

Dedham Vale Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) Summaries of Projects Awarded Funding 2016-2017

6 projects totalling £16,229:

1. Sudbury Town Team

Taste of Sudbury Food & Drink Festival, Sudbury **£1,000**

To promote local food, including chefs, producers, restaurants, and breweries within a 30 mile radius. Highlighting all the excellent home grown/national producers/growers on the Essex/Suffolk border. Sat 11 June 2016. www.tasteofsudbury.co.uk

2. Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

Court Knoll Excavation Project **£3,500**

Court Knoll is a designated Ancient Monument near the Anchor Bridge in Nayland. The group wish to excavate 4 trenches as a community based project, by hand, to examine and record its function, materials and date of construction.

3. Autism and Nature

Alex and Rosie Colouring Book **£1,672**

Production and distribution of a children's colouring book based on 'Alex and Rosie' to help younger children with autism to visualise and understand the special qualities of the AONBs.

4. Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Wild Play - Arger Fen **£1,250**

Children, parents and carers living near Arger Fen & Spouse's Vale will be given opportunities to play, explore, build and create outside to develop confidence, skills and knowledge of the natural environment

5. Apricot Centre CIC

Digging and Delving Part 2 **£700**

The aim of the project is to give the local youth an opportunity to explore the environmental and cultural heritage of the area in a wide range of ways so that it appeals to and makes connections with a wide range of people from different backgrounds and ages.

6. Old Hall Community – Farm Schools

Farm Schools – Curriculum in the Countryside **£ to be advised**

Run a conference/workshop for teachers looking at the opportunities for farming's role within the National Curriculum and to deliver free practical/vocational farming sessions to High School pupils within the AONB

7. Suffolk Ornithologists' Group

Suffolk Community Barn Owl Project **£5,607**

SCBOP relies heavily on volunteers and in 2016 they assessed the sustainability of 1,850 nest boxes, replacing some of them, work financed by AONB SDF grants. Some still require minor repairs, so our aim is to train volunteers to complete work to negate the necessity of employing professionals.