

## Sand Bay Dunes Fencing Works

The Environment Agency is carrying out works to repair and reinstate fencing on the sand dunes at Sand Bay. This will ensure that the risk of flooding is reduced to properties and businesses in Sand Bay.



## Work is scheduled to be carried out in June 2024

Chestnut pale and post and rail fencing is due to be repaired and reinstated this summer.

The fencing protects the dunes from erosion from footfall.

Recent inspections have highlighted some locations of the dunes are showing signs of erosion to vegetation and the dune crest.

The dunes offer a level of protection to properties and businesses vulnerable to flooding from the sea. The vegetation on the dunes is not only important habitat for wildlife, but it also assists in stabilising the dunes and reducing the likelihood of further erosion.

Fencing work will take place in 17 locations on the dunes between the Carefree Holiday Park and Sand Farm Lane. See map below.





Fencing works within the marked area

## Public access to the beach and footpath

The beach is open to the public as usual, however there will be closed off areas on the dunes where work is being completed.

Please keep to the footpaths and beach access points to reduce the footfall in these vulnerable areas. Over time vegetation should re-establish in the fenced off areas.

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## What do you need to do?

We encourage residents' and beach users' co-operation while this work is being carried out and to respect the fenced off areas once erected.

We strongly advise that people continue to prepare and take action to reduce the impact of flooding to their homes and businesses. There are several things you can do to prepare for flooding to keep yourself and your family safe.

Find out if your home is at flood risk and sign up for flood alerts and flood warnings and be ready to act.

Write a personal or community flood plan to help you prepare.

For more information visit www.gov.uk/flood or call Floodline on 0345 988 1188.

You can check river and sea levels in England <u>www.flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/river-and-sea-levels</u>

Visit the Met Office website for local forecasts at www.metoffice.gov.uk.

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