



Sandscapes

Celebrating the Natural & Cultural
Capital of Coastal Landscapes

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Making the Most of Dynamic Landscapes



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Formby – Spirit of Place



Formby; a capricious landscape, sculpted by wind and squeezed by surging tides, where shifting sands create an ever changing dune landscape, actively building and moving inland, a desirable natural process creating rolling golden whale back forms against a pine-green backdrop of dune plantation.



Capricious



Shifting





Rolling back





A desirable natural process





Will our traces be
rediscovered 5,000
years from now?





Formby is one of the fastest changing NT coastal places

2059

2034

2009

1984

1959



There is a natural process of change

The sign is a wooden-framed boardwalk sign with a colorful illustration of a coastal dune landscape. It features a blue sky, yellow sand dunes, a blue sea, and green grasses. A cartoon frog is in the foreground, and a wooden signpost with an arrow points to the right. The sign contains text explaining the natural process of dune formation and provides contact information for the National Trust.

 **Welcome to Formby**

These dunes are made for rolling...

↑ Lives to the wind, the voice of weather nature - blowing the sand, driving the waves, shaping the dunes, sweep seaward, then gently sloping back.

↑ But still sand blows through, back over paths, car park and fields, through the woodlands between the trees.

↑ Marram grass is key - catching sand, forming dunes where it can grow, like an anchor with it's deep web of roots.

Find out more

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/formby

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It affects those who love and use the site:
Formby is a favourite NW seaside destination
placing heavy demands on a fragile landscape &
where infrastructure increasingly interrupts natural
change





1985



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It affects habitats such as woodlands and dunes and this is happening fast. We know that we have to adapt to changes at the coast and we're looking for the best possible long term solutions for conservation and visitor experience.

2009

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Construction waste tipped in the early 1960's to form a car park is exposed by coastal erosion. We estimate we will need to remove the equivalent of 5,500 twenty tonne loads!





We want to look after Formby the best we can –
We will put in place better infrastructure and
information at our outdoors properties



“Our ambition is to grow support because the public believe that what we do is relevant to their day-to-day lives and are connected emotionally and practically to our places and what we stand for”

- *Helen Ghosh*



'People make places, and places make people.
One cannot exist without the other'.











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Change how people perceive the National Trust so we are more relevant to more people



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Create experiences of our places that move,
teach and inspire

Offer a more engaging and more
dynamic experience of heritage

Provide a great experience and
standard of interpretation at all our
places



Formby – Spirit of Place
Famed for red squirrels, this is an area of rare nature and protected habitats. A keen eye may spot elusive plants, insects, reptiles and amphibians along sandy paths, through dune, grassland and heath.



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Nature conservation presents particular challenges –
the condition of Priority Habitats on our land will
improve by 2025



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We see sustainable land management as working to balance the six functions of land, which should be:
rich in wildlife, healthy,
rich in culture, beautiful, enjoyable
and productive.





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- We will work at landscape scale with partners to restore Priority Habitats
- We will work to deliver great experiences of the natural world & celebrate the rich cultural heritage