

# Thorpeness Community Update

6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Current Situation

Demolition of six of the at-risk properties continued this week - cabin style detached building removed, single building containing five apartments is nearing completion. Discussions with three further properties at risk are ongoing.

East Suffolk Council (ESC) officers in discussion with Roger Hawkins regarding first phase of works forward of Johnnygate to work through how plans can best progress in terms of procurement and delivery.

ESC's Housing team have completed housing assessments where needed and will also be at the community drop in on 10<sup>th</sup> February should any residents have any concerns or queries.

Current weather conditions are spring tides with some easterly winds, however, no surges are predicted at present.

ESC has discussed additional signage for the private road at North End Avenue with the landowner and will progress throughout the coming week. Suffolk County Council (SCC) Highways are working on redirecting the King Charles III England Coast Path to an alternative route that avoids the road at North End Avenue. SCC Rights of Way Officer attended footpath 33 on 4<sup>th</sup> February and put up new signage as per the photo below. SCC's contractor is installing new handrails on footpath 72 early next week.



## Communications

### Local Communications

- A meeting with key stakeholders was held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January to discuss all short-term proposals received by ESC.
- A community drop-in session was held at Thorpeness Country Club on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.
- A further drop-in session will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> February.
- ESC have made introductions and connections with 'Save Thorpeness'.

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## Wider Communications

- Coastal Adaptation Pilot funding announcement on 28<sup>th</sup> January by Emma Hardy MP. Environment Agency Q&A document provided and shared for media queries.
- Aldringham-cum-Thorpe Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February.