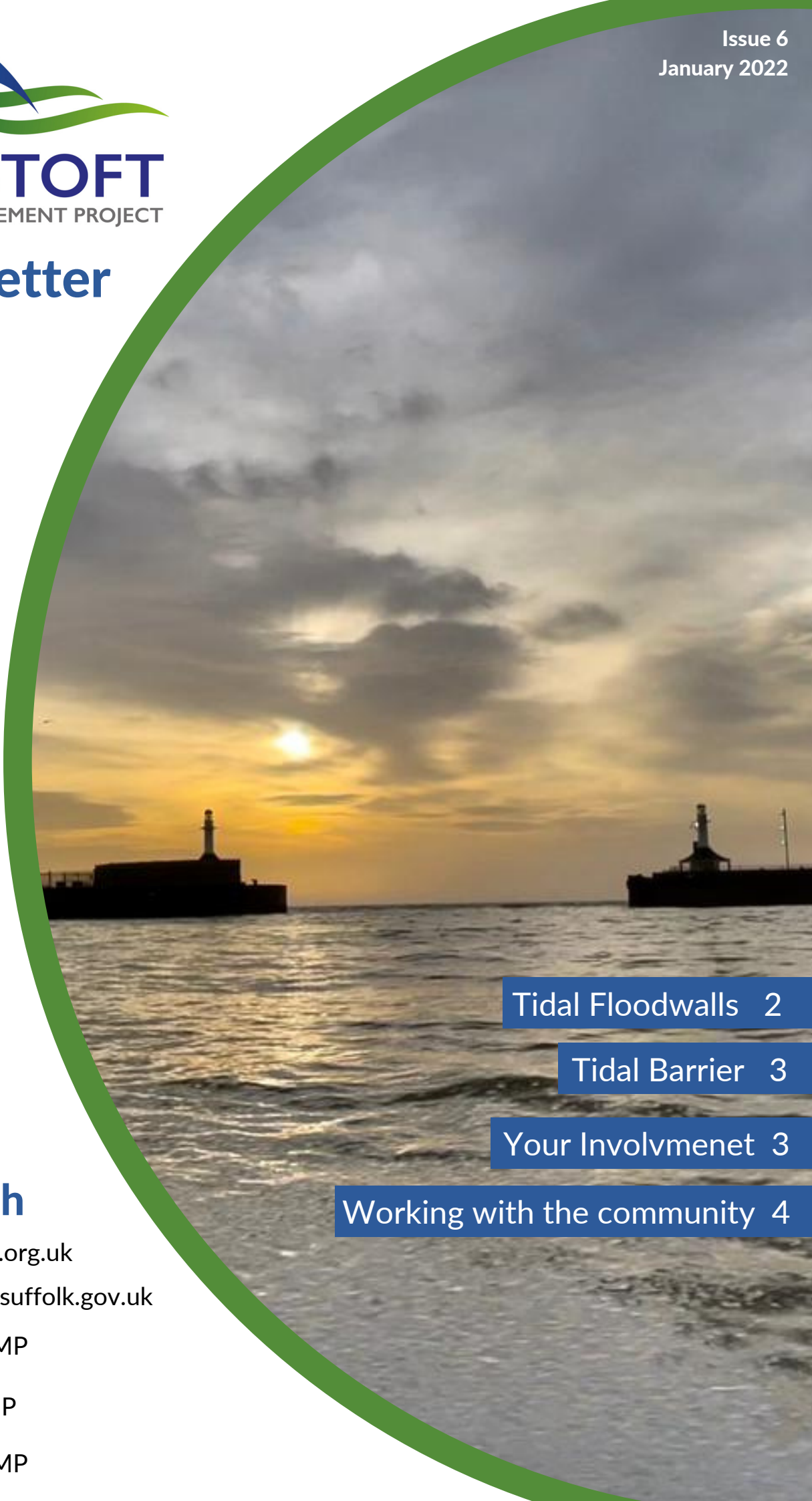




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Welcome

We have begun the new year with the start on construction of the next phase of the tidal floodwalls. This will see glass floodwalls around the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club and South Pier, which will maintain site lines across the harbour and marina. I am delighted to confirm we have also recently completed the first stretches of the floodwalls in the Fisherman's Quay area on Hamilton Road and a stretch of wall on Waveney Road, look through the newsletter for photos of this fantastic work.

Over the past month we have continued to work closely with community groups to ensure our project is bringing maximum value to Lowestoft. Take a look through this newsletter to see how we are upcycling our pallets, working with the Prince's Trust and helping Lowestoft based charity Re-Utilise.

The design phase of the tidal barrier continues. As we develop this we will be asking to hear your views and concerns about the design and construction. We will be holding a consultation in the coming months, please keep an eye on our social media channels and this newsletter for details of how to be involved. In the meantime our Virtual Visitor Centre remains open with all the latest information about the project. Visit the centre here:

www.lowestoftfrmp.org.uk/consultations



Best wishes

David Ritchie
Chair, Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Board

Flooding from the Sea

Tidal Floodwalls

We began work to divert utilities along the South Pier on 17th January 2022. Construction will continue until March, when work will break over the summer. This break is to prevent disruption to the area during the busy tourist season.

Works at the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club and remaining works along the South Pier will commence in October 2022 and are planned for completion in 2023.

The floodwalls on South Pier will be a brick clad wall with concrete coping topped with glass panels and the floodwalls around the RNSYC will be a one metre high glass floodwall. These will provide flood defence while maintaining an unobstructed view to the marina and outer harbour.



Tidal Floodwalls (Continued)

Construction on the tidal floodwalls along Waveney Road and Hamilton Road is continuing well, with sections around the Fisherman's compound on Hamilton Road and a stretch on Waveney Road now complete. The photo (bottom, left) shows a trial deployment of the demountable defences along Hamilton Road.



Tidal Barrier

The concept design of the 40m mitre flood gate structure was completed before Christmas. A Navigation Simulation for the design will take place in January, an update on this will be available in our February newsletter.

Your Involvement

The tidal barrier requires a Transport Works Act Order (TWAO). This is granted by the Secretary of State and is needed when construction can change or affect navigation. To complete this work and to enable us to go ahead with the project we will of course need to work closely with local communities, businesses and organisations. As the detailed design of the barrier is developed we will be holding a series of public consultations next year to better understand your concerns. We will share details of these consultations across all our platforms including this newsletter.

Working with the community

Last month we helped a number of projects in the community as part of our work.

Upcycling Pallets

We donated pallets leftover from our construction work to the foundation and progression courses at East Coast College, where they will be upcycled. In December 2021 they created some Christmas decorations, and this year plan to make animal boxes for birds and hedgehogs and some compost bins.

We hope to continue donating our pallets as the project progresses.



Racking Donation to Re-utilise

We recently donated some racking to Re-Utilise in Lowestoft, a social enterprise set up to divert waste from landfill, provide craft workshops and a Community RePaint scheme. Here are Bradley and Matt from Balfour Beatty with the racking. While there they also put up some other shelves and fitted some kitchen cabinets!



Prince's Trust Mock Interviews

Our contractor Balfour Beatty supported participants on the Prince's Trust TEAMS programme with Inspire Suffolk. This was a valuable occasion for participants to spend time with a local employer and get interview practice.

Support of Food Delivery Vans

We and our contractor Balfour Beatty have come together to support food delivery vans, providing meals and support to vulnerable people and families.

The Access Community Trust set up PINK Orange at the start of the pandemic to support struggling families with a vital food provision, in the form of easy-to-follow ingredient kits. Their aim was to not only provide essential food support but also encourage children and the young people of the household to learn how to cook in a simple way, through simple recipe cards and YouTube videos.



Considerate Constructors

We are proud to have been awarded a certificate of excellence from the Considerate Constructors scheme. We have maintained our high score - including 9/9 for Respect the Community, Care about Appearance and Care about Safety!

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