



How GREEN is Your Parish?

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Welcome to the newsletter for communities across Suffolk who want to take action for their local wildlife. We would love to hear your plans for wildlife in your community. Why not give the Suffolk Wildlife Trust a call to discuss your ideas. Phone us on 01473 890089 or contact the SWT Community Wildlife Adviser cilla.mobley@suffolkwildlifetrust.org

£5 million up for grabs in new grant scheme, but be quick, applications must be received by 18th January 2008



Breathing Places is a major BBC campaign to inspire and encourage people to create and care for nature-friendly green spaces

where they live. The Breathing Places grants programme, from the Big Lottery Fund, has already allocated £1 million to community groups that are already up and running. **You can read stories of successful applicants at www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces.**

A further £5 million is now available to create, maintain or improve community 'breathing places' across the UK. Awards between £1,000 and £10,000 per community project are being offered. For information and an application pack call 0845 3670610 or visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Free help and advice from Suffolk Wildlife Trust

SWT can help the people of Suffolk create some 'breathing places' of their own. Lots of free help and advice is available by simply contacting SWT on 01473 890089 or email cilla.mobley@suffolkwildlifetrust.org

Whether your parish is already involved in a community wildlife project and would like some ongoing advice, or is full of ideas but not really sure how to get started, we can help with.....

- Individual advice on setting up and running a wildlife project
- Site visits, surveys & training
- Advice at group or parish council meetings
- Factsheets and other literature
- Writing a management plan
- Guidance on available funding

Free Action Pack for every parish

Suffolk Wildlife Trust's publication '*Local action for Suffolk's Wildlife*' is a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to surveying habitats and taking action. It includes a full colour 40 page booklet and survey sheets. We are offering a **free** copy to each parish council/group in Suffolk.

Contact Cilla Mobley on 01473 890089 or download a copy from www.suffolkwildlife.co.uk

Do you want help gaining skills to manage wildlife? Come and try one of SWT's Wildlearning Courses for Adults in 2008

- Local Action for Suffolk's Wildlife 8 April 9.30-12.30pm
- Pond Restoration and Management for Wildlife 12 May 9.30-3.00pm
- Churchyard Management for Wildlife 12 June 9.30-12.30pm

(Charge for half-day course £7.50
full-day course £15)

Visit www.suffolkwildlife.co.uk for full details and on-line booking.

Suffolk Community Barn Owl

Project According to Project Manager, Steve Piotrowski, 2007 has been a phenomenal year for Suffolk's barn owls with a high occupancy rate of existing nest boxes. Orders for more boxes are flooding in and by the end of the year we hope to have over 400 ready and waiting for new recruits.



Barn owl Davin Smith

If there are areas of rough grassland in your parish and you want to support Suffolk's barn owl population by providing a nest box please phone 01473 890089 for advice or visit www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org

STOP PRESS: Until March 2008. Community Champions Fund will give up to £2000 to any individual to support a project that will benefit their community. Contact Pam Hinds on 01799 532880 or email pam.hinds@cover-east.org for details.