

#ProtectOurDunes

OUR DUNES are a natural defence against the elements, they protect businesses, homes and land from coastal flooding. The grass growing on them is called marram grass and it holds the dunes together, it also traps sand blown up from the beach. This sand helps the dune to grow and prevents it from blowing onto adjoining land.



DUNES are also an important home to many rare species of **plants and animals**, such as orchids and ground nesting birds



Our coastal dunes are deteriorating due to the amount of people interacting with them. This not only causes the dunes to breakdown, it also degrades the habitat, impacting the plants and animals that live there

THAT IS WHY WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO 'PROTECT OUR DUNES' BY NOT WALKING OR CARRYING OUT ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THEM.

WHEN WE WALK ON THE DUNES, THESE THINGS HAPPEN



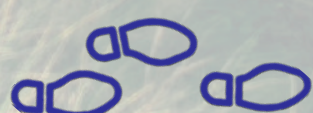
1 - We erode the marram grass that grows there, uncovering the sand beneath



2 - The wind then starts to blow this sand away bit by bit, causing part of the dune to disappear, this is called a blowout



3 - This sand ends up blowing onto land, buildings and roadways, causing problems for local people



4 - Blowouts can also create openings in the dunes, allowing water from the ocean to flow freely onto land, flooding homes and businesses.

PLEASE HELP US 'PROTECT OUR DUNES' BY OBSERVING LOCAL SIGNAGE, STICKING TO DESIGNATED PATHWAYS AND STAYING OFF THE AREAS OF DUNE THAT ARE FENCED IN.