

## WESTLETON HEATH PIT



This pit in Westleton Gravel, part of the **Norwich Crag** deposits, is on open access land in the RSPB reserve at Minsmere. The footpath south of the Dunwich to Westleton road provides dramatic views (TM 457693) of the attractive grey cobbles enhanced by the heathland vegetation.



The site was quarried for gravel in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century and has a 2m face with 1.5m of talus below. The face shows horizontally stratified gravel of rounded flint pebbles with low sphericity and interstitial sand. These were laid down in great banks and channels in coastal waters about 2 million years ago and represent the last major marine incursion across Suffolk.

Norwich Crag deposits are very variable, and include shelly sand (at Aldringham, Easton Bavents, etc.), gravel (Dunwich, Westleton, Holton) and clay (Covehithe).

