

**Dear Resident**

October 2010

### **The Scratby and California Coastal Pathfinder in October and November**

You will by now have received your copy of the Community Report compiled by The Norfolk Rural Community Council. It was the first time such a survey had been completed in Scratby and California and the 52% response by you was remarkable. The survey revealed there was a wide range of misinterpretation about coastal issues resulting in concern to many residents.

You gave us a clear message that you wanted understandable information, you wanted it sent to your address direct and you wanted it from the Borough Council.

The Pathfinder is about connecting and communication with you and accompanying this letter is a Community Information Leaflet which we hope will answer many of the questions that were put to our researchers. Like all information it is correct at the time of publication and we hope it will enable you all to understand more clearly what the Pathfinder and Shoreline Management Plan is all about

Many of you will not be directly affected by the Changing Coastline but those of you who are will, we hope, be better informed about the timescales. Please remember the lines on the Map are just that, they are predictions of a worst case if no action is taken to protect the coastline over 25 to 100years.

In relation to the Community Report we confirm that the Northern Boundary of Scratby is the Centre of the first Road in Newport on the cliff top and that the original holiday developments date to the 1930's

What's happening now? Risk and Policy Analysts (RPA.) have almost completed their project which is about helping those whose homes, businesses or land are at risk from coastal changes. As with the first project RPA visited all the properties in Scratby and California delivering a questionnaire and collecting. Again a great response ...thank you. The questions were much more detailed than the first survey. From a long list of options the survey concentrated on five which include the outright purchase of property, buy and rent back, property swaps, financial support and recouping money to pay for other options. RPA are finalising their work which runs to nearly 100 pages of technical detail. We will be asking RPA to produce a Community Version which we will send out to all households in the near future.

Project Three involves technical aspects relating to the future use of land in Scratby and California. We have appointed The Planning Cooperative who will be holding a "Stakeholder "event in Scratby in early November. This will involve people with an interest in Scratby including the Parish Council, Officers from the Borough Council, representatives from those of you who registered a wish to help with the project,

representatives from the Scratby Coastal Erosion Group, Business and Landowners. This Project differs from the first two to the extent that it is a formal process. We will however be sending the conclusions to you all so you will have the opportunity to make your comments and observations.

We hope that just into the New Year we can pull all the three sub-projects together to produce your Community "Coastal Adaptation Plan". Like the three reports before, this final plan will be sent out to you for comment before it is finalised and made available for Central and local Government use.

On a more serious note. Some of you will have seen a recent Public Notice in the Great Yarmouth Mercury and EDP about proposed Coast Protection works at Scratby i.e. the rock berm extension. The Borough Council continues to pursue funding for the extension of the California Rock Berm Northwards along the Scratby coastline and it has to submit its application to Government (DEFRA and the Environment Agency.) in a very detailed way which includes the publication of certain legal notices....The Council cannot change the wording. The Public notice is part of the application process and does not mean that funding has been secured nor that work has been agreed nor will begin. The Council published the notice but did not arrange for it to be copied and distributed in the village.

Remember the Pathfinder is committed to keeping everyone in the community informed and involved. You may make contact with the Pathfinder in writing or by sending an e – mail to the address below: If there is no one available to respond to your enquiry at the time of your call, please leave a message with the Enterprise Reception Team explaining your enquiry and your contact details and we will get back to you :-

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For General information about the Pathfinder you may visit the Great Yarmouth Borough Council web site:-

<http://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/environment-planning/planning/coastline-protection/scratby-coastal-pathfinder-project.htm>

Yours Sincerely

Jim Shrimplin

Chairman of the Scratby Coastal Pathfinder Management Group