

Thorpeness Community Update

13th February 2026

Current Situation

Short Term Measures

East Suffolk Council has received outline designs for private works forward of Johnnygate. These works will be managed by East Suffolk Council and privately funded to ensure management of public health and safety.

The works are a temporary, short term, solution consisting of rock bags. These works are being undertaken as urgent works under the Coastal Protection Act. This arrangement reflects standard practices for local authorities under the Coastal Protection Act nationwide.

East Suffolk Council will take legal ownership of and manage the rock bags. This also allows us to implement a monitoring programme to ensure there are no wider impacts and will include trigger points for removal if any significant affects are observed.

Estimated Next Steps

- **Design** - A design for a two-phase approach for rock bag scheme being provided by end of week.
- **Phase 1 works** – Privately managed.
- **Phase 2 works** – ESC managed; to follow.
- **ESC Cabinet** – Full works report being prepared for 3rd March 26.

General Updates

East Suffolk Council Coastal Management and Adaptation Team in discussion with Moffat & Nicholls regarding the erosion trends. Aiming to share ongoing risks and opportunities information with residents and wider community at earliest opportunity.

Tinkers End slab retention – Anglia Demolition have contacted residents of Tinkers End requesting condition and structural surveys to better understand impacts of slab removal i.e. vibration effects, potential land loss etc.

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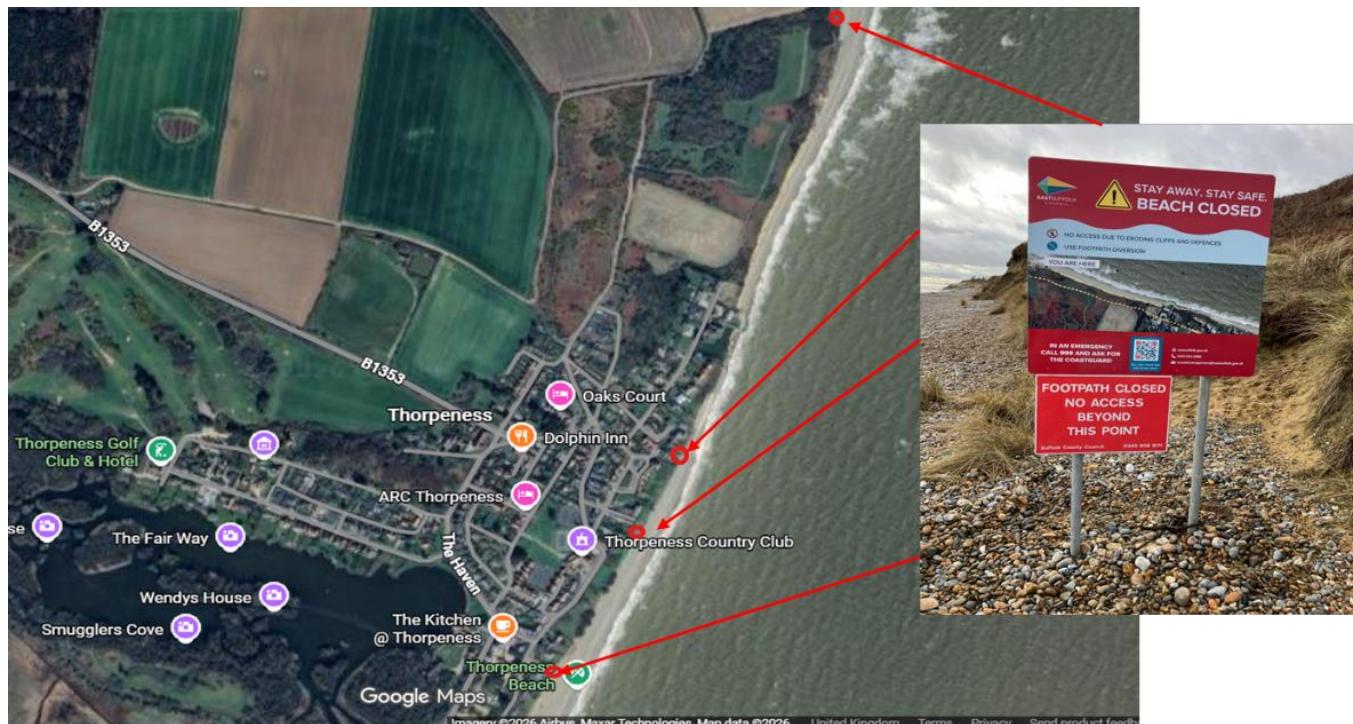
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Signage and debris clearance

Permanent signage installed at beach access points on 11th February 26.

Wire debris removed 11th February 26.

Wider scale debris clearance from Southwold-Aldeburgh scheduled for 23rd-27th February 26.



Communications

- Drop-in at Thorpeness Country Club on 10th February 26 – approximately 30 attendees.
- Resident visits planned for 19th/20th February 26 (North End).
- Resident visits planned for Southern End regarding erosion update once information reviewed.
- MP-led Community Meeting tbc – Consultants Moffat & Nichol to update on their work evaluating erosion lines and evaluation of rock at next meeting.

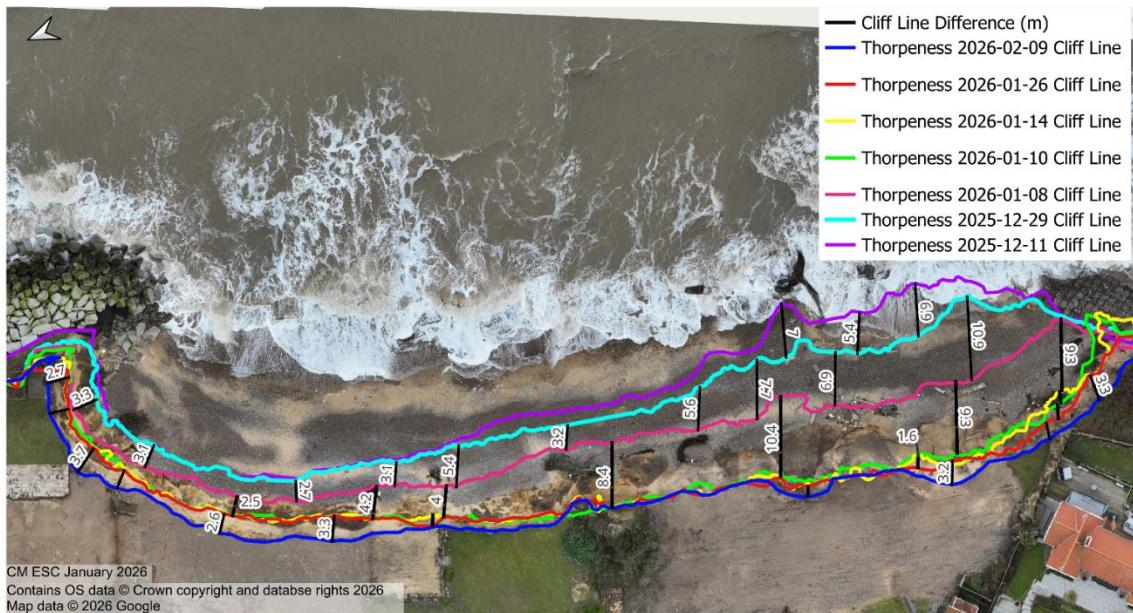
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Erosion Data

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Cliff Lines Over the Last 3 Months (Dec 25 - Feb 26)



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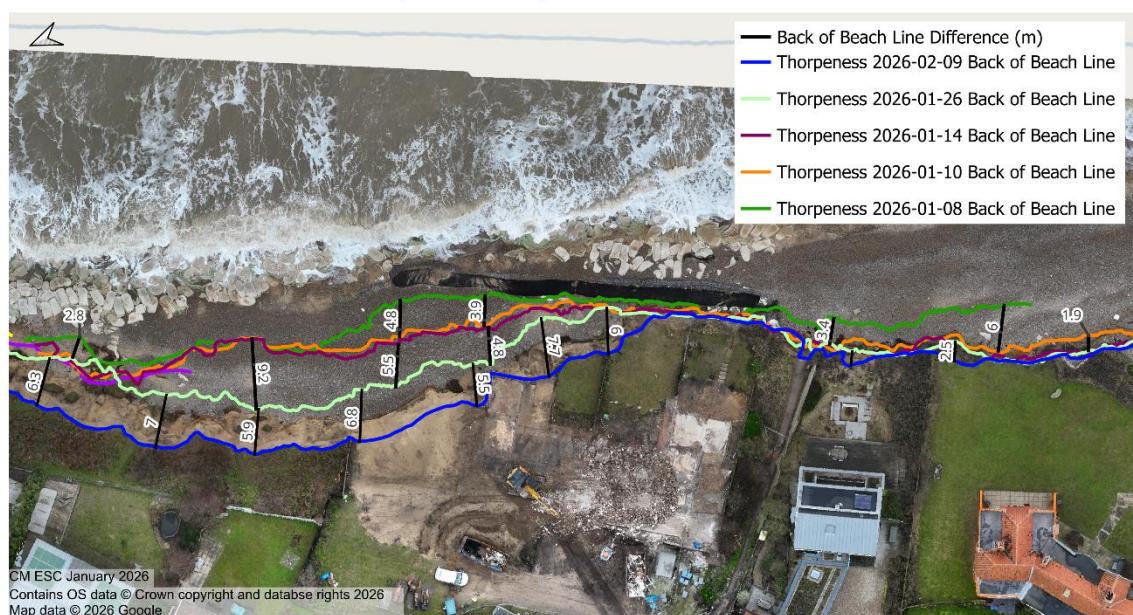
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Back of Beach Lines Over the Last 2 Months (Jan 26 - Feb 26)



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