

THE ALDE & ORE ASSOCIATION

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ALDE AND ORE ESTUARY ASSESSORS REPORT

NAME: Nicholas Russell Christopher Day	DATE OF INSPECTION: 10th April 2026
FLOOD CELL: FC1S	AREA OF ASSESSMENT: Hollesley pumping station to Butley Ferry
TIDAL HIEGHT AT TIME OF INSPECTION 1 hour before low water Shingle Street	WEATHER: Sunny with occasional high cloud and a force 3 southerly wind

SUMMARY

River Wall/Armour	Saltings	High tide Debris Line
Generally good except around Dove point where erosion continues slowly to undermine the wall. See Pics below. Cracking along the top better than last year.	All in good shape. No change in the year	Only issue is around Dove point and on towards the Butley River. Otherwise all very healthy

River Bank surveyed:



OVERVIEW

Executive Summary

The photos in this report were generally taken in the same place as the photos had been taken a year earlier to note any significant changes. There was one change worth noting:

1. The river wall continues to be undermined at grid reference 52°04'04.0"N 1°29'47.8"E between Dove Point and the entrance to the Butley. See pictures below that show the increased erosion of the wall by the river between May 2024 and May 2025. The erosion between May 2025 and April 2026 has slowed, but nevertheless continues.

The cracking noted in the 2025 report, (between Barthorp's Creek and ½ way to Dove Point between grid reference 52°02'54.5"N 1°27'43.7"E and grid reference 52°03'32.6"N 1°28'42.2"E - past the bird hide and to the infantry pillbox), was not noticed this year and had obviously 'taken up' over the winter.

Grid reference 52°04'04.0"N 1°29'47.8"E



Above from May 2024

Note in the 2024 picture the wood posts and barrier are holding back the wall from being undermined by the river. Whilst in the 2025 picture 2, the river has started to breakdown the wall armour behind the posts.



Above from May 2025

The picture opposite is from April 2026 and is in the same location as the two photos above. Note how the water at high tide continues to undermine the wall armour.



SUMMARY

River Wall/Armour

1. *Between Hollesley pumping station and Dove Point*

- Generally good condition other than the two points noted above. Further repairs to this area should be made in the next couple of years to stop the wall from being further undermined.
- At the location of grid reference 52°04.856'N, 1°46.293'E just before the 2nd WW look out post and river bank reinforcement, where the Barthorp's creek from Hollesley pumping station runs into the main river, the river wall defences have started to crumble into the creek. However, this is no worse than when inspected in 2025. See Pic 1 and 2 below.
- Top showing no signs of the cracking down the middle that was evident in 2025. See photo 3 below.
- Banks all continue to have good vegetation.
- Between Butley entrance and Boyton dock at grid reference 52°04.251'N, 1°29.745'E, The cracking along the top of the wall is still there albeit difficult to see. No worse than 2025; see pics 4 and 5 below



Pic 1



Pic 2



Pic 3



Pic 4 – top of wall between Butley entrance and Boyton dock - Pic 5
Grid reference 52°04.251'N, 1°29.745'E



2. *Between Dove Point and Boyton Dock*

- At grid reference 52°03.920'N, 1°29.758'E the river wall defences from the corner of Dove Point to half way along to the entrance to the Butley River continue to show extensive signs of wear, where the river wall reinforcement has and is falling onto the edge of the river. However, from the photos taken in May 2024 (Pic 6) and again in May 2025 (Pic 7) there has not been very much further deterioration over the last year. See Pics 8 and 9.
- As mentioned in the executive summary above, there are signs of previous repairs now being damaged, overtopped and starting to undermine the river wall.
- At grid reference 52°04.251'N, 1°29.745'E, between the mouth of the Butley River and Boyton Dock, a considerable number of 'sink holes' were found underfoot, mainly hidden by vegetation, with an amount of cracking showing in the river wall. This is thought to be due to rodents burrowing through the side of the wall and then the area above collapsing. See photos 14 and 15 and grid reference below. However, as bad as this is, it is no worse than it was in May 2024.

Grid reference 52°03.920'N, 1°29.758'E



Pic 6 May 2024



Pic 7 May 2025



Pic 8 April 2026 – No change

Pic 9 - High water continues to damage the armour on the corner opposite Dove Point



Saltings

- The Simpson Saltings all looked to be in good condition with plenty of healthy marsh between the river and the river wall – See pic 10 and grid refence below.
- The creek that runs behind the 2nd WW infantry Pillbox was running well with plenty of healthy marsh between the river and the creek and the creek and the river wall. Sec Pic 11 and 12 below.
- The saltings running along the Butley river and out to the entrance of the Butley river between the river and the wall where in good condition.

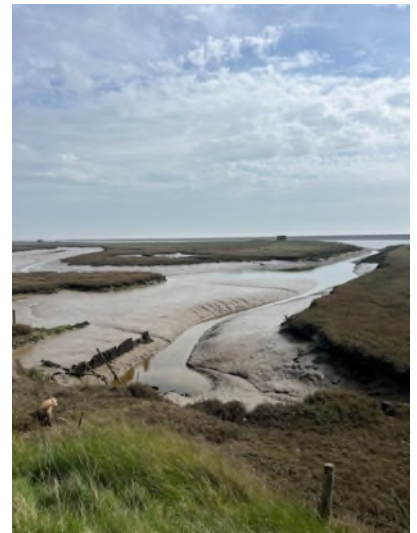
Pic 10



Pic 11



Pic 12



High Tide Debris Line

- Low. Little evidence other than between Dove Point and the entrance to the Butley where the saltings have completely eroded away and thus the high water is up against the armour . See pic 13 below.



Pic 13