# Coastal Treasures





# Awarded £300,000







### **Coastal Treasures**

Delivery of circular routes

Employment of 4 trainees – 2 trainees within trails team, 2 trainees within museum – *all of the trainees have gone on to future employment* 

Delivery of interpretation panels

Delivery of interpretation for routes

Delivery of app – West Norfolk



Interpretation hosted within the Kings Lynn Museum Link directly to Seahenge display – walk the landscape then look at the exhibit



### **Treasures routes**

Series of walks were looked at before final walks were agreed upon

We took into account recreational impacts from visitors and from current usage levels

We spoke to a number of organisations to make sure we had looked at the best options





### **Coastal Treasures Tube Map**





## **Castle Rising**

A treasure I stumbled on when I was scoping out the routes

An example of how people can miss the treasures on their own doorstep



# Linking people to landscapes

Trails network links local villages and towns through to the surrounding landscapes

Each of the Treasures Walks has a story and heritage behind it

Often the heritage or stories hidden within the landscapes is a fantastic way to bring these walks to life



## New walks and rides

- 12 new walking routes (11 fully waymarked)
- 4 new cycling routes (supported by gpx)
- o Each explores local history
- $\circ~$  Primarily using existing rights of way





## **Access Improvement**

- o 4 New Kissing Gates
- o 4 New bridges
- o 8 stiles removed
- o 200m boardwalk improvement
- Surface improvement by negotiation/direct action at 4 different locations
- o Instant tangible effects.





## **Access Improvement**

• Removal of the last stile on the National Trail making it stile free for the very first time.





### This on the Brancaster circular walk



# On site interpretation to support the visitor

3 information boards installed to support the walks

- Snettisham
- Houghton
- Holme





## Business Workshops

- $\circ~$  6 workshops so far
- new series of workshops being planned currently
- $\circ$  Attended by over 40 businesses
- Delivered externally by Social Routes
- Focus on 'extending the season.'
- Focus on trails as selling point.
- Focus on Social Media
- Posititive feedback (only one negative remark)
- Data gathering to follow in early 2020 to monitor improvements (social media referrals, etc.)





# Book to support visitors to the area

#### o A new look

#### • High quality:

- Design
- Photography
- Content
- o Digital integration
- Available throughout the project area (many stockists business workshop attendees).
- o Over 2,000 already given out



• Two trainees

- Andrew Tullett & Monika Saganowska
- $\,\circ\,$  Based at Lynn Museum
- One year Teaching Museum traineeship with Norfolk Museums Service







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- $\circ$  Norfolk Record Office
- $\circ$  Norfolk Heritage Centre
- $\,\circ\,$  Norfolk Historic Environment Service
- British Newspaper Archive
- $\circ$  Picture Norfolk
- $\circ$  Lynn Museum
- $\circ$  and others...







# Thornham: timber, iron and coal

- $\,\circ\,$  Village industries
- Mrs. Edith Ames Lyde, Lady of the Manor of Thornham
- Established an ironworks in 1887, employed 24 men in the village
- $\,\circ\,$  Died in Shanghai in 1914







# Heacham: sun, sand and sea defences

 $\,\circ\,$  Development of a Norfolk seaside resort

- Mercedes Gleitze, endurance swimmer, became the first person to swim the Wash
- Also became the first English person to swim the English Channel and became the face of Rolex Oyster watches

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WEST NORFOLK'S COASTAL TREASURES



**16 HERITAGE ROUTES ACROSS WEST NORFOLK** 



## Walking Festival 2019

- Funded by the Coastal Treasures project
- Developing events across both the age spectrum and user spectrum
- Focusing on experiential walks
- Events will be hosted through our page with Visit Norfolk, bookable through Eventbrite <u>www.visitnorfolk.co.uk/wcf</u>



## Seahenge walk

- o Led by archaeologist
- Walk on a coastal treasures walk and discover the story in the landscape





Norwich Science Festival Stargazing with Mark Thompson Weird Norfolk Kings Lynn Walk Grow Her Wild Wild Times Acle History Walk NWT Cley Autumn Migrants NWT West Runton Rockpooling NPS Archaeology Seahenge Walk RSPB Snettisham Spectacular - Whirling Waders Mariotts Way Poetry Walk Norfolk Trail Runners Introduction to trail running Yoaa Norfolk Wellness Walks AONB River Hun, Source To Sea NOVA A Ramble With Rob + 'A Plastic Ocean' screening NOVA Fragile Ocean NOVA Sketch & Stroll NOVA Pix & Pastels WalkCromer WalkCromer Festival drop in UEA Mindful Walks UEA So you want to live to 100? Salhouse Broad Bat Walks

### Total - 58 Events

#### Brand new events across the network

10,000 words written for the social media promotion and development – that's a dissertation



### **Fen Rivers Way**

Fen rivers runs south from Kings Lynn down through the fens where it meets the county border with Cambridge

New signage installed along the route as part of the project – delivered as an addition to the coastal treasures project

