

Important Information for **Bait Diggers** in Poole Harbour



Please **follow** this code...

Take only what you need for your own use
Bait animals are an important food source for birds; ensure stocks are available now, and populations can persist in the future.

Back-fill any holes that you dig
The waterlogged holes cannot be recolonised by invertebrates for weeks, depriving birds of food.

Don't disturb birds and wildlife
Disturbance during the day, and from torch lights at night can prevent birds feeding or recovering from migratory flights.

Don't dig in sensitive habitats
Salt marsh and eel grass beds are important habitats and feeding areas for many creatures.

it is in **your** interest



Poole Harbour is an internationally important site for the birds which feed on the mudflats. It is important to follow these guidelines in order to ensure bait digging can continue now, and in the future.

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