

# SAND AND SEA

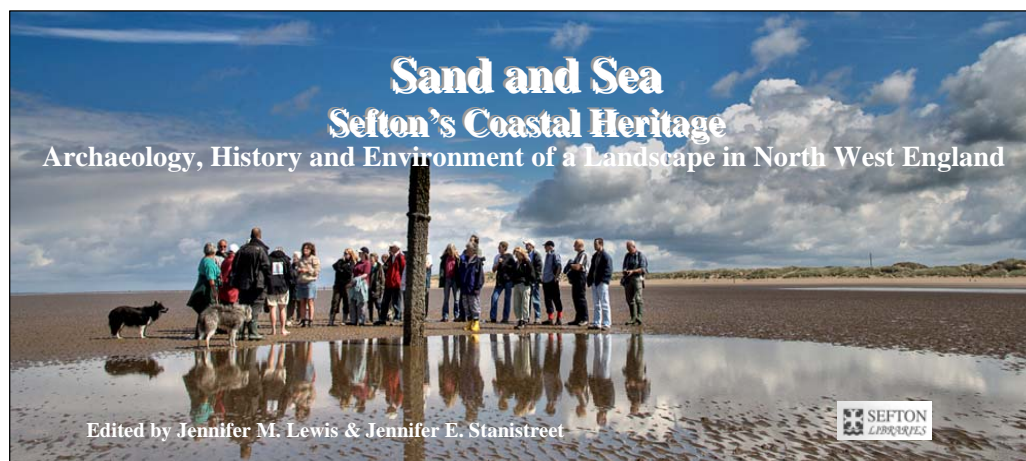
## SEFTON'S COASTAL HERITAGE

Archaeology, History and Environment of a Landscape in North West England

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This superb new book is published by Sefton Libraries on behalf of Sefton Coast Partnership's Archaeology and History Task Group.

*Sand and Sea* brings together material originally delivered at a highly successful heritage conference organised by the Task Group – and expressly updated for this new book. It will appeal both to the general reader and those who have a specialist interest in the locality.

John Houston sets the scene, and Jen Lewis introduces readers to the archaeological and historical background to the coast. Gordon Roberts, Annie Worsley and Ron Cowell provide a fascinating insight into the lives of men, women and children who exploited the marshy shoreline environment many thousands of years ago. Rob Philpott draws on the example of Meols on Wirral's north coast to suggest how evidence for prehistoric, Roman and later settlement in Sefton might be identified.

With a particular emphasis on fishing and smuggling, Sylvia Harrop presents a lively picture of life on the shore in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Barbara and Reg Yorke tell of the hazards of the coast and the measures taken to improve navigation; also they investigate asparagus cultivation and woodland planting in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Finally, Sarah-Jane Farr reminds us that the key to successful management of the archaeological environment is in identifying, recording and reporting discoveries of archaeological material.

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