

KYRLE PROBUS 4 February 2016

A wide-ranging action plan aimed at protecting Britain's seas 'which are being plundered with little thought for the future' was the highlight of a talk by two members of the Ross-based Marine Conservation Society at a meeting of Kyrle Probus Club on Thursday, February 4th.

The society launched in a shed has now grown over three decades to a strength of more than 50 personnel: the 30-year anniversary was celebrated in 2013.

Peopled by devoted enthusiasts and experts, the society claims to be the UK's leading charity working with supermarkets, restaurants, fishermen and governments to make sure sustainable seafood is the only option for the country's consumers.

'Marine life is under threat,' said Alisdair Naules, the society's public engagement officer. 'Litter is swamping the seas...the future of our seas is in all our hands.'

Although our seas and shores are home to amazing wildlife and the source of vital fish stocks, too many fish are being taken out and too much rubbish is going in, the meeting heard. Some areas of abandoned plastic on the seabed are the size of Texas.

A network of marine conservation zones, like national parks in the sea, have been set up in a bid to restrict exploitation, backed by much educational work, and beach and good fish guides.

Alisdair was supported by programme manager Bernadette Clarke.



An entertaining quiz was the main feature of the recent New Year lunch as the main speaker was unable to attend.

The club, which has 35 members, meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at Ross Conservative Club, when members hear talks, sometimes from guest speakers. New members are always welcome.

To find out more about the club, visit www.kyrleprobus-ross.org.uk or contact Secretary Jeff Morris on 01989 563698.