

Amenity and Accessibility Fund

Summaries of Projects Awarded Funding 2016-2017

7 Projects totalling £19,321

1. Hollesley Village Voices

20 Deben Walks (Woodbridge, Felixstowe, Orford) £1,011

The aim is to produce an updated book of walks around the River Deben, originally published in 2007, and again in 2009. The book will be for sale in local shops, pubs and bookshops.

2. Sparrowhawk Leisure Limited/RSPB

Relight my fire - Feeling better by being outdoors £2,140

To offer people suffering with mental health issues the chance to escape their daily pressures, and work towards mental well-being while doing outdoor work during a 12-week course.

<http://www.sparrowhawkleisure.com/>

3. Broxtead Estate with Farming, Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) support

Sutton Heath Dog Exercise Area £4,222

Re-fencing the public dog walking area on the privately owned grassland field next to Sutton Common picnic site. The present dog enclosure area needs replacing as a matter of urgency as it is not dog-proof in several places. This area is very popular with members of the public and extensively used.

4. Autism and Nature

Alex and Rosie Colouring Book £3,344

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. Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Protecting Dingle Marshes £4,000

The project will install new stop log sluices at Dingle Marshes, part of the Suffolk Coast National Nature Reserve, to safeguard the internationally important freshwater habitat from saline inundation and ensure communities living in or close to the AONB can access unparalleled coastal wildlife.

6. Wild Adventures under Suffolk Skies

Suffolk Bollerwagen - Pull yourself together! £2,000

Piloting a hire service for sturdy open carts (Bollerwagen) that can be used to carry outdoor essentials, or even children, when walking and exploring Suffolk's coast and heaths.

<http://www.wasuffolk.co.uk/>

7. Suffolk Mammal Group (with Stanny Environment Group)

Suffolk Coast Otter Project (Phase 2) £2,600

Building on the successes of Phase 1 to extend the study area to include the estuaries of the Blyth and Deben. Develop the positive image of the otter as a visitor attraction to the AONB including the development of leaflets linking otters to the wider estuarine and freshwater environment.