:

- Developing, reviewing and implementing the Port Waste Management Plan (PWMP)
- Fulfilling CCCs legal duties as the Harbour Authority with regard to waste management in compliance with the SI 2003/1809 The Merchant Shipping and Shipping Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003
- Seeking to minimise the production of waste from the harbours.

- Promoting the reuse and / or recycling of waste wherever possible.
- Ensuring harbour users are aware of their responsibilities in relation to managing the waste they produce by providing guidance and signposting.
- Signposting harbour users to facilities and services which support them in dealing with their waste responsibly, legally and efficiently.
- Adopting an added value approach to the provision of waste facilities at the harbours. This means providing facilities and services that support and align, rather than duplicate, those already available and do not create unnecessary risks from the following perspectives:
 - **Health and safety:** waste management facilities can pose health and safety risks which include being potential fire hazards.
 - **Environmental:** potential for misuse which includes attracting fly tipping.
 - **Compliance:** waste management facilities are subject to strict licensing and permitting requirements.
 - **Costs:** any additional costs incurred would have to be recovered from harbour users through increased or new harbour fees.

5.0 PWMP Development, Consultation and Approval

5.1 PWMP Development

Consultation on waste management issues in the harbours operated by CCC has been and is ongoing through dialogue between the Harbour Management Team and harbour users.

Due to the relatively modest scale of the harbours operated by CCC it is possible for the Harbour Management Team to maintain a close and healthy relationship with all harbour users. This has been successful in influencing the approach adopted by CCC in relation to waste management at its harbours and subsequently, the development, review and implementation of the PWMP.

5.2 PWMP Consultation

More formal consultation occurs through the Harbour Users Consultative Committees, which meet biannually. These Committees are formally constituted bodies set up to advise the County Council on all harbour associated issues. There is a dedicated Harbour Users Committee for each of the three harbours. The Committees are chaired by the Cabinet Member with responsibilities for harbours.

These Committees are made up of representatives from local yacht clubs, registered fishermen, licensed commercial boat owners, mooring holders, the RNLI, the Chamber of Trade, Local Members and members of relevant Town and Community Councils. Historically the meetings have taken place before and after the main summer season in March and October of each year.

The PWMP will be included as an Agenda item at every Harbour Users Consultative Committee meeting. This will provide an opportunity for harbour users to raise any issues or concerns regarding port waste arrangements. A record of the committee meetings is retained to ensure that any agreed actions are taken forward.

Stakeholders are given prior notice of meetings and have an opportunity to raise any items for discussion. However, stakeholders are also encouraged to engage with the Harbour Authority on an ongoing basis either directly via the Harbour Management Team at the harbours or through Clic, the Council's corporate customer interface. This is to allow any issues arising to be considered and dealt with as soon and as expediently as possible. The Harbour Manager will include reference in his report to the Harbour Users Consultative Committees with regards any issues arising relating to the PWMP.

The PWMP is subject to ongoing review and reflects experience and input from key stakeholders including the harbours users, Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Natural Resources Wales (NRW),

6.0 Accessing the PWMP document

In accordance with CCC's Welsh Language Policy the PWMP will be available in both Welsh and English.

With a view of adhering with the management objectives of the PWMP the primary distribution and availability of it will be by electronic means. This will include:

- it being published on the CCC website
- proactive signposting to it in communications with harbour users (mooring renewals, Calm Waters publication etc.)

Hard copies of the document will be available for perusal at the Harbour Offices. As well as being an environmentally and economically sound approach this will allow the PWMP to be updated and remain current on the website at all times. Stakeholders will have been involved and made aware of any changes to the PWMP before they are implemented.

<https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/travel-roads-parking/coast-harbours/>



7.0 The Harbour Services Team

The activities at each of the harbours are controlled by the Harbour Manager, Harbour Works Leader and Seasonal Harbour Assistants acting on behalf of the Council.

7.1 Implementing and Reviewing the PWMP

The Harbour Manager is responsible for implementing and reviewing the PWMP. The Harbour Works Leader and Assistants are responsible for the day-to-day operational compliance with the Plan.

7.2 Contacting the Harbour Team

The Harbour Team can be contacted by:

Visiting the Harbour Offices (hours subject to staffing availability)

Aberystwyth

Address: Aberystwyth Harbour Office, Aberystwyth Harbour, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 1JX

Aberaeron

Address: Aberaeron Harbour Office, Aberaeron Harbour, South Beach, Aberaeron, Ceredigion, SA46 0BE

New Quay

Address: New Quay Harbour Office, New Quay Harbour, The Pier, New Quay, Ceredigion, SA45 9NW

Contact Details:

Email:

clic@ceredigion.gov.uk

Phone: 01545 570881

Post: Ceredigion County Council, Canolfan Rheidol,

Rhodfa Padarn,

Llanbadarn Fawr,

Aberystwyth,

Ceredigion,

SY23 3UE.

CCC's out of hours emergency numbers are 01970 625277 or 01239 851604.

8.0 Ceredigion's Harbours

There are three small ports in operation, each with its own natural or

constructed harbour, and these are located in Aberystwyth to the north, Aberaeron at the midpoint and New Quay to the south. Each of these ports has a number of boats associated with the local fishing and passenger boat industry but the larger proportion of boats are leisure craft as shown below.

The number of vessels at each facility has not changed significantly for several years, and this is not expected to change in the near future. The below figures are taken from 21st September 2023 (summer).

The harbours currently cater for the following vessels with the existing facilities:

Harbour	Fishing	Passenger / charter	Leisure	Launchers
Aberystwyth	9	0	77	<10
Aberaeron	0	3	89	<10
New Quay	6	10	156	<10

Vessels visiting the harbours on average per year is as follows:

Harbour	Visiting Boats
Aberystwyth	<10
Aberaeron	<10
New Quay	<10

The number of vessels in each harbour significantly reduces during the winter season due to lift out.

Requirements for ships wishing to use the facilities are set out in Section 3 of MGN 563 which can be found by following the below link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5f087d633a6f405a123d45ff/MGN_563_Amendment_1_R0720.pdf

9.0 PWMP Arrangements

9.1 Types of Facility

The requirements for the depositing of waste from vessels is reflective of the scale of the harbour and number of vessels, as follows:

9.2 On Site Arrangements

The main facilities at the harbours are as follows:

Harbour	Facilities for general domestic waste and litter.	Maximum Capacity
Aberystwyth	Public Litter Bins Batteries Oil Filters General Waste Recyclables (including metals, paper, card, plastics)	90L – 1100L (depending on location and facility) 1400L 205L 1280L 1280L
Aberaeron	Public Litter Bins Batteries Oil Filters General Waste Recyclables (including metals, paper, card, plastics)	90L – 140L (depending on location and facility) 1400L 205L 1280L 1280L
New Quay	Public Litter Bins Batteries Oil Filters General Waste Recyclables (including metals, paper, card, plastics)	90L – 140L (depending on location and facility) 1400L 205L 1280L 1280L

No provision is made for international food catering waste disposal of such waste must be disposed of in accordance with guidance provided on the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/handling-and-disposing-of-international-catering-waste>

Harbour users are required to offload all waste (except sewage) to onshore facilities.

Whilst there are public conveniences within proximity to the three ports in Ceredigion. These do not include facilities for sewage waste and must not be used for this purpose. All boat owners are required to dispose of their sewage waste using appropriate facilities.

Maps showing the location of the above facilities at each harbour can be found in Appendix A.

The above facilities are made available free of charge at the point of use to leisure harbour users, with costs of such facilities forming part of the overall

harbour budget spend Leisure harbour users are encouraged to make use of these facilities.

Facilities are accessible to all leisure harbour users by contacting the Harbour Services Team. Visiting vessels should also contact the Harbour Services Team. Access to the facilities cannot be granted without Harbour staff being present and the facilities will be locked at all times to prevent misuse of the facilities.

These arrangements are subject to review and will only be retained if they are deemed, overall, to provide a net benefit compared with the previous baseline where there were no known issues arising.

The following signage is in place at each of the facilities:



Cyfleusterau Gwastraff yr Harbwr

Gweler staff yr harbwr ar gyfer mynediad a defnydd.

Harbour Waste Facilities

Please see harbour staff for access and use.

 www.ceredigion.gov.uk 

9.3 Waste Collection Days

'Waste Collection Days' are designated as and when required to facilitate the disposal of waste arising from start and end of season's clean-up of vessels. A registered waste operator is engaged in making the provision. It is intended for Waste Collection Days to continue on an ongoing basis as and when deemed required.

9.4 Litter Picking and General Cleanliness

- Arrangements are made to litter pick the harbour areas on a regular basis.
- Carrying out regular checks for debris, litter, carcasses, dangerous substances or objects on the harbour estate forms part of the Harbour Team's daily activities.
- As part of the wider Caru Ceredigion (Love Ceredigion) all stakeholders are encouraged to play a proactive positive role in keeping the harbours and the county more generally clean.

9.5 Off Site Arrangements

9.5.1 Leisure Harbour Users

CCC operates the following Household Waste Sites

Aberystwyth

Glanyrafon Industrial Estate, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth. SY23 3JQ.

Cardigan

Cilmaenllwyd, Penparc, Cardigan. SA43 1RB.

Lampeter

Industrial Estate, Tregaron Road, Lampeter. SA48 8LT.

Llanarth

Rhydeinon, Llanarth. SA47 0QP.

These are available to use for free for domestic purposes which would include by leisure harbour users subject to adherence with the site rules which includes the types of waste accepted and vehicles permitted.

Further details including opening hours, site rules and types of waste accepted can be found at:

[Household Waste Sites & Recycling - Ceredigion County Council](#)

9.5.2 Commercial Harbour Users

A number of companies provide services and facilities for commercial waste producers in Ceredigion which would include commercial harbour users. These include collection and disposal services as well as transfer station facilities which best meet the requirements and responsibilities of those commercial harbour users. These arrangements are facilitated, made and paid for by the commercial harbour users as the producers of commercial waste. Compliance in respect of matters such as transfer notes are ones which sit with the waste producers.

9.5.3 Quantities and Types of Waste

The amount of general waste produced at the ports is given in the tables below and is an estimation based on the records of the numbers of craft using the facilities. Data will be collated in relation to the volumes of each type of waste accepted which is received and disposed of via the PWMP facilities moving forward.

Harbour	General domestic waste (tonnes)
Aberaeron	7.75
Aberystwyth	27.00
New Quay	16.25

Any waste not covered by the PWMP should be kept on-board until safe and legal arrangements can be made for disposal.

It will be the responsibility of all waste producers to ensure they comply with their obligations in relation to the disposal of and maintenance of records related to this, as well as reporting issues to the relevant statutory agency.

10.0 Review of Facilities

It is considered that the facilities outlined in the PWMP at each of the ports are sufficient to cope with the current numbers of craft using Ceredigion Harbours.



The overall situation will be monitored annually to assess the trends and requirements. In addition to this, extra receptacles can be added at any time to cover emergencies or unusual circumstances which includes events.

All Harbour users are expected to deal with their waste responsibly and legally as referred to in the Harbour Management Policy. The Harbour Authority advises and supports as far as reasonably and practicably appropriate compliance with this requirement.

If any in the event the Master of a UK flagged ship believes that such facilities are inadequate, the Master may wish to contact the MCA (as per procedure set out in MGN 563) to discuss this via:

PWR Inadequacies,
Clean Ship Operations Team,
Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
Spring Place,
105 Commercial Road,
Southampton, SO15 1EG.
E-mail: environment@mcga.gov.uk

11.0 Vessel Non-Compliance

All harbour users must comply with this PWMP. Detail and evidence of vessel non-compliance should be referred to the Harbour Manager, who will try and resolve the non-compliance with the vessel's Master. Should the non-compliance not be resolved, the Harbour Manager will inform the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

Such vessels may then be targeted by the MCA for inspection. Masters and owners of vessels that fail to comply with the requirements may be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine as provided for in regulations 18 (2), (3) and (4) of the 2003 Regulations as amended.

Vessel non-compliance shall be reported to:
Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
Cardiff Marine Office,
Anchor Court,
Keen Road,
CF24 5JW

Phone Number: 0203 9085220
Email: cardiffmo@mcga.gov.uk



12.0 Communication

General information relating to the coast and harbours is available on the Council's website at: <http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/travel-roads-parking/coast-harbours/>. Information includes the Ceredigion Harbours Management Plan, tide tables and contact details for the relevant bodies in addition to a copy of the PWMP.

12.1 Comments, Compliments and Complaints

Comments, compliments and complaints from harbour users are managed in accordance with the Council's Customer Charter.

Complaints are managed through the Council's Concerns and Complaints Policy.

Details can be found from the following link:

<http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/your-council/comments-compliments-and-complaints/>

Aberystwyth Harbour

Key:

 Location of waste facilities

