

<u>Vehicles</u> Registration numbers, colour, make and model	
<u>Persons involved</u> Description, number of males and females	
<u>Equipment used</u> Description, colour	
Type of shellfish being gathered	
Any other information	
Your contact details, if you are happy for Environmental Health to contact you directly? (Details would be kept in strictest confidence)	



Illegal shellfish gathering on the river adur

Reports have been received of people in large groups, collecting cockles and mussels from the River Adur in the Norfolk Bridge area. The public are warned that shellfish gathered from this area are likely to be unfit for human consumption due to high levels of contaminants in the water such as the bacterium *E.coli*, leading to possible serious illness if consumed.

This area is not classified under food safety regulations to permit the harvesting of shellfish and it is an offence to remove any shellfish for the purpose of commercial supply or sale.

The area is also a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and fauna and flora should not be disturbed.

If any person has information that contaminated shellfish harvested from the River Adur is entering the food chain and can provide details of persons seen removing shellfish from this area (the individuals should not be approached), please report to us using the table overleaf. Send it to:

**Public Health & Regulation, Adur & Worthing Councils,
Portland House, 44 Richmond Road,
Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1HS**

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