

## THE YELLOW OBJECT

For several weeks during the early part of 2018 there was a large yellow object on Marloes Sands. It was a seismic survey buoy designed to carry a large hydrophone underneath and to be towed behind a survey vessel. It was the responsibility of the County Council to remove it but they showed no interest. In the end a group of local folk from Marloes rolled the buoy along the beach and hauled the very heavy object up the cliff with the aid of a tractor and much rope. The buoy is stuffed full of polystyrene pellets so it was vital to get it off the beach before the next high tide when all that plastic would be returned to the sea. Many thanks to all the Marloes farmers and residents who helped out.

A note from Chris Jessop:

I will also use this opportunity to thank everyone involved on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> when we hauled the yellow DILT buoy up the cliff at Churchill: as it contained 2500 litres of expanded polystyrene, that's a huge pollution threat removed from the Sands. In case you were wondering, the County Council should have dealt with it.

Thank goodness marine plastic pollution is now moving up the news agenda - not that we will see any different down on the shore line...

