Sustainable Development Fund (Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB) – 2015-16 grants

11 projects were awarded funding to the total of £23,161
In total 14 projects were considered.

1. **Suffolk Ornithologist Group - Suffolk Community Barn Owl Project £2,000**
   Since 2005 1,700 nest boxes have been put up in Suffolk and the national trend now records a thriving population of breeding pairs. Project will undertake full survey, then repair or replace nest boxes to ensure the sustainability of the project for future years.

2. **East Anglian Sailing Trust - EAST Youth Project 2015 £1,040**
   Access and education via sailing for disabled or disadvantaged Suffolk children to enjoy and learn about the AONB

3. **Autism and Nature - Alex & Rosie book £1,657**
   A children's book based on the Suffolk Guide produced in 2014/15. Publish a story book to help younger children with autism to visualise and understand the countryside

4. **Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB - Scattered Orchard Project £1,225**
   Working with volunteers to survey sites and plant trees of locally and traditionally grown fruit and nut varieties on publicly accessible land in over 20 parishes in the AONB**.**

5. **Southwold Owners Caravan Association - Co-operative management £1,000**
   Undertaking a survey of the caravan site to investigate the potential for improving habitat for wildlife and conservation of the area.

6. **Alde & Ore Estuary Partnership - Saltmarsh management £1,784**
   Restoring seven areas of fringing saltmarsh near Slaughden on the northern bank of the River Alde, using low-tech engineering and biodegradable materials where appropriate.

7. **Aldeburgh Food & Drink Festival - Fringe events £5,000**
   Supporting the Festival's Fringe events which promote the Suffolk coast as an area of great diversity and celebrate the food and drink industry. Special launch of Fringe festival plus activity with Destination Management Organisation Ltd and wider distribution of the AFDF newspaper.

8. **Flavours Of Ltd - Flavours of Summer 2015 (6th & 7th June) £2,000**
   A family focussed festival at Henham, celebrating local food and drink, and including: local producers' marquee, street food area, cookery theatre, cookery & activities for children, live music

9. **Outdoor Hire Centres Ltd - Outdoor Hire Centre £2,750**
   Pilot a new cycle hire centre serving visitors and residents in the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB

10. **Eastfeast - Hollesley Hope for the Future £2,300**
    Helping pupils from Hollesley Primary school and inmates from Hollesley Prison to share learning from the natural environment and cultural heritage of Hollesley Bay to prepare for the future.

11. **Wild Adventures Under Suffolk Skies** - **Wild Adventures Walks £3,805**
    An all-season programme of tailored, on-demand guided heritage walks including hidden stories, activities, locations to discover wildlife, landscape and culture