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

**Dedham Vale AONB**

10 projects were awarded grants totalling **£31,287**

13 projects were considered by the panel

**1. Willy Lott’s House, Kitchen Garden £3,700**

A partnership led by the Field Studies Council will establish a garden to provide produce for the residential field studies centre and provide an educational resource as a permaculture demonstration site and for children to learn about food production.

**2. Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society £3,750**

The project will undertake archaeological digs on 16 pits in Nayland, by popular request, to advance our knowledge of the origins of the village, by following up evidence of Roman and Anglo-Saxon occupation identified in the 2012 Dig which was funded by Managing a Masterpiece (HLF project) and the National Lottery.

**3. Dedham Vale Hopper 2014 £5,000**

Hadleigh Community Transport Group will provide the Dedham Vale Hopper’s 'hop on hop off' transport from Manningtree station around the Dedham Vale area, enabling residents and visitors access to tourist attractions and local services without using a car.

**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 Dedham Vale area.

**5**. **Autism and Nature £3,382**

Engaging autistic children with the natural places of the Dedham Vale, 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.

**6. Dedham Vale Apple Day event £600**

A partnership of the Apricot Centre, Transition Stour Valley, Crapes Farm, RSPB and FSC, will hold an Apple day and Foraged Food Celebratory event at the RSPB wildlife garden at Flatford; a celebration of local fruit, and food grown and foraged.

**7. Suffolk Wildlife Trust – Walking with Wildlife £4,550**

The project will make it easier to enjoy the wildlife of the Arger Fen & Spouse's Vale nature reserves through improvements to the trails and a summer mowing cycle to fill the glades and rides with butterflies and bees.

**8. Pebble Media – the Dedham Vale on Film £5,000**

A film project about Inspiring Visitors to and Showcasing the Dedham Vale, undertaken in partnership with the AONB and working with local learning providers and schools, businesses, organisations and communities, a short film of the Stour valley, featuring and highlighting the landscape, wildlife, heritage and seasons will be made.

**9.** **Suffolk Market Events -** **Nayland Farmers Market Re-launch £940**

The project aims to re-launch Nayland Farmers Market to create a sustainable platform for small scale producers and businesses in the local area, contributing to the local economy and community cohesion.

**10. SVEN – Stour Valley Education Network - Stour Valley Discovery Wallet** **£890**

Funding will contribute towards producing a wallet which will contain the Stour Valley Discovery Fact Sheets which were produced.