

Suffolk Coast & Heaths Sustainable Development Fund

Summaries of Projects Awarded Funds 2016-17

9 Projects totalling £32,223

1. Aldeburgh Food and Drinks Festival

Fringe Festival

£5,000

The main festival is centred on Snape and Aldeburgh, and the fringe includes many towns and villages in the coastal region with events running for two weeks after the festival weekend in late September, early October.

2. National Trust

Pin Mill Footpath Improvements

£471

To build a revetment wall and back fill with stone to stop undercutting of the coastal footpath and top up the stone wall.

3. Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust

Topsoil – Sandlings

£8,000

To develop and test a range of land and direct aquifer management measures designed to protect and improve the topsoil, reduce surface water runoff and contamination and enhance groundwater resources and ultimately increase wetland habitats.

4. Autism and Nature

Alex and Rosie Colouring Book

£1,672

Production and distribution of a children's colouring book based on 'Alex and Rosie' to help younger children with autism to visualise and understand the special qualities of the AONBs.

5. Groundwork Suffolk

Thriving Community Buildings

£2,500

This partnership project provides customised grass roots advice and support to help volunteers managing community buildings to make them into vibrant and sustainable hubs for action; reducing carbon emissions, social inclusion and enhancing local environment/ community.

6. Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Grazing the Sandlings

£3,000

This project will help to maintain the Trust's Sandlings sheep flock, which has carried out pioneering conservation grazing on Sutton & Hollesley heaths since the 1980s, helping the restoration of this nationally scarce habitat.

7. Waldringfield Flood Defence Group

Saltmarsh Restoration, North of Waldringfield

£4,900

Follow up on process started in 2015-16, testing out new initiatives for restoration, researching methods and materials, on an almost 1km stretch of land. Working with a range of local partners.

8. Suffolk Ornithologists' Group

Suffolk Community Barn Owl Project

£5,700

SCBOP relies heavily on volunteers and in 2015-2016 they assessed the sustainability of 1,860 nest boxes, replacing some of them, work financed by AONB SDF grants. Some still require minor repairs, so our aim is to train volunteers to complete work to negate the necessity of employing professionals. Much of the grant is to buy tools and materials for repairing 20 boxes in SCH, across three teams.

9. East Suffolk Greenprint Forum

The Green 20

£980

Celebrating 20 years of thinking globally and acting locally to inspire, inform, connect and deliver on community environmental action by giving a gift back to nature and its guardians.