

### 1. Dedham Vale AONB Boundary Review?

Do you share the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership's aspiration for a boundary review? Let us know your views in a simple survey, and see further information, including a map of the search area.

<http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/planning-and-projects/aonb-boundary-review/>

### 2. Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Management Plan 2016-2021

MPs James Cartlidge and James Cleverly joined members of the Partnership to launch the new Management Plan for the nationally designated area and Stour Valley. The plan will help influence decision making across the Essex/Suffolk Borders. It can be downloaded at:

<http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/about-us/aonb-management-plan/2016-2021-management-plan/>

### 3. Potential Landscape and Visual Effects of Coastal Sea Defences

Nationally respected landscape consultant, Alison Farmer, presented the findings of her study at the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB Partnership meeting. The report can be downloaded from:

<http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/assets/Publications/Other-Publications/Coastal-Sea-Defence-Final-Report.pdf>

### 4. Outstanding Walks developed by the AONB and funded by the Coastal Community Fund

Four new walking guides, exploring some of the best of what the coast has to offer, are now available on our website at:

<http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/publications/walking-and-cycling-guides/outstanding-landscapes-walks/>

### 5. AONB Team Staff news

- We are delighted to announce that Lucy Williams will be joining the AONB team on 1 Jan 2017 as our new Partnership Officer. Lucy will be running the office and be first point of contact for the public and Partnership members.
- We are equally please that Matt Jones will start with the AONB team on 6 Feb 2017 as our new Suffolk Estuaries Officer. Matt will continue the great work done by previous post holders in working closely with the Estuary Partnerships and statutory organisations on a range of projects including those to mitigate the impacts of disturbance, saltmarsh restoration and raising awareness of the nationally important areas.
- The AONB team will be advertising for the post of AONB Projects Officer, a role designed to develop externally funded work, will be advertised in January 2017.

### 6. Suspicious behaviour around the coastline?

Guidance on what to do and how to report at:

<https://marinedevelopments.blog.gov.uk/2016/12/14/report-suspicious-behaviour-sea-project-kraken-crime/>

### 7. Marine Pioneer

DEFRA organisations have worked together to develop a plan and a range of partners to deliver a dual sited 'Marine Pioneer'. The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) has recently agreed to coordinate this. Suffolk Coasts & Heaths AONB has now agreed to lead the East Anglian part of the Marine Pioneer, working closely with the MMO, other DEFRA organisations and local authorities. Apost will be advertised in the new year.

### 8. Bures Development

A plan to build 85 houses in Bures in the Stour Valley has been refused by Braintree District Council's.

Some background at <http://www.bures-online.co.uk/colchester%20road/development.htm>

### 9. AONB Partnership approach to Sizewell C Stage 2 Consultation

The AONBs approach to the stage 2 consultation, which was originally published in our Outstanding Views column in the East Anglian Daily Times, can be seen at:

<http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/news-and-blogs/natural-beauty-simon-s-blog-about-the-sizewell-c-consultation/>

### 10. AONB Volunteers

The superb contribution made by volunteers to the conservation and enhancement of two of England's Outstanding Landscapes was recognised at a celebration evening in Lawford this month. The chairmen of the two AONB's Advisory Committees praised the work undertaken by volunteers and expressed their admiration and gratitude for all the work undertaken in 2016.

*Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.*

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