



Spring has sprung - credit Ben Heather

News from the AONB

Welcome to the latest News from the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs), covering the Coast & Heaths AONB, Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project area.

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Thanks as always for your support,

Simon Amstutz
AONB Manager

2022 AONB Award winners announced

Two outstanding individuals have been awarded the National Landscapes Award for outstanding contributions to the local AONBs.

Judges for both awards remarked on the high quality of other nominations but agreed the eventual winners were well deserved.



Adrian Silvertown (centre) was awarded the Robert Erith National Landscape Award in the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley for his work in developing an app to help deliver the Hedgerow Heroes project. [Read more.](#)



Steve Piotrowski (third from the left) was awarded the David Wood National Landscape Award for his outstanding work in delivering wildlife projects in the Coast & Heaths AONB over several decades. [Read more.](#)

Dedham Vale & Stour Valley Forum 2022

The Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Forum is an annual event at which anyone with an interest and passion for conserving and enhancing the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Stour Valley can come together to discuss a range of issues affecting the area.

This year's event will take place on Tuesday 14th June from 5:45 - 7:30pm. Our theme for 2022 is: Climate Change: *What might it mean for the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley?*

We may not find out all the answers but there will be presentations from a local agricultural interest, and Professor Jules Pretty (University of Essex) will show some insight into the current situation and potential solutions.

Three breakout sessions on Farming in Protected Landscapes, the links between the climate crisis and wildlife loss, and actions that can be taken and how the AONB might support such action will follow the main presentations.

The main forum will be an online event, to minimise environmental impact, and tickets are free. There will also be in-person site visits available to book separately to look at examples of some of the topics covered.

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AONB response to Government consultation on Landscapes Review

The two AONB Partnerships have agreed a joint response to the Government's consultation on the future of designated landscapes such as the Dedham Vale and Coast & Heaths AONBs.

The Partnerships welcomed the findings of the Landscapes Review, also known as the Glover report, and seeks to encourage the Government to give AONBs a revised purpose to match current challenges.

The original report, Government's response and consultation and AONB Partnerships full response can be read on our website.

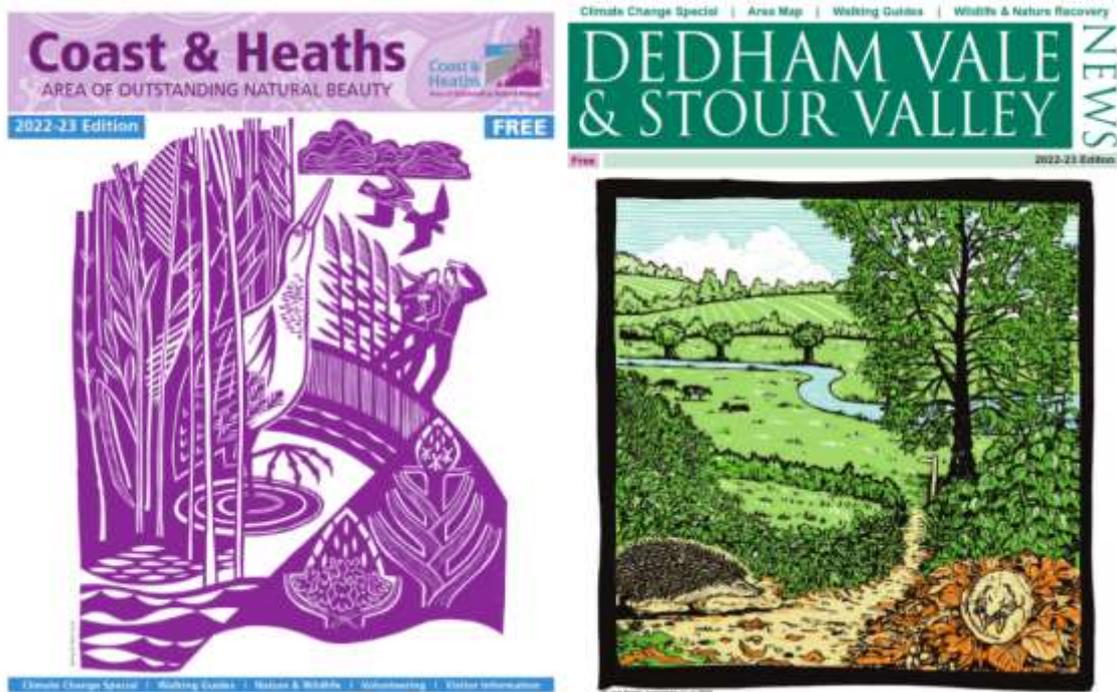
[Read The AONB Response](#)

National Grid consultation (East Anglia Green)

National Grid plans include building a new 400,000 volt (400 kV) electricity transmission line between Norwich Main substation in Norfolk and Bramford substation in Suffolk, and between Bramford substation and Tilbury substation in Essex.

The new reinforcement is expected to be around 180 km in length and made up mostly of new pylons, with some underground cables where the route crosses the nationally designated AONB. More details are available online and the AONB Partnerships will respond to the consultation.

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New AONB newspapers out now

The brand new annual AONB newspapers have just been published and free copies are available to pick up from hundreds of locations across the Coast & Heaths and Dedham Vale AONBs,

This year's newspaper has a climate change theme and is full of stories, guides, volunteering opportunities and updates from partners delivering project activity in the AONBs. You can also read the newspapers online.

News in brief

- 166 farmers have been individually contacted by the AONB's Farming in Protected Landscapes team to encourage them to apply for grants that will benefit the area's nature, accessibility and mitigate the impacts of climate change. Find out more for [Coast & Heaths](#) and [Dedham Vale](#).
- The National Heathland Conference 2022 is being held in Suffolk. [Find out more](#).
- The Government's recently published Energy Security Strategy builds on the 10 point plan and Net Zero Strategy designed to support the deployment of technologies such as offshore wind, nuclear and hydrogen which have potential to impact on the AONBs. [Read more](#).
- AONB volunteers and the AONB Countryside Project Officer received a 'thank you' for work at Orford Castle Pit County Geological Site and Sudbourne Park Site of Special Scientific Interest which have been assessed to be in GOOD condition.

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