

2017

Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership Community Biodiversity Awards



Can you help find
our 2017 winners?



Our 2016 winners

We are looking for
outstanding individuals
and groups who are making
a difference for **wildlife**
and **people** in local
communities.

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Community Biodiversity Awards 2017

The Community Biodiversity Awards are run by the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership (NBP) to recognise the achievements of individuals and groups whose voluntary actions make a difference for wildlife and people.

- Nominations are welcome from (or on behalf of) groups and individuals;
- Anyone over 16 can be nominated: self-nomination is permitted;
- Activities must not be part of any normal work for a conservation organisation.

Award winners will be presented with a framed certificate at a summer awards evening in Norwich, on July 18th 2017.

There are five award categories :

•Inspiring children and young people

This award recognises those who are working to inspire the next generation to appreciate and conserve local wildlife. Examples could include: schools which go the 'extra mile' to inspire children to appreciate nature; a business that develops a nature activity to inspire and educate youngsters about local biodiversity; an individual who mentors young people, encouraging them to take an interest in nature

•**Parish and town councils** This award recognises councils which are directing their activities to improve local biodiversity. This could be through: exercise of their statutory functions such as those required under National Planning Policy Framework to conserve and enhance the natural environment; supporting biodiversity projects; or promoting the importance of biodiversity conservation locally. **Sponsored by Norfolk Wildlife Trust**

•**Groups** This award recognises work done by groups which are working on biodiversity projects in their local community. Local groups offer one of the best ways for people to make a difference for biodiversity close to home, offering practical conservation activities and the chance to get fitter and socialise with like-minded others

•**Churchyards and cemeteries** This award recognises action to care for churchyards and cemeteries so that they provide opportunities for nature to thrive and a welcoming and tranquil oasis for local people to enjoy. In many churchyards, grassland is an important habitat, harbouring wildflowers, butterflies and other insects now largely lost from the farmed countryside. Caring for it through a careful management regime creates living churchyards, important stepping stones for biodiversity and places of quiet contemplation for visitors.

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•**Watery wildlife and habitats** This award recognises efforts to care for watery wildlife and habitats including coastal biodiversity, freshwater wetlands, rivers and ponds. Watery habitats are great for a whole host of wildlife but can be easily damaged through neglect, pollution or drying out. Community action can help safeguard and enhance these special places or create new watery wildlife homes such as ponds. **Sponsored by Kelling Heath Holiday Park.**

To enter, please complete the nomination form at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CBANomination by 30th April 2017.

Assessment criteria

Nominations will be judged against: the extent of biodiversity enhancement; the degree of community involvement; evidence of long-term sustainability (such as site management plans); how they contribute to the development of an ecological network; interpretation; public accessibility; and the extent to which nominees have inspired and motivated others in their community and contributed to new knowledge of Norfolk's biodiversity. We are looking for applications that impart excitement about what has been achieved!



Pictures from nominations made in 2016