

# West Sands Dune Restoration and Management Plan

Sept '23 to Sept '24

£126,000

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View of ongoing restoration works with different generations of fencing along with fore dunes forming ©Fife Council (2021)

## Overview:

The project aims to both continue the physical dune restoration works that have been ongoing for over 12yrs, as well as collecting and analysing historical and new data to provide an assessment of the success of the various restoration measures and to predict future changes to the dune. This analysis will be used to develop a new Management Plan to replace the existing one and identify actions based around adopting a dynamic adaptive pathway approach..

## What we are hoping to learn:

The proposed surveys, data collection, and analyses will provide an assessment of the success of the various restoration measures used over a 12yr period and will help direct the choice of future restoration measures. In addition, the analyses will update coastal change predictions for this coastline based on local data. This information will feed into a new Management Plan, which shall identify actions, monitoring requirements, and key intervention points based on adopting a dynamic adaptive pathway approach.



View of sand recharge works to dune crest © St Andrews Links Trust (2022)