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2024 bathing water classifications

Annual classifications for designated bathing waters, as determined by Natural Resources Wales.

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The classifications identify water quality standards. They are based on:

- monitoring data, and
- compliance with the Bathing Water Regulations 2013

2024 classification

Description	2024 classification
Aberafan	Excellent
Aberdaron	Excellent
Aberdyfi	Excellent
Aberdyfi Rural	Excellent
Abereiddy	Excellent
Aberffraw	Excellent
Abergele (Pensarn)	Good
Abermawr	Excellent
Aberporth**	Good

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Abersoch	Good
Aberystwyth North**	Good
Aberystwyth South**	Good
Amroth Central	Good
Barafundle	Excellent
Barmouth	Excellent
Benllech	Good
Borth Wen	Good
Borth**	Excellent
Bracelet Bay	Excellent
Broad Haven (Central)	Excellent
Broad Haven (South)	Excellent
Caerfai	Excellent
Castle Beach, Tenby	Excellent
Caswell Bay	Excellent

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Cemaes	Sufficient
Church Bay	Excellent
Cilborth**	Excellent
Clarach South**	Good
Cold Knap Barry	Excellent
Col-Huw Beach (Llantwit Major)	Excellent
Colwyn Bay	Good
Colwyn Bay Porth Eirias	Excellent
Coppet Hall	Excellent
Craig Du Beach Central	Excellent
Criccieth	Good
Dale	Excellent
Druidston Haven	Excellent
Dyffryn (Llanendwyn)	Excellent
Fairbourne	Excellent

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Freshwater East	Excellent
Freshwater West	Excellent
Glan Don Beach	Excellent
Harlech	Excellent
Jackson's Bay Barry Island	Good
Kinmel Bay (Sandy Cove)	Good
Langland Bay	Excellent
Limeslade Bay	Good
Little Haven	Excellent
Llandanwg	Excellent
Llanddona	Good
Llanddwyn	Excellent
Llandudno North Shore	Sufficient
Llandudno West Shore	Good
Llanfairfechan	Excellent

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Llangrannog**	Excellent
Llanrhystud**	Excellent
Llyn Padarn	Excellent
Lydstep	Excellent
Manorbier	Excellent
Marine Lake, Rhyl	Good
Marloes Sands	Excellent
Morfa Dinlle	Excellent
Morfa Nefyn	Excellent
Mwnt**	Excellent
New Quay Harbour**	Sufficient
New Quay North**	Good
Newgale	Excellent
Newport North	Excellent
Nolton Haven	Excellent

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Ogmore-By-Sea	Poor
Oxwich Bay	Good
Pembrey	Excellent
Penally	Excellent
Penarth Beach	Good
Penbryn**	Excellent
Pendine	Excellent
Penmaenmawr	Excellent
Poppit West**	Excellent
Port Eynon Bay	Excellent
Porth Dafarch	Excellent
Porth Nefyn	Good
Porth Neigwl	Excellent
Prestatyn	Good
Pwllheli	Excellent

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Rest Bay Porthcawl	Excellent
Rhosneigr	Excellent
Rhossili	Excellent
Rhyl	Poor
Rhyl East	Good
Sandy Bay Porthcawl	Excellent
Sandy Haven	Excellent
Saundersfoot	Excellent
Silver Bay Rhoscolyn	Excellent
Southerndown	Excellent
St Davids - Benllech	Excellent
Swansea Bay	Good
Tal-y-Bont	Excellent
Tenby North	Excellent
Tenby South	Excellent

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Traeth Gwyn New Quay**	Good
Traeth Lligwy	Good
Trearddur Bay	Good
Trecco Bay Porthcawl	Excellent
Tresaith**	Excellent
Tywyn	Excellent
Watch House Bay	Sufficient
West Angle	Excellent
Whitesands	Excellent
Whitmore Bay Barry Island	Good
Wiseman's Bridge	Sufficient

Classifications for sites marked ** have been awarded based on the required number of samples for classification purposes, but with longer-than-required intervals between samples.

Qualifying statement for bathing water classifications 2024

The bathing water classifications for the 2024 season have been provided by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) in accordance with the Bathing Water Regulations. These classifications are based on monitoring data collected over the 2024 bathing season and the preceding seasons, where appropriate.

The classifications reflect the best available evidence and robust methodologies, however due to challenges in the sampling process at fifteen sites NRW have excluded some data from its analysis. This approach, though precautionary, ensures that classifications for these sites have been awarded based on the required number of samples for classification purposes, but with longer-than-required intervals between samples. As a result, the classifications have undergone statistical analysis to assess their reliability.

The bathing water programme is designed to provide an indication of water quality, rather than an absolute measure of its condition. Classifications are intended to guide public health advice and environmental management. As such, they offer a general indication of bathing water quality, but they should not be seen as a definitive or exhaustive assessment of water quality.

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