



Fran Crowe: Andrew Stuck accompanies **Fran Crowe** on a walk along the shingle beach at Thorpeness in Suffolk – a beach walk undertaken by Fran on many occasions as she scavenges for washed up plastic.

Notes from the podcast interview by Andrew Stuck: Recorded in August 2010 and published in April 2011 on <http://talkingwalking.net>

Fran's website: <http://www.flyintheface.com>.

Fran's blog <http://flyintheface.blogspot.com/>

and <http://ayearattheedge.blogspot.co.uk/> in which Fran is recording one year of walks, collecting and coastal change at her favourite beach Thorpeness.

Fran uses art to make an impact and change behaviours. Shocked by the amount of plastic discarded and found floating in a square mile of ocean, Fran walked her local beaches to pick up 46,000 pieces of plastic – to “save” a square mile of ocean.

<http://www.flyintheface.com/46000.html>

Fran brings her skills as a conceptual artist and past experience of working in fast moving consumer goods to create eye-catching “point of sale” and “beach souvenirs” as well as installations derived from her finds. Her art is playful - but deadly serious...

<http://www.flyintheface.com/exhibitions.html>

Her work has brought attention to the Marine Conservation Society and their own Beachwatch initiatives:

http://www.mcsuk.org/what_we_do/Clean+seas+and+beaches/Beachwatch/Beachwatch

Currently Fran is exhibiting an *Oil Age Hut* and other works at Bridport Art Centre (until 19th May). She is also exhibiting with Skeleton Sea

<http://www.skeletonsea.com> in Pamplona, Spain, throughout May.

She will be exhibiting at Jaywick Martello Tower, Essex from 6th July until 2nd

September <http://www.jaywickmartellotower.org/>

She has also recently developed a new website <http://www.amphibiliving.net> about imagining a future living with water...

Fran recommends a walk from Thorpeness around the Suffolk coast

<http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/text.asp?PageId=150>

For more about artists engaging with coastal change in Suffolk, see

<http://www.landingstage.net>