

### 1. Grant Success for River Restoration Projects

The AONB team has been awarded c£72,000 from the Water Environment Grant fund to undertake river restoration project on the Stour and its tributaries. Work will include the creation of 'natural features, control of non-native invasive plant species and significant tree planting. The works will seek to improve the environmental conditions of the river.

### 2. BOOKINGS OPEN for outstanding Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Forum 2019

A wonderful selection of speakers on environmental education, landscape heritage; emerging farming policy; how to save our swifts and the special qualities of the AONB and Stour Valley by national expert Alison Farmer. Optional field trips to Daws Hall Nature Reserve or Mount Bures Castle, led by experts. Plus, networking opportunities and lunch at the fantastic Shrubs Farm Barn, by kind invitation from Robert and Sara Erith. *Book now before its too late...* See:

<http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/assets/About-Us/DVSV-Forum-21-June-2019-PROGRAMME.pdf>

### 3. THREE Opportunities to work with the AONB team:

i) We are looking for 3 project officers to work on a fixed term part time basis for 6 months to deliver projects relating to the Stour Valley Path, 50 years since the designation of both AONBs and environmental enhancements (particularly relating to plastics). Details from AONB Team via contacts below.  
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ii) We are looking for 2 officers to work on a fixed term basis for 20 months to deliver our LEADER funded project related to enhancing the visitor experience in the Stour Valley. Details at:

<https://www.environmentjob.co.uk/jobs/72138-visitor-development-officer-stou>

iii) We are looking for 2 volunteer project officers to work on exciting river enhancement projects. A great way to learn about conservation and gain industry experience. Some travel expenses paid. Details at:

[https://www.environmentjob.co.uk/volunteering/71996-river-stour-enhancement-project-volunteer?from\\_update=true](https://www.environmentjob.co.uk/volunteering/71996-river-stour-enhancement-project-volunteer?from_update=true)

### 4. Wonderful Volunteers

We hope you heard our outstanding youth rangers on BBC Essex. Great work and great that young people informing us of their contributions to conservation. Volunteers have been busy on winter tasks of tree planting and coppicing. The AONB funded course for volunteers on hedgerow management.

### 5. Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB Boundary Review

The draft Order for the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB boundary variation project led by the government's advisors on conservation is open to 22 March. The chairman of the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB Partnership, Cllr David Wood, was recently on TV speaking about the project. Full details of consultation at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/suffolk-coast-and-heaths-area-of-outstanding-natural-beauty-boundary-variation>

### 6. Grants for Communities, Groups and Businesses to support AONB Objectives

Around £100,000 is available for projects to support the environmental, social and economic wellbeing of the Dedham Vale and Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONBs. Grants are awarded by a panel representing the AONB Partnerships, Environmental Organisations and Business interests. Information at:

<http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/grants-and-funding/sustainable-development-fund/>

<http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/grants-and-funding/>

### 7. Sizewell C and ScottishPower Renewables Consultations: AONB Partnership Responses

The AONB Partnership has had a 'topic group' on the Sizewell C stage 3 consultation. The response from the AONB Partnership is currently in draft form and will be put on the AONB's website as soon as it is endorsed by the Partnership. Similarly, the AONB Partnership's response to the stage 4 (section 42) consultations on EA1N and EA2 will be posted once signed off. To learn about the AONB's developing position on these Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects please do get in touch.

### 8. Suffolk Marine Pioneer photographic competition: Nature's Value

<http://www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org/projects-and-partnerships/suffolk-marine-pioneer/photography-submission-form/>

### 9. NOW AVAILABLE: Presentations from Planning in a Designated Landscape, Guides, Rules & Tools

If you couldn't get a ticket or wish to see the presentations from this informative event see:

<http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org/planning-and-projects/planning-and-development/>

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