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## North Norfolk Pathfinder

Helping coastal communities adapt to coastal change

Welcome to the latest North Norfolk Pathfinder newsletter. In this edition we will explain in more detail some of the projects highlighted last time and update you on the latest news.

### Coastal Heritage Project

The Happisburgh Heritage Project is soon to start. Norfolk Landscape Archaeology (NLA) has appointed a Project Officer who will work with the community of Happisburgh to investigate and record their heritage. The Officer will start on 26 April and the first heritage event will be held in May.

Norfolk Landscape and Archaeology will also be present at the Pathfinder Open Day at the Wenn Evans Centre (please see below for further details). A questionnaire has been distributed amongst Happisburgh residents to discover what history is already known and to explore how the village would like to be involved in recording its heritage for future generations.

If you live in Happisburgh and not yet received a questionnaire, please request one by telephoning NLA on 01362 869291.



### Trimingham Village Hall

A big thank you to everyone who attended and helped with the Pathfinder Open Day at Trimingham Pilgrim Shelter on Saturday 6 March. The day was a great success with over 70 people attending.

A great deal of interest was expressed with overwhelming support and enthusiasm for the project. It enabled invaluable input from residents for the potential location of a new village hall and its design.



NNDC are currently investigating the approximate build costs at the preferred sites. From this information they will be able to see what is and what is not feasible, and if further funds need to be raised.

North Norfolk District Council are now working with the Parish Council to set up a local liaison group to help with these aspects and to help publicise the project as it progresses.

## Happisburgh Open Day

Wenn Evans Centre, Blacksmith's Lane, Happisburgh, NR12 0QT

Saturday 24 April 2010

10am to 2pm

Come along to the Open Day and find out about the projects, there will be:-

- Displays describing the projects
- The opportunity to feed in your comments
- Information to explain how the projects are being delivered
- Project staff to answer your questions and explain some of the issues
- Project staff to give a reconnaissance of the area (weather permitting)

The event will also introduce the newly formed [Happisburgh Liaison Group](#) who will help deliver the projects

## Happisburgh Beach Debris Removal

Some parts of the north Norfolk coastline have been defended for over a century to protect coastal communities from coastal erosion. The design and choice of material used to defend each specific location have been dependent on the local conditions. The defences have received a programme of maintenance over the years; however they have only a finite lifespan due to the extremely harsh environment in which they exist.



Defence policy for the nation's coast is set out within Shoreline Management Plans (SMPs). Updated SMPs in this District's area are presently being finalised. In the meantime North Norfolk District Council is continuing to maintain the existing defences. Inevitably there comes a point when it is no longer possible to maintain a defence and it fails, such as we see at Happisburgh (above). Where it is not possible or appropriate to renew those defences, we need to consider removal of the debris, having previously done all that is necessary to aid those affected by the loss of the defences.

In 2007 NNDC held some Village Workshops to gather feedback from residents living on the coast and experiencing coastal change. Some Happisburgh residents were concerned that old beach defences may become a 'blot' on the landscape with detrimental effects on the attractiveness of the village and the appeal to visitors to the area. One of the Pathfinder projects is to work with the community to identify which, if any, of the failed defences continue to provide a defensive role and which have limited or no effect. Together we will then try to identify which debris can be removed to improve the beach environment for everyone.

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## The Latest

- The Happisburgh Liaison Group is up and running. Come and find out more at the Happisburgh Open Day on 24 April (see overleaf).
- Meetings with residents of Beach Road have taken place.
- Tenders for an independent property advisor have been received.
- A conveyancer has been appointed to handle property transactions.
- The Norfolk Landscape Archeology Project Officer has been appointed and is asking Happisburgh residents about their heritage and how they may wish to record it for future generations.
- Business Link are planning to invite local coastal businesses for health checks.
- North Norfolk Business Forum and NNDC are working on how business support is likely to be offered.
- An advert has been placed for a specialist Business Planning Advisor as well as for a Tourism Development Advisor for the east of the District.
- The Business Support Project is planned to be launched on Thursday 20 May.
- The physical work of removing the beach debris at Beeston Hill is due to start this month.
- Discussions are ongoing with the land owners regarding relocation of the Marrams footpath.

## How can you keep up to date with what's happening

Our website has a page specifically dedicated to the North Norfolk Pathfinder and is being regularly updated. Please visit <http://www.northnorfolk.org/coastal/6346.asp>

This Newsletter is produced monthly to help keep you up to date with the Pathfinder programme. It is available at local libraries, on our website, at our offices, and can be emailed or posted directly to you. If you wish to be added to the mailing list please contact us via the details below.

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