

Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
Sustainable Development Fund
Projects awarded funding 2021-22



Total awarded £24,096.05
10 projects = Round 1 £20,830
3 projects = Round 2 £3,266.05

1 Higham Farms Awarded £ 1,720
Higham Common: Improvement of winter habitat for wildfowl and waders
To maintain ditches to allow winter flows to improve water levels in wetland features for the benefit of wildlife and visual amenity

2 St Mary's Church, East Bergholt Awarded £ 3,000
Bell cage and church history/Education
To support a freestanding digital screen to be placed inside the church to educate tourists, members of the local community and school children about the Grade 1 listed medieval church, and unique bell cage.

3 National Trust Flatford Awarded £ 2,210
Valley Farm Kitchen Garden - Children's Project - Grow it Wild
To replace a dilapidated shed in the kitchen garden to include a water butt, solar panel and weather station. The shed will be used as the hub for local school children to join the kitchen garden team for sessions to grow their own produce and learn about the natural landscape and its wildlife. The garden will also host workshops for the local community to join and learn new skills.

4 National Trust Awarded £ 428.97
Hay Wain 200
2020 is the 200th anniversary of John Constable's 'The Hay Wain'. This grant supports this celebration by funding a projector and associated kit to enable us to show various film shorts to visitors both inside and outside.

5 Stour Valley Farmer Cluster Awarded £ 5,000
Stour Valley Farmer Cluster Wetland Bird Survey
To undertake a snapshot wintering waders & wildfowl survey on a range of Floodplain Grazing Marsh Priority Habitat within the Dedham Vale AONB.

6 Stour Valley Farmer Cluster Awarded £ 1,772.69
Stour Valley Farmer Cluster Farm Water Quality Assessment Project
Project to contribute to the purchase of a water quality (Phosphate & Nitrate) field testing station for use throughout the SVFC area. Delivery of up to x 5 monthly water samples (for both phosphate and nitrate) per farm on 6 farms within Dedham Vale AONB August 2021 - March 2022.

7 Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Awarded £ 2,295.71
Hedgehog Friendly Village
To increase the connectivity between gardens and wider countryside in East Bergholt for the benefit of hedgehogs.

8 RSPB Awarded £ 1,063
Family Adventures at RSPB Flatford Wildlife Garden
Kick-starting the family events programme - setting up bespoke hands-on family activities, to get mucky and involved in learning more about how wonderful nature and the outdoors can be.

9 Nayland Land Company Awarded £ 840
Nayland Conservation Field
Erection of 4 information boards (A4 size) to educate and enthuse the local community and visitors.

10 Dedham Art & Craft Centre (NB Project withdrawn post award) Awarded £ 2,500

Dedham Tourist Information Facility

To establish a point of reference for visitors to Dedham and the AONB and promoting access to the area and exposure for the local businesses and attractions.

11 Abberton Rural Training (ART)

Awarded £ 489

Field to Fork Life Skills

To purchase an oven so that ART can support learners on horticulture courses to take produce and learn to prepare and cook healthy meals from what they have grown.

12 Nayland with Wissington Land Company

Awarded £ 1,385.05

Nayland Conservation Field

Fencing, dead hedge construction, construction of wildlife log piles and erection of bird nest boxes. - This project is part of the continuing work of the Nayland Land Company, a registered charity, to improve the Nayland Conservation Meadow for the benefit of wildlife and local residents.

13 RSPB

Awarded £ 1,392

RSPB Cattawade Fence Repairs

Repairs and upgrade to predator fence at RSPB Cattawade which will help support endangered breeding waders such as Lapwing and Redshank and enhance the wildlife spectacle of the area.