

The Kent Downs AONB Sustainable Development Fund

SDF Projects 2006/07

Successful projects funded this year are:

1. **Pooh Corner.** A composting toilet to be built in a school owned woodland near Cobham, improving the facilities for pupils visiting the woodland site.
2. **Ashenbank Wood.** Purchase of an additional 7 acres of land adjacent to the Woodland Trust owned Ashenbank Wood near Cobham.
3. **Rural Skills Centre.** Construction of a straw-baled building at the Rippledown Centre near Deal, to be used as a training centre in sustainable building and rural skills.
4. **East Kent Farmland Moths and Butterflies.** A project to assist with the monitoring of butterflies and moths on farms being supported by Defra's environmental stewardship schemes.
5. **Bowsers Meadow.** A community led project to carry out enhancements to an area of public open space, enabling better access to a previously overgrown area.
6. **Walks from Thurnham.** Development of a number of walking routes from the Black Horse pub, Thurnham. Encouraging greater exploration of the AONB and the use of other businesses in the area.
7. **Mid Kent Downs Orchards Project.** A contribution towards a community orchards project, based in the four parishes of the Mid Kent Downs.
8. **Farmland Biodiversity.** A number of training courses designed to encourage greater environmental awareness and richer biodiversity of farmland birds within the AONB.
9. **Hawkinge Environment Group.** A project to establish an active and sustainable environmental conservation group in Hawkinge.
10. **The Dover Flower.** An innovative project to create a new wildflower meadow and living sculpture on the Kent Downs near Dover.
11. **Access for All.** Improvements in access at the Warren Country Park, Folkestone. Encouraging further use and exploration of the heritage coast.
12. **Rural Energy Action Plan.** A project to provide support and guidance to communities within the Kent Downs AONB to facilitate the development of alternative, sustainable fuel sources.
13. **Wood Fuel Development Project.** Training to wood owners and contractors in production and supply of quality wood fuel.
14. **Kent Downs Rural Advice Service.** A contribution towards a pilot project providing support to farmers and land owners who are seeking to make a change to their land management or business.

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