

The Neptune Coastal Campaign

A talk to The Eltham Society by Peter Jones
Tuesday 4th November 2008

Many of you will recall Peter Jones' fascinating talk on a year at Chartwell, the home of Sir Winston Churchill. Peter again brought us a captivating insight into one of The National Trust's most well known projects, the Neptune Coastal Campaign. It all started in 1965 as Enterprise Neptune, the Trust's public campaign to protect sections of the UK's coastal heritage and habitats from the threat of development. In 1999 the initiative was re-launched as the Neptune Coastal Campaign. In all over £45 million has been raised since its conception.

Peter's talk included wonderful colour slides of some of the more notable and outstanding coastline purchased by the National Trust. The first area was the breathtaking coastline along the Gower Peninsula in South Wales and now includes over 710 miles of coastline from the 'jewel in the crown', the unspoilt landscape in the south at the Golden Cape Estate near Lyme Regis, to the Farne Islands in the north, a haven for numerous species of birds, to the gateway of England, the White Cliffs of Dover to the inspiring Giants Causeway in Northern Ireland. All of these and many more reminded us so well of the incredible work undertaken by The National Trust to safeguard our beautiful coastline for us and for future generations to enjoy.

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