

Works Completed during the last week.

Week 125: Monday 14 April to Friday 18 April 2008

- With the latest phase of works set to officially open to the public at the weekend, works throughout the week were concentrated on applying the finishing touches to the scheme. These works have included
 - completion of all handrailing and fence works around the Sun Terrace and the recreational areas.
 - completion of landscaping works along the length of the latest phase



New fencing has been installed



Landscaping works have been completed

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- South of the latest phase of works, engineers have been carrying out site investigation works to establish ground conditions on the beach for the next phase of the scheme. These works have included
 - the drilling of a number of boreholes on the beach to determine underground conditions. The team are checking whether the soft conditions found on phase three of the works extend south of Victoria Road West
 - the taking of concrete cores to determine the integrity of the current defences
 - Phase Four of the scheme will see the sea defences and promenade works extended to the boundary with Blackpool at Kingsway. Site investigation works have started following £3m advanced funding from the Environment Agency.



Core samples being taken from the existing defences



Boreholes being taken on Cleveleys beach

- On Saturday 19 April the Mayor of Wyre Borough Council, Councillor Keith Riley, officially opened the latest phase of the construction works. Phase 3 of the works covers the length of defence from Beach Road to Victoria Road West and will protect some 9000 local properties from the threat of flooding over its predicted 50 year life.
- Radio Wave's roadshow kicked off the event at 10am before comedian Frank Carson warmed up the crowd ahead of the official opening at 11am. Opening the new promenade and sea defences Councillor Riley praised all those involved in the construction of the works, and the official bodies, including Defra and the North West Development Agency, who had provided the funds for the scheme.



The Mayor of Wyre Borough Council addresses the crowd



The new plaque commemorating the official opening

- Following the opening ceremony, those attending were treated to a day of music and dance from local musicians, entertainers and celebrities courtesy of the Cleveleys Seafront Partnership, a group of local business leaders and residents dedicated to revitalising Cleveleys. Chairman of the Partnership, Mr Peter Wills, hailed the day as a great success for the people of Cleveleys.
- Councillor Peter Hawley, Wyre Borough Council's Living Economy Portfolio Holder, said: "This event is all about celebrating a seafront scheme that goes so much further than improving Cleveleys coastal defences...I am sure it will be enjoyed by local people and visitors for a long time to come"



Local group Poco Loco entertain the crowd



Local businesses joined in the fun

Further information about the scheme can be viewed at
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www.cleveleys-seawall.co.uk

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