

Climping Beach community update May 2024

Following the highest tides on record for Littlehampton at the start of April the beach at Climping lowered around Mill Lane leading to water overwashing on the high tides. The Environment Agency responded by using bulldozers on the beach to push the shingle which had been washed landwards into a crest. This shingle crest is in a more landward position, this is a more sustainable location allowing wave energy to be absorbed as it travels up the beach. The location will also allow material to accumulate naturally over the year.

We will now be moving from our incident response activities to our planned programme of works, this will include.

- Shingle recycling from Littlehampton West Beach to the shingle bunds (primarily around Mill Lane)
- Removal of shingle from the ditch network by bread lane
- Moving public safety signage to better positions on the beach
- Movement of rocks from the beach at Mill Lane to Poole Place
- Removal of dangerous metalwork and groyne which are no longer functional and posing a public safety hazard.

Works are planned to start from Monday 7th May and will continue for several weeks.