**Sustainable Development Fund**

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

**16 Projects totalling £38,344**

***Aldeburgh Food and 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 from later Sept to early Oct.

***Waveney Bird Club***

***Access for All Path (Phase 2) £2,500***

To build an access path from RSPB’s North Wall to the East hide. Currently access is only available 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.

***Groundwork Suffolk***

***Thriving Community Buildings £2,000***

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.

***Clock House Arts Association***

***Touching the Tide Alive £650***

Three art workshops at Felixstowe, Dunwich, and Ipswich Museums building on the legacy of Touching the Tide. Each will explore a different aspect of the AONB’s coast.

***Suffolk Coast Greeter Project***

***Developing a Wild Welcome to the Suffolk Coast £2,500***

This project engages and trains local volunteers in welcoming visitors to the Suffolk Coast and highlights the special spaces and species and the need to value and look after them. It provides an additional marketing tool, connecting to a global network to encourage new and repeat visitors.

***Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust***

***Topsoil – Sandlings £4,000***

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.

***Neptune Sailing £500***

***Introduction to Sailing for the Shotley Peninsula Primary Schools***

Neptune Sailing are keen to offer all Year 5 and 6 children attending the six Primary Schools on the Shotley Peninsula the chance to learn to sail in 2017.

***Suffolk Wildlife Trust***

***Understanding Trimley Marshes £948***

This project will create five information panels in the five bird hides at Trimley Marshes to enhance visitors’ understanding, engagement and enjoyment of this Suffolk Wildlife Trust reserve.

***Arabella Marshall***

***A Wing and a Prayer £1,000***

Stunning glass art installation at the ruined chapel on the RSPB reserve at Minsmere.

The piece will be a contemporary reimagining of the kind of stained glass window that we know once existed as part of the 12th C abbey building that originally stood on this site.

***Suffolk Community Barn Owl Project (SCBOP)/Suffolk Ornithologists’ Group (SOG)***

***Develop portable CCTV for monitoring of barn owl nest boxes £3,936***

SCBOP relies heavily on volunteers and to increase the capacity & size of this volunteer community & the Barn Owl population, portable CCTV for monitoring will be developed & trialled. It will replace the use of ladders, improving safety risks of working at height.

***Suffolk Butterfly Conservation***

***Safeguarding silver-studded Blue £1,000***

A project to enable volunteers to improve shrubbery and monitoring for Silver-studded Blue Butterfly across the AONB and to demonstrate habitat restoration techniques to benefit the butterfly and other species and maintain access for visitors.

***The Suffolk Coast Ltd DMO***

***Festival and Events Programme £4,000***

Resourcing delivery of The Suffolk Coast DMO’s Festivals & Events programme which is intended to boost the number and quality of events & festivals on the Suffolk Coast, to increase understanding of the area and economic activity.

***Suffolk Wildlife Trust***

***A Hide for Hen Reedbeds £3,575***

The project consists of replacing a bird hide on Hen Reedbeds with a new six-sided hide at a higher vantage point that will give panoramic views over this beautiful landscape of wetland and river.

***Shotley Open Spaces***

***Shotley Peninsula Electric Cycle Pilot Project £2,000***

To purchase two (different) electric assisted bicycles and to carry out a pilot project to determine if a Shotley Peninsula wide electric bicycle hire service would be feasible.

***Jenny Webb***

***The Magic Ear £750***

The Magic Ear is the title of a short narrative for children telling the story of radar at Bawdsey and revealing the area’s rich military history embedded in its landscape.

***Deben Estuary partners***

***Suffolk Saltmarsh £5,985***

To collate and report on the ‘value’ of saltmarsh on the Deben estuary, to undertake a review of in the Deben based on specialist themes, to submit a summary of valuations and to hold a technical workshop locally to discuss and share the findings across all the AONB estuaries.