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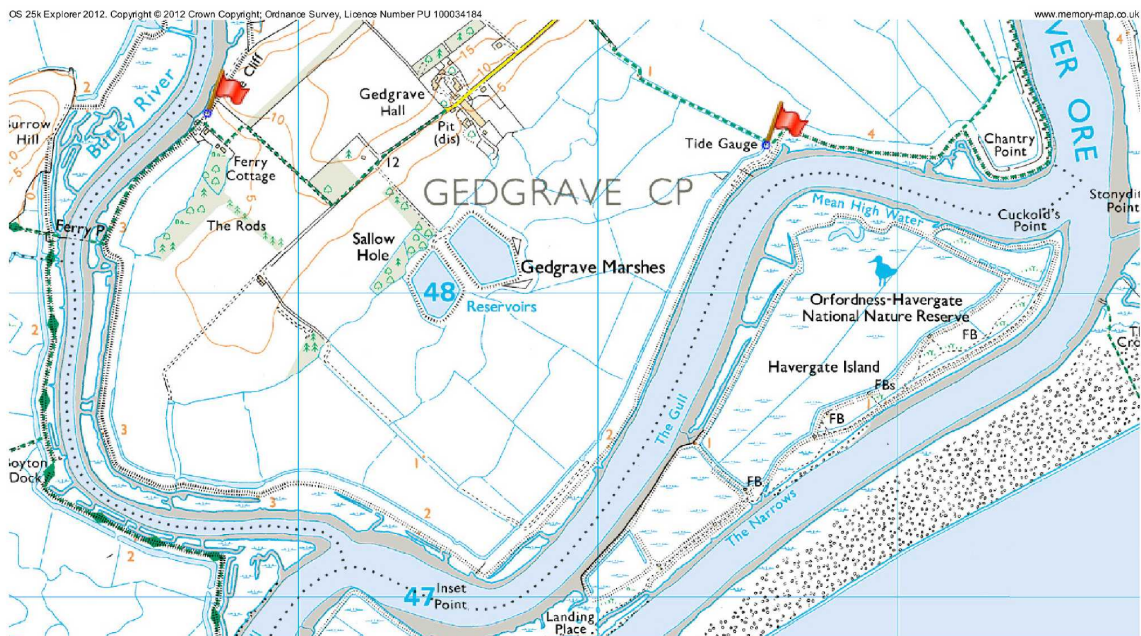
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ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY ASSESSORS' REPORT

NAME: Andrew & Sue McDonald	DATE OF INSPECTION 5th April 2015
LOCATION: Flood Cell 4.1	MARCH equinox
Area of Assessment Butley River and Gedgrave Marsh TM 39677 48583 to 41591 48472 OS Explorer 212	

River bank surveyed



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 Some areas of worn and cracking pathway, but better condition generally than in 2104 – fallen fenceposts have been repaired and reset. Evidence of animal damage here and there.	A few areas of overhang and loss but unchanged since 2014	<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

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General view of pathway at 397486, start of inspection by Ferry Cottage. Bare and pitted here and there (0.5" rain since March 1st!), some evidence of past slippage and a few cracks on inward side, but no signs of major damage since last inspection; landward wall in good order with good grassing, low slope, some cracks evident but all grassed over.



Saltings opposite Butley Ferry jetty (395484), general view – no changes since last year; worn pathway (396485) a little further along.



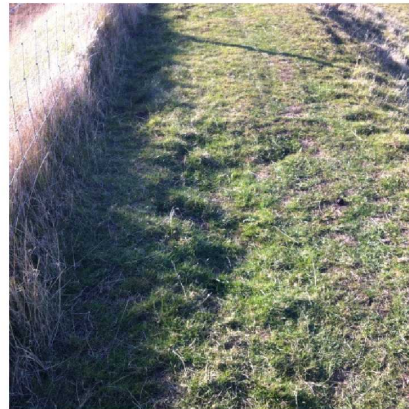
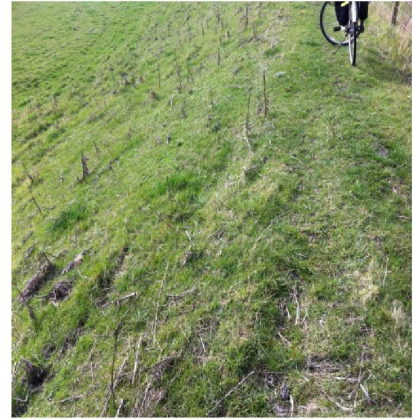
(394474) – Landward side of wall opposite Butley Ferry, all in good order. Some gulleying underneath the line of the fenceposts at this point, but no worse than last year. Pathway worn in places but no concern.



(A) River wall at 394474; no damage or debris visible; (B) Path well worn in this area (398473), but no great change from last year's photos (see below). The fenceposts that were loose and lying over in 2014 have been re-secured (C) path at 400473 – continued slumping by posts, and some evidence of slippage on wall facing river.



[2014]
More cracks and evidence of past slippage along the pathway – these are at 394478 and 393476 respectively.

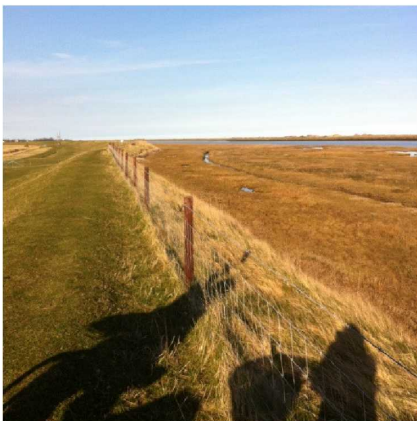
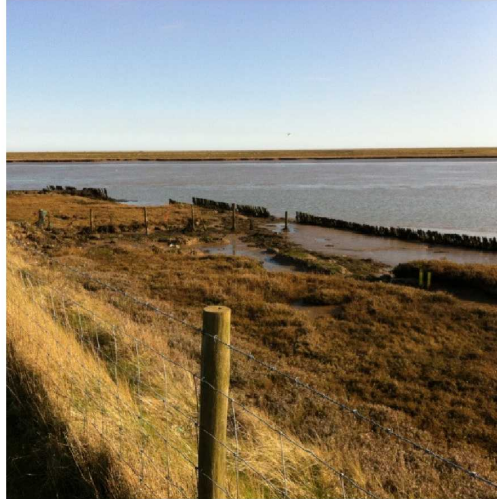


Looking back along the same section this year. Incidentally, the grass along this section is very noticeably close-cropped this year.



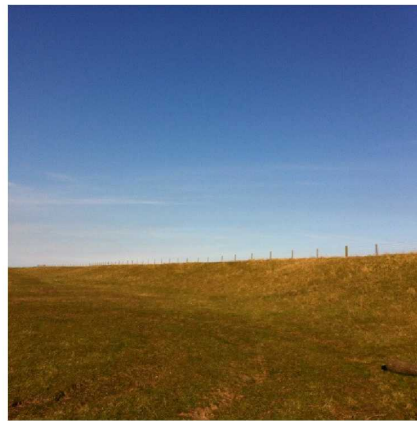
Looking along the landward wall at 405471;

..and at the saltings and stakes at Inset Point on the outside of the river bend – no real change visible since 2013 photos.



Pathway at 407472, and -

slightly along line of fenceposts (which have been repaired and maintained since last year) but no major damage evident over last winter.



Landward wall at same point – pathway is slipped



Pathway condition – two more photos at 407 472/ 409 474, looking back down the track. Wear and tear (mainly animal?) and gulleying under the line of posts. No serious damage apparent.



Drain channel condition largely unchanged since last year (stakes have almost disappeared though). Revetment in place at this point and no signs of damage – fair condition.



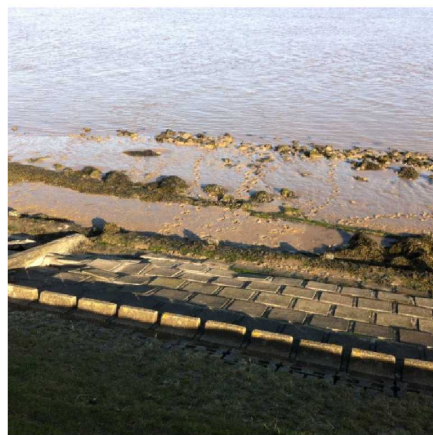
River wall at 411 475



Damage to pathway a little further along - animal tracks, damage and slippage (?)



Revetment at 411476, and -



Close-up showing buckling and damage – but not much worse than in 2014



Condition of revetment and river wall at 411 476, looking north towards Chantry Point. Fair condition and no obvious changes since 2014. The path is better grassed here this year.



Revetment at 413 479, slight buckling, otherwise in fair condition along this section of wall. The pathway is lumpier than in 2014, and the usable path has narrowed considerably, although well grassed all over, including landward side.



Final section of revetment, covered with sand and shingle but in good condition where visible. The path is a little better in this area (414 483), and well grassed; landward slope is in good order.

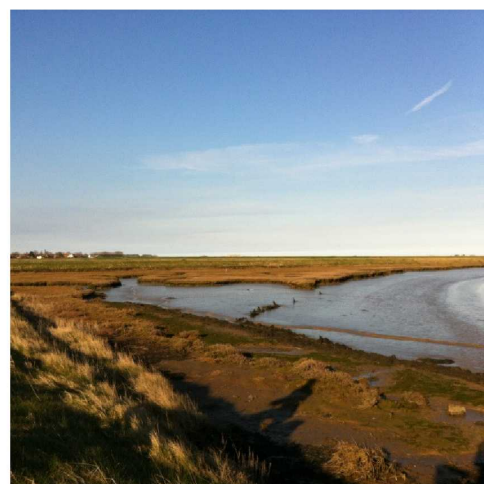
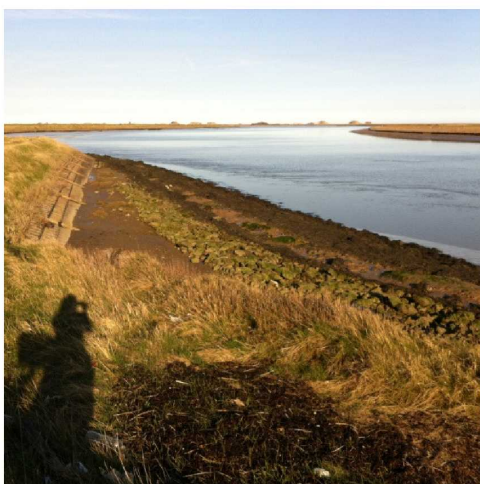


Slight slippage on river wall slope, and detail of previous repair on landward slope. No changes in this section (415 483) since last year, unless there have been minor repairs to revetment??



River wall and revetment at 415484

Debris above 2ft line at 416 485



River wall at final bend and saltings general view at Chantry Point, 415 484