

## **Beach security – Update for Council on 18 May 2026**

To date we have spent £8000 on beach security, constituting 20% of the budget set. This was based on daily patrols over the Easter holidays and weekend patrols from then until the summer holidays start in mid-July. Large patrols will then be needed daily to safeguard large numbers on all seven bays.

The increased budget means patrols can operate in the evenings if circumstances suggest it might be useful. Such evenings could be

- end of school term days
- exam results days
- any day when the authorities have intelligence that large groups are headed to Broadstairs and there could be confrontation
- days when scheduled organised events are due to take place

Such events are Water Gala and Summer Fireworks. These events have already arranged security and included it in the budget they submitted to the Town council for grant funding.

The Town Council needs to be assured they are not double funding the project or duplicating costs.

The organisers usually arrange for eight patrol guards at each event but at last years events, both the organisers and Probe security staff felt this number was inadequate.

**Town Clerk's recommendation: that the organisers provide the eight guards they have budgeted for and the Town Council provides an additional four guards from its allocated budget.**