



Press statement

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A sample of sea water was taken on April 15th 2025 from a Walmer beach location close to Walmer Castle . Laboratory tests showed that the sample did not exhibit high pollution.

Walmer Town Council engaged the services of a leading provider of sea water quality testing and analysis due to the concern of rating given by the Environment Agency last year, which has led to concern about potential commercial and reputational damage to the area. The Environment Agency's legal remit is to take tests weekly between May to September.

Walmer Town Council would like the Environment Agency to undertake a series of tests with a view to changing the rating of the sea water to accurately reflect improvements in the results of the testing since August 2024.

The public can be assured these results will be shared with the Environment Agency, and we hope they will consider these accredited test results when assessing the quality and safety of the sea water along our beautiful stretch of coastline from Walmer to Deal. Walmer Town Council resolved to take four test this summer in April, July, August and October.

The results will be also shared with Southern Water along with a request be more diligent and to take steps to avoid contaminated discharges in the area

Water Quality Results Certificate



Client Name: Walmer Town Council

Water Body Name: Walmer Coast near Walmer Castle

Certificate Reference: TSBN2357898

Analysis Start Date: 16/04/2025

Report Date: 18/04/2025

Analysis Results – Microbiology

Sample 1

Test/Unit	Result	EC Bathing Water Directive (2006/7/EC) (For coastal waters)
E. coli (no/100 ml)	2	Pass Excellent
Enterococci (no/100 ml)	>100	Pass Excellent

Sample 2

Test/Unit	Result	EC Bathing Water Directive (2006/7/EC) (For coastal waters)
E. coli (no/100 ml)	2	Pass Excellent
Enterococci (no/100 ml)	>100	Pass Excellent

The testing results in this certificate relate only to the samples described above. Unless otherwise stated, all results are expressed on an as received basis. All analysis was carried out in UKAS accredited laboratory.

Please visit www.swim-safety.co.uk/results-guidance/ for more info on results thresholds.