

# THE ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

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**THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING** will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September in Thorpeness Country Club at 4.30pm when you can hear about the Partnership's efforts during the year in more detail. There will also be a presentation on the 'sand/shingle engine' a possible (very expensive) option for the Slaughden coast. Everyone is welcome.

**ESTUARY PLAN** - Our main thrust of work over the past year has been the plan (see the website for details), which is in the final throes of completion and will go out to **public consultation in November** so you can have your say – and it is important you do! Some £7-10 Million will be required to upgrade the river walls, some of which will be funded nationally – BUT NOT ALL! As a community, we will have to help and 'DIY'. Catastrophic breaching and flooding affects not only our houses but our economy, tourism, golfing, sailing, and business throughout the estuary and we must all help.

- **ENABLING DEVELOPMENT** – landowners have offered land to be sold with planning permission and the resulting land sale money will be held by the Estuary Trust. We will need not only the capital funds for the upgrading but ongoing maintenance funds in the years to come too! Have you any suggestions for raising funds? Do not be shy in letting me have any innovative ideas.

Other areas of work the Partnership has been involved with are:-

- **REPAIR OF THE SNAPE WALL POST SURGE.** The East Suffolk Internal Drainage Board have recently completed the first phase of the repair to the wall which has been raised to 2.9m (to allow for settlement to 2.7m) a significant improvement from the 2.4m it was in December 2013. The local landowner, Adnams, EA and SCDC have all contributed to the cost and thanks also go to local constructors SEH and Howard Construction who gave over 10,000 tonnes of clay which saved this going to landfill. The Crown at Snape, Ian Rix the farmer and Suffolk Wildlife Trust all allowed access which made the whole project possible. Several options for the next phase – a major capital project - will now be developed for Snape Village and Snape Maltings.
- **SLAUGHDEN COAST** – the coastal area at Slaughden is crucial for the survival of the estuary and the Partnership will be closely involved with the EA in discussing options to defend this area. Come to the Annual Community meeting to hear all about one of the options to defend this part of the coast.
- **SALTINGS RESTORATION** saltings restoration work will be carried out shortly at Brick Dock, Aldeburgh, to help secure the saltings at the toe of the wall – a vital initial defence to reduce erosion. Monitoring of the established sites is going well with some interesting results of gains in silt levels as well as losses.
- **£10,000 RECEIVED FROM THE BIZ FUND** to help develop businesses along the river to become more resilient – part of this may fund sourcing and storing large bags of sand to be helicoptered into a breach to immediately staunch the flow – we will be discussing other ideas with local businesses.

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