



Berwickshire & Northumberland
Marine Nature Partnership

Data, Research and Monitoring Group

Terms of reference

The Group

The Data, Research and Monitoring Group is a working group of the Berwickshire and Northumberland Marine Nature Partnership and contributes towards the Marine Nature Partnership's core function of achieving a well-managed network of marine protected areas on the inshore waters between Fast Castle Head and the River Tyne.

Aims of the Group

The main purposes of the Data, Research and Monitoring Group are:

- To maintain an overview of data availability and of monitoring and research activity within the partnership area
 - This includes maintaining an overview of current data about the condition of inshore marine protected areas
- To identify any knowledge gaps, research and monitoring needs, and blockages in data availability
- To work with the Partnership Officer to maintain a prioritised list of monitoring and research requirements
- To develop activity to address data, monitoring or research needs
- To act as a forum for sharing information about ongoing or proposed research, monitoring and data gathering activities
- To advise the wider partnership, including the partnership Steering Group, about issues related to research, monitoring and data collection

Membership and Governance

Membership of the Group is open to all interested organisations regardless of whether they are members of the wider Marine Nature Partnership. New members will be approved by the Group before an invitation is made by the Partnership Officer.

The meeting Chair will be agreed by the Group. The Chair can be appointed for a fixed term or on a meeting by meeting basis.

Meeting Schedule

The Group will meet at least once a year (physically or virtually) in advance of the annual Management Partnership meeting. The number of additional meetings will be decided on by the Group.