

- 1. £200,000 landscape enhancement project at Felixstowe Ferry receives 'stage 2' approval**
UK Power Networks will now start work on obtaining the wayleaves and consents required to undertake the undergrounding 11kV wires from the Millennium Green, Golf Course and farmland in the vicinity of Felixstowe Ferry. The investment is made possible through an OFGEM allowance to Distribution Network Operators for improving visual amenity in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks.
- 2. Outstanding Landscapes Week: 17-25 Sept 2016, Local Events:**
 - Sunday 18 Sept: Walk with AONB Advisory Committee Chairman through his part of the Dedham Vale. Booking essential. Details at <http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/assets/Events/INVITE-Walk-across-Colchester-Rural-North-on-Stour-Valley-Path.pdf>
 - Tues 20 Sept: Farm Walk hosted by Jonathan and Miff Minter in aid of the Stour valley Environment Fund. Bookings and further information via <http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/assets/Events/SVEF-awareness-event-Invitation.pdf>
 - Saturday/Sunday 24/25 Sept: Come and meet the AONB team at the Aldeburgh Food and Drink Festival (Note entrance fee applies to the event) See <http://www.aldeburghfoodanddrink.co.uk/>
- 3. Do you know someone who is seeking experience in Countryside Management?**
Following the huge success of our previous work placement we are looking to recruit a Volunteer Student Placement. This is an exciting opportunity for up to 12 months and previous post holder got experience of practical conservation work, grant applications (successful), promotion and publicity, planning and many other aspects of protected area management. Great for enhancing job prospects. See <http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/about-us/vacancies-with-the-aonb-team/>
- 4. Galloper Wind Farm**
See update on project and grants awarded from new fund administered by AONB at http://www.galloperwindfarm.com/images/newsletter/July_Galloper_Newsletter.pdf
- 5. East Anglian Daily Times launches new AONB 'Outstanding Views' Column**
See the first of a fortnightly column at: <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/Launch.aspx?pbid=d92e9553-3ffd-4887-811b-60b0aa22fcea> Every Saturday the Newspaper runs a fantastic supplement covering environmental issues across East Anglia
- 6. Network Rail's proposals on crossings**
The AONB have made representations to Network Rail on proposal to close a number of crossings in the AONBs. The issues around the crossing at Lamarsh made *The Times*.
- 7. Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB Boundary Review**
Natural England has run informal consultation events for Parish Councils and the AONB Partnership. Natural England are planning an event for landowners and formal consultation will start at the end of the year. Information at: <http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/about-us/aonb-boundary-review/>
- 8. Grant bid: Wild in the Stour Valley**
The AONB team have submitted a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund's Your Heritage programme for a £100,000 project supporting and celebrating wildlife in the Stour Valley.
- 9. Stour and Orwell Forum**
80 delegates attended the Stour and Orwell Forum sponsored by UK Power Networks. Delegates heard about proposals to strengthen the electricity supply network on the Shotley peninsula, the new SE Marine Plan, a proposed Landscape Partnership Scheme and presentations on the wildlife conservation. Details at <http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/estuaries/stour-and-orwell-estuaries-management-group/events/>
- 10. Planning**
62 new dwellings adjoining a village in an AONB in Oxfordshire were allowed as an exceptional circumstance arising from a severe housing supply shortage. <http://www.planningresource.co.uk/article/1403729/major-development-allowed-aonb-due-severe-shortage-housing-supply> (subscription required for full access)
- 11. Volunteers**
Great work at Dedham, Flatford, Sudbury and Orwell Country Park. Many thanks to all involved.

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