Here at Wooda, we are working with the Cleaner Seas project. It is a national pilot project being delivered in Bude by Volunteer Cornwall on behalf of the Environment Agency. By engaging with the local community, the project hopes to address those factors which are contributing to the bathing water quality at Bude’s beaches.

Did you know?
The rubbish such as plastic bottles, aluminium cans, shoes, and packaging material – if not disposed correctly, can reach the sea and the same rubbish can again reach the sea shore where it pollutes beaches. This is why recycling is so important.

Plastic is one of the most common ocean pollutants. It doesn’t break down rapidly and marine life often mistake it for food. It is estimated that every square mile of the ocean has more than 45,000 pieces of plastic floating in it.

Sea life mistake plastic bags for jellyfish and the bags block their stomach leading to death from starvation.

Why not purchase one of our reusable environmentally friendly shopping bags from our farm shop to decrease the amount of plastic bags washed up in our sea.

Left on the ground, pet waste can wash into storm drains that flow directly into the ocean, degrading water quality with high levels of bacteria, threatening public health, and making marine animals sick.

Please ensure you pick up after your dogs and dispose of their waste in the red dog waste bins situated on site.

Images: Adam Gibbard, Visit Cornwall
Sometimes medicines that humans and animals take contain toxic chemicals and these make their way into the sea through our toilets, into sewage treatment plants and then out into rivers into the sea. For us these chemicals are tolerable in small doses but in aquatic environments they can build up and cause fertility problems in fish.

Everything we flush down the toilet ends up in the sea. The waste we flush away is a huge problem, one year more than 17,000 cotton buds were washed up on UK beaches.

Please dispose of your waste appropriately and do not flush sanitary items or medicines down the toilet.

In our homes we use many different sorts of cleaning, washing and polishing products which all contain various chemicals which often end up down the drain when washed out of dishcloths or used in the bath or kitchen sink. These chemicals may be harmful to wildlife and marine environments as they can contain harmful substances.

Here at Wooda we use environmentally friendly cleaning products. We would love it if you could where possible too!

Not only does waste get flushed in to the sea but everything you pour down the drain washes up into the ocean.

Please take care of things that are washed down the drain such as fatty substances or oils that may cause blockages. These can clog up the main sewer pipes causing untreated sewage to run in to our rivers and in to the sea polluting our ocean.

Fatty substances should be disposed of in the bin rather than washing them down the drain.

From all of the sewage and harmful chemicals that are washed in to the sea, it can make swimming dangerous for the public and impact on human health. Many diseases and illnesses are spread by the ocean being so polluted with things that we do on a daily basis however this can be prevented by making small changes in our everyday life.

Don't be alarmed though, Bude Beaches are safe to swim in!

In 2012, months of rain and flooding in many parts of the UK washed pollution from towns and cities, farms and sewers into the sea. 42 beaches failed to meet the minimum European standards for bathing water quality, however this is now increasing and Summerleaze beach in Bude was rated ‘excellent’ in 2016 for bathing water quality.

This is because of the Cleaner Seas Project!

We want you to enjoy your holiday and this is why we are supportive of the project, to make our seas clean for you to enjoy!

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