**Sustainable Development Fund Projects Funded 2014-15**

**Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB**

9 projects were awarded grants totalling £32,723

10 projects were considered by the panel

**1. Flavours of Summer event £5,000**

Supporting a family focussed festival 7 & 8 June at Henham, near Blythburgh, celebrating local food and drink. The event includes local producers’ marquee, street food area, cookery theatre, cookery & activities for children, live music programme. ‘Flavours’ also produces food magazines for Suffolk and Norfolk.

**2. Aldeburgh Food & Drink Festival Fringe events £5,000**

Supporting 75+ events across Suffolk Coast & Heaths celebrating, promoting and educating people about the areas food and drink industries. Promotes a field to fork mentality and reduction of food miles. Also supports developing Suffolk Carbon Charter status; better development of Fringe events hub locations; updating the website.

**3. Autism and Nature £5,000**

Engaging autistic children with the natural places of the Suffolk coast, with educational visits for special schools and the publication of a guide to help parents/carers and teachers to engage autistic children with the countryside.

**4. Xceptional Productions with Dean Parkin £1,875**

Poem For Suffolk: To produce a “Poem for Suffolk” with a specific contribution from local people that reflect the changing seasons, environment and stories of the Suffolk coast area.

**5. Coastal Nature Reserve Internship £2,285**

Suffolk Wildlife Trust will create a 6-9 month training internship to offer certificated professional training and practical work experience at SWTs southern coastal reserves and Sandlings Heath.

**6. Levington Freshwater Habitat and Footpaths Restoration Project £5,000**

The parish council will work with the landowners, Rights of Way and the AONB to repair two important public footpaths along the breached Levington Creek sea wall that has been repaired to restore the freshwater habitat managed by the landowner, Natural England and RSPB, with oversight by SC&H.

**7. Enterprising New Millers in the AONB £1,975**

Eastfeast will develop school pupil’s enterprise skills, embedding them in the local environment of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB, and working with Woodbridge Tide Mill.

**8. Deben Estuary Visitor Survey £4,000**

The Deben Estuary Partnership will coordinate a survey providing information on how and when the Deben estuary is used by visitors and residents and to give a baseline against which to assess perceived increased pressure and disturbance on the wildlife and tranquillity of the estuary and likely impact of future development.

**9. Museum of Beyond £2,588**

Fran Crowe, local artist, will run this participatory arts/education project and hold an exhibition to build awareness about the impact of plastic waste on our coastline & oceans, aiming to reduce plastic litter on the AONB coastline. Working in collaboration with Aldeburgh Lookout and local schools