

Denise and Stephen

When they bought "Thrums" in 2010 the erosion was not a major issue. It was "going at a slow, steady rate but the storm of 2013 caused massive cliff falls" and the erosion accelerated.

They believe that the planned Vattenfall wind farm station, planned for Happisburgh is a benefit to the village (and the environment) but can't see why it cannot be made to pay for sandscaping along the beach in the same way that Shell has paid for the protection at Bacton.

They are aware that Natural England may object to sandscaping due to the SSSI restrictions but are frustrated that no one seems to be leading any discussion on the subject.

Stephen feels that despite the accelerated rate of erosion, Thrums will not be affected for 100 years. The recent estimated by Confused.com put the figure at 50 years.

Stephen and Denise are leaving the village and have put their house up for sale.

"Because of the SSSI we cannot have hard defences but surely we can have sandscaping"