



Dear memorial bench owner

Memorial bench - Frontage 4 of the Southsea Coastal Scheme

This letter is to advise you that the Southsea Coastal Scheme will be building flood defences in the area around Southsea Castle from January 2022 until March 2024. During this time the promenade between Blue Reef Aquarium and the Pyramids will be closed (see diversion map overleaf).

We note that your memorial bench is located in this area and are writing to let you know that all benches along this section of promenade will need to be removed during the essential work to replace the existing, ageing sea defences.

On completion of the work, all memorial plaques will be replaced on new seating in as close an area as possible to your bench's original location. The new promenade will be much wider and more accessible, and options for seating to complement the new design are being explored.

We are considering plans to temporarily relocate all plaques from this area to a nearby location overlooking the seafront while works are underway. Please contact us to advise if you would like your plaque relocated over this period. If we do not hear from you, we will store your plaque securely until the new seating is installed.

To contact us, please email southseacoastalscheme@portsmouthcc.gov.uk or you can call our helpline on 023 9284 1418. We also have a drop-in information centre at our Pier Road offices and would be happy to chat to you in person.

Thank you for your patience over this time as we work to protect the area around Southsea Castle from the risk of flooding while improving the seafront and preserving the area's unique heritage.

Kind regards,

Southsea Coastal Scheme

Diversion route

The promenade between Blue Reef Aquarium and the Pyramids will be closed from January 2022 until November 2023. A diversion route will be in place.

