**Amenity and Accessibility Fund**

**Summaries of Projects Awarded Funding 2017-2018**

**5 Projects Totalling £18,160**

***Waveney Bird Club (WBC)***

***Access for all Path (Phase 2) £5,000***

To build an access path from RSPB’s North Wall to the East hide. Current access is from the beach and then several steps need to be climbed, restricting entry to anyone with disabilities or families with prams to enjoy this facility.

***Autism and Nature***

***Engaging people with historic and cultural heritage £2,160***

Publication of a booklet to help teachers, parents and carers to engage people with autism and related disabilities, especially children, with the historic and cultural heritage of Suffolk’s AONBs, including examples of the built environment, archaeology and designed (parkland) landscapes.

***Deben Estuary Partnership***

***Supporting Bawdsey Ferry £3,000***

The DEP is aiming to raise funds to keep the Bawdsey Ferry operating year round. Currently it only operates from April to October. The operator is Felixstowe Ferry Boatyard.

***Aldeburgh Food & Drink Festival***

***Aldeburgh Food and Drink Festival Fringe 2017 £3,000***

The Festival Fringe is an extension of the Festival weekend and a way for local businesses and attractions to benefit from the Festivals recognition. Running for two weeks after the main Festival late Sept-early Oct.

***Essex & Suffolk Rivers Trust***

***Topsoil of the Sandlings £5,000***

A research and awareness raising project for landowners relating to the storage of water within the existing aquifer during wet period to be reused during drier periods for irrigation. To address water quality issues within the groundwater and surface water by working with landowners to change land management.

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