

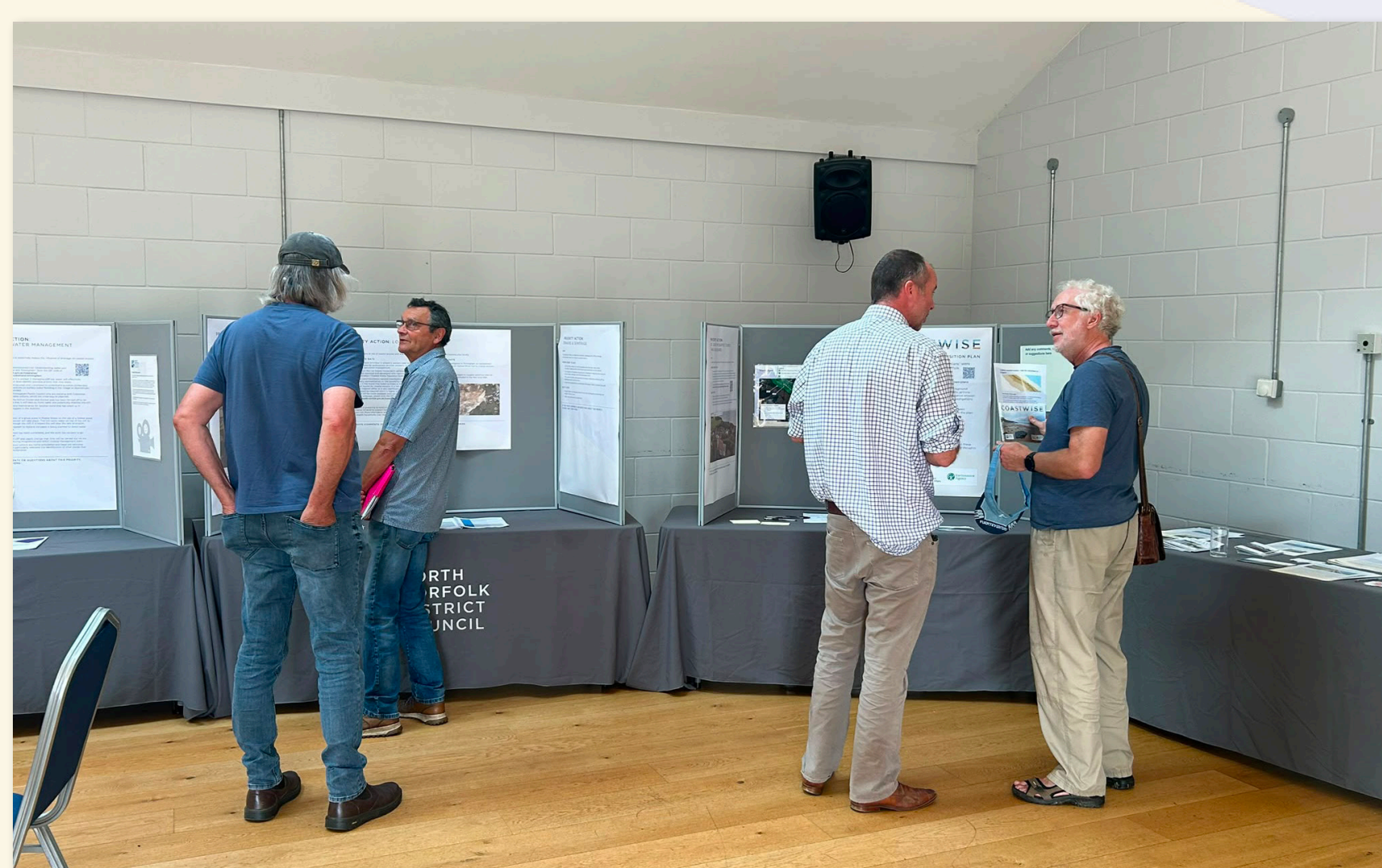
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TRIMINGHAM COASTAL TRANSITION PLAN DROP-IN SUMMARY REPORT JULY 2026

In July 2026 on Friday 17th July, Coastwise held a fifth community drop-in event in Trimingham from 3-7pm at Trimingham Hall. The purpose of this event was to present the priority actions that have emerged from the transition process so far. These plans reflect what Coastwise has heard through events, its work with local community groups, and engagement with stakeholders and contractors.

The Coastal Transition Plans, created by local communities and Coastwise, are some of the first of their kind anywhere in England. They will benefit local coastal communities while also sharing learning from North Norfolk with the Government. The gaps identified will help develop future national policy and funding structures, supporting other coastal communities in England affected by coastal erosion.

This report is a summary of the Trimingham drop in event, which 30 people attended in person.



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THE AIMS OF THE CAFÉS WERE:

- 1. To share the Coastal Transition Plans (CTP’s) and the priorities identified as well as inviting feedback, comments and suggestions from the wider community;
- 2. To share Coastwise updates;
- 3. To review the vision for Trimingham;
- 4. To reach a wider audience and attract new group members.
- 5. To build coastal erosion literacy.

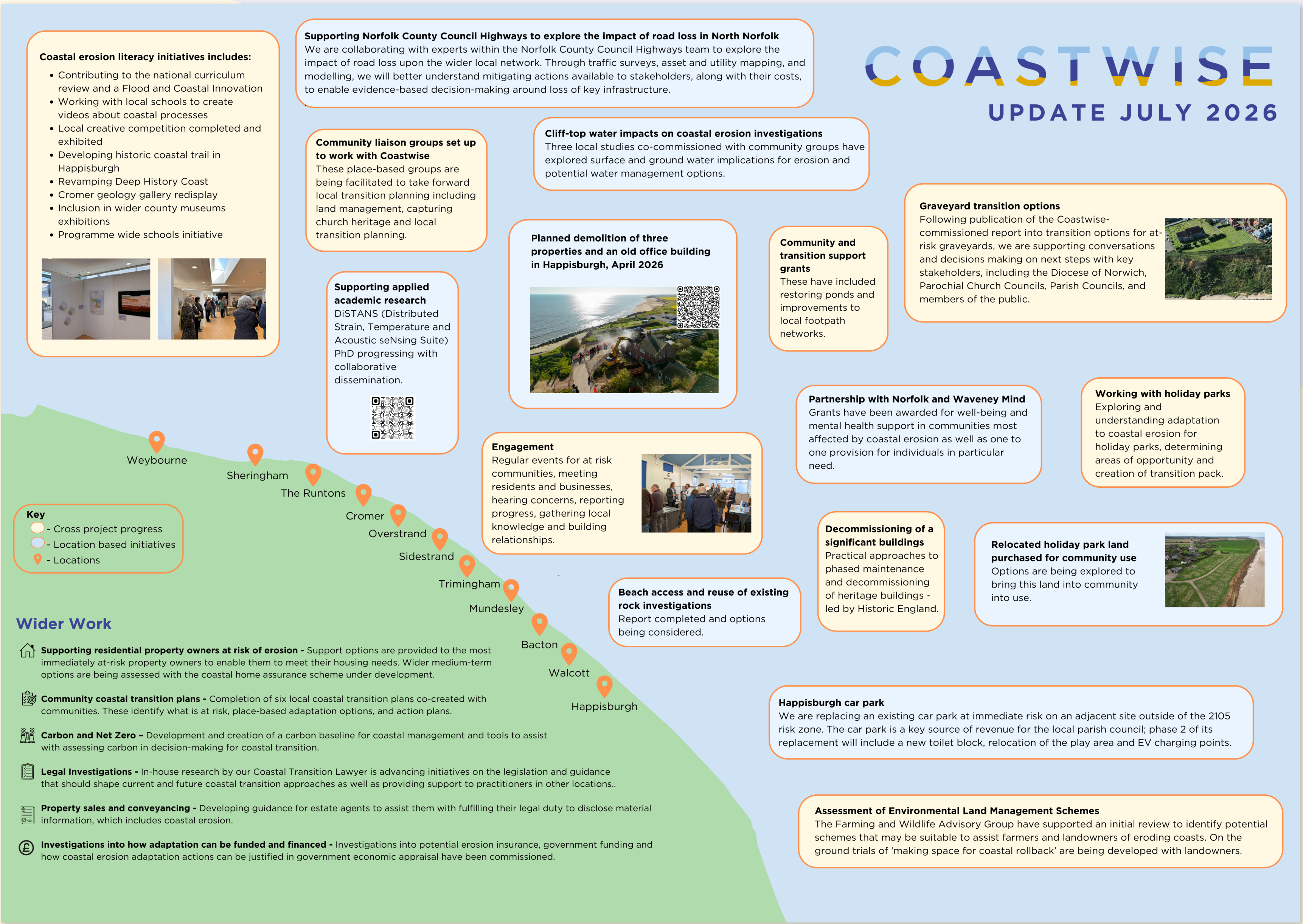
Please refer to previous café reports for details of the methodology and the rationale of the approach.

HOW WE SOUGHT TO DELIVER THE AIMS OF THE CAFÉ EVENT:

- 1. To share the Coastal Transition Plans (CTP’s) and the priorities identifiedas well as to inviting feedback, comments and suggestions from the wider community:
 - For each priority, Coastwise created a poster outlining what the priority is, why it is important, progress made to date and possible next steps.
 - Coastwise presented the CTPs at the drops in to enable attendees to develop an understanding of what the plans are for, as well as how they can be used by the community to prepare for and adapt to future coastal change.
 - Coastwise spoke to attendees, responded to their questions, and encouraged them to share feedback using sticky notes on the relevant posters.
 - Multiple copies of the full CTP’s and action plans were provided. These are also available on the Coastwise website - www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/coastwise/transition-plans
 - Copies of reports and investigations that were relevant to each priority action were provided. These are also available on the Coastwise website.
www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/coastwise/graveyards-report
www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/coastwise/water-and-cliff-failure-sidestrand-trimmingham

The six priority posters for Trimingham are shown in this booklet with comments and suggestions provided on the day. If you were not able to attend the event and wish to share your comments please email: coastwise@north-norfolk.gov.uk

- 2. To share Coastwise updates:
 - A poster was created and displayed sharing key Coastwise updates.



3. To review the vision for Trimingham:

- Handouts of the Trimingham vision were provided for attendees to read, take notes on and to talk to the Coastwise team about.
- Attendees were invited to a workshop in the Autumn where Coastwise can facilitate the updating of the Community Vision for Trimingham.
- A poster with questions to capture thoughts and comments on the existing vision was included on the table.

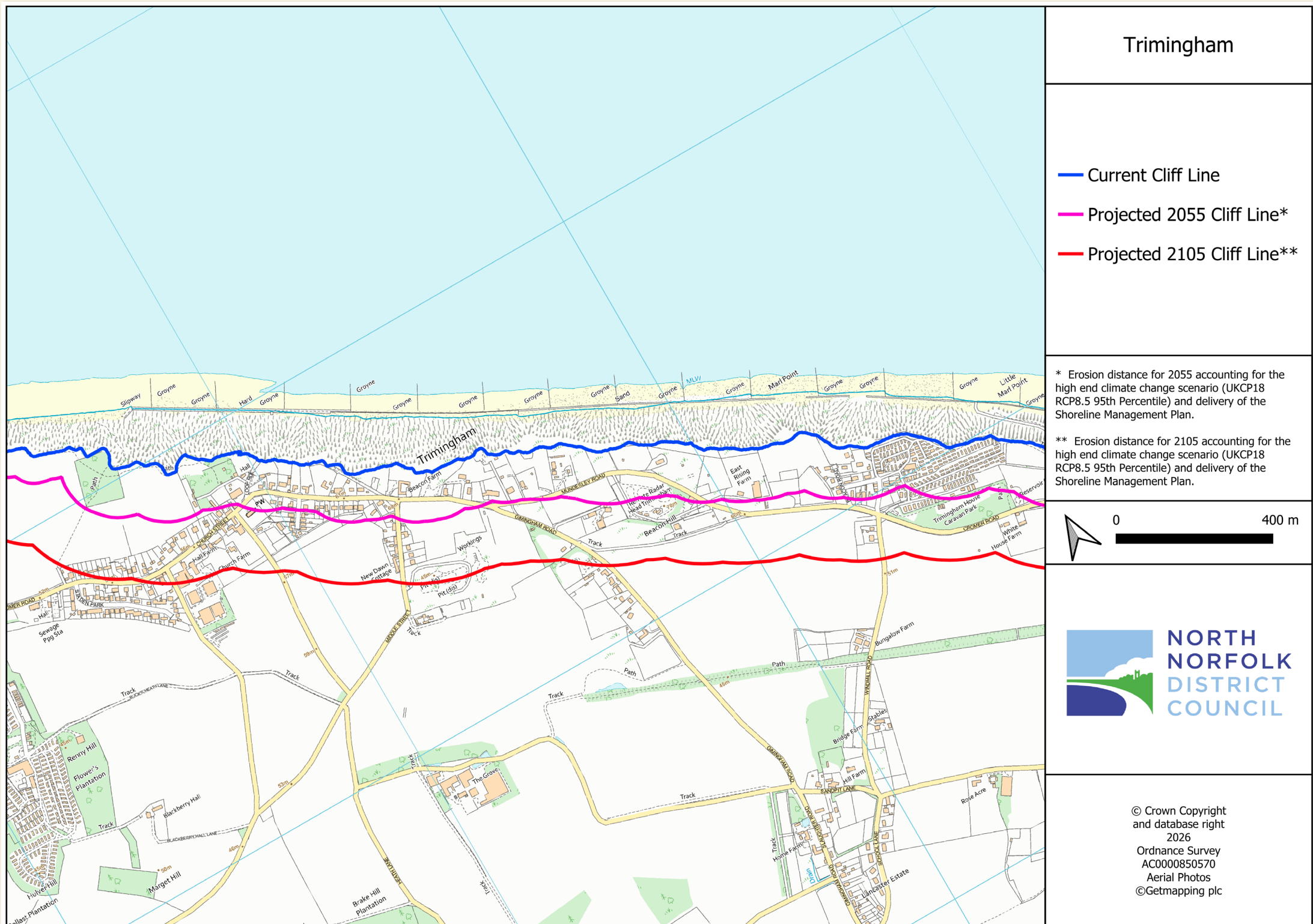


4. To reach a wider audience and attract new group members:

- The event was advertised widely through:
 - o North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) social media
 - o posters in the village
 - o an article in the Parish magazine
 - o via electronic communications to parents at the local primary school
 - o Coastwise mailing list email.
- The event ran from 3-7pm to broaden the opportunity for working people to attend.
- The presentation emphasised the need for community involvement – individuals voices are important and joining the group to work together with Coastwise was encouraged.
- Sign-up sheets for the Coastwise mailing list and Trimingham sub-group were provided.

5. To build coastal erosion literacy:

- A map of the village showing the upper end risk zones were displayed on a table.
- The Coastwise team and attendees discussed what was at risk and the impacts on the wider community.
- Small business cards were handed out with a link to the Coastwise risking mapping blog covering how to access and interpret the maps.



All of the Café resources including a link to the presentation for Trimingham on our YouTube channel are available on our website.

www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/coastwise-blog/ctp-drop-in-events

TRIMINGHAM COMMUNITY VISION NOTES

Is there anything missing that you would like to add?

- Need a positive framing for Trimingham arising from the managed adaptation – community can thrive and is not doomed.
- If Trimingham is made a destination need facilities – shop, pub, parking

Other comments, thoughts and suggestions:

- Need both – a long term plan and important – but most people thinks it irrelevant – here and now livelihoods for the present.
- Heritage project on Windy Ridge before it is demolished. Military history. Then a café called the Arc.
- Close off the lane from the road to the cliff on the windy ridge site.

EVENT CAPTURE

Attendance, weather and venue info:

- 30 visitors, male/female mixed
- Visitors were mostly retired age group.
- Bright, dry day
- Trimingham Hall venue
- 4 Coastwise staff attended
- One visiting academic from Kings College London (from REVIVE project)
- Local ward member and leader of the Council visited
- Around half of visitors were ‘new to Coastwise’.
- Key contacts attended

Summary of discussions :

- Look at the possibility of obtaining footfall data for the current unofficial access pathway.
- Can place-specific information spaces on the website be created. i.e. start to develop some sections for each settlement as the transition work develops.
- Interest in accelerating a heritage project for Windy Ridge – to be scoped and taken forward as an agenda item in the next liaison group meeting.
- One new sign-up to join the Coastwise Sub-committee group in Trimingham

Learning from resources:

- Consider more for the future, what is people’s motivation to come? Meeting people ‘where they are at’ by considering what kinds of events they do turn out for and whether to possibly loop in with these or advertise via key people involved.
- Good to have some progress to report on some specific topics – people are always keen to see progress.
- Presentation was a good idea to launch the plans and explain what was expected of those present. Only one was delivered owing to lower numbers present for the later session (with some being the same people who viewed the earlier presentation).
- Useful to have resources online to direct people to.

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.



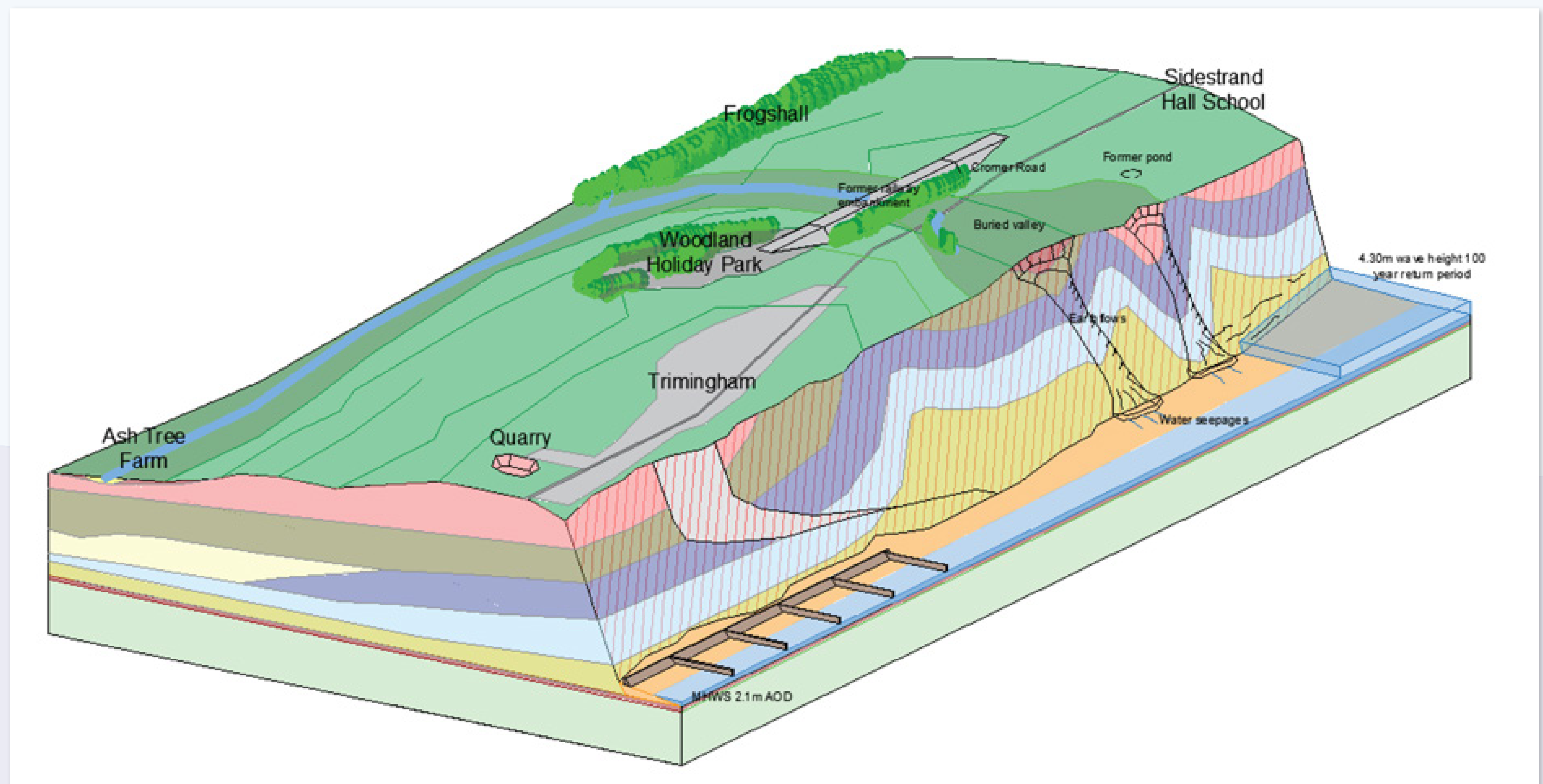
NEXT STEPS

- 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.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ADDED FROM THE DROP-IN EVENT:

- Possible drainage / ponds for investigation:
 - 1) Drainage pit on Church Lane. Fills from fields and Church lane. Could this be enlarged and lined to allow evaporation as opposed to draining away and connect the drains from the lane.
 - 2) Ghost pond in the woodlands park. Appears to fill in the Winter months and is dry in the Summer. This is connected by a culvert to the woodlands fishing lake, but this is clogged with leaves and debris. Could this be renovated, lined and also allow for evaporation. As opposed to draining to the cliff!

PRIORITY ACTION: CLIFF-TOP WATER MANAGEMENT



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.



COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ADDED FROM THE DROP-IN EVENT:

No comments or questions noted.

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 Trimingham 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.



COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ADDED FROM THE DROP-IN EVENT:

No comments or questions noted.

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.



COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ADDED FROM THE DROP-IN EVENT:

- A new access could endanger rather than protect the cliff-visitor load.
- Vale Road parking is overused – needs pay to park (due to media promotion).
- Another access if publicised will need adequate parking and facilities.
- The visitor traffic may threaten the cliff.
- Focus on exploiting assets.
- We already have an “official” beach access as it is a public footpath that goes down the cliff. This asset could be community enhanced to make more safe as currently its only for the extreme walkers. Keeps out beach private though!

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.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ADDED FROM THE DROP-IN EVENT:

No comments or questions noted.

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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