

SAVE OUR SEAWALL

THE CAMPAIGN TO REPAIR THE SEA WALL AT LOWER HALSTOW, KENT



THE PROBLEM

There's a small section of the sea wall (about 150 metres) at Lower Halstow that is unprotected and is disappearing at an alarming rate. It will be breached in 'One to two years' (survey Nov 2020)



WHAT'S AT STAKE?

This will sever the Saxon Shore Way a footpath used by walkers from all over Swale. It will mean that vehicular access to the rest of the wall will no longer be possible from Lower Halstow for maintenance and repair by the Environment Agency and Southern Water. It will endanger the Old Brickworks nature reserve, which the wall currently protects.



THE SOLUTION

The best solution would be to extend the stone blockwork that has successfully protected the rest of the wall, all the way to Twinney, for generations. If the cost proves too much, then a temporary solution using wooden posts combined with wooden hurdles could preserve the wall for several years whilst a more permanent solution is sought.



WHAT'S THE COST?

A temporary solution will cost around £20 000 and a permanent stone solution around ten times that.



WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

Raise awareness of the issue in the village and wider community, with elected local officials and public bodies to try and raise the necessary funding.

DID YOU KNOW?

The sea wall was last breached in 1978 and caused the death of forty ewes. All of which were in-lamb.

The Brickfields is home to Britain's rarest bumble bee, the Shril Carder.

This stretch of the sea wall will form part of the proposed 2800 mile long England Coast Path.

You can find the rare Man Orchid on the Brickfields. Its so called because its flowers resemble tiny men!



“ The condition of the seawall at the North end of the Brickfields site is now in such a serious state of disrepair that an imminent failure is considered certain..... should no urgent action be taken the Brickfield site will certainly flood.
Keith Howard Challis, Chair, Lower Halstow Parish Council

The brickfields is a valuable haven for wildlife:- the loss of the sea wall would impact rare plant species, red list birds and rare bumblebees. *Karen Thorpe Brickfields Conservation Officer*

Our Brickfield is a much loved asset to the village.....The site is well used by walkers, birdwatchers dog walkers, children playing and people who just want an escape to peace and quiet. It would be disastrous to lose it
Judy Telford, Chair, Friends of the Lower Halstow Brickfields

..there is a large area of the site at risk of flooding if the existing embankment were to fail (and) also permanent loss of land *Simon Herrington, Marine Surveyor*

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HOW CAN I HELP?

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