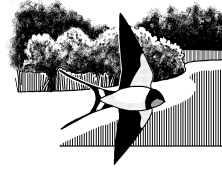


Little Ouse Headwaters Project

Winners Living Wetlands Award 2006



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The Little Ouse Project - Major Land Acquisition

The Little Ouse Project is pleased to announce that they have been successful in acquiring two parcels of land adjacent to the Little Ouse River at Thelnetham. The land comprises some 5.3 hectares and includes an existing Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

The purchase has been made possible by a major contribution from the Tubney Charitable Trust together with generous donations from St Edmundsbury Borough Council, Plantlife, the Kirby Laing Foundation and the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Applications have also been made to several other charitable trusts to assist towards the total cost of the project which it is estimated will amount to over £180,000.

The parcels of land will be named after the previous owners "Parker's Piece" and "Bleyswyck's Bank" who were keen to see their land maintained for nature conservation and for the enjoyment of the current and future generations of local people, visitors.

The Little Ouse Project is committed to creating a continuous corridor of wildlife habitat along the headwaters of the Little Ouse, by improving wildlife diversity, restoring natural river features and improving water quality. The project will facilitate rural regeneration and land use diversification, improve the recreation, amenity and education value for the community, improve the landscape quality and safeguard against flooding.

The Little Ouse Headwaters project was set up by local residents in 2002 to promote the conservation and enjoyment of the fenland habitats and landscapes of the upper valley of the Little Ouse. Restoration work is carried out by volunteers and their work was rewarded in 2006 with the award of the prestigious national "Living Wetlands Award"

The LOHP welcomes new members either as volunteer workers or simply supporters. Anyone interested in joining in on this important local project is invited to contact the Secretary Helen Smith Tel: 01379 687 680. More details can be found on the website www.lohp.org.uk.

Note for Editors.

More information can be obtained from the Secretary Dr Helen Smith 01379 687 680

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Photographic material and an aerial photograph of the land are available from the Secretary.

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