

# 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



## 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



## 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



# 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 blue-green
- May look like grey/dark paint splashes discolouring the shingle