

Mystery of UK dolphin strandings

Well the question on most people's lips at the moment is – what killed the dolphins off the Falmouth coast? Various species of dolphins have been known to chase shoals of fish onto a sandbank but these particular common dolphins were found scattered in four separate places. Scientists from the Zoological Society of London, which is leading the investigation into the deaths of the dolphins have examined over 18 of the animals so far but at present, no conclusions can be made on the cause of the stranding.

Marine Connection's Liz Sandeman comments "Common dolphins often travel in large groups of hundreds or even thousands and are extremely active, fast moving animals so something has definitely spooked them. They are deep ocean going mammals, and unlike bottlenose dolphins are not regularly seen inshore. The dead animals appeared to be in good physical condition and well-fed. "

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