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# Coastal defence

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Blackpool has a marine frontage of about 11.25 kilometres, all of which is protected from erosion by the sea wall, which needs constant maintenance.

Under the Coastal Protection Act the Council must ensure the stability of the sea walls and ensure their continuing maintenance, for which a detailed Coast Protection Strategy was adopted by the council in 1995.

Blackpool Council is nearing completion of a twenty year coastal defence strategy which seeks to rebuild those sections of defence most in need. £62 million of works have also been completed transforming the promenade between the Sandcastle Centre and North Pier, and a new 3.2 kilometre seawall has been built along the same stretch.

This has been Blackpool's largest ever civil engineering project to date and took four years to construct working from South to North.

## Rossall and Anchorholme Coast Protection Scheme

Blackpool and Wyre Councils are working in partnership to improve and replace sea defences between Rossall Hospital and Rossall Point and from Kingsway to Little Bispham at Anchorholme, protecting 12,000 properties from the risk of coastal flooding. The series of major new coastal defences is one of the largest flood defence programmes in the UK.

Defra and the Environment Agency formally approved £86million of funding in October 2013 and construction began in April 2014. The promenade at Anchorholme has re-opened, with the final part of the construction to be completed late 2017.

In addition to the seawall scheme, United Utilities is carrying out construction work in the adjacent Anchorholme Park as part of their on-going programme of investment to improve water quality along the Fylde Coast.

For safety reasons, some areas of the park are temporarily fenced off.

For more information about the work at Anchorholme Park, visit [United Utilities' website](#).

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