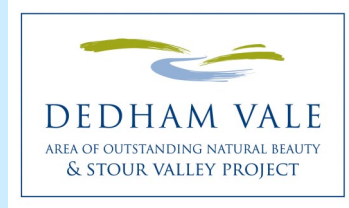


The Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty & Stour Valley - a valuable landscape



Designated in **1970**, the AONB totals **34.75 square miles** plus **116.6 square miles** of Project Area with a **population** of around **15,000**



Explore 2 long-distance footpaths (81 & 60 miles), **cycle** the 69 mile Painter's Trail and **enjoy** over 20 miles of navigable **rivers**



89% of people in a recent survey thought landscape is important to AONBs



Over **17,000 ha** of AONB land is in **Environmental Stewardship Schemes** and it contains 94 Local or County Wildlife Sites



LEADER funding - sustainable economic growth of Wool Towns worth over **£3.5M** over 3 years

Tourism is worth nearly £44M and generates about **850 jobs**



There are **2 Sites of Special Scientific Interest** in the AONB plus 5 others in the Valley



Over **74%** of AONB land is under an **Agri-Environment agreement**