



CCC on the Front Line Protecting Our Oceans!

[Coral Cay Conservation](#) (CCC) were very pleased to be invited to help out at the most recent Dive for Debris event. Chief Scuba Instructor at [Montserrat Island Dive Centre](#), Charley, has officially adopted Carr's Bay through the [Project AWARE](#) scheme, and is aiming to do a monthly clean-up there. Project AWARE is an organisation dedicated to educating divers on ethical diving, whilst helping to conserve sharks and rays, and taking action on marine debris. The adoption scheme is really cool as it involves an individual committing to actively reduce the marine debris in their chosen area, feed itemised debris information into the centralised data pool, and educate the public in pollutants and prevention methods.

Three CCC divers helped with the event, bringing up 38kg of rubbish, including an old anchor! The land based team collected 8kg. Just from looking at the beach after it's clear that these regular beach cleans are having a positive effect with less rubbish on the beach and therefore less making its way onto the reef. These clean ups are not the most glamorous of events but they are hugely worthwhile, and always leave everyone attending with a warm feeling inside knowing that they have had a tangible impact on the future of the reefs, and the safety of the marine animals that rely on them.



Field Base Manager, Claire, demonstrates how to set up a BCD and Reg. © Rachel Pedersen



Harry and his mother strike a pose at Askew Cottage.

Coral Cay Conservation

Anyone who has visited the Philippines site knows that it has a very calming atmosphere, not too surprising considering

Recent Events

Each year the school groups that join the [Lifesigns](#) expeditions are encouraged to fund raise for their venture. The School

you are metres from the sea shore with only the lapping of the waves for background noise! We have to admit that this tranquillity was rather missing earlier in the month when the staff and volunteers were joined by 185 scouts from San Francisco and the surrounding Barangays. However, their excitement and pleasure at joining CCC, more than made up for it!

The group started off with an introduction to scuba diving with the Field Base Manager, Claire Ogg, where she explained all the different parts of the equipment and how they enabled the user to breath underwater. Community Liaison Officer, Jesse Tinapay, then took over and gave a lecture on coral biology and lifeforms. The morning was rounded off with a chance for the group to test out their skills in the 'bubble tanks' before saying farewell. If you would like to read more about what goes on, on site, check out the [CCC Blog](#).

Programme Coordinator comes up with topical and seasonal fundraising tips each month to help the students reach their goal.

An explorer from one of next year's teams has blown us away with his fantastic accomplishment of raising £1,500 towards his Cambodia expedition! Harry and his mum embarked on a coast to coast walk following Hadrian's Wall from Cumbria to Northumberland. Walking with full kit & camping each night, this adventure will surely prepare Harry well for the rigours of expedition life, and the hike and wild camping should be a breeze. The expedition is still being finalised but it will have a strong element of teaching within the local schools of the Ban Lung region, so an informative and enlightening trip all round.

If you would like to join Lifesigns on a group expedition check out the [Lifesigns Expeditions page](#).

Future Events

It's almost October which for divers can only mean one thing: the countdown has begun for the Birmingham Dive Show!

DIVE is an annual event taking place on the 22nd - 23rd October, where diving enthusiasts, dive centres and conservation organisations come together to celebrate all things diving. Visiting the show is a fantastic chance to test out some of the newest technical kit, listen to some exciting seminars covering everything from adventure travel to underwater forensic investigation, and get some real bargains (especially if you stay late Sunday!). However, the most important thing of course is that you can come and meet us! The dive show is a great chance for us to spread the word about what we do and meet up with volunteers, old and new.

Everyone from complete novices to instructors are welcome so why not come on down and say hello?

Offer of the Month!

One for the divers this month! Anyone who books on and joins a Coral Cay Conservation marine expedition for at least 4 weeks, before the end of 2016, will get the CCC Reef Survey Diver PADI Speciality thrown in for **free**! Offer includes all necessary training and merchandise. Just mention 'NewsletterSep2016' in the messages section of the [booking form](#).

Terms & Conditions: Offer applies to Coral Cay Conservation marine expeditions only. Expedition duration must be four weeks or longer and must take place within 2016. Offer can only be redeemed until the 3rd October 2016. Offer is only redeemable through the mention of 'NewsletterSep16' on the booking form. Student will only be eligible to gain their certification once they have completed the requisite training components, failure to do so will nullify this offer. Offer cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer subject to availability. This offer has no monetary value and no cash or product alternative will be offered. Usual CCC expedition [Terms and Conditions](#) apply.
