

Sandhead: Rewilding Project

April '23 to March '24

£36,000

Dumfries & Galloway
Council



Sandhead, damage to natural vegetation caused by parked vehicles.
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Overview:

The project establishes an area for re-wilding. It will be fenced and signed to prevent vehicle parking, which compacts the sand and damages the fragile vegetation. This aims to help reduce coastal erosion and flooding, given the potential benefits that nature-based solutions may have in coastal erosion control, whilst supporting wildlife, and allowing visitors to enjoy the beach.

What we are hoping to learn:

We will use nature-based solutions to slow down the coastal erosion in this area.

It is expected that the re-establishment of the natural vegetation / dunes will act as a natural barrier to help retain the beach and make it more resilient.

This case study can be seen as a practical example of the use of nature-based solutions in the adaption for the future effects of climate change in Scotland's coastal environment.

“Where overuse has accelerated erosion, we hope that employing a nature-based solution will aid in the adaptation to the expected coastal changes which will occur as a result of climate change.”

**Brian Templeton, Team Leader –
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