

# Thorpeness Urgent Works Phase 1

27 February 2026

## What are we updating you about?

East Suffolk Council is facilitating “Phase 1” of urgent works that have been procured by Old Homes Road Ltd. Jackson Civil Engineering have been appointed as contractor to complete a short-term, temporary rock bag scheme from north of Headlands to Tinkers End.

## Where is this work happening?

Materials and machinery will be delivered to the beach along the track behind Thorpeness Emporium off Church Road and held in a fenced compound on the beach (Figure 1). The materials will be temporarily held before being transported to a compound on the beach (Figure 2).

While deliveries are taking place fencing will be in place for safety purposes, with at least two banksmen on site at all times to help direct traffic and pedestrians. The car park will be unaffected, and the boardwalk will remain open to the public.

## When is the work taking place?

The site set up could begin from Monday 2 March 2026 with work due to last approximately eight weeks. The deliveries of rock bags will take place during the first week, with four lorries making two deliveries a day expected for the first four days.

## What will be happening?

The rock bags will be taken from the temporary site compound adjacent to the boardwalk and transported to site where they will be installed from Number 7 Headlands to Tinkers End. These works will be facilitated by East Suffolk Council and privately funded to ensure management of public health and safety.

## Why are we doing this work?

These private works are being supported by East Suffolk Council as 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.

## Contact Us

Regular updates about these urgent works and further information about the coastal erosion at Thorpeness can be found here:

[www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environmental-services/coastal-management/coastal-erosion-thorpeness](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environmental-services/coastal-management/coastal-erosion-thorpeness)  
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## Location Map

Figure 1



Figure 2

