

Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
Sustainable Development Fund



Projects awarded funding 2022-23

14 projects, total awarded £ 24,017.88

1 Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

Awarded £490

Court Knoll Project Phase 2 Part 4

Following the excavation of seven trenches in accordance with the requirements of English Heritage on the listed ancient monument known as Court Knoll the grant supports the compilation and integration of the finds and specialists reports into an archive report.

2 PACE Manningtree (Practical Actions for Climate and the Environment) Awarded £1,489

Water Quality of the River Stour

To monitor the water quality of the River Stour in the AONB by recording the invertebrate fauna and water chemistry; determine the impact of any effluents; work with Environment Agency on any important improvements which will lead to a cleaner river.

3 The Boxted Biodiversity and Sustainability Working Group/ Boxted Parish Council

Boxted Birds, Bugs and Bees (“The B4”)

Awarded £2,000

To enhance public knowledge of the presence and importance of Bird, Bee and Bug species in and around Boxted, and to promote monitoring, feeding and nurturing of these.

4 Nayland with Wissington Land Company

Awarded £648

Nayland Conservation Field: Interpretation boards for visitors

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. The grant supports the design and installation of two interpretation boards beside the permissive footpath to inform visitors about the biodiversity and conservation management of the site.

5 National Trust

Awarded £1,045.92

Getting Closer to Nature

A collaboration between the National Trust and East Bergholt Primary School to regenerate a vital pondlife habitat in the school grounds, and to gain equipment which will aid the pupils and stakeholders at the school to better understand the wildlife existing around them.

6 Stour Valley Farmer Cluster

Awarded £2,527.50

Bespoke soil health & regenerative farming day schools

Provision of three one day schools available to farmer members of the Stour Valley Farmer Cluster & other farmers in the locality. The day schools will enable specialists in the field of soil health and regenerative agriculture to deliver a mix of illustrated lectures and in field presentations on the inter-related subject of soil health and regenerative farming techniques.

7 Stoke by Nayland Church Parochial Church Council

Awarded £1,000

Securing the future of Stoke by Nayland Church as the guardian of the Dedham Vale

Restoring the South Wall of Stoke by Nayland Parish Church (to be followed by reroofing the chancel, then general repairs).

8 Daws Hall Trust

Awarded £1,907

Daws Hall Trust Stour Riverworks Project

To expand and upgrade its river studies programme. Improvements include (1) the purchase of new survey equipment and (2) conservation works to our stretch of the river and its banks. (Planting erosion combating plants, removal of invasive species (3) Launch new river focused workshop sessions to engage members of the public to better understand river ecology and how they can have a positive impact on the health of the Stour and AONB as a whole.

9 The River Stour Trust

Awarded £950

Upgrade of Cattawade Picnic Site Tables and Benches

Replacing existing damaged picnic tables and benches including one wheelchair accessible table.

10 The River Stour Trust Awarded £450

Replacement of Cattawade Picnic Site Information Boards and Signs

Replacing existing damaged and out of date Information Board, and add new Entry Signs.

11 Stoke by Nayland Church Parochial Church Council Awarded £5,000

Additional Phase Securing the future of Stoke by Nayland Church as the guardian of the Dedham Vale

Additional repairs to south wall of Stoke by Nayland Church due to unstable and fallen flintwork.

12 Abberton Rural Training Awarded £1,950

Water Saving Project

To purchase guttering, downpipes and water butts to collect rainwater to save use from mains water supply, and to improve the environmental impact and improve the visual impact of the classroom block to the AONB.

13 RSPB Flatford Wildlife Garden Awarded £1,060.46

Live wildlife watching through nestbox cameras

The purchase of new high-definition cameras, and a second television, for displaying live footage of wildlife to the visitor centre via closed circuit TV.

14 Big Fish Photography & Snap School Awarded £3,500

Letters in the Landscape

Is both a practical and innovative way to link local children with the aims of the AONB. By developing and delivering a walking photography workshop, it provides an opportunity to connect students to their local environment by exploring it's beauty through photography. Working alongside 6 primary schools within the Dedham Vale AONB area, this project will take their pupils on a scavenger hunt of discovery captured through their camera's viewfinder.