

East Suffolk Greenprint Forum

Nature First Small Grants Scheme



Eleven projects were given support in 2021 with grants totalling **£8265.19**:

- 1 Greener Waldringfield **£365**
Community Hedgelaying Training: course in hedgelaying for volunteer community hedgelayers to help create, restore and maintain healthy hedgerows in the parish of Waldringfield.
- 2 Lowestoft in Bloom **£414.95**
Pine Tree Nature Garden: creation of a nature garden at St Margaret's allotments site in Lowestoft to which children from local schools will be invited to discover wildlife, learn about where vegetables come from, and carry out activities.
- 3 Pathways Care Farm **£1000**
Growing and Learning Together: creation of raised beds and delivery via a 25 session course to teach pupils, parents and staff at Beccles Primary Academy about growing and harvesting vegetables organically, sustainably alongside nature.
- 4 Friends of Bungay Community Library **£555**
Courtyard Garden Wildlife: enhancing the courtyard garden to promote biodiversity with more habitats and fitting bird feeders and nest boxes with wi-fi cameras to engage users of the library with a live stream of birds nesting and feeding in the garden.
- 5 Aldeburgh's Amazing Swifts **£1000**
Thomas Mills School Swift Project: installing 10 double swift boxes, 6 cameras, 1 swift call system and 1 air quality sensor to Thomas Mills High School in Framlingham. This will enable students to learn swifts behaviour by watching and engaging.
- 6 Jetty Lane CIO **£1600**
Rewilding Jetty Lane in partnership with Transition Woodbridge: active rewilding of the land at the site of the future Jetty Lane Centre to ensure biodiversity is protected and benefits in the intervening time and provide a useful addition to the network of wildlife corridors in the town.
- 7 Friends of Dip Farm **£735.23**
Community Engagement Putting Nature First: enhancing community use of the Dip Farm Green Space in Gunton by creating a small orchard and installing a number of bird and bat boxes and provide an enduring learning resource for your people to engage with and appreciate our natural environment.
- 8 Saxmundham Town Council Green Team Volunteers **£510**
Green Team Volunteer Equipment: to purchase equipment for the Green Team being recruited by the Town Council's new Environment Co-ordinator to enable work parties to carry out a diverse range of works to enhance land in the town for wildlife and people.
- 9 Greener Sax **£488**
Save our Hedgehogs: a town-level campaign to coordinate the efforts of local Hedgehog Champions and engage with schools and the wider community of Saxmundham to promote action to map and increase the number of Hedgehog Highways in the town.
- 10 Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council **£690**
Tuddenham Swift Group: providing additional nesting opportunities for the local swift population by working with householders to install 20 new swift nest boxes in the parish.
- 11 Oak Tree Community Farm **£917.01**
The Oak Tree Wildlife and Education Group: setting up a wildlife educational area in the corner of this community farm in Rushmere St Andrew for pre-school and school age children the focus of which will be to study and understand the wildlife on the farm through pond dipping, bug hunting and identification of the flora and fauna found.



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In 2022, a further eleven projects were awarded grants totalling **£8515.30**:

- 12 Saxmundham & District Litter Pickers and Saxmundham Green Team **£285**
Community Litter Picks: to purchase equipment to enable volunteers to enhance the area for residents and visitors to the town and improve the areas of green spaces for wildlife by removing hazardous litter.

- 13 Leiston Community Land Trust **£1000**
Leiston Church Square Community Garden: creating a new inclusive oasis to enhance biodiversity in the centre of town with planting and provisions for pollinators and birds along with education uses of the area including workshops to enhance habitats in garden through making bird boxes and bug hotels.

- 14 Greener Waldringfield & Waldringfield Gardeners **£871.75**
Free Trees for Waldringfield Residents for the Queen's Green Canopy: a project to offer to every resident of the parish a free tree to be registered as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

- 15 Kinda Education **£1600**
Elders and Children Hedge/Woodland Planting: An intergenerational project planting for the future, a seven hectare link between Upper Holton and the valley of the River Blyth.

- 16 Greener Waldringfield **£245**
Community hedge Laying Training (Tranche 2): course in hedgelaying for volunteer community hedgelayers to help create, restore and maintain healthy hedgerows in the parish of Waldringfield.

- 17 Enterprise Badingham **£600**
Enhancement of Community Gardens: Restoration and enhancement of community gardens, encouraging biodiversity within the gardens and churchyard whilst preserving a popular amenity for the local community.

- 18 Kesgrave Town Council **£511.05**
Cedarwood Walk Rewilding Project: A project to rewild a 260m stretch of land that connects two large public areas through the planting of trees (Crab Apple, Rowan & Field Maple) along with sowing grass/wildflowers seeds around them, with the involvement of local volunteers from the community.

- 19 Creative Leiston **£900**
Enchanted Gardens: A project to create two new enchanted gardens in the town providing for biodiversity (wildflower plantings, homes for birds and other animals) alongside the creation of fictional stories tying the gardens closely to the local area, community and natural environment to foster more appreciation in the younger children through interaction with the gardens.

- 20 Rendlesham Parish Council **£1000**
Rendlesham – a Hedgehog Haven: a project to raise awareness in the village about hedgehogs and how to help them, making hedgehog shelters available to local residents and supporting the local hedgehog rescuer.

- 21 Landguard Conservation Trust (Landguard Bird Observatory) **£650**
Landguard Bird Data Collection: A project to renew nets and Heligoland trap nets and to restore the wildlife pond, supporting the core work of monitoring bird populations that then contributes towards informing conservation efforts nationally and globally.

- 22 Framlingham Swifts **£852.50**
Swift Flags: A project to supply active swift towns and villages with “welcome back swifts” flags to be flown from prominent flag poles from 10th May to August (swift season) to raise awareness of this bird at risk.



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Three projects have so far been awarded grants in 2023 with grants totalling **£2447.00**:

23 Friends of Parklands Wood **£587**

Developing and maintaining a healthy mature wood: for the purchase of equipment to facilitate the work of volunteers in developing and maintaining the health of Parklands Wood in Ufford.

24 Waveney Bird Club **£1000**

Swift Tower Project: the creation of an eight-metre tall curved structure dedicated to the provision of nesting sites for swifts together with interpretation board, at The Eels Foot Inn in Eastbridge.

25 Landguard Conservation Trust **£860**

Habitat creation, restoration and monitoring: to enhance the protection of rare plants present on the site, provide roosting opportunities for bats, nesting boxes for ground nesting birds, camera casings for small mammal studies, and plastic-free protection for young trees due to be planted in 2023.

Locations of projects funded by Nature First

Numbers on the map below correspond to the numbers of the projects listed above.



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