

# Cliff Management Project

The cliffs provide a beautiful natural backdrop to the beach and promenade. They are also very important due to the presence of rare animals and plants and a fascinating geology. This importance is recognised in their designation as either Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI).



Sand lizard



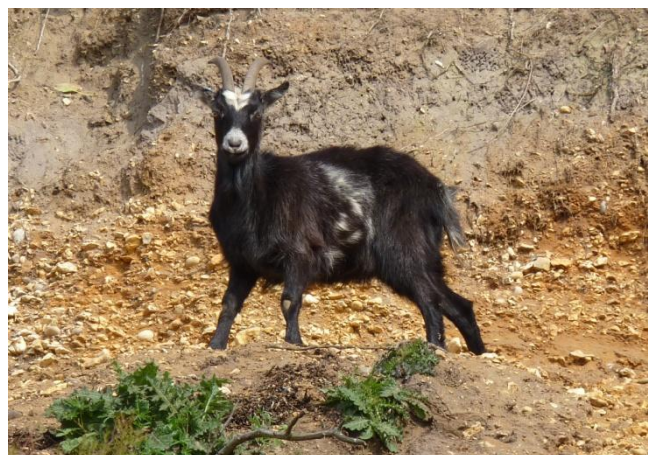
Dartford warbler

However, large areas of the cliffs have become dominated by invasive, non-native vegetation, notably Hottentot fig, garden privet and holm oak. If these continue to be left unchecked, the natural habitats and associated species will eventually be lost.

As a Local Authority we have a statutory responsibility to properly manage our SSSI designated land and we are committed to enhancing the wildlife diversity of the borough.

Therefore we have entered into a 10 year Environmental Stewardship agreement with Natural England that is providing funding to carry out work that will restore the natural features of the cliffs.

The work will include the cutting back of trees and scrub, chemical treatment of vegetation and, most importantly, goat grazing management on suitable areas.



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