VEGETATED SHINGLE IDENTIFICATION GUIDE - SUMMER



Orache

- Summer only just above High Water Mark
- No other species
- Looks like a green haze very low on the shingle

Moss and Lichen community

- see over



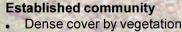
Pioneer community

- Individual plants, widely spaced
- Large patches of bare shingle
- Typical plants sea kale, yellow horned poppy, sea pea



Intermediate community

- Clumps of vegetation and patches of bare shingle
- Greater variety of species than pioneer
- Typically colourful plants and tall grasses



- Shingle only visible where disturbed/trampled
- Greater variety of species than intermediate
- Generally low growing
- Typical plants are as above + grasses, clovers, thistles



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VEGETATED SHINGLE IDENTIFICATION GUIDE - WINTER

Vegetated shingle is a rare wildlife habitat and should be protected from damage. This guide is to help contractors identify the different communities.







Pioneer community (winter)

- Remaining vegetation very sparse
- Patches of plant debris



Intermediate community

- Clumps of vegetation and patches of bare shingle
- Greater variety of species than pioneer
- Typically tall plants and grasses
- Less colourful than in summer



Established community

- Dense cover by vegetation
- Shingle only visible where disturbed/trampled
- Greater variety of species than intermediate
- Generally low growing
- Typical plants are as above + grasses, clovers, thistles



Moss and lichen community (winter and summer)

- Close cropped turf, often rabbit grazed
- May be crunchy underfoot
- Varied shades of green and bluegreen
- May look like grey/dark paint splashes discolouring the shingle