



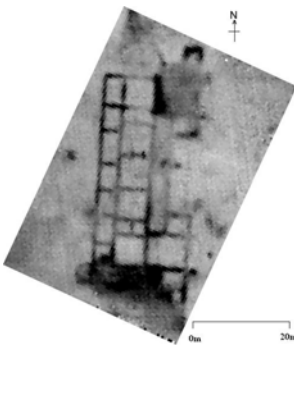

Chichester Harbour AONB Sustainable Development Fund


The Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) is a grant scheme to help deliver community-based projects within Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The aim is to support projects that will look after the AONB now and for the future.

During the fourth year of the fund (2008-09), over £56,000 was awarded to 14 projects throughout the AONB. Below are details of the wide-ranging projects completed in the fourth year of the Fund (2008/9). If you would like to find out more about the scheme, please contact Chichester Harbour Conservancy on 01243 512301.

Project Title & Organisation	Project Summary	SDF grant awarded
Valuing Chichester Harbour Chichester Harbour Conservancy	<p>This study built on previous work in 2001 to provide a monetary value to Chichester Harbour AONB. The project involved a detailed audit of the economic value of Chichester Harbour AONB and provided a set of economic indicators. The study looked at key areas including property, marine businesses, tourism, recreation and farming.</p> <p>It is hoped the results will improve understanding of the economic value of Chichester Harbour and help to inform long-term integrated management of the harbour and AONB. This work provided a key instrument in developing the new five year Management Plan for Chichester Harbour AONB.</p>	£13,942
Birdham School Eco-Centre Birdham School FPTA	<p>Birdham Primary School holds an Eco Schools silver level award and has developed a new "eco-centre" classroom to provide dedicated learning about sustainability and the natural environment. The eco-centre uses rainwater harvesting, solar panels and micro-wind turbines to generate renewable energy, and the new decking provides an outdoor learning area and weather station.</p>	£1,725
The Migration Story Farlington Ringing Group	<p>The Migration Story is a pioneering and innovative project to study the migration route of wading birds and engage with local communities on the East Atlantic flyway to tell the story of the migration journey. The greenshank story has an established colour-ringing and radiotracking programme, and project website linking the birds breeding sites in Scandinavia, following their passage through Chichester Harbour and onto the winter destinations in France and Spain.</p> <p>Farlington Ringing Group have expanded the educational element of the project by offering outreach visits to local schools and translating elements of the website into French, in addition to supporting further colour ringing activities.</p>	£3,600



<p>Chichester Harbour Recycling Scheme Part II Stirling Consultants</p>		<p>This project built on the success of Part I of the Harbour-wide recycling project delivered by Stirling Consultants last year. The SDF grant funding helped to provide subsidised recycling consultations, signage and bags to marine businesses within the AONB.</p>	<p>£575</p>
<p>Old Bridge Meadow Friends of Old Bridge Meadow</p>	<p>The Friends of Old Bridge Meadow was established in 1999 to manage the meadow for public enjoyment and for wildlife.</p> <p>An important part of the group's work is to inform and involve local residents in the management of the site through events and informative materials. The two new interpretation boards help to increase the public's understanding of the area.</p>		<p>£581</p>
<p>Warblington Roman Villa Investigation Chichester & District Archaeology Society</p>		<p>The site of a Roman Villa lies undiscovered at Warblington, within Chichester Harbour AONB. Chichester and District Archaeology Society undertook detailed investigations to find out more about the Villa and plotted its features through non-invasive survey. Teams of volunteers carried out geophysical surveys which revealed the outline of a typical corridor villa with 17 rooms.</p>	<p>£7,176</p>
<p>Living Willow Dome St Jame's School</p>	<p>St James primary school in Emsworth identified the need to improve the wildlife value of the school grounds, and there was also a demand from pupils for a quiet outdoor area to play and learn.</p> <p>The school has constructed a living willow dome which will be large enough to hold a full class and two teachers. A local willow-craft expert helped the school children to construct the willow dome 32-33ft in circumference with a hazel frame.</p>	<p>£1,693</p>	
<p>St Peters Church Access Improvements St Peters Church, Northney</p>	<p>St Peter's Church, Northney, is a Grade I listed building receiving many visitors both from the local community and tourism. The church is an important historical feature of the village and of great value to local residents. A number of improvements have been undertaken to enhance access and enjoyment for visitors, including resurfacing the car park and approach path, repairing areas of worn flooring, and replacing the wooden noticeboard.</p> <p>The church car park also provides the main access point for walkers to enjoy the Northney permissive coastal path.</p> <p>This application is for a contribution towards the costs of</p>		<p>£3,500</p>

<p>St Nicholas Tower Restoration PCC Southbourne with West Thorney</p>		<p>St Nicholas is an 11th Century church on Thorney Island, on the harbour's edge. It is enjoyed by personnel from the Royal Artillery base, walkers exploring the Island's coastal route, and visitors to the Thorney Island Sailing and Watersports Centre.</p>	<p>£7,000</p>
<p>This historic church is in a poor state of repair and in need of urgent renovation including work to the tower roof, belfry floor and vestry floor.</p>			
<p>The PCC have already secured significant grant funding from English Heritage, Veolia Environmental Trust and Aldershot Church of England Services Trust with further applications underway. The application for SDF grant funding reflects the cultural and historic importance of the church to the AONB.</p>			
<p>Fishbourne Youth Shelter Fishbourne Parish Council</p>	<p>Responding to the demand in the community for a shelter for local young people, Fishbourne Parish Council has installed a youth shelter in the playing field at Blackboy Lane.</p>		<p>£1,000</p>
<p>The shelter will be fitted with solar powered lighting and radio to make it a safe and attractive place for young people to meet.</p>			
<p>The project has strong community support and has secured funding from West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council.</p>			
<p>Discover Natural Hayling Hayling's BEST, Market Town Initiative Group</p>	<p>Discover Hayling is an initiative developed by the Hayling Island Market Town Initiative Group "Hayling's Best". The project comprises a series of maps, leaflets, events and guided walks around Hayling Island to generate interest in the Island's heritage and natural history. The SDF grant supports the design and production of an A2 full colour broadsheet leaflet featuring an illustrated map of the Island showing features of wildlife and natural history interest. The project benefits residents and visitors of this area of Chichester Harbour AONB by adding value to visitor experience and stimulating the local economy.</p>		<p>£3,288</p>
<p>Living Willow Dome Thorney Island Primary School</p>	<p>Thorney Island Primary School serves the military community of the 12th and 47th Regiments of the Royal Artillery. The school has constructed a living willow dome 10m in circumference to hold a class and two teachers. The project included a willow craft workshops for pupils and families. The school hopes that this project will increase awareness of the island's natural environment, and help to involve the local community in school life, improving community cohesion.</p>		<p>£1,235</p>
<p>Feva fleet for young sailors Cobnor Activities Centre</p>	<p>Cobnor Activities Centre is a not-for-profit company offering outdoor education opportunities for people of all ages and abilities in Chichester Harbour.</p>		<p>£6,000</p>
<p>The centre has purchased a new fleet of Feva dinghies to offer a more challenging experience for young sailors with the opportunity to provide entry-level race training.</p>			
<p>The SDF grant made a contribution towards the cost of purchasing six new Feva dinghies this year for use in the next teaching season.</p>			

<p>HISC Community Youth Sailing Scheme Hayling Island Sailing Club</p>	<p>Hayling Island Sailing Club's community youth sailing scheme was established four years ago and has become a great success with over 50 members of the "Thursday Club". Young people aged from 10-16 from local schools are offered the opportunity to learn to sail at the club with tuition provided free of charge by HISC instructors.</p> <p>The club wish have added value to the scheme by replacing the heavier four-year old Pico dinghies with two new lightweight Tera dinghies. As part of the project, new instructors have received RYA training ready to join the scheme in the next season.</p>	<p>£5,000</p>
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