

DCF News ref: the death of Phil Dyke.

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of my friend and colleague, Phil Dyke.

Phil passed away on April 6th after a very short illness.

Phil was the National Coast and Marine Adviser for the National Trust and had held that post for nearly 20 years. Before that, he had worked in Cornwall and on the Isle of Wight, having first joined the Trust in the late 1980's.

I first met Phil when I joined the Trust back in 2007. We immediately struck up a rapport and I soon began to think of him as my mentor. We worked on a number of innovative projects together, including schemes at Ringstead, Studland and on Brownsea Island. His breadth and depth of knowledge regarding the coast and coastal processes was second to none, and he was so generous in sharing that knowledge and passion for the subject with others.

Phil will be remembered particularly as the 'architect' of the widely respected 'Shifting Shores' approach to coastal management and the concept of working *with* nature not against it.

He was a good friend to the Dorset Coast Forum and I am sure many of you will also remember him with kindness. We have lost a great advocate and supporter. He will be sadly missed by all who consider themselves to be part of our 'Coastal Community'.

Tony Flux

Dorset Coast Forum, Chairman