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As a result of the storm surge, various people took photographs which have been collected on to a USB Memory device to be kept in the Archives. A total of some 734 photographs contribute to the USB device and this file contains a selection. The History Group thank the following for their contribution:

Piers Ford-Crush	61 Photographs
Alvin Hunt	21 Photographs
Pat Lancaster	87 Photographs
Tony Lancaster	561 Photographs
Alan Walpole	4 Photographs
Total	734 Photographs

*Pat Lancaster
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The storm surge in the first week of December caused considerable damage to the Village's surrounding environment, but property damage was far less than that experienced by some other communities along the East Coast. The peak water level was higher than that in 2007 but was still 4ft below the flood defence walls. It was not just the height of water that caused the damage, but rather the speed at which the surge engulfed the area.

Water entered the ground floors of properties at the end of Ferry Road and also the huts by the Ferry, leaving behind thick silt that will have to be cleared. Beach huts around the camp site were moved and damaged. The camp site, Cliff Field and the caravan site were covered in reed litter to a depth of 2ft. The dunes and shingle ridge have been badly eroded and towards Dunwich the ridge has been breached causing more water to enter the march each high tide. The Blyth river wall on the Walberswick side has been breached near the Ferry Road car park, opposite the Harbour Inn and to the west of the Baily Bridge; as a result the marshes between here and Blythburgh have been flooded, and flood water came within 3ft of properties at the bottom of The Lea. The marshes of the Nature Reserve between here and Dunwich are badly damaged with bridges and board-walks being torn up and reed beds flattened.

Fortunately the Environment Agency moved fast to fill the breaches in the river bank and had machinery in place to start work less than one week later.

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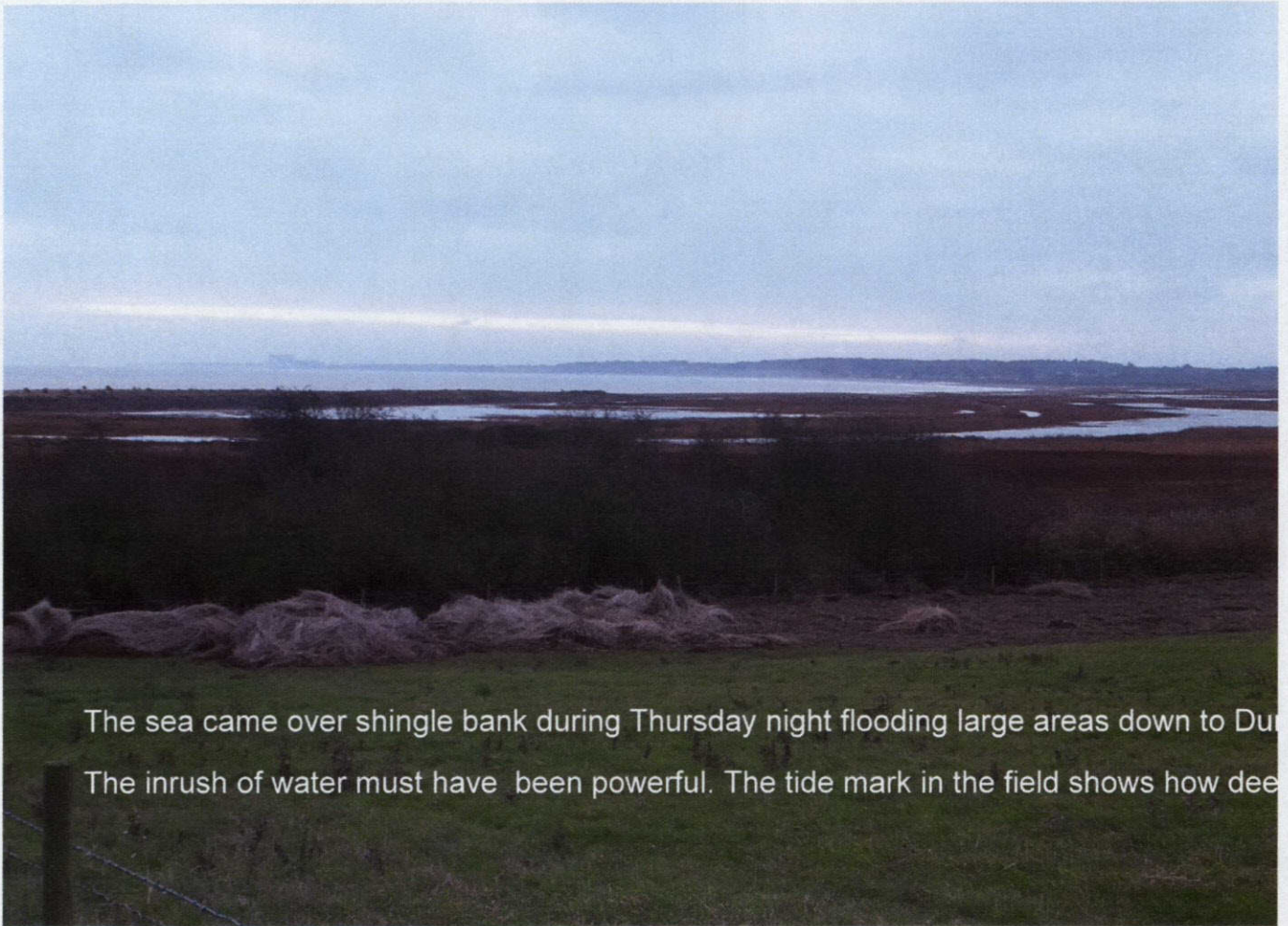




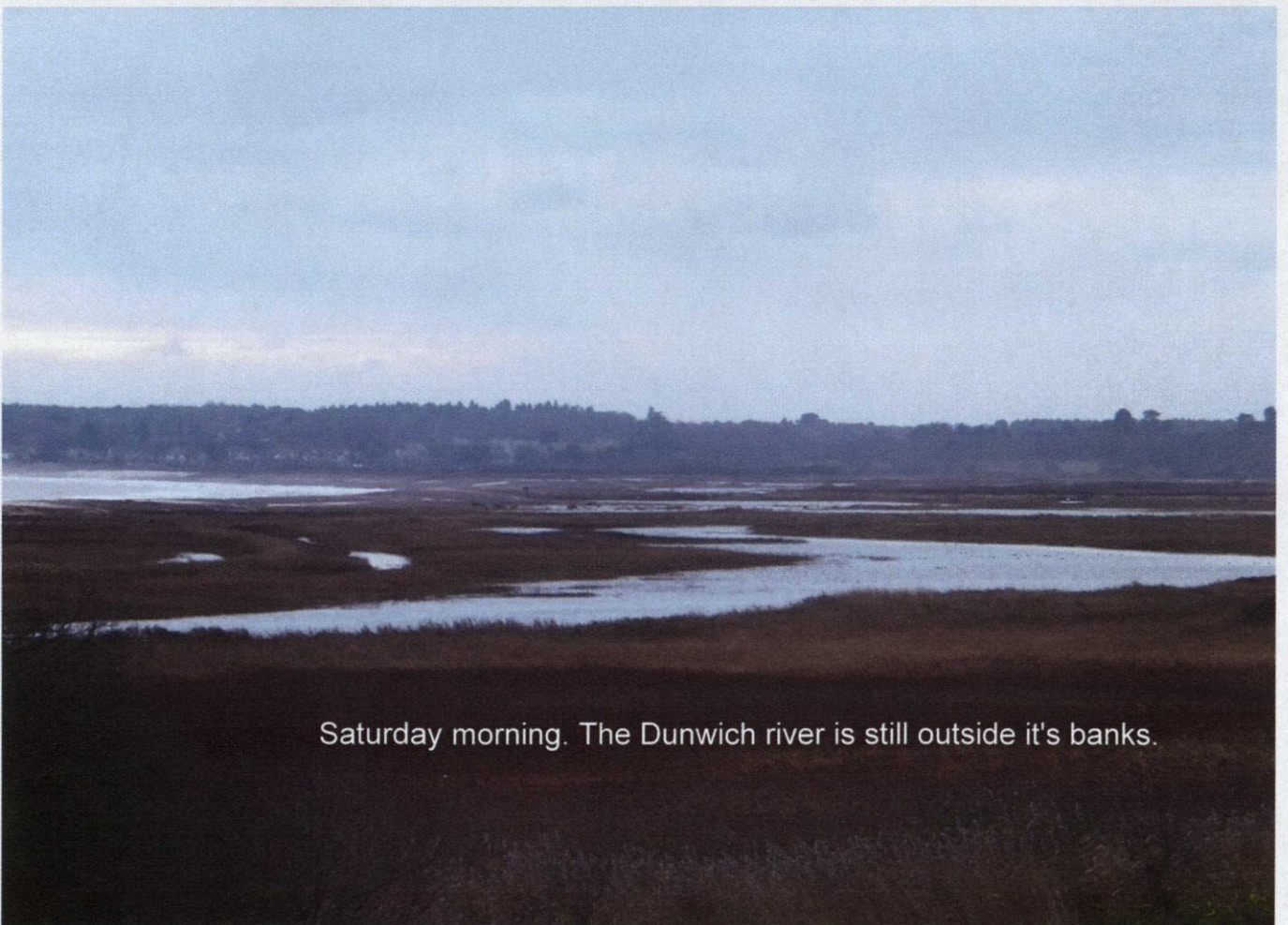




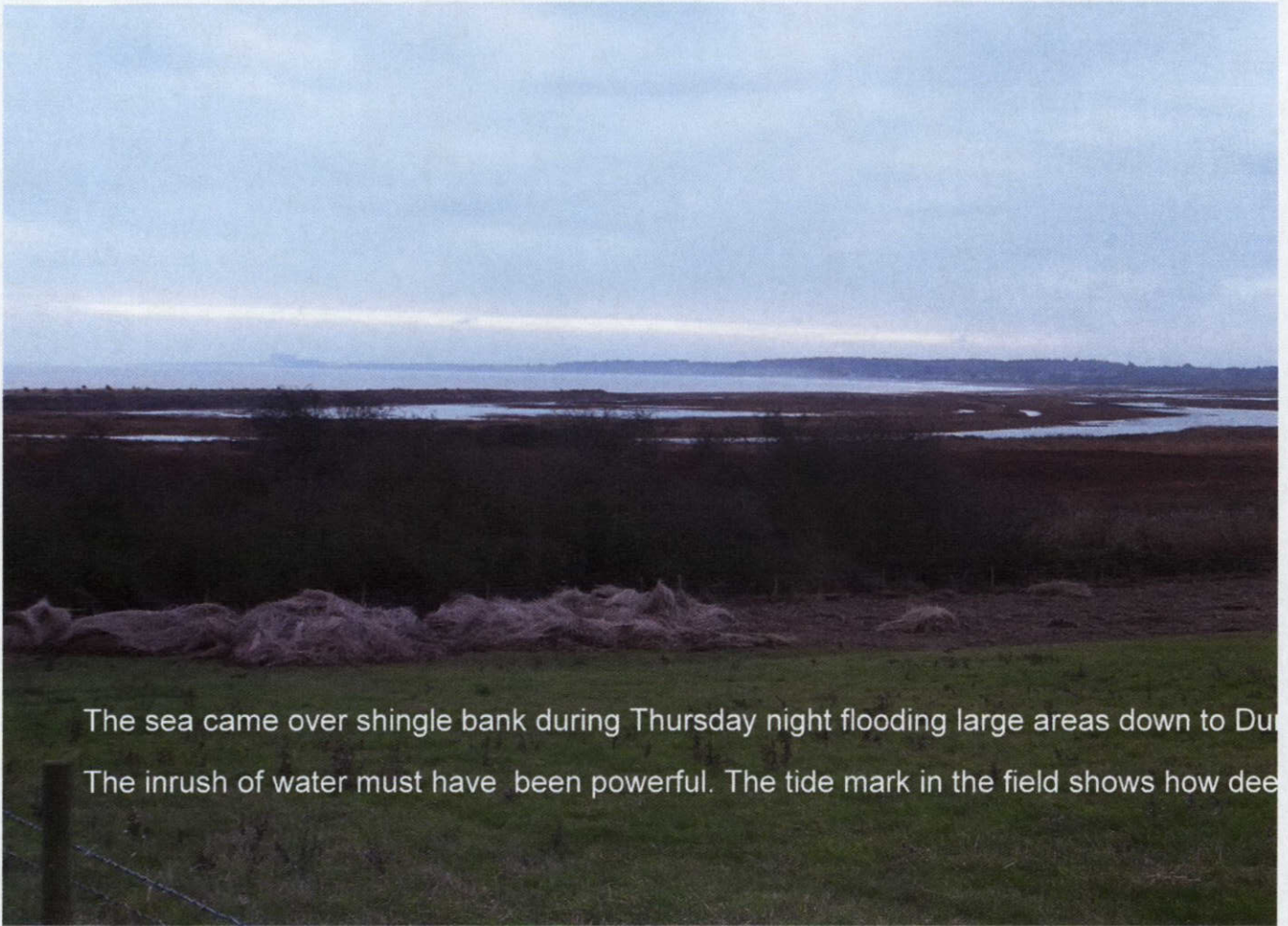




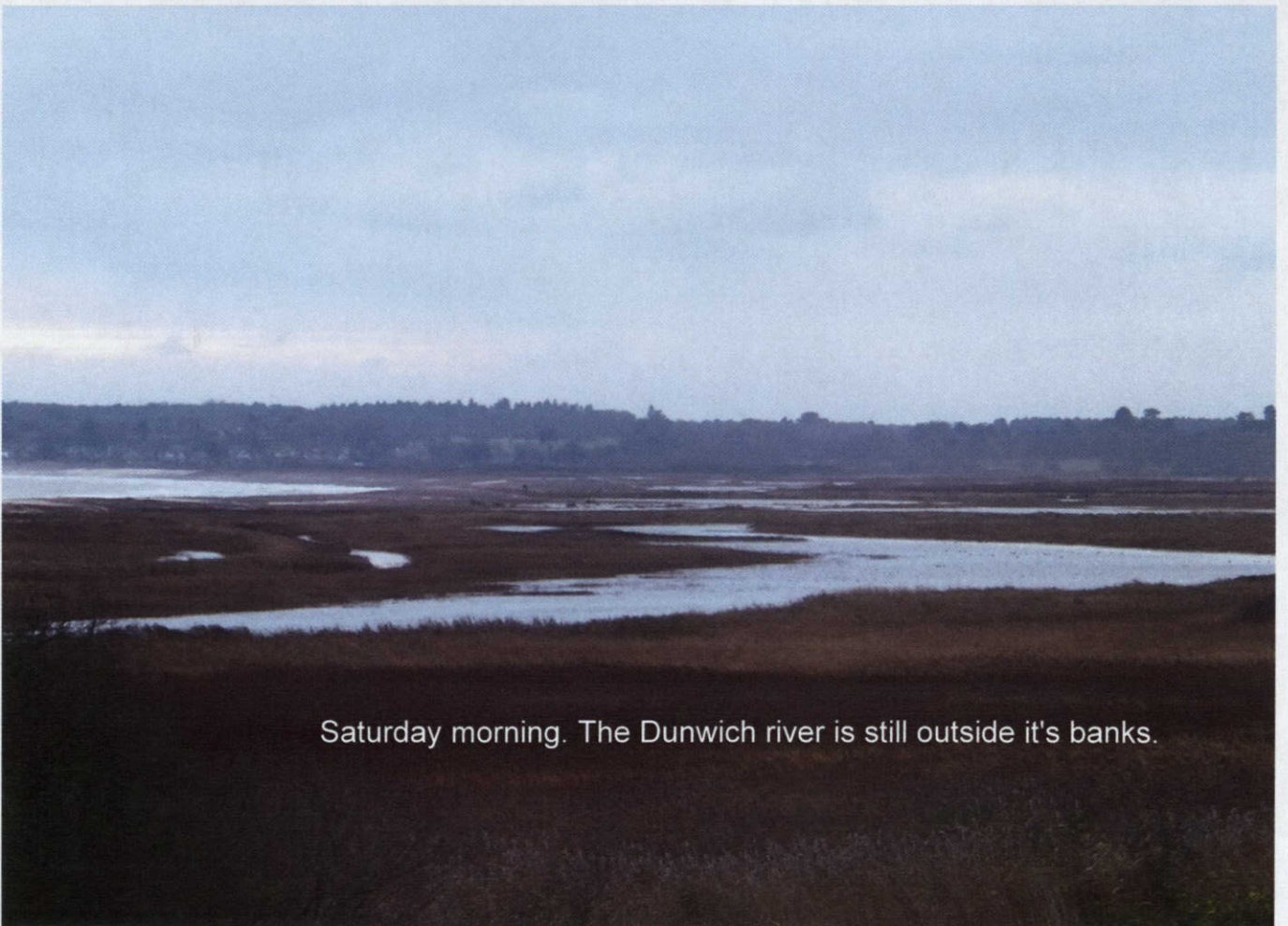
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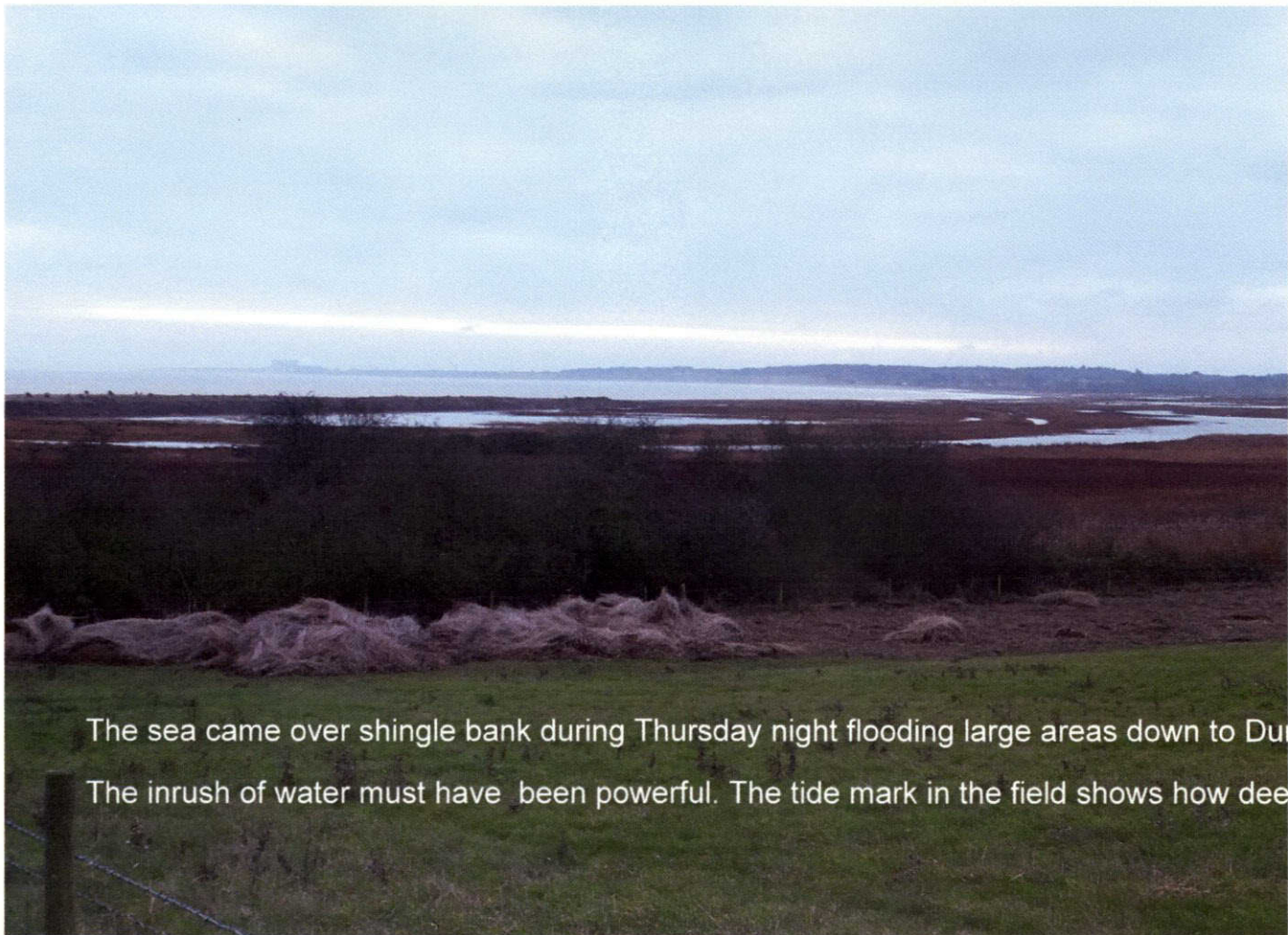
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