

Is it a bird, no it's a plane!



Please don't be alarmed if you see what you think is a large bird of prey flying over Cley and Salthouse this week; it's actually a UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) surveying and photographing a project study area on the North Norfolk Coast, between Brancaster and Salthouse.

This project is looking at the Impacts of the December 2013 storm surge in Norfolk and is being led by the University of East Anglia.

The project has 4 linked research packages:

1. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) high resolution survey of changes to coastal habitats.
2. Soil survey to determine impacts to soil microbial community ecosystem functioning, carbon and nitrogen cycles and extent of soil salinization.
3. Changes in vegetation and macrofauna and impacts on ecosystem services.
4. Social and policy responses to flood damage and landscape change.

The Norfolk Wildlife Trust has been working closely with the UEA on this project and work is timed to minimise any disturbance to the Cley & Salthouse wildlife.

It is possible that during your visit you may come across surveying equipment including large yellow squares with black cross on them, these pieces of equipment may look like they have been dropped or discarded but **Please** do not pick them up or interfere with them as they will have been positioned so the UAV can survey a set area giving the most accurate photos possible.

There will be a small team of people walking and working on the marshes when the UAV is flying. Please do not approach them as they will be working very hard and any disturbance will make their work more difficult.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation.

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UAV Survey map

