

CLEY OLD HARBOUR PROJECT

April 2017

Dear All



After a year of fundraising and much endeavour by volunteers, we were able to instruct contractors “Wordingham Plant Hire” to complete the second stage of dredging Cley Harbour. In conjunction with the Environment Agency we were also able to carry out bank maintenance which has much improved river flow and reduced bank collapses, which had been causing navigation issues. The harbour is going from strength to strength and it is anticipated that many more boats will be

plying out of Cley this summer. After last year’s initial dredge we had a huge increase in boats visiting the port and on one occasion fourteen craft came in on a single tide, which is a great result. One of our supporters belongs to the Skegness Yacht Club and there are several members who are keen to get to Cley by boat – they’ve called it The Cley Challenge!

Since the dredging it is interesting to note the increase in sightings of wildlife in the harbour. For instance, a pair of otters were seen the day after dredging had finished. Cormorants have been fishing the harbour (doubtless after the sea trout which are known to come up the Glaven estuary) along with duck and geese and even a solitary seal on one occasion!



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Some forthcoming events to look forward to:

Thursday 11 May. Talk on the Cley Old Harbour Project (by yours truly) with lunch at Cley Reserve, tickets from Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

Saturday 13 May. Visit to Cley harbour by the Cockle Club on the morning tide. Coffee and bacon sandwiches on the quay. Approx 15 Cockle sailing boats will be visiting the harbour to view progress.

Sunday 20 August. We once again have our summer Harbour Day from 3.00pm to 8.00pm. This will hopefully have some low key sponsorship by two local businesses, which will enable us to provide much more entertainment on the day. Plans are well in hand and more details will be sent out shortly.

Tuesday 19 December. Carols on the Quay - an event now in its third year! This event is a great way to start Christmas and, as with our other events, it provides funding for further works and maintenance to the harbour.

You will see photo's showing the harbour before and after the work was done. Hopefully they will illustrate what can be done with a bit of determination and a fantastic response to the pledge scheme.

Lastly, if you need further information or would like to help with working parties or know of anyone who would like to receive these periodic updates, then please get in touch. We are now also on Facebook (Cley Old Harbour Project) and Twitter (Cley Harbour Project @CleyNorfolk). Please follow us, like us and share us!

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