

Sustainable Development Fund: Annual Report 2012/13
Report by Administrator, Sustainable Development Fund Panel

Summary: This report provides a summary of the work of the Sustainable Development Fund during 2012/13, including details of the 21 projects which were supported by the Fund during the year.

Recommendation: That the report be noted.

- 1 The number of projects awarded a grant in the year was 21 with a total grant allocation of £153,743. The projects were very varied from a boat washdown system using recycled water to an accessible boardwalk. A full listing of the 21 projects approved for grant in 2012/13 can be found in Appendix I. All projects approved since the commencement of the scheme can be viewed on the Broads Authority website:
<http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/authority/what-we-do/sustainable-development-fund.html> and following the relevant links.
2. The following gives an overview of the SDF activities for 2012/13 (the figures in brackets are those for 2011/2012):
 - 28 applications received (28);
 - 21 projects supported (22);
 - £153,743 total funding (£109,289)
 - £221,413 match funding (£164,514);
 - £7,321 average grant awarded (£4,967); and
 - 29 projects complete and signed off (28).

The match funding represents a multiplier of 1.44 to1 for the SDF grant given.

3. The number of applications was similar to the previous year as were the number of grants awarded. The match funding (as a % of the grant) was less than the previous year and this reduction is a reflection of the financially difficult times which has had an effect on the management and funding opportunities for many charities and community groups. However, a multiplier of 1.44 still gives good value for the fund.
4. The grants given in the year amounted to £153,743, an increase from the previous year and used some of the monies carried over from the previous year. The Broads Authority allocated £150,000 to the SDF in 2012/2013, the same as the previous year. The administration costs for the year amounted to less than £15,000, within the 10% aimed for.

5. The Sustainable Development Fund Panel met four times during the year in April, July, November and January. The Panel is made up of eleven members comprising one member of the Broads Authority, one member of the Broads Forum, representing the wider Broads community; four independent members, representing business and the voluntary sector; a representative from the Defra, RDPE delivery team, and three young people (two new young people recruited during the year).
6. In line with the main Authority, the Panel has adopted the use of electronic papers and minutes for its meetings, and is encouraging applicants to submit their applications electronically. The SDF pages on the Broads Authority web site give details of the scheme including the criteria, guidance and application form. The web site also gives dates of meetings, closing dates for applications and a full list of projects supported.
7. The Sustainable Development Fund has once again had a successful year in that it provided grants to a wide variety of organisations within the Broads, meeting the Defra objectives set for the Fund and provided a good spread of projects across the Defra indicators. Education figures highly in the projects for not just main stream but a number of projects targeted those vulnerable or excluded from education. Projects associated with boating, conservation and education figure highly providing enjoyment and understanding of the Broads environment. The feedback from all the projects has been very positive in that the support of the SDF has been a major contributor to the projects going ahead. Applicants welcome the 'soft-touch' approach and the average 1.44 multiplier still shows good value for money from the SDF grant.

Background papers: Nil

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Broads Plan Objectives: None

Appendices: APPENDIX 1 – Projects funded 2012/13

PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2012 – 2013

Ref.	Project	Applicant	Brief description	Total cost	SDF Grant
BA.219	Speed reduction initiative	DRL Marine	Installation of GPS speed indicators on 10 hire boats with signs that the boats are fitted with accurate speed indicators	£2,740	£1,370
BA.220	Friends of Horsey Seal website	Horsey Seals	Website information. The BA/EN funding for monitoring the seals has been withdrawn. A group have set themselves up to provide information, web-based and in time leaflets and information boards.	£690	£230
BA.221	Ecological boat wash down system	Cox's Boatyard	A boat-wash down system using filtered recycled water and harvested rain water.	£17,940	£8,970
BA.222	Access for All - Boardwalk to the Water Gardens	How Hill Trust	The existing timber boardwalk is not usable due to rot. It is proposed to replace the boardwalk and open the gardens more frequently than in the past.	£15,300	£11,300
BA.223	Remote energy generation investigation	4NRg	A project to review green (renewable) energy solutions for remote areas in the Broads	£34,800	£17,400
BA.224	Tidal energy barrier at Great Yarmouth	4NRg	Detailed development for use in Great Yarmouth of the tidal barrier concept (previously funded under SDF)	£23,148	£11,574
BA.225	Canoeing made Easy	T S Warrior (Great Yarmouth)	Purchase of canoes and associated equipment	£12,509	£9,381
BA.226	Norwich to the Broads by Bike	Bicycle Links	Purchase of specialist tandems to be used by accompanied disabled people (physical, visual and learning disabled).	£7,743	£5,664
BA.227	Future BROADCASTing	Future Projects	First year of a three year project providing radio features relevant to the Broads and associated series of films.	£20,981	£16,217
BA.228	Cemeteries Project	Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust	Project to make three cemeteries a 'green lung' in Great Yarmouth by repairing and conserving monuments and clearing the area which has nature conservation importance as ancient sand dune.	£120,000	£10,000

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BA.229	Green Gym	The Conservation Volunteers (BTCV)	Conservation and outdoor activities project improving people's physical and mental health whilst improving their local environment.	£25,000	£13,200
BA.230	Broads Discovery	The Country Trust	Year 1 of a three year project bringing over 200 children from primary schools in East London to the Broads as a holiday and learning experience	£13,134	£7,100
BA.231	Troop Watermanship Training	Winterton Marine Cadets (TS Fearless)	Providing training for cadets to gain RYA level 2 and 2 adult members to instructor level and access to sailing dinghies.	£11,426.50	£8,750
BA.232	Attleborough Summer Play Scheme	Club 99	Days out in the Broads for over 30 children attending the 5 week summer scheme	£1,717	£1,017
BA.233	Broads Wildlife Explorer Touch Screen	Herbert Woods	Provision of an information touch screen for the public at Potter Heigham	£10,545	£2,000
BA.234	Famous Five Birds	Waveney & Blyth Arts	An educational project involving primary schools centring on 5 species of Broadland birds	£16,775	£5,000
BA.235	Wildlife Garden and Conservation Project	Ocean Wave Youth Club	Project in Great Yarmouth to engage young people in gardening and conservation	£10,992	£6,000
BA.236	DELLightfull days	The Grow Organisation	Provision of species action plan, bird boxes, fact sheets and trails in Bowthorpe.	£1,237	£750
BA.237	Dyke dipping platform	How Hill Trust	Replacement of rotten dyke dipping platform	£10,400	£5,000
BA.238	Bass boat electric motor	Nancy Oldfield Trust	Replacement of existing (noisy) diesel engine with an electric motor	£7,788	£4,000
BA.239	Education project	Fairhaven Garden Trust	Grant towards the preparatory works to provide a floating classroom	£5290	£4,000