



Welcome to the fourth edition of the Yaverland Coastal Defence Scheme Newsletter.

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## DESIGN WORK TO PROGRESS ON COASTAL DEFENCE SCHEME

The coastal defences will continue to **reduce the risk of coastal erosion and flooding** to the Yaverland and Sandown area for 50 years to come following a decision by Isle of Wight Council on the best way forward. The decision to refurbish the coastal defences was made following review of a series of **ground investigative works, financial analysis and flood risk assessments**. The public consultation told us that better protection from coastal erosion and flooding is important locally. **The scheme will provide over £160 million worth of benefits to people, property and the environment**. The project team will now work to draw up an initial design and establish a construction methodology for the refurbishment work.

The results of public consultation, ground investigative works, financial analysis and flood risk assessments can be viewed on our website:



<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/solent-and-south-downs/yaverland-coastal-defence-sche/>

## GREAT TURNOUT AT PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS

We were pleased to hold public exhibitions to showcase the short list of options for refurbishing the coastal defences. We were delighted to host nearly **100 visitors** at The Clifton Hotel in Shanklin. Everyone who attended welcomed the opportunity to escape the wet weather, have a warm drink, and chat to the project team and other visitors to the exhibition. We also enjoyed Dinosaur Isle's Blast from the Past event, where over 650 visitors passed through the doors. **We want to thank everyone who took the time to come along.**



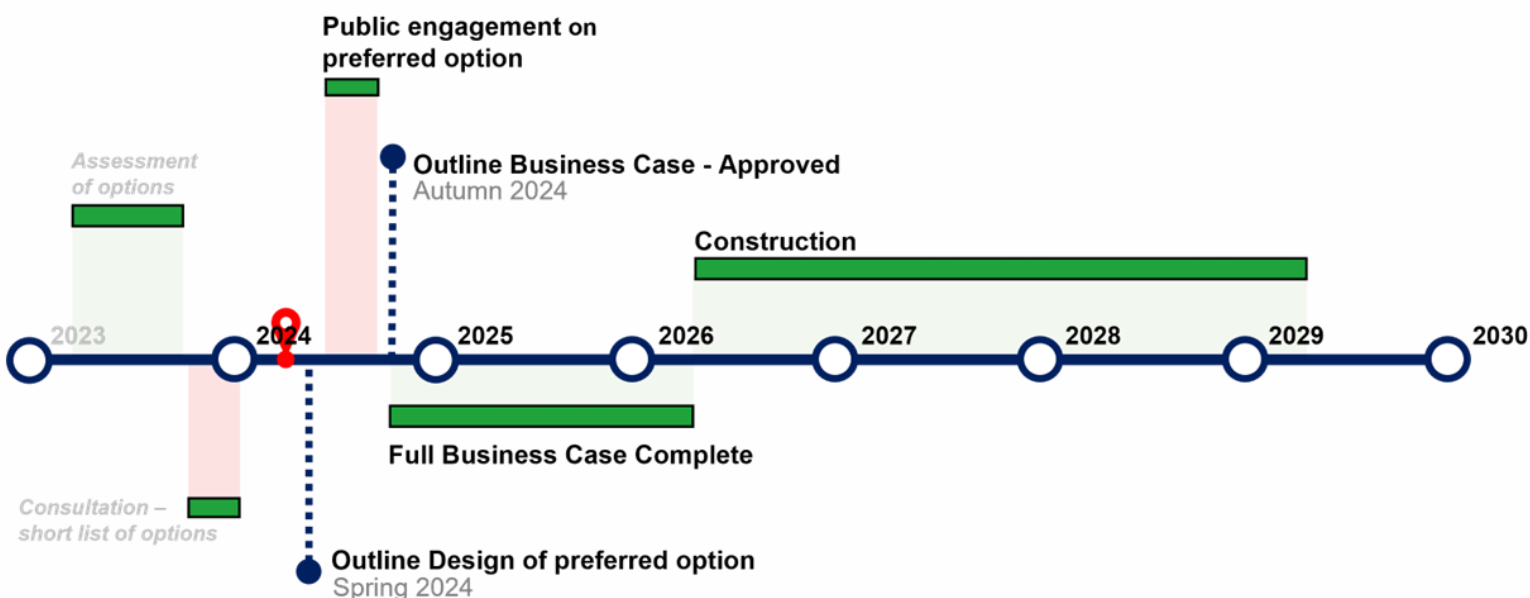
## COMPETITION WINNER ANNOUNCED



We ran a children's competition to build a sea defence from any materials that can be found at home or school. We received a range of very creative and innovative entries. We are delighted to announce that siblings **James (age 8)** and **Amelie (age 5)** received the top prize of an adoption pack from Wildheart Animal Sanctuary plus some books and a nature craft kit. The judges were impressed by **their use of recycled materials** such as lollipop sticks and naturally occurring materials such as driftwood and twigs to create the groyne which work to maintain beach levels.

## NEXT STEPS

Below is an indication of the next steps and likely timeframe, please note this may be subject to change as the scheme progresses.



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The project team have been meeting with members of the Sandown Bay community and we are seeking to work with residents and organisations to begin forming a local stakeholder group that focuses on the development of the sea defences in line with the Sandown Bay Area Place Plan project. If this opportunity is of interest to you, please email us:



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