

# Pakefield Coast Update



## Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the twice-yearly Pakefield Coastal Update.

We are pleased to report that the cliff erosion and beach conditions have been relatively stable throughout the Summer at the southern end of Arbor Lane.

Regular monitoring of the Pakefield coastline continues to take place on an ongoing basis, with physical inspections and drone surveys scheduled every two weeks throughout the winter with additional post surge inspections.

**In addition, we will be continue to make our monthly monitoring reports available. If you would like to receive these, please email [CoastalManagement@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:CoastalManagement@eastsoffolk.gov.uk) to be added to the distribution list.**



## Useful Information

For any emergencies call 999.

### Tidal Surge and Flood Alerts:

The Environment Agency issue alerts and warnings of surge tides and flood alerts. You can sign up to these here:

<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/target-area/054WACDV3B>

### Weather Warnings:

<https://weather.metoffice.gov.uk>

### Community Help Hub:

The community Help Hub can be contacted to support residents with:

- Access to grants and financial support
- Supporting access to digital systems, phone calls, written information
- Supporting access to physical and mental health services

Call 0333 016 2000 and ask for the Community Help Hub or visit

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-help-hub/>

### East Suffolk Council Customer Services:

0333 016 2000

### East Suffolk Council Coastal Management and Adaptation Team:

[coastalmanagement@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:coastalmanagement@eastsoffolk.gov.uk)

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## Monitoring the cliff line

This year we have continued to regularly monitor the beach at Pakefield and have been tracking any changes to the beach and cliff.

During the summer the beach and cliff were relatively stable. The figures below show cliff line changes between September 2024 and August 2025.

Each line indicates where the cliff line has been, the blue shows the cliff line in September 2024, the yellow in December 2024, the orange in March 2025 and the red line showing the cliff line in August 2025.



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## Monitoring beach levels

In recent weeks northerly winds have led to some beach loss to the north in the area where the fishing boats are located. The below figures show the beach difference between December 2024 and August 2025.

The pink areas in the image below show some of the beach level at the northern end of Pakefield has decreased by up to 0.7 metres in some places. This is currently not considered critical but will be regularly monitored.



On a more positive note, to the south the beach levels have grown. The green areas in the image below show where the beach levels have increased by up to 0.6 metres in some areas.



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## Resilient Coasts

People at imminent risk of erosion have limited options of support, which is why we started the Resilient Coasts project. It is taking time to work through this complex issue. We are working with people across the country to find solutions for people at risk of erosion but we are not there yet.



We are currently investing in improving our understanding of coastal change and how it will impact people alongside working with our planning and housing teams on how we can support the most vulnerable communities.



The project has recently completed a response to two Government consultations on the needs of rural communities dealing with coastal change.



## Joining the housing register

When we visited Arbor Lane residents in February, we offered residents the facility to join the housing register in order to be prepared should the erosion increase.

If you were visited by our officers and haven't signed up you can still do this via the Gateway to Homechoice website or by scanning the QR code (right):

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/register-for-social-housing/>



To join the housing register you will need to provide details about yourself on the form such as your name, date of birth and where you live.

If you need help to complete the online form or would like some housing advice you can make an appointment by calling 0333 016 2000.