

THE ALDE AND ORE ASSOCIATION



The Association exists to preserve for the Public benefit the Alde, Ore and Butley Creek rivers and their banks from Shingle Street to their tidal limits and such of the land adjoining them or upstream as may be considered to affect them, together with the features of beauty and or historic or public interest in that area

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A meeting with Mike Steen was held on Tuesday 22 July to discuss the last RDC survey report (copy attached). We reviewed the following sites as those most in need of attention:

1 Aldeburgh Town Marsh

The EA accept that repairs are needed near the Town Sluice but suggested, given the need to phase repairs necessary because of available funds and that the deterioration were unlikely to lead to the walls being unsafe in the next twelve months, that these could wait until 2009/10. We inspected this with Councillor Stephen Hawes representing the ATC and he accepted the delay.

2 Hazelwood Marshes 1 (Colliers Hole)

RDC surveys had shown two sites where the back of the wall had slipped leaving only a narrow strip at the top. One was repaired last year and the second will be dealt with in the autumn.

3 Hazelwood Marshes 2 (Sir John Wheeler's Wall)

The Marsh is a SAC and a SSSI so the EA have a legal duty to protect it. The EA will, this year, restore about 100 metres of severely broken up revetments and the earth wall above them which has been undermined and eroded with an overhang held by the vegetation above.

4 Paul Cooke's Wall

Our recent survey showed a short stretch of severe erosion where the power line goes under the river and where the block work ends. We have sent Mike a photo and asked him to consider this for attention this year.

5 Butley Mill Floodgates

Repairs were carried out on this last year. We asked that these be checked to ensure that they are satisfactory.

6 Aldeburgh Martello Tower

The shingle on the shore which was added in 2007 has all been washed away. The EA will seek to replace this in the autumn

Other points covered in the meeting:

- 7** Councillor Hawes is setting up a sub-committee of ATC to deal with flood risk management. He will nominate an individual to liaise with RDC.

- 8** **The Protocol**
The Skeppers have offered to use this on a trial basis to carry out maintenance on their wall. Mike had already visited the site and offered to advise on the best way to carry out the work. He suggested that Internal Drainage consent and probably Planning consents would be required. We will watch how this develops to see if there are any lessons for others to follow.

- 9** **Link with the IDB**
The RDC has approached the IDB to propose a link as there may be grounds for mutually beneficial collaboration. We await the Boards response.

- 10** **The Crest Level Survey**
The survey will be part of the Strategy and will not be carried out until that is nearer release, Mike reported.

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Chairman, River Defence Committee
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