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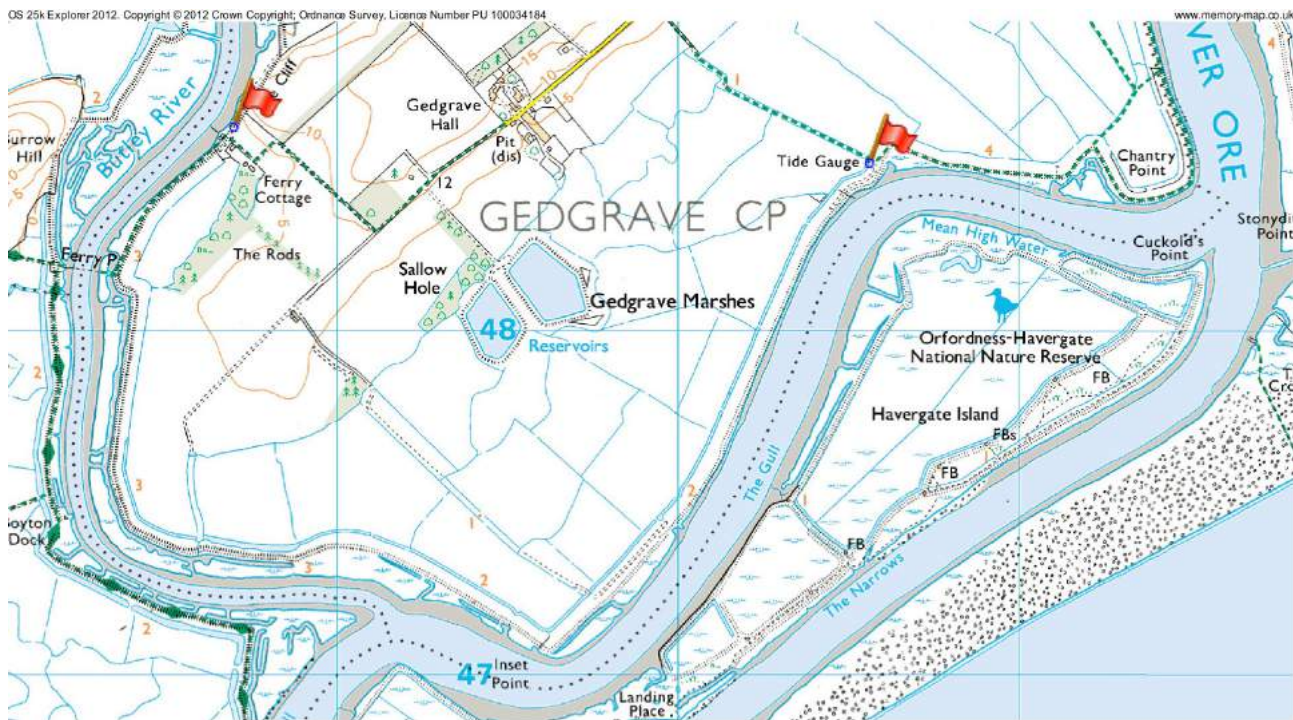
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ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY ASSESSORS REPORT

NAME: Andrew McDonald	DATE OF INSPECTION 28 th June 2017, low tide approx 10:30 am BST
LOCATION: Flood Cell 4	
Area of Assessment Butley River and Gedgrave Marsh TM 39677 48583 to 41591 48472 OS Explorer 212	

River wall inspected



SUMMARY

River Wall /Armour	Saltings	High Tide Debris Line
<p>GOOD: Generally good condition and no major changes since last report; good grass growth over previous repairs. Repairs made to buckled revetment plates near pumping station (411476) have been successful, but some loose boulders nearby (412477)</p>	<p>No significant change since 2016 overall, but possibly some widening of the inner 'channel' between Butley Ferry and Boyton Dock</p>	<p>Hardly any debris seen.</p>
<p>POOR Some areas of worn, pitted and cracking pathway, more evidence of wear and bare earth animal damage (sheep by the looks of it).</p>	<p>See above re widened channel.</p>	<p><i>On 2 ft line</i> No areas of concern</p>
<p>SERIOUS CONDITION No major areas of concern</p>	<p><i>No Saltings</i> No major areas of concern</p>	<p><i>Above 2ft line</i> No areas of concern</p>

Inspection carried out rather late in the season, June 28th 2017



General view of pathway at 397486, start of inspection by Ferry Cottage. No signs of damage since 2016 inspection, well grassed and no slippage; landward wall in good order with good grassing, low slope, some cracks evident but all grassed over.



Saltings opposite Butley Ferry jetty (394 483), general view – no apparent changes since last year (except of course smart new walkway to ferry pontoon).



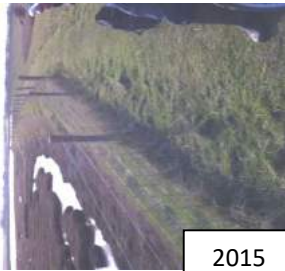
A example (394 483) of pitted/cracked damage to pathway, relatively frequent this year; and some apparent widening of the 'inner channel' between Ferry and Boyton Dock (394 480). Landward side of wall opposite Boyton Dock (394477) all in good order.



NB – may become a problem for less agile walkers – stile stepping-boards collapsed on one side and about to collapse on the other, at 396 474 past Boyton Dock.



Saltings, pathway and landward wall at 406 473, past Boyton Dock. Saltings unchanged, landward side and path in good order, no evidence of previous slippage on landward side.



2015



2016



2017

The path at 406 473, 2015-2017 – continued stumping by posts, and some evidence of slippage on wall facing river; no significant deterioration though.



Towards Inset Point, at 405 471 – saltings unchanged, path still worn and damaged but better grassed than 2016, spoil berm by ditch on landward side now completely grassed over.



2016

At 407471, Inset Point – saltings looking slightly battered at the point and more cut away than last year. Path slightly damaged but well grassed. 2016 photo included for comparison.



At 408 473, path towards the pumping station – landward and river-ward walls both in good condition, but some serious cracks and fissures in the path.



At the pumping station inlet, 411475. No significant change since 2015& 2016, river wall revetments all in good order here and further along.



River wall revetment from 411 476 towards 412 477. Reasonable condition along this section.



Boulder and shingle defences at 412477, revetment and (at 414 482) new lower path appearing at foot of

river wall. Quite a lot of animal (sheep) activity apparent along this stretch.



Coming towards Chantry Point – bare patches at 412 477, trodden pathway at foot of river wall (again) and seaweed covered revetments at the corner 415 484.



General view of saltings at Chantry Point, 415 484, last year and this year – path is worn but no significant change from last year, no visible deterioration in saltings or river wall/slopes.