

THE ALDE & ORE ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No. 1064789



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.

ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY ASSESSORS REPORT

NAME: Alison Andrews	DATE OF INSPECTION 25 April 2013
LOCATION: Flood Cell 10	MARCH equinox
Area of Assessment Brick Dock to Martello TM 450565 to 463548 All map references from OS Explorer 212	

SUMMARY

River Wall / Armour	Saltings	High Tide Debris Line
In excellent condition = concrete blocks in original places Secure, high level of vegetation BEEN REPAIRED, SEE DETAILED COMMENTS	5 metres + of saltings (from base of wall to edge of saltings) NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE	Well below 2ft ALL DEBRIS BELOW 2 FT
Poor condition /Damage by cows OVERWORN PATH WHERE WALING HS BEEN ALLOWED OVER WINTER. COW DAMAGE AT FULCHER SLUICE FULLY REPAIRED WITH ALL WALL REPAIRS	Less than 5 metres of saltings, mud falling into river. Eddy erosion in evidence NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE EXCEPT IN VERY SMALL SPOTS	On 2 ft line NONE
VERY SERIOUS CONDITION Needs repair in next year/EA to be informed. Armour broken, erosion taking place - earth can be seen at base	No saltings	Above 2 ft line NONE
Mark map in Red for river wall	Saltings in Green	Debris in Blue

RIVER WALL

General comment: all areas previously notified needing repairing have been repaired. Big thank you.

: lack of access between Brick Dock and Aldeburgh Sluice by the public over the last 9 months has left the grass in longer and stronger appearance where not affected by the major works to raise slumped areas

1. New: lower sunken patch to the east of the major works , 20 yards long, 75 yards east from river walls steps, ref 460558, photo looking west NW



2. continuing. Still bare front of wall facing river, near Stanny, 445559. Photo but raw part seems less extensive, may be hidden by longer vegetation



3. Major repairs. New development resulting from extensive repairs between Brick Dock and Aldeburgh Sluice to deal with slumped areas from Brick Dock to Aldeburgh Sluice. The works have resulted in some places with very steep back walls, loose earth through which grass has yet to establish and grow.

Photo below shows 3+metre deep fall from land side of wall:



Comment: It is not clear that the changes will work at a time of overtopping because the shape and loose cover may not withstand overtopping.

The damage at the base of the walls on the land has left a broad track area of puddle and compacted, now dried out, mud. See photo Ref from 448563 following the river wall east then south to 448555 approx



It is to be hoped that the very urban look of the new path (1.3 metres wide) will mellow as vegetation grows. See photo below taken at about 446556 looking southeast.



Photo at 456556 shows steep walls around the off river curve of e wall. It was in parts bald and steep before, now after repairs a better shape providing it can hold in heavy rain and with walkers. The bit just by here where the footpath also goes off at right angles across the marshes is still very steep if not steeper so may poach when wet.



New pathway patchy, presumably where walls have been increased in height path has been restored to a width of 1.3metres but where the walls height was acceptable the path remains. See photo below ref 449563



Martello- ref 563548 further narrowing of shingle behind concrete sea wall- mostly wear and tear from people and cars, possibly waves from storm but not seen.

- huge shingle shift 600 metres south of Martello, ref 459539 approx ,involving lose of roadway occurred early April :Environment Agency and National Trust reviewing frequently. Photos available if needed.

SALTINGS: nothing new to report

HIGH TIDE DEBRIS LINE: all debris at base of wall, none within 2 feet of top of wall

Alison Andrews, 28 April 2013