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Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Beach Management 2022

What are we doing?

Working with the Environment Agency to maintain the protection of the Lincolnshire coastline.

The beach nourishment works are taking place between Mablethorpe and Skegness. This is the second year in delivering the Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Strategy and will require around 400,000 cubic metres of sand. Van Oord has been renourishing the beautiful Lincolnshire sandy beaches since 2015.

The dredger will transport the sand from licensed offshore sites and pump it onto the beach at high tide through a 630m long pipeline. We will then push the sand into the required beach profile using bulldozers and excavators.



Progress

This year beaches have been successfully nourished at Wolla Bank, Chapel Six Marshes, Trunchlane Ingoldmells, Boygriff and Mablethorpe. We are now working at Trusthorpe and we will finish this year's nourishment at Huttoft mid-July. In addition, some recycling works are ongoing at Sutton on Sea, where existing beach material is being re-shaped to form the required flood protection design using bulldozers. The works are due to be completed by the school summer holidays.

Demobilisation of our equipment will be undertaken at beginning of August. We are working hard to plan and carry this out in a way to minimise disruption to local residence and visitors.

Public access

For safety reasons, sections of beach will be cordoned off from public access during the works. Advance notices signs will be in place as we move locations. We would like to ask you to remain

vigilant and keep yourselves and your pets away from the works

Working together

Van Oord will continue to provide technical advice to the Environment Agency in relation to the implementation of their new flood risk management strategy for defending this coastline.

Viking Link are working within the same area that our beach nourishment works are taking place at Boygriff. We are working closely together, to avoid any conflict to help keep our programme on track. Viking Link is installing a high voltage electricity link between Bicker Fen substation in Lincolnshire and southern Jutland in Denmark.

Public information unit



Our Public Liaison Officer, Yazmin and the site team, have been out and about with our Public Information Unit (PIU). It has been located in the North Sea Observatory car park and on the splash deck in the areas that we are working.

The PIU has information about the Environment Agency Saltfleet to Gibraltar Point Strategy and all the work that we are doing on the beach including history and the future of the Lincolnshire Coast. We have enjoyed speaking to everyone that has stopped to see us and can't wait to meet more of you as we continue the beach nourishment works.

Rescue Operations

One of the smaller multi-purpose vessels on the project called the 'Panda' assisted the RNLI in the rescue of two young girls who got separated from their family on the beach. Whilst playing on an inflatable beach boat, they floated into deep water and could not make their way back to shore.

Luckily the Panda was close by and was able to find and pick up the two sisters. Although shaken and cold, after having been treated to a hot drink, some dry (if not slightly large) clothes and a phone call with their mum, they became more relaxed. The

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RNLI was able to collect the two girls and returned them to the beach and their family. We would like to thank the crew of the Panda and the RNLI for their efforts in the rescue and we are grateful that all ended well. It is an important reminder to us all on the hazards of the sea and particularly the risk of being swept offshore.



The team also joined the RNLI on Sunday 10th July to take part in a joint medical evacuation drill. Practicing the rescue of a 'dummy' crew member from the Panda and taking ashore in the lifeboat whilst working at Mablethorpe.

For suggestions on staying safe at the beach please see the RNLI website below.

<https://rnli.org/safety/beach-safety>



Keep your beach clean

We encourage everyone to take your litter home and recycle it. Litter pollutes our oceans and spoils our beaches. Litter blows into the sea and is harmful to marine life that can become entangled and die. We've all seen our beaches left strewn with litter as people head home after a day on the beach. Litter left on beaches not only spoils people's enjoyment but can be dangerous to people wanting to enjoy their time safely.

Don't leave litter on the beach
Leave only your footprints!



Improving the image of construction

The Considerate Constructors Scheme was set up to improve the image of the construction industry. The scheme aims to encourage best practice beyond statutory requirements and show the industry to be considerate. We are doing everything possible to apply the scheme's code:

- caring about the appearance of our site
- respecting the community
- care for the environment
- securing everyone's safety
- value our workforce

<https://www.ccscheme.org.uk>



How to find out more

If you have a question or concerns about the beach management work, please do not hesitate to contact our Public Liaison Officers:

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Visit the Van Oord webpage or scan the QR code:

<https://www.vanoord.com/en/updates/saltfleet-gibraltar-point-beach-management-scheme-awarded-van-oord>

Visit the Environment Agency information page or scan the QR code:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/lincolnshire-and-northamptonshire/sgp-lbm>

