

COASTWISE

TRIMINGHAM COASTAL TRANSITION PLAN

In 2025 to 2026, six 'coastal transition plans' were created for different places in North Norfolk.



To view the transition plans, including the one focusing on Trimingham, please scan the QR code or visit www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/coastwise/transition-plans

The plans are very thorough. They collate lots of background information and identify a wide range of place-specific actions that have been put forward as ways to prepare for coastal erosion. These are based on input from community events, investigations and meetings since 2024.

The sub-group of the Trimingham Parish Council have been working with Coastwise to identify priority actions from the plan:

- Cliff-top water management
- At-risk coast road
- Local housing
- Beach access
- Drains and sewerage
- St John the Baptist Church and graveyard

Your views are important. More information is available on these posters with a space to comment or you can send us your thoughts by email: coastwise@north-norfolk.gov.uk



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PRIORITY ACTION: CLIFF-TOP WATER MANAGEMENT

AIM

Actively manage the cliff-top to potentially reduce the influence of drainage on coastal erosion.

WORK DONE TO DATE

- An investigation was commissioned into '*Understanding water and cliff failure at Sidestrand and Trimingham*'. Scan the QR code or visit www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/coastwise/water-and-cliff-failure-sidestrand-trimingham
- The report explains that it is unclear if managing cliff-top water will effectively reduce erosion rates but does identify possible actions that may assist.
- Further work was commissioned and completed to understand possible unintended consequences of such actions on surface water flooding in the village or downstream so that these can be avoided.
- The sub-group of the Trimingham Parish Council who are working with Coastwise identified some deliverable actions, which are underway or planned.
- An area at the site of the former Crown and Anchor pub has been fenced off to let grow wild in the hopes that it will take up more water and potentially stabilise the cliff.
- Local pond clearance and maintenance for another pond that has silted up in Jubilee Woods is in progress in the Autumn.

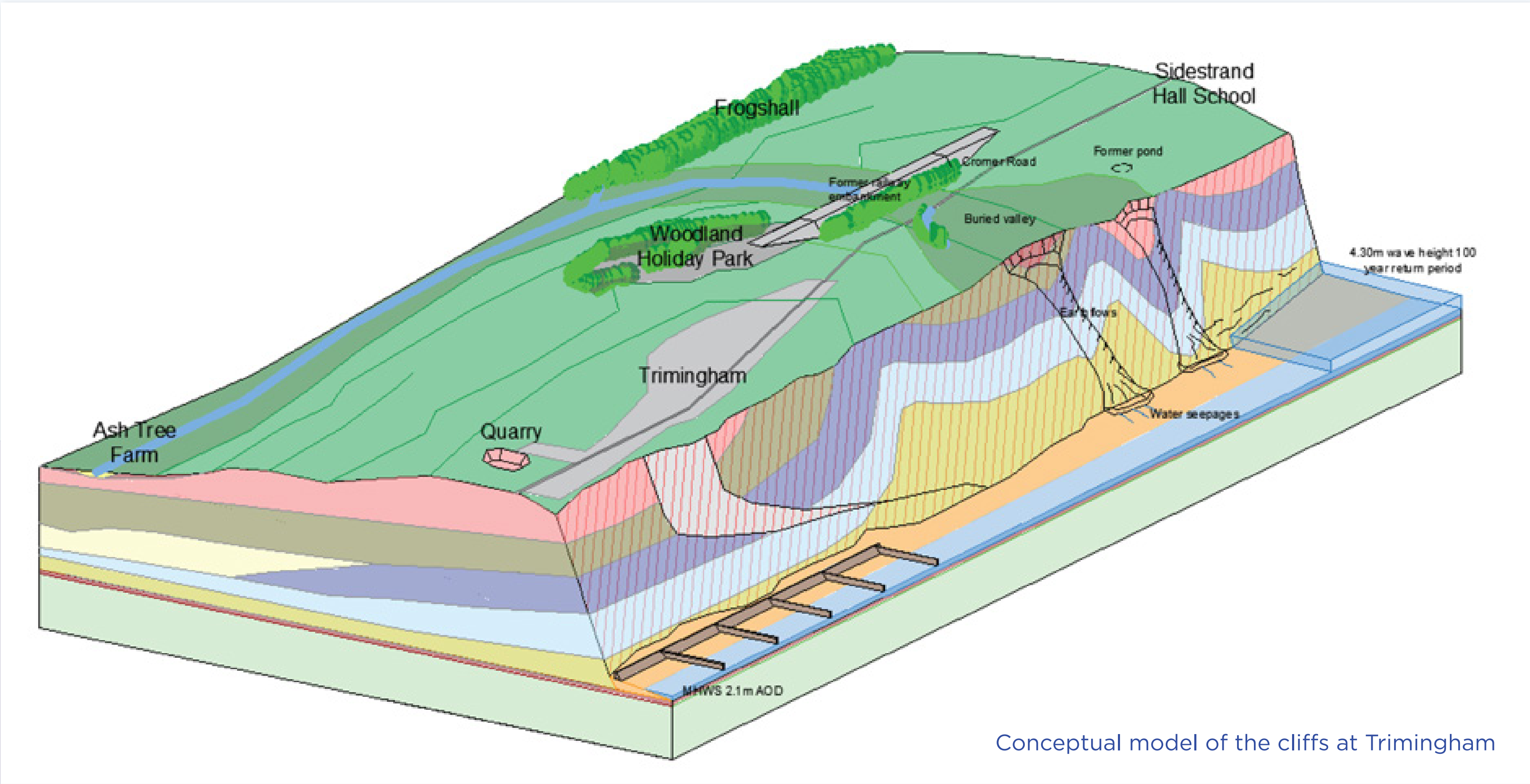


NEXT STEPS

- In September, restoration of a ghost pond in Middle Street on the site of a former pond where water pools in winter will take place. This will retain water on top of the cliff to delay it percolating through the cliff, it is hoped this will slow the rate of erosion.
- A new farm drainage system to replace old pipes is being planned to direct water away from the clifftop.
- A Flood Risk Assessment has been completed, and the work has consent to go ahead from September.
- Routine monitoring of cliff and beach change over time will be carried out via the Anglian Coastal Monitoring Programme and NNDC Coastal Management team.
- Other local nature-based options are being considered and ideas are welcome. The sub-group would particularly welcome the identification of other ponds that might be eligible for restoration.

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PRIORITY ACTION: CLIFF-TOP WATER MANAGEMENT



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PRIORITY ACTION: AT-RISK COAST ROAD

AIM

Investigate the impacts arising from the loss of a section or sections of the coast road and what the options could be to mitigate this.

WORK DONE TO DATE

- Previous Coastwise Café events and meetings with the Parish Council sub-group who are liaising with Coastwise have identified this as a strong priority for Trimingham.
- Consequently, Coastwise initiated work with Norfolk County Council (NCC) Highways Team who have:
 - Undertaken traffic surveys to explore how the road network around Trimingham is used
 - Mapped the impacts on the local area in the event of loss of the road
 - Started to investigate potential future potential options for mitigating this impact

NEXT STEPS

- A report of this work is being prepared that will be shared once complete.
- A plan will be developed to monitor the condition of the road where it is most at risk.
- With the monitoring in place, there will also be a deeper assessment of the options identified.
- At some stage in the future, as the need arises, one or some of these will be progressed – importantly the research and assessment will have been done in advance.
- Updates will be provided as they become available.



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PRIORITY ACTION: LOCAL HOUSING

AIM

Support homeowners at risk of coastal erosion and share learning.

WORK DONE TO DATE

- Support has been provided to property owners most immediately at risk via grants for professional services, property purchase options and demolition management.
- Learning from this has helped longer-term options to be investigated, assessed and developed with national input for wider application ('Coastal Home Assurance Scheme')
- Coastwise commissioned a national investigation with partners and industry representatives on the possibility of coastal erosion insurance. It has found that currently there is nowhere in the world that insures for coastal erosion. It is not deemed to be viable for England either, as a very significant Government policy change would be required which is highly unlikely. The report will be made available soon on the Coastwise webpage, please scan the QR code or visit www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/coastwise-blog



NEXT STEPS

- Coastwise is preparing to fund a trial of the Coastal Home Assurance Scheme to support further homeowners at coastal erosion risk. More information will be shared with communities and eligible households over the coming year.

AIM

Identify replacement housing sites locally.

WORK DONE TO DATE

- Sites are being investigated in Trimmingham as replacement locations for housing to replace those lost to coastal erosion.

NEXT STEPS

- The community is encouraged to suggest potential sites for housing which could be included in the new local plan.



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PRIORITY ACTION: BEACH ACCESS

AIM

Create an official beach access for Trimingham.

WORK DONE TO DATE

- Currently, there is no access to the beach in Trimingham itself. The sub-group of Trimingham Parish Council, working with Coastwise have identified the need for footpath access to the beach.
- The group have spoken to the charity which maintains 'Cardiac Hill' beach access in Mundesley to investigate how they fund and manage their beach access and whether this approach could be replicable.

NEXT STEPS

- The group will apply for a Coastwise Community Grant to commission a contractor to investigate potential options for safe access to the beach.



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PRIORITY ACTION: DRAINS & SEWERAGE

AIM

Understand if there is a relationship between soakaways and clifftop drainage, and whether there is an impact on coastal erosion.

WORK DONE TO DATE

- Some of the village is on mains sewerage and some have septic tanks - the liquid wastewater from which soaks away eventually into the ground.
- The Coastwise Trimingham sub-group are interested in mapping which properties are on mains sewerage, and which have septic tanks.
- This is part of better understanding the complex relationship between cliff top drainage and the rate of erosion.
- Coastwise has established a relationship with Anglian Water to explore this matter.

NEXT STEPS

- Anglian Water are looking to initiate some local investigations concerning their assets in the risk zone.
- Other next steps are to be identified.

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PRIORITY ACTION: ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH AND GRAVEYARD

AIM

Consider a church heritage project for the village to create a digital record for the future.

WORK DONE TO DATE

- Some members of the Trimingham Parish Council sub-group who are working with Coastwise visited the launch event for a recent project delivered by Wessex Archaeology in Happisburgh. A digital model of St Mary's church was created and the local community 3D-scanned important features of the interior and exterior of the church and churchyard. Community reflections were incorporated.
- To learn more about this project, please scan the QR code or visit www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/coastwise/digital-heritage-project



NEXT STEPS

- The group are interested in potentially doing something similar for St John the Baptist Church and church yard in Trimingham.
- They are waiting to see the end product from Happisburgh, before considering if Trimingham community members would be interested in their own village heritage project.



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