

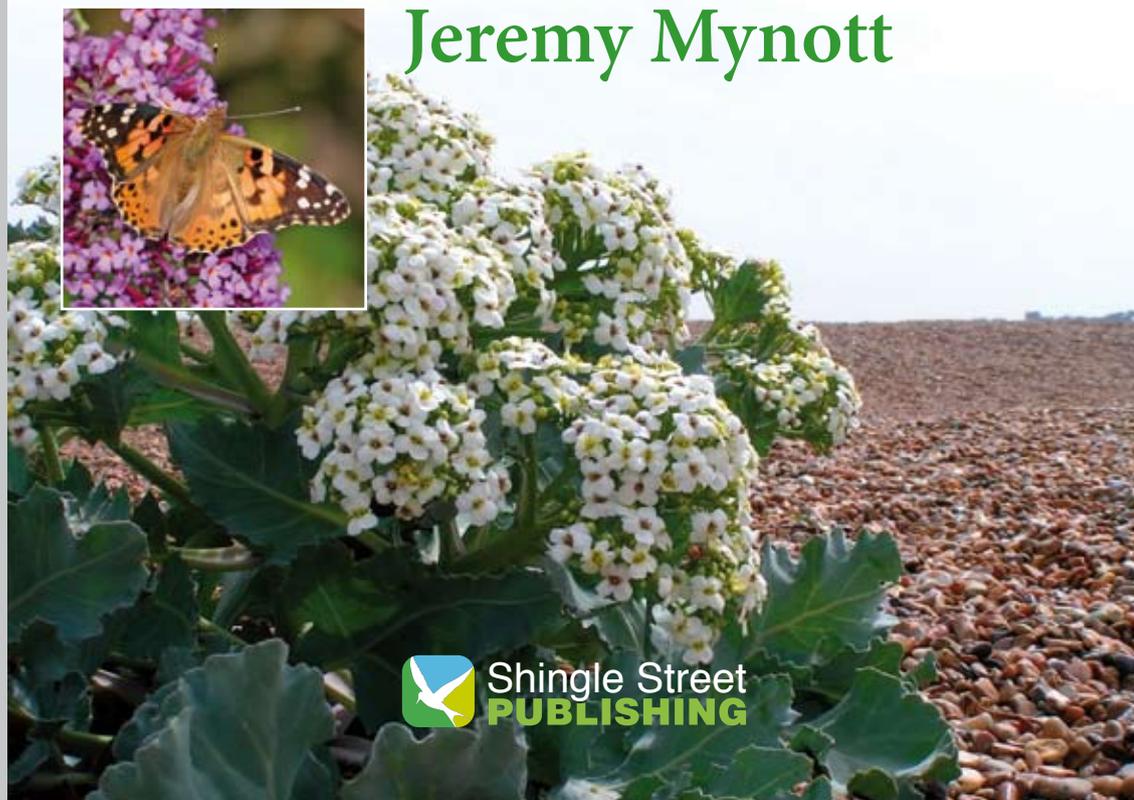


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Wildlife in Shingle Street

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Shingle Street is a tiny hamlet on the Suffolk coast perched precariously between land and sea. There are only some sixty adults and children living here – but that’s just the population of *Homo sapiens*. We are surrounded by a much greater number of other life forms – over 1,300 of them – which also give the place its identity and make it special. This booklet is both an introduction to and a celebration of that larger local community.

Britain’s wildlife is currently threatened as never before. It has been estimated that in the last fifty years we have lost over half of it – a staggering and shocking statistic. In this situation it is increasingly important for local communities to become aware of the natural wealth in their area, lest it disappears before they even understand its extent and value.

The booklet describes briefly all the main habitats in Shingle Street and the kinds of wildlife that have been recorded here – all 379 species of moths, 314 flowering plants, 222 birds, 59 spiders ... everything down to 1 false scorpion.

‘Let’s hope *Knowing Your Place* is the start of a trend, because Shingle Street proves that once you do look at your place, in real detail – wherever it is – it’s likely to contain more life than you ever imagined.’

Michael McCarthy in the **Independent**

All proceeds will go towards helping to conserve the natural environment at Shingle Street.

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