

Possible Filming Projects Summary

Pennington Point, Sidmouth

While the main town benefits from sea defences, Pennington Point east of the River Sid has suffered increased erosion in recent years and understandably residents want their properties to be protected. The difficulties centre on cost, technical viability and environmental considerations but what does the future hold for this part of the coast?

Weymouth flooding and beach management

The town of Weymouth sits at the mouth of the River Wey on what would once have been marshland and a beach. Climate change, increased storminess, higher rainfall events and storms are a restriction to development right now and a threat for the future.

Chiswell, Isle of Portland

Chiswell sits behind the mighty bank of Chesil Beach but the sea has in the past, and still can overwhelm the beach in extreme conditions, despite an ingenious flood defence scheme. How do people, knowingly or not, live with this risk?

To protect or not to protect, that is the question

Why do some coastal communities benefit from sea defences while others do not? What is behind changing policy which will leave more communities at risk as their defences are no longer maintained in the future and how will change be managed?

NOTE based on Ringstead and Osmington and or Seatown and Charmouth as smaller communities at risk, compared with West Bay, Lyme Regis or Sidmouth.

And or

The Great Storm

Change on this coast is not gradual but episodic and sometimes catastrophic. The Great Storm of 1824 was a 1 in 200 year event; it is due again any time now. How will the coast cope not if, but when this happens again?

Swanage on edge

Parts of the town are protected from erosion but other parts, sitting atop slumping cliffs are not. Why and what does the future hold?

The Strategic Monitoring Programme

Our coast is now the subject of an unprecedented surveillance with the intention of obtaining a much better idea of the coastal processes at work. From that it is possible to assess what the risks are to people, property and infrastructure from the sea, and what can be done to protect them.

Dorset and or East Devon AONB

The landscape is protected but it is also a place where people live, a source of our food, a resource for recreation and place for industry; a place where people work, rest and play. That means change, while climate change may force change; what can be expected looking forward and what will people accept?