

THE ALDE & ORE ASSOCIATION

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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: Andrew & Sue McDonald	DATE OF INSPECTION 3 rd April 2014
LOCATION: Flood Cell 4.1	MARCH equinox
Area of Assessment Butley River and Gedgrave Marsh TM 39677 48583 to 41591 48472 OS Explorer 212	

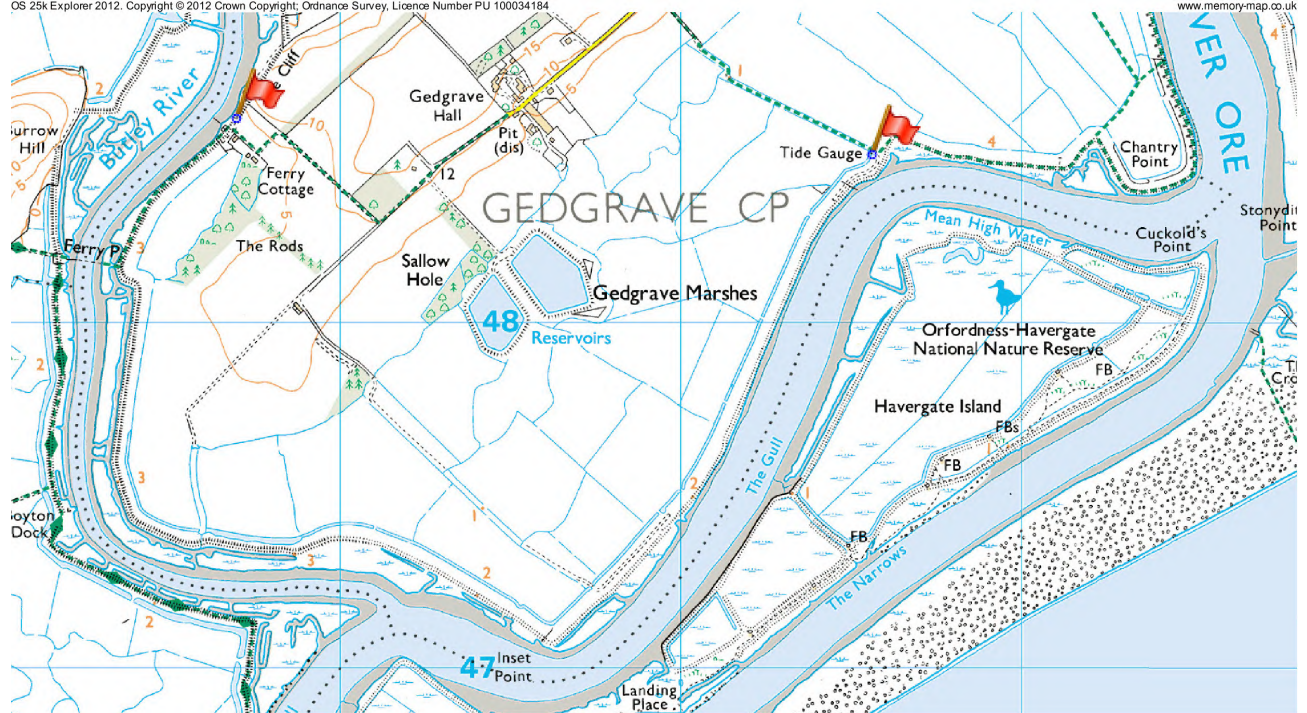
SUMMARY

River Wall /Armour	Saltings	High Tide Debris Line
GOOD: Generally good condition and no major changes since last report; good grass growth over previous repairs	No significant change since 2013 overall	Generally below 2 ft line, some debris above revetment on Gedgrave Marsh as noted
POOR <i>e.g. Poor condition /Damage by cows</i> Some areas of worn and cracking pathway; about 100m where fence posts loose and fallen with gulleying at base; some buckling to revetment (Gedgrave Marshes)	<i>Less than 5 metres of saltings, mud falling into river</i> A few areas of overhang and loss noted in report	<i>On 2 ft line</i> No major areas of concern
SERIOUS CONDITION No major areas of concern	<i>No Saltings</i> No major areas of concern	<i>Above 2ft line</i> No major areas of concern

River bank surveyed

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General view of pathway at 397486, start of inspection by Ferry Cottage. Some slightly bare patches, evidence of past slippage here and there, but generally well grassed and no signs of any major damage over the winter; general view of landward wall at same location (397486) looking SSE); good grassing, low slope, some cracks evident but all grassed over.



Saltings opposite Butley Ferry jetty (395484), general view and detail showing some overhang and undercutting.



394482 – old cracks on pathway now grassed over but showing some signs of wear



Cracking on path and under fence at corner just past ferry (394481); worn pathway at same point, and horseshoe shaped slippage on landward side at 394479; the pathway along here shows considerable signs of wear, but no recent slippage.



More cracks and evidence of past slippage along the pathway – these are at 394478 and 393476 respectively.



Gulleying underneath the fencing along this section (397473), and about 14 fenceposts now loose and vulnerable (see detail below at 399473 – holes and cracks appearing under fence line)





About 25m of slippage at 400474, grassed over and presumably a previously repaired section



On the other side of the track, extensive and quite deep gulleying under the line of fencing has loosened many of these posts.



At 402473, bare earth and worn pathway, with some transverse as well as longitudinal cracks. Given the amount of rain over the winter this has dried out very quickly – the cracks are deep in places. This was the area repaired in ? 2012.



Saltings at Inset Point, for comparison with 2013 photographs – note debris carried above 2ft line





More gulleying under line of fenceposts, 406471. Further along this section (at 407471), the fence has collapsed and is lying down – see rather poor photo above right



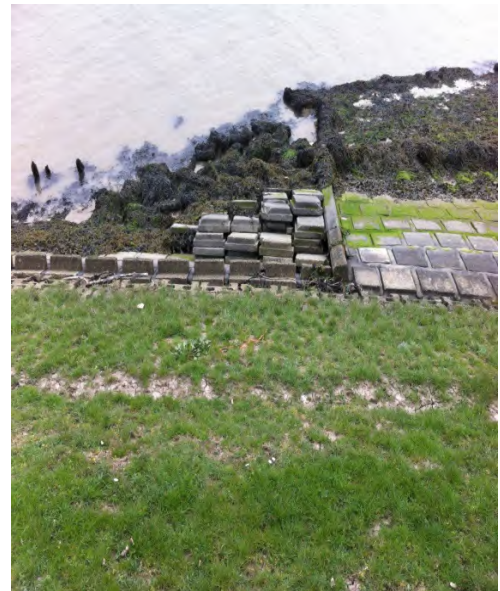
More worn pathway and bare earth at 406471, looking back along the pathway, and a general view along this section showing the dredged clay/spoil, looking NE



Line of stakes collapsing in drain channel; revetment in fair condition at 410474



Revetment buckled and collapsing at 411476



Line of bare earth above revetment at 411476; the same 'pathway' just above revetment slabs piled up at the same spot.



Debris piled up above tideline on the turn towards Chantry Point (411476); and narrowed and worn pathway just beyond at 413480, looking back down the path.



More cracked and slipped pathway at 414482; and detail of repair on seaward side at 414483.



Saltings general view at Chantry Point, 416484