

Course Report.

Coastal Intertidal Species; 26th June 2016, Treborth Botanic Garden

With the weather forecast predicting rain, 12 keen recorders arrived at Treborth Botanic Gardens last Sunday morning to attend the Coastal Intertidal Species ID course.

Marine Biologist Paul Brazier from Natural Resources Wales led the course.

To beat the incoming tide we walked straight down to the coast under the Britannia Bridge. Rocks were rolled and seaweed searched for a variety of interesting marine life.

Porcelain crabs were discovered clinging tenaciously to the rocks in the company of Butterfish, Shanny and various periwinkle species. Nets yielded shrimps and two types of Comb Jelly from deeper water in the strait.

We returned to Treborth with some of our catch and Paul gave us a talk on intertidal habitats and species over lunch. The rest of the day was spent examining the live samples in more detail with microscopes and keys. Amazing views were had of wafting Comb Jelly cilia and multi-eyed marine flatworms. This enjoyable course ended at around 16:00 and the marine life were returned to the Menai Strait thereafter.

