

Salty Seaview!

Welcome to Seaview!

Seaview is a small Edwardian resort that is popular with tourists; it is only a short drive from the cross-Solent travel links at Ryde.

With its holiday homes and large period houses, Seaview is considered to be one of the most affluent residential areas on the Isle of Wight; the Pier Road and Bluett Avenue area is even nicknamed "Millionaires' Avenue"!

Anyone for salted pig?

Nothing except for a few fishermen's huts and a row of cottages ever existed at Seaview before about 1800, so its history is relatively 'new'.

Once upon a time though, it was a centre for salt production...



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The saline lagoon which once existed and provided the basis for salt production has since reverted to marshland and reed beds. The inlet here is now managed and the water is brackish rather than saline.



The *Hersey Nature Reserve* was created in this area to protect and conserve this valuable habitat, and to also help to balance the impact of coastal engineering works taking place at the time (more on this later!)

The *Hersey Nature Reserve* is of great conservation value.

It forms part of the Ryde Sands and Wootton Creek Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) along this stretch of coast, is a RAMSAR site and a Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

Activity: Bird Spotting!

Take a walk around the reserve (found on Duver Road), visit the bird hide, and see what you can find!

**Seaview: A Stormy Past**

Seaview is exposed to north/north-easterly winds and, when storms combine with high tides, storm surges can cause coastal flooding and damage to properties and assets.

But this is nothing new; a sea wall has existed here for over 200 years in an effort to protect against the ravages of the sea!

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was washed away in a great storm.

A £4.7million coastal protection project to replace the old sea wall and upgrade defences was completed in 2004.

The Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) policy here is to 'Hold The Line' which means that existing defences will be maintained and upgraded as necessary to maintain the current position of the coastline, and defend the built and recreational assets.

Activity: Defending Seaview!

See if you can find the following features of the coastal protection strategy in place here...



Limestone gate portals and heavy marine hardwood gates with stainless steel frames



Rock groyne (and remnants of wooden groyne)

Curved sea wall



Rock revetments in front of sea wall

WORK OF ART?

The sculptor and artist John Maine RA was commissioned to ensure that the coastal protection works were of a high

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Activity: Faces for places!

Have a go at assessing the aesthetic quality (how good it looks!) of the coastal protection works... How well did John do, in your opinion?

Choose 5 different locations along the Seaview Duver seafront and, for each, choose the face that most represents how you feel about the visual quality of that place and draw it into the table. You could try to explain why you have chosen this face if you want to!



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Location	Face Chosen	Reason
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