Dear  **Local Council/Beach Manager/Beach Owner**

**Marine Conservation Society beach clean at your beach**

**(Beach name)** is one of my favourite beaches and I'm organising a beach clean there – so that I can help keep it rubbish-free and collect litter data for the charity.

The Marine Conservation Society lead the UK's biggest beach clean and survey programme and it has been running for over 25 years.

Volunteers clean up hundreds of beaches around the UK, record what they find so the charity can use it to encourage behaviour changes leading to cleaner seas.

Beach clean data has led to UK-wide carrier bag charge, microbead bans and retailers reducing the amount of plastic in their wet wipes and more clearly labelling them as non-flushable.

I'd like to run a beach clean at **(beach name)** on (day and date) at (times)

On the day our volunteers will clean and record litter from a set 100m stretch of the beach – this is the data will be used for campaigning work but we will collect litter from a much wider area too.

We will collect all the litter but it's likely there will too much rubbish to go in the nearby bins so we'd really appreciate it if you could let us know the best place to leave the bin bags for collection by local authority waste teams.

I would also like to ask how to manage any syringes or needles found at the clean. The volunteers aren't currently able to dispose of this litter safely, so it would be great to discuss what to do.

Organisers, like myself, clean hundreds of UK beaches every year - here's a link to the [Beach Clean Organiser’s Guide](https://www.mcsuk.org/what-you-can-do/join-a-beach-clean/guides-and-resources/) which I will be following in the run up to the event and on the day. It gives you more details about the event and how it will be run.

I have carried out a risk assessment of the beach (which will be updated on the day) and have attached a copy to this email.

The event is covered by the Marine Conservation Society’s public liability insurance which I can send if you would like to see a copy.

You can also find out more about Marine Conservation Society beach cleans here – [mcsuk.org](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.mcsuk.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7Csarah.watson%40mcsuk.org%7C6b9bbcedea3e4b41e97d08d910959c6e%7Ce9bc0344e0a2455da63a3bd02b6ee732%7C0%7C0%7C637559057016687383%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=iKWCbJQ9QZaBsXIvKPJZuFuS0cy05xPBcUCPABCPBa4%3D&reserved=0)

If you have any questions or suggestions then please get in touch either by replying to this email or call me on **(telephone number here)**.

Thanks for your support!

**(your name)**

**Marine Conservation Society beach clean organiser**