

Southwold Harbour Fender Repair Works

Southwold, Suffolk

What are we updating you about?

Coastal Partnership East (CPE) are part of East Suffolk Council (ESC) and are responsible for coastal management. They have contracted J T Mackley & Co Ltd to complete repairs to the Southwold Harbour entrance North Pier Fender owned and managed by ESC.

Where is this work happening?

Page 2 shows a map of where the work is taking place. The works are to the seaward end of Southwold Harbour North Pier. A temporary site compound will be set up in the Denes, south of the Harbour car park. Cones may be placed at the south eastern corner of the car park to prevent access to the compound being blocked by parked cars.

When are we doing the work?

Work is due to start on 16th May 2022 and last approximately 1 week. All work and its duration is subject to safe working conditions i.e. tide and weather dependent. We are completing these works now to avoid peak tourism season and use the relatively mild weather conditions.

What will we be doing?

The contractor will be removing surplus small rock (washed into the sea by storms during the 2021 works and is still being washed up on the shore) and geotextile, repainting areas on the piles, and adjusting some of the fixings. A small part of the existing rock slope will be rebuilt and requires beach excavation and rock handling during low spring tides. Perimeter fencing from the 2021 works that got buried when the beach levels increased will also be removed.

Please be aware of the use of heavy plant in the area. The work will involve use of a mobile elevated work platform for access to the fender piles and fixings.

How might the works affect you?

Lorries will be used to deliver and remove the equipment and cabins for the site set up. The surplus small rock will be removed from site by 20T lorries moving through the car park.

The majority of the work is tide dependent and will be completed during low tides. Therefore the contractors will be working in the early morning and evening.

For safety reasons there will be no public access to the seaward end of the North Pier.

We will work hard to keep any inconvenience to a minimum and ask the public to please take note of the contractor's signage when work is happening.

Why are we doing this work?

Following the repairs completed in 2021, CPE have inspected the structure and found some defects that need attention. The fender is required to prevent vessels from colliding with rock armour placed around the North Pier when entering or leaving the harbour.

This work is an important part of ESC's commitment to ensure that the coastal assets they are responsible for are working effectively and are safe for the public, helping to enhance our beautiful and important coastline for the enjoyment of communities and visitors for generations to come.

Undertaking maintenance means that we can maximise the lifespan of coastal protection assets, ensuring that we make the most of every pound spent and achieve a better return on public investment. We are supporting the safeguarding of life and local economies by making sure that the Council's coastal assets are in the condition needed for continued protection.

How can you find out more?

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Southwold Harbour Fender Repair Works, Ferry Road Southwold - location map. Not to Scale.

The area in the yellow box is the contractor's compound area.

The area in the blue box is where the potential rock handling work will take place.

The green arrow shows the vehicle tracking route.

