

Enterprise Badingham

Community Environmental Fund Final Project Report

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Inspiring Talks



Social food growing



Supporting a local, low impact economy



Supporting Crop Pollination



1. About the fund

The Community Environmental Action Fund (CEAF) ran between 1 July 2010 and 1 July 2015, with the last grants being issued in July 2012. The aim was to encourage and support community led action which raises awareness of and acts on the need to reduce reliance on fossil fuels, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and increase community resilience so that they are both acting to reduce the impacts a changing climate will have on their live and able to cope with change. It was made possible by the kind support of Suffolk Coastal Local Strategic Partnership, Groundwork East of England, Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB SDF Fund, the Environment Agency, the Suffolk Coastal Greenprint Forum and Suffolk Coastal District Council. Many others have also provided their invaluable advice including the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership, Suffolk Acre and SAVO.

2. About the Community Group

Enterprise Badingham, initially comprising of a group of 10 people, was established in August 2011 with the support of the CEAF project. They received a grant of £1000 and officer support to put in place the foundations of a group dedicated to enabling a resurgence of the local economy to reduce environmental impacts associated with travel. They now have 7 active adult members, 3 children and 4 interested individuals.

3. Progress against commitments

The primary ambition of the group was to work with neighbouring communities to create a regular market rotating between villages reducing the need for travel, boost community resilience and support a thriving community. Two successful markets have been held. On the 24th September 2011 the first market was held in the grounds of the White Horse Inn. The market consisted of low impact trade from hair cutting to apple pressing, hand-made glass jewellery to Fairtrade goods and reflexology to home-spun and dyed wool. The second was held in July 2012 with a similar number visiting. With key members leaving the community there has been a lapse awaiting sufficient volunteers, traders and visitors to make it the planned for regular occurrence to enable habits to form. In the meantime the group has been active putting in two Beehives which as well as supporting local growers with pollination generate a small income for the group. Community allotments have been set up on the Church grounds and are gradually being surrounded by an edible hedgerow, with a local company providing their tree cuttings for free on a regular basis to make the paths. 15 families have adopted the micro plots and it has created



a good opportunity to socialise with the knock on health benefits such activity is thought to have. Again it provides a small income to support the groups' ongoing activities.

4. Planned next steps for the community

Short term

- i. Explore options for creating a wild flower boundary to encourage predatory insects.
- ii. Run a community BBQ in August
- iii. Explore including a waste and water talk at the WI's next open event.
- iv. Finish edible hedge and scattered orchard planting
- v. Explore setting up a small orchard picking group

Long term

- vi. Develop Tuesday Tea's into a community shop and tea room.

Ongoing

- vii. Continue to produce and sell honey while leaving sufficient honey in the hives for the overwintering bees.
- viii. Continue to manage the community allotments
- ix. Provide talks on hedgerows, wildflowers and bee keeping when requested.

5. Break down of £1000 Expenditure

The grant helped to purchase equipment and outfits. This has enabled the group to promote the importance of bees as pollinators and what is needed to help them, the learning of new skills and the production of a commodity the group can sell to generate a small income to plough into further community works.

- Bee keepers equipment £653.81
- Badingham Community Market £20
- High viz wear and printing £66.90
- Enterprise Badingham Banners £185.99
- Printing £36.14
- Public Liability Insurance £37.16 towards Public and Employers Liability insurance of £72.98