

Now you see, now you don't - Sand movement at Sea Palling

The pictures in this file show (hopefully) the power of the sea and what it can do, virtually overnight. The pictures are taken from virtually the same place, on the sea wall steps on the south side of Sea Palling gap (at the end of Beach Road).



Picture 1 - Looking towards the life boat station (In the gap, at the end of Beach Road)



Picture 2 is looking South towards Gt Yarmouth from the same set of steps. During the summer the rocks actually had more sand on them and were good play areas. It was easy to walk off the beach onto the steps at the base of the wall



Picture 3 is the same view as picture 1 - looking North, towards the Life Boat station. This is a result of just 2 days of gales. It is difficult to see from this picture, but from the top of the rocks down to the sand is around 2 metres - you can't get onto the bottom of the wall to walk along from these steps, you have to walk either nearly all the way to the gap, or head south to get on the beach!



Picture 4 & 5 - where there was sand to play on, there are now just rocks . . .



Originally there was sand all the way up to and on the steps leading down the sea wall.

Gradually more sand was eroded out from the base of the rocks and there was a standing of water around the bottom of them.

At the time of writing most of the sand has returned, the rocks are nearly covered, though all the nice loose golden sand has gone.

The moral is that when the warning comes, the sea has immense power to destroy and we need to be ready, not to try and stop it, but to be ready to assist where needed, to provide communications. Only by practise, practise, practise and practise again will we be ready!

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