

## **Climping beach public safety works**

May 2023

The Environment Agency will be carrying out public safety works on the beach at Climping, starting in May 2023 and are due to last several months. Our works will be signed but please take care to remain a safe distance from our activities.

The work will involve re-planking some groynes to prolong their life and removing other groynes which are no longer retaining shingle or serving a flood risk function and are posing a hazard to public safety and when in the marine environment. We will also remove dangerous debris and metalwork from the beach.

There is a lot of concrete and rubble debris on the beach and we will be collecting and removing some of this; however not the large concrete 'tank traps' or larger pieces of wall debris in front of the western car park. To the west of the car park there is a collection of rubble amongst the groynes that acts as a hard point on the frontage and helps to minimise local erosion to the east of this. We will be adding the concrete and rubble we collect to this hard point to help it minimise erosion in the shortterm.



Timber groyne at Climping beach no longer retaining shingle and posing a hazard

Our operations team will be avoiding the exposed clay and chalk geology wherever possible. If it is essential to travel over this substrate, we will use tracked machines to minimise any damage caused. It may be necessary to close a section at the end of Climping Street to allow a small compound area for skips to be placed which will store any waste material. Our field team will minimise any disruption to parking along Climping Street.

Please get in touch if you wish to discuss our planned public safety works. <u>SSDEnquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk</u> or call 03708 506 506.

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