

AONB Recovery Grant - projects funded 2020-21
Sustainable Development Fund
Dedham Vale and Coast & Heaths AONBs
November 2020

Total awarded by both funds: £17,534

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Coast & Heaths

Twelve projects were awarded funding - total £12,710

CH1

Shotley Gate Community Orchard Group
Community Orchard Project

£390

An orchard of mixed apple, plums and cherries and a wild flower meadow, planted by community volunteers for the benefit of the community, environment and visitors on the Stour and Orwell Walk and Suffolk Coast Path.

CH2

Snape Parish Council

Development of Snape Village Green

£1,500

To enhance the attraction and accessibility of Snape Village Green, to preserve and encourage wildlife and potentially provide an educational resource for children.

CH 3

Woodbridge Riverside Trust

John Gibbins Gallery Improvement Plan

£1,000

Upgrading the John Gibbins Gallery, situated in The Longshed, to provide a 4-season education suite and exhibition/events venue fit for purpose.

CH4

RSPB Boyton

Boyton Flybury Lagoon Creation

£1,500

To create 5.5 hectares of freshwater wetland habitat and improve management at Boyton Marshes. This will provide habitat for threatened species such as avocet, lapwing and water vole.

CH5

Sutton Hoo Ship's Company

Woodworking skills training for volunteers

£1,500

Skills training for younger volunteers to ensure continuity of the project to recreate the Sutton Hoo burial ship whilst our existing older workforce are unable fully to participate.

CH6

RSPB Stour Wood

Access Improvements

£1,061

Led by our volunteer team, install new signage in Stour Wood which will greatly enhance and improve the visitor experience at the reserve, and replacement of two access gates to allow woodland contractors, volunteers and staff to continue to carry out important conservation work.

CH7

Autism & Nature

Recording Equipment for Outdoor Soundscapes £401

Purchase equipment to foster a deeper level of engagement with the landscape of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB and its biodiversity and conservation, for children with autism and related disabilities, including profound and multiple learning disabilities; using recordings of children's voices, sounds made by them and natural sounds.

CH8

British Divers Marine Life Rescue

Education Leaflets and Rescue Demonstration £995

We would like to educate children and families by providing informative leaflets and visiting primary schools with demo models so they know how to behave around our wildlife on beaches.

CH9

Groundwork East

Carbon Literacy Taster Course £1,488

Community and environment charity, Groundwork East would like to develop and run a free virtual Carbon Literacy taster course for residents living within the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB

CH10

Shotley Peninsula Tourism Action Group

Responsible Access Communications Project £675

Communications project to residents and visitors, detailing that the Shotley Peninsula is available for responsible access, with varied range of places to visit, walking/ cycling, and all the facilities visitors need.

CH11

Woodbridge Town Council

Broomheath Recovery £700

In 2016 a fire destroyed a large area of Broomheath, Woodbridge. Animals feeding on shoots and seedlings are preventing natural regeneration so fencing and man-management is required re-establish the delicate flora of the heath.

CH12

Siren (Incredible Oceans)

Siren Calling Digital Outreach £1,500

Siren is a digital outreach project aiming to engage 16-25 year olds with the natural environment, with content created by young people, delivering both transferable life skills and educational attainment.

Dedham Vale

Four projects were awarded funding - Total £4,824



DV1

National Trust - Flatford

Landing Stage Refurbishment

£850

To refurbish the landing stage by the bridge with recycled materials to make safe, prolong its life, and make more robust to cope with increased usage.

DV2

Art Branches CIC

Landscape Photography Wellbeing Walks

£1,488

Landscape Photography in Dedham Vale targeting adults recovering from mental health issues, with supported outdoor activity.

DV4

Suffolk Market Events

Creating a Seedbed - Get Market Ready

£986

To run a pilot scheme of one course held over two days offering six micro producers/makers the opportunity to turn their idea/starter business into a functioning market stall at a local market.

DV5

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Wild and Well at Arger Fen and Spouse's Vale

£1,500

Wild and Well sessions for adults at Arger Fen and Spouse's Vale providing an opportunity to connect mindfully with nature and with others.

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