

River maintenance and flood prevention - April 2023 to March 2024

Happisburgh to Winterton - Spring 2023

What we do

The Environment Agency inspect and maintain rivers and flood defences. We target this work to reduce the risk of flooding to people and property.

Landowners are responsible for maintaining rivers. You can find more information on rights and responsibilities by <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>.

Our maintenance work keeps rivers and flood defences working together to prevent flooding. Regular maintenance helps our flood defences last longer, which saves money.

You will see us clearing blockages in rivers, cutting grass on flood embankments and keeping our structures tidy and in good working order.

You can find out what we are doing and when we plan to do it by visiting www.gov.uk and searching for "river and coastal maintenance programmes".

Maintenance in your area

Installation of new fencing, signs and steps.

We will replace any chain link fencing which is in a poor condition with post and rail fencing where necessary (see map). We will replace signs as required. There will also be new steps at Waxham access.

Removal of sand

We will remove sand from behind guard rails at North Gap, Crinkle Hill and Bramble Hill (see map). This is carried out for public safety reasons to help to prevent members of the public from falling from a height or tripping over the guard rails if the level of the sand was too high. We will also clear sand away from accesses where there are floodgates so that the floodgates can work correctly when needed and also be inspected regularly.



Sea wall repairs

We will repair wall joints as required. We use fast setting compounds for repairing concrete and replace sealants in the joints.

Works are typically undertaken using hand tools.

We will also ensure any sharp areas on metal groynes are made smooth for public safety reasons.

Contact us

Feel free to contact us if you have comments or questions about our work.

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