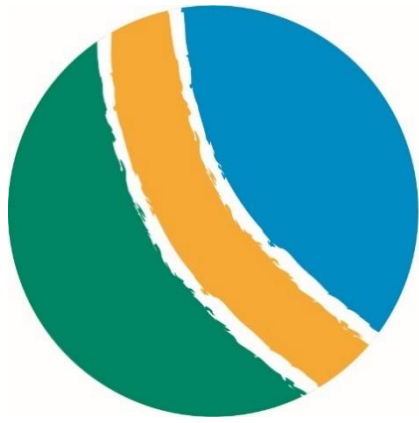




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Working together to create sustainable coastal places

An introduction from Councillor Barbara Jefferson, Portfolio Holder for Heritage and Coastal

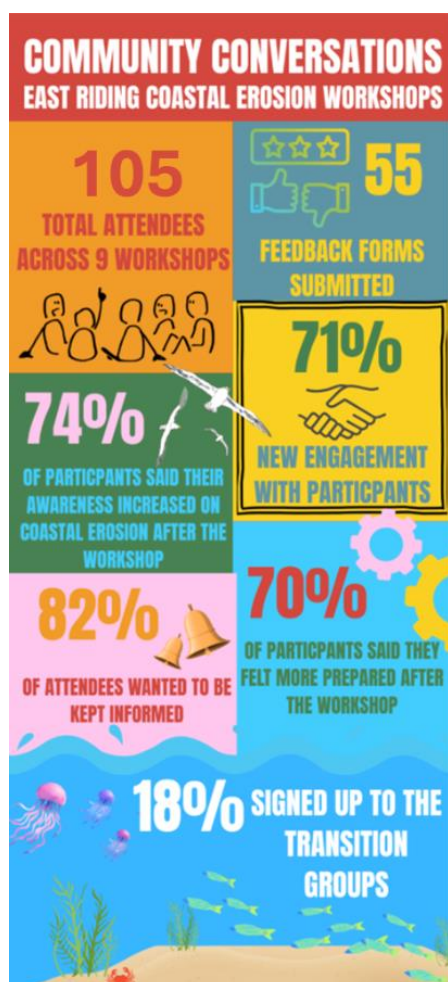
Welcome to the second edition of the Changing Coast East Riding newsletter!



Thank you to everyone who joined us at our coastal erosion workshops, where over one hundred people came together to share ideas, ask questions, and explore the future of our coastline. The conversations were incredibly positive, filled with enthusiastic and knowledgeable voices.

This is just the beginning. We are excited to keep the conversation going and encourage even more people to get involved, so read on to find out about upcoming events and opportunities.

Latest News



As part of our continued engagement with coastal communities, the Changing Coasts East Riding (CCER) project has hosted nine workshops along the coast with the aims to:

- Raise public awareness of the new erosion risk data.
- Help communities understand how to access and interpret the information for their local areas.
- Support residents in preparing for coastal change using the CCER project and transition planning.

In January, the Environment Agency published an update to the National Coastal Erosion Risk Map (NCERM). The update includes a prediction of future erosion taking into effect climate change. This data can be accessed by visiting:

<https://environment.data.gov.uk/shoreline-planning>



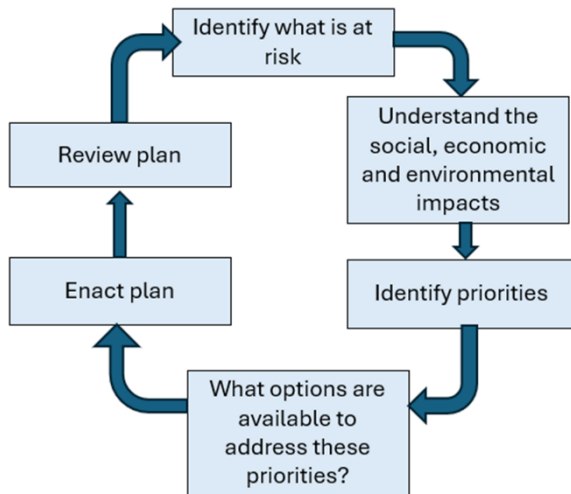
Transition Planning Groups

Following the workshops, we will be hosting three transition planning groups to cover the whole coast.

- Bridlington to Skipsea
- Atwick to Aldbrough
- South Holderness

What is transition planning:

Transition planning is supporting communities to develop plans to prepare for and act on future coastal erosion risk.



First, we identify what is at risk and understand the importance to the community.

Groups then identify their priorities for the short, medium, and long term.

We then explore the options available to meet these priorities and enact the plan.

Plans are reviewed periodically and feed into relevant East Riding policies as appropriate.

It is important to remember, we have time to plan, and not everything has to be addressed at once. There will be opportunities to review and develop these plans over time.

How to join: If you took part in the workshops and signed up, do not worry we will be contacting you soon with the dates for your local transition group. However, if you do want to join, details will be available on our Commonplace website in the coming weeks (see section below for link). So, keep a look out.

Project Updates

New website

We have launched a new website—Commonplace—to make it easier for everyone to access project updates, explore resources, share feedback, and stay involved in shaping coastal initiatives. You can find it here: [Have Your Say Today - Changing Coasts - East Riding - Commonplace](#)

Citizen's Panel

We are setting up a citizens' panel to help shape how East Riding responds to coastal erosion. Panel members will reflect local communities and share views on key issues. For more information see our Commonplace website. **Recruitment opens soon—keep an eye out for your chance to take part!**

Changing Coasts Survey

Our **general survey** is live and will run till 1 November 2025.

This is your chance to get involved in designing how we respond to an eroding coastline. We need your help to ensure the project is meeting the needs of our coastal communities and businesses.

Fill it out by picking up a paper version at your library or leisure centre, or by visiting our Commonplace website, and enter for a chance to win a £50 Love2Shop voucher and have your say!

Mappleton Survey & Engagement

As part of the Changing Coasts East Riding project, we have been working with the community and visitors to explore options for relocating the car park and toilet block in Mappleton, following the loss of facilities and reduced parking that has impacted the village.

Over the past few weeks, we:

- **Spoke directly with residents and visitors** at the cliff top car park across seven drop-in sessions.
- **Gathered valuable insights** through a public survey about how people use the beach access and surrounding area.
- Heard your ideas on how we can support **sustainable tourism**, improve **coastal resilience**, and reduce the impact on local communities.

Complete our survey by 9 November 2025 (on Commonplace) to share your thoughts on Mappleton's coast—and be in with a chance to win a £50 Love2Shop voucher!



Rock and Rollback Walking Festival

We hosted our first coastal erosion focused walk on 8 September 2025. The attendance was brilliant with thirty-two walkers in attendance. We started at the Hornsea Hub and made our way to Mappleton discussing the historic sea defences, the 'rollback' policy of caravans, geology, and the work the project is doing.

Ongoing

Transition Planning Update

One of the key priorities for the South Holderness Transition Planning Group is to understand the impacts of a future closure of Holmpton Road as a result of erosion. This includes assessing the effects on nearby villages and identifying alternative routes for diversion.

To support this, we have helped the group procure a piece of work—an Options Appraisal—which will be conducted by a specialist company. The purpose of this appraisal is to collect data and evaluate the viability of different options to maintain access to Withernsea for affected communities.

The outcome of this work will be a detailed report outlining the feasibility of each option, helping inform future planning and decision-making.

School Flexigrant

We are pleased to announce a new Flexigrant fund for schools to support coastal education.

The fund is designed to support schools delivering coastal fieldwork and related activities which contain an element of sustainable coastal management, such as coastal transition. The total fund is £100,000 and East Riding state-maintained schools and academies can apply for up to £2,500 per academic year.

Councillor Barbara Jefferson said, 'This is a brilliant opportunity to bring learning to life at the coast. I hope as many schools as possible can take part. This grant will help young people access, discover, explore, and protect these amazing places.'

Robert Palmer, Head of Kilham C of E Primary School, who participated in the early development of the fund, said. "I am certain that schools will welcome the accessibility of this funding and the support available to help them integrate coastal transition into their curriculum. It is a scheme that will not only broaden pupils' horizons but also inspire them to think more deeply about our environment and future."

Find out more by contacting the coastal.management@eastriding.gov.uk inbox

Upcoming

Animations & Films

The workshops and other events have shown a strong interest in broader coastal topics that we believe deserve further attention. To make this information more accessible, we are planning to create a series of animations and short films that address frequently asked questions. Keep an eye on our Commonplace website for updates!

Evaluation Report

Look out for our updated Evaluation Report (2024-2025), where we highlight the activities delivered through the project and the impact they are having. It will be available in the Document Library via our Commonplace website.

Meet the team!



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The Changing Coasts East Riding project is a £15 million project, funded by Defra as part of the £200 million Flood and Coastal Innovation Programmes and managed by the Environment Agency. The programmes will drive innovation in flood and coastal resilience and adaptation to a changing climate. Follow the link to find out more about the [Changing Coasts East Riding project](#)

Useful links

- Information about coastal monitoring and erosion rates: [Coastal change in the East Riding](#)
- For questions or information about the King Charles III England Coast Path please contact countryside.access@eastriding.gov.uk
- Information about SSE Aldbrough: [SSE Thermal Aldbrough](#)

If you have any questions or comments, or no longer wish to receive information about Changing Coasts East Riding, please contact us coastal.management@eastriding.gov.uk