

1. AONB grants

If you are quick, you will still have a chance to bid for a grant to undertake a project that meets the aspiration of our Management Plans. Details on our websites. Over £100,000 worth of grants are distributed by our panels made up of councillors, business and environmental interests.

2. Walking in an Outstanding Landscape

4 new guides and a substantial investment in our Rights of Way network, via the Coastal Communities Fund, was celebrated at a launch of the new guides at 'The Anchor' in Walberswick. The guides, that describe routes on the Suffolk Coast can be requested from the AONB office or downloaded at <http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/publications/walking-and-cycling-guides/outstanding-landscapes-walks/>

3. Join the chairman of the Dedham Vale AONB on a walk for charity

If you would like to join the chairman of the Dedham Vale AONB and the Colchester Mayor for a charity walk through the Dedham Vale AONB on 22 April, then sign up at: <http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/about-us/events/stour-valley-walk-with-the-aonb-chair-and-mayor-of-colchester/>

4. Survey on AONB Partnership aspiration for Boundary Review

The survey closes at the end of the month. So far nearly 95% of the 250 respondents share the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership's aspiration for AONB Boundary Review.

5. New job, familiar face

The AONB team welcomes Bill Jenman into the core team as its new AONB Projects Officer. Bill has previously run the hugely successful *Touching the Tide Landscape Partnership Scheme* and will be focusing his efforts on project development within the AONBs and their project areas.

6. New job, for you or someone you know?

The AONB team are currently recruiting to the post of Marine Pioneer. If you or someone you know is interested in working for the AONB team on Marine and Coastal Management look at the details at: <https://www.suffolkjobsdirect.org/SearchResults.aspx?ocg=343>

7. New Opportunity

The AONB team is also currently recruiting to the role of Volunteer Placement. This role is suitable for an undergraduate placement or recent graduate in an environmental discipline or someone wishing to gain experience for a career change to the conservation sector. Info at <https://tinyurl.com/jgn86mp> (Opportunity across both Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley and Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB)

8. Suffolk Walking Festival

Many walks in our Outstanding Landscapes and beyond, including walk through of the Stour Valley Path. Details at <http://www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk/>

9. 500 trees become 1,000 trees

Building on the outstanding success of the 500 trees project, sponsored by Essex and Suffolk Water and the Environment Agency, the plan is now to double the size of the scheme.

10. Worth a look:

- Walberswick Common Consultation: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/natural-england/open-access-restriction-at-walberswick-common/>
- July Pretty, Professor of Environment and Society at the University of Essex, Article: <http://www.resurgence.org/magazine/article4826-manifesto-for-the-green-mind.html>
- Suffolk Life Savers Campaign: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpaFQvDt4cw&feature=youtu.be>
- Blogs from the AONB team: <http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/home/news-and-blogs/>

11. Dates for your diary:

- 20 May: Hadleigh Show
- 16 June: Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Public Forum

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