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Welcome to the latest edition of the CPE newsletter. There has been a great deal of progress since our last edition. Included in this issue are some of the highlights of the last six months. You can keep up to date with our work by visiting our new CPE website www.coasteast.org.uk or follow us on Twitter at [@CPE_NandS](https://twitter.com/CPE_NandS). We are always happy to hear from you with any suggestions about how we can improve the way we communicate so do email us at coastalmanagement@eastsoffolk.gov.uk

We hope you find this issue helpful and informative.

Bill Parker
Head of Coastal Partnership East

Team news

After a long search for the right person, we are excited to welcome Tamzen Pope our new Coastal Engineering Manager. Tamzen has a wealth of knowledge in both coastal engineering and working in the private sector and will greatly strengthen the management team. She will work along the entire CPE frontage and in particular lead on the delivery of many of our ambitious coastal schemes, as well as the routine repairs and maintenance programme.



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Team news continued

We also welcome Nathalie Harris working in the Cromer office to provide practical project support on a short term contract.

Since autumn 2017, the Coastal Partnership East team has grown in the form of two apprentices, Alysha Stockman and Callum Lee, who are learning about communications and GIS mapping systems as part of an NVQ based apprenticeship programme. We were delighted to welcome them to the team.

Our website, www.coasteast.org.uk was launched in 2017. Our website will include information about our work on the Norfolk and Suffolk coast. Blogs from our Strategic Funding Manager, Paul Mackie and Coastal Manager (South) Sharon Bleese can also be found on the website. Paul's blog focuses on the challenges surrounding exploring innovative funding solutions for the Norfolk and Suffolk coast and estuaries. His blog aims to share his experiences and learning as he links with others across the UK to tackle one of the most important issues facing those managing our coasts and estuaries. We would welcome your views, experiences and comments about this subject.

Sharon's blog focuses on the many conversations happening in our coastal and estuarine communities. She looks at the communications threads that run through all that we do and explores some of the projects and groups that have set out to involve local people in their work.

News from the forums

Suffolk Coast Forum

The Suffolk Coast Forum 6th annual conference was held on 6th October 2017. The conference, which was attended by over 200 delegates, focused on what people valued about our coasts and estuaries. Speakers included Wayne Hemingway MBE who, sharing his vision for the regeneration of Lowestoft, urged us to 'be brave' and make Lowestoft a destination of choice. The conference also welcomed Deputy President of the National Farmer's Union Minette Batters and Mark Pendlington, Group Director for Anglian Water who described the coast as 'the golden thread that runs through Suffolk's economy'. Read the East Anglian Daily Times article [here](#). Feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive and we are pleased to be part of the team who help to bring this event to life – we are already working with team planning the next one.



Cllr David Ritchie, Chair of the Suffolk Coast Forum, addresses the Conference

North Norfolk Coast Forum

The December meeting discussed the proposed development of the Vattenfall Norfolk Vanguard Wind Farm and its landfall point in the Mundesley to Sea Palling area. This potential 1.8 gigawatt Winterton area should not be visible from the coast but there are important implications at both the coast and inland to consider. Other areas discussed included coastal adaptation and the progress of the Trimmingham village hall relocation. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of March.

Sheringham

The final phase of the Sheringham sea wall improvement scheme is underway. We are replacing some sea wall deck and installing scour protection onto the lower cliff.

Cromer

The Cromer Coast protection scheme Phase 2 has been submitted to the Environment Agency.



Trimingham

The Trimingham Village Hall Trust is making good progress on the construction of the new hall, away from the erosion zone. FCRM Senior Advisor, Kellie Fisher, presented the latest thinking on coastal adaptation to the British Geological Survey who is studying the failure rates of the Trimingham cliffs.

Mundesley

We welcomed the Mundesley community to an Open Day which was very well received and the community welcomed the sharing of information. Mundesley Parish Council confirmed a contribution of £20,000 towards the Mundesley Coastal Management Scheme. The repairs needed to the revetment at Mundesley following the surge event in January 2017 have now been completed. Mundesley Outline Business Case nearing completion to be submitted to the Environment Agency as soon as possible. A funding bid has been submitted to Anglian Water.

Bacton

Following on from some very constructive and positive discussions during consultation in the Summer, the Bacton Sandscaping Scheme was awarded £500,000 from Norfolk Business Rates pool. In addition we have also secured more than £1m from the [New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership](#) all contributing to this critical project. Discussions have been started with a number of Universities to take advantage of the research opportunities. The Steering Group has met and a full programme of works is underway. Coastal engineer Peter Lawton has been recruited as an expert client for NNDC for the duration of this project. The Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group is organising a two day visit to the Dutch Sand Engine in April.

Happisburgh and Walcott

Happisburgh has been subjected to an episode of erosion that has seen the closure of the beach access ramp since just before Christmas, despite attempt to recut. We are now assessing the options before discussing further with the public and submitting applications for the necessary consents to do work. Discussion about the installation of steps at Walcott and flood alleviation drains, groyne works are going well.



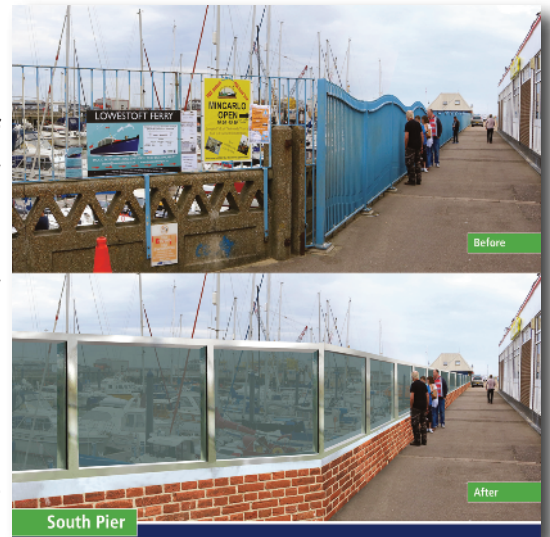
Hemsby



Following initial discussions with the Save Hemsby Coastline Group and the development of a brief for the Winterton to Yarmouth coastal plan, the first stakeholder meeting in Hemsby was held to discuss the way forward. A proposal for funding the work is being progressed with the Environment Agency.

Lowestoft

The Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project team invited comments on the proposals to reduce flooding from rivers and extreme rainfall, as well as comment on the appearance of the permanent defences during a consultation in December 2017. The project, which is currently estimated to cost £32.5 million, is due for completion by 2022 and includes the creation of permanent flood walls and a tidal gate located near to the Bascule Bridge. When completed, the project will protect over 400 homes and businesses in Lowestoft and support growth and regeneration in the Town. To support this work a consultation addressing environmental issues and considerations can be found on www.lowestoftfrmp.org.uk. This ends on 16th March 2018.



National Schools Takeover Day



As part of the LFRMP communications initiative, a National Schools Takeover Day on 17th November saw Lowestoft High Schools compete for an opportunity to help support the project through social and digital media. Following a really tough competition and some excellent ideas from the students the overall winner was ODA Flood Safe from Ormiston Denes Academy, who came up with the concept of a cartoon character called the Waveney Wellington. The judges felt that this was a fun and eye-catching initiative, providing important information for people in a new way. As part of their prize, the Ormiston Denes students will be working alongside the project team and other partners to make their idea into reality. The completed concept will be used to help communicate the project to local people until its completion in 2022.

Benacre and Kessingland

We have been working with the Water Management Alliance to begin working with the community to understand the issues on their stretch of coastline and work towards possible solutions for the area. Successful drop-in events were held with over 70 residents attending to chat with the team.

Southwold Fender Repairs

Essential repair works are being planned at the entrance to Southwold Harbour to sustain the north pier vessel fender and protect it from wave action.

Information is available from the Harbour Master, Southwold Town Hall or by visiting the Marine Management Organisation's public register of works www.gov.uk/check-marine-licence-register

Thorpeness

Maintenance work to beach defences seaward of North End Avenue were undertaken before Christmas. We continue to monitor the erosion to the north of the defences which has been very aggressive at times this winter.

Slaughden

The Shoreline Management Plan for the Slaughden coast can be seen [here](#). A study is underway to review the appropriate policy for this stretch of coastline. Suffolk Coastal District Council who are working with partners will bring the report to the Suffolk Coast Forum for their decision. The report will be shared widely once complete.

Brackenbury, Felixstowe

Works to this footpath which will go around a rock revetment near to Jacob's ladder, Felixstowe has started on site. This work should be completed by the end of February, weather permitting.



Other updates

The England Coast Path arrives in Suffolk

Natural England has been working around the coasts of England to create one continuous footpath, and the team have now arrived in Suffolk to continue their work. The initial proposals from Hopton to Aldeburgh are being reviewed with land owners and consultations are in progress. For more information please see

[England Coast Path: Aldeburgh to Hopton-on-Sea](#)
[England Coast Path: Bawdsey to Aldeburgh](#)

Anglian Coastal Monitoring programme sub-group

The Anglian Coastal Monitoring Group was originally initiated to provide coastal data to inform tidal flood and coastal erosion risk management decisions for the Anglian frontage. This group has recently re-convened and Rob Goodliffe (CPE Coastal Manager, North) has taken over the role of chair.

Adaptation

We continue to work to support communities who live or work near to cliffs, and eroding or floodable coastline. A presentation was made to the Committee on Climate Change (CoCC) Adaptation Committee to highlight the role of Coastal Planning Authorities. Bill Parker and with Kellie Fisher (FCRM Senior Advisor) made the presentation and shared their concerns which were recognised and also fed in to a brief for future CoCC research. Recent discussions with Defra have lead to the development of two key workstreams to be developed including the economic value of coastal adaptation and also trying to identify the scale and scope of adaptation needs in England. This work should be complete by early summer.

Natural Capital

Defra Pioneer meetings are taking place looking at opportunities for the use of natural capital on the coast with a focus on valuing saltmarsh, Kessingland habitat creation and adaptation funding. Saltmarsh not only provides habitat for wildlife, it is also provides excellent flood defence and is an important means to sink Carbon from the atmosphere. Our Strategic Funding Manager recently presented to the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee which was well received. If you would like to read more about the work that Paul gets up to then please take a look at the [website](#).

CPE Annual report

In case you have not seen it already our first annual report was delivered and presented to the Waveney District Council Cabinet and North Norfolk District Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the Summer. You can read the [Annual report online](#) or please get in touch if you would like a hard copy.

Broadland Futures Initiative

CPE has supported this developing initiative through attendance at the Broads Climate Partnership meetings and a workshop. A draft business case and supporting communications strategy has been developed. This initiative is supported by a full partnership which includes the Broads Authority, Environment Agency, Coastal Partnership East, Water Management Alliance and National Farmers Union. Those involved in the initial learning groups will be updated and information is expected to be circulated more widely this year.

LGA Coastal Special Interest Group

CPE board member Cllr Andy Smith, is Chair of the [Local Government Authority Coastal Special Interest Group](#), and is supported by Lead Officer, Bill Parker. The group are championing coastal issues for communities around the country and are tackling ways to work more efficiently with other Government Arms Length Bodies. The SIG are hosting a workshop at this year's Flood and Coast 2018 conference in Telford.



Lynne Frostick (EA Main Board Non Exec) and Catherine Wright (EA Director of Digital and Skills) attended a meeting of LGA Coastal SIG to hear directly about the barriers to better working between EA and Local Authorities to improve delivery to our communities.



A site visit by John Curtin (Exec Director Flood and Coastal Risk Management) and Ken Allinson (EA Director of Allocation and Asset Management) to Suffolk coast to hear about the work of CPE and see some of the coastal management issues first hand.

Key dates in the diary



20th-22nd March: Flood and Coast 2018 – Strong representation from CPE will be at this high profile national forum. This includes presentations on Bacton, new funding opportunities and also leading a workshop on behalf of the LGA Coastal SIG on innovation on the challenges facing local authorities in coastal management.

19th April: Suffolk Coast Forum will be visiting Orford Ness to learn about the site specific issues.