

30 March 2016
Boat Trip
With Young People from Stalham MAP Group

The group consisted on 5 14/15 year olds from Stalham and two Youth Workers.

In the middle of nowhere – Big bog

- Calm
- If more people around, not peaceful
- Can't hear traffic
- Use the Broads for inspiration and being creative
- Broads on door step
- Rich habitats and species – we are there with them but not harming them. We know things are in the bushes and trees.
- More people need to be aware of how to access the Broads and how easy it is
- Schools have trips at primary and infant age groups, but not at high school age groups
- The Broads attracts people from afar but what about locals. So many locals have little or no interest in the Broads.
- Peacefulness enhances the atmosphere
- Chill out and forget the pressures of school and exams
- Could gifted and talented programme at school use the Broads?
- Photography is offered at school, but could there be a programme where young people go out and take photos of the Broads?
- Could use different apps to take photos of the Broads.
- You get a different perspective on water
- Smaller boats are better for the environment

Hunsett Mill

- Black part does not go with brick part – a mismatch
- Like the windows
- Nice place to live
- Canoe to school!
- More for holidays
- Cool place
- Kept older bits
- Not sure if looks right
- Windows plonked on the black building
- View out could be amazing
- Prefer how it looked before
- But now is more environmentally friendly



How have the group used the Broads?

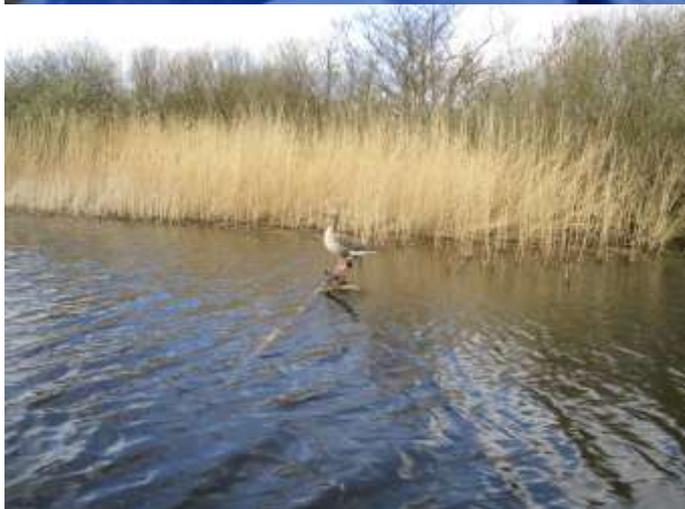
- Scouts kayak on the Broads every week over the summer
- Some group have been on the Broads with their family
- Some family members work on boats
- One member's Dad bought a dinghy and plans to repair it and then use it
- Would like to use the Broads more – kayaks etc
- Kayak costs are reasonable
- Love to have a go at activities like fishing
- Opportunities to have a go
- Science orientated use of the Broads. Often an exam question about the levels of algae and water quality. Could see in real life.
- Broads could be more of school curriculum.
- Water activities weekend
- Broads outdoors festival

Making money on the Broads

- Saw an ice cream boat!
- Workshop – make bird boxes etc and then place round the Broads. Use materials from the Broads.
- Advertise water sport activities more
- Sailing club – have a go but not too elite
- More public events that do not require a lot of equipment.

General comments

- Feel calm and relaxed and do not want to go back
- Waving at other boats brightens up your day
- Lose track of time when sailing on the Broads
- Use wood chopped down for seating areas at schools, not just for habitat
- Ducks and geese and swans do seem to like quieter boats (trip was on electric boat)



Summary comment from Youth Worker: *'I felt that the really significant thing that came out of the discussions on the way back, was the lack of integration of the Broads with the local schools and how it could be a real asset to the curriculum – art, photography, science. Now that curriculums are more flexible, and designed in-house I wonder if there is more scope for this?'*