

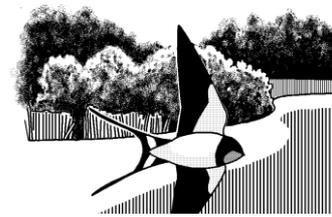
Little Ouse Headwaters Project

Winners -

Living Wetlands Award 2006

Suffolk Greenest Community Award - 2009

Norfolk Biodiversity Site Award 2010



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Another award for outstanding work by the Little Ouse Headwaters Project!

The Little Ouse Headwaters Project has won the **Site Award** from the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership for its outstanding work to conserve, restore and manage the valley fens and associated habitats of the Little Ouse. This is yet another addition to the tally of awards won by the Project for its outstanding work.

These awards are made annually to recognise significant contributions made by local volunteers to wildlife conservation in Norfolk. At a presentation ceremony at the Assembly Rooms in Norwich on Thursday 30th September, trustees of the LOHP joined representatives of other successful voluntary conservation groups from across the county. The LOHP received the Site Award, presented by Steve Scott, East of England Regional Director for the Forestry Commission, for its work to enhance and restore wildlife habitat and promote public access in the upper reaches of the Little Ouse river. Mr Scott highlighted the LOHP's success in bringing a significant area of riverside land into conservation management as being particularly impressive since the project is run entirely by volunteers. The award represents another success for the project in the International Year of Biodiversity - earlier this year two newly restored fen sites were opened to public access, bringing the total area of land within the project to 45 hectares.

LOHP Hon. Chairman Nigel Clark said: We are delighted to have the work of our volunteers recognised with this award. The LOHP's success is due to the commitment of all the people who help to run the project and undertake practical work and biological monitoring on our sites. We have also had a great deal of support and funding over the last eight years from a very wide range of organisations which has enabled us to achieve far more than we envisaged when we first established the project.

This latest award comes at a time when the LOHP are in a new phase of major development by substantially increasing the amount of land under management with the acquisition a new site at Broomscot Common, Garboldisham. These acquisitions will require a substantial amount of funding toward which the LOHP has launched the "River Link Appeal"

The Little Ouse Headwaters Project is a local Charity dedicated to the restoration, conservation and promotion of enjoyment of the wildlife and landscape of the Little Ouse valley on the Suffolk/Norfolk borders in the United Kingdom.



Steve Scott (Forestry Commission), Nigel Clark (Chairman LOHP) holding the award with Reg Langston (Treasurer), Helen Smith (Trustee) and Jo-Ann Pitt (Hon Secretary).

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