



# FIDRA News

## Nurdle news

### THE GREAT EUROPEAN NURDLE HUNT

The Nurdle Map got a boost of nurdle hunts from the continent with our Great European Nurdle Hunt weekend on the 2nd-5th June. At least 250 nurdle hunters took part across 9 different countries. 68% of hunts found nurdles present. You can download the results by clicking [HERE](#).



### NURDLER OF THE YEAR!

Mary Dwen of Swanage, Dorset, got in touch with us to report her fantastic collection of nurdles. She has been picking up pellets since 2010, and has collected, cleaned and counted a WHOPPING 450,000 nurdles, by herself. She goes out almost every day and mentions that it's harder to find them now, suggesting she has almost cleaned the full beach, though she is waiting for bad weather to bring in another batch... We are now looking together with Mary at ways to use her nurdle collection for good. For this fantastic effort, we crown Mary as Nurdler of the year (or decade, or century?!).

*[Please remember if you're collecting, cleaning and counting nurdles – we recommend gloves! -Ed.]*

## Fidra is hiring!

Come and work with us! We have two exciting new job openings in our North Berwick offices. This is an opportunity to join a highly motivated and active organisation, while we expand our scope and develop new projects. Click on the links below, or visit [www.environmentjob.co.uk](http://www.environmentjob.co.uk) to find out more.

**Project Officer** – we are looking for a self-motivated, organised individual with project management experience and strong communications skills, to help maintain our current marine plastics work.

**Project Manager** – we are looking for an experienced project manager to help us develop new projects on the topic of unnecessary chemical usage in commercial products.



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*Pics sent to us by Mary, of Swanage bay and her huge nurdle collection!*

# Thanks to our supporters!

THANKS FOR HELPING US  
FIND MORE VOLUNTEERS AND RAISE AWARENESS

We wouldn't be able to do the work we do without countless other organisations, who have all helped to spread the word about nurdles and our hunt to their volunteers. We wanted to send out a big thank you for all their help so far this year. Some examples are shown below. Why not click on the logo to find out about them?



plastic change



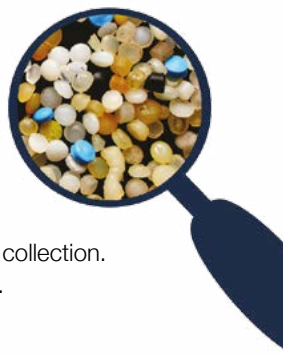
## and finally...

### NEW NURDLERS IN TOWN:

A new organisation aims to raise awareness of plastic pollution by cleaning up beaches on the South coast, and creating wonderful artworks out of marine debris. Their name: Nurdle

Nurdle have told us that they're always keen for your spare pellet collection. If you have some to share, let us know and we'll get you in touch.

Check out [www.nurdle.org.uk](http://www.nurdle.org.uk) for more info.



### Who are we?



Fidra is a charity based in East Lothian, Scotland. We engage local concerns over environmental issues, contributing to dialogue on broader national and international level. We use scientific evidence, best practice and collaborative working to influence a positive environmental change. Fidra is a Scottish registered charity and SCIO no.SCO43895. [www.fidra.org.uk](http://www.fidra.org.uk)

### Our projects:



The Great Nurdle Hunt – [www.nurdlehunt.org.uk](http://www.nurdlehunt.org.uk)

The Great Nurdle Hunt aims to end further industrial plastic pellet or 'nurdle' pollution into seas, using a combination of international citizen science and positive corporate engagement. Thanks to our nurdle hunt [supporters](#).



The Cotton Bud Project – [www.cottonbudproject.org.uk](http://www.cottonbudproject.org.uk)

Plastic cotton bud stems disposed of into sewage systems pollute inland waterways and the marine environment. We ask manufacturers and retailers to phase out plastic stems to reduce the impact of wrongly flushed buds. Thanks to our cotton bud project [supporters](#).

## Cotton bud news

### SAINSBURY'S NEW PAPER BUDS ARE READY TO HIT THE SHELVES:

We've been keeping in touch with retailers who have pledged to phase out plastic stems, and we're pleased to say they're still on track and working on getting new buds in stock. We were recently sent pictures of Sainsbury's new paper bud collection, which should be appearing on shelves soon as old stock is used up... As part of the repackaging design they have also increased the size of their Bag It & Bin It label to make the message clear:

**DON'T FLUSH ANY BUDS!**

Visit [www.cottonbudproject.org.uk](http://www.cottonbudproject.org.uk)



Sainsbury's new paper buds in redesigned packaging.

## News from our partners

### HAVE YOU GOT THE BOTTLE

We're one step closer to a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) in Scotland. Roseanna Cunningham has commissioned Zero Waste Scotland to investigate the design of a potential system for Scotland. This is the crucial next step to make DRS a reality. Hopefully [#wildbottlesighting](#) will soon be a thing of the past.



Spot the wild bottle next to the bin!

PLEASE KEEP SPREADING THE NURDLE-WORD! FIND US ON

