



Suffolk Biodiversity Partnership

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*Aims to provide guidance on Suffolk's Priority Species and Habitats working particularly with Local Authorities, community groups and schools*

## The last 6 months.....

29th September 2014

### ◆ Priority Species and Habitats Gateway

The new Gateway on our website provides information in an easy-to-use format about BAP Species in Suffolk and the habitats in which they're found. It lists species on the UK List of Priority Species and Habitats 2007 which have been recorded in Suffolk over the past 50 years. It also provides info on species likely to be found in the wider countryside. Link: <http://www.suffolkbiodiversity.org/priority-species.aspx>



Charles Cutbert

The factsheets for Priority Habitats and Species are under development.

### ◆ SBP quarterly e-newsletter

Highlights partners' work across Suffolk. Local and national biodiversity news has been moved to a separate update.



Suffolk Biodiversity Partnership  
Newsletter  
Summer 2014

The summer 2014 newsletter was circulated on 15th August and included some fascinating articles such as Springwatch at Minsmere, BeachWatch and Open Day at the Pliocene Forest.

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◆ Events page on website - our events page is kept up to date on the website now that we have moved it from our quarterly newsletter. Website link: <http://www.suffolkbiodiversity.org/events.aspx>

◆ Eco-schools - an international award programme that guides schools on sustainable practices through 9 themes including biodiversity, energy and transport. Eco-Schools is supported by the Suffolk Nature Strategy and as Gen has been a volunteer Green Flag Award Assessor for 2 years, this work is now incorporated into her work programme.

Gen aims to assess 3/4 schools in a year as they become available and as requested by Eco-Schools. For example, she assessed Britannia Primary School in Ipswich in June.

SBP now has a dedicated webpage at: <http://www.suffolkbiodiversity.org/eco-schools.aspx>

◆ **10th Planning and Biodiversity Seminar**

The planning has been completed and bookings are underway. This year Suffolk has organised the seminar without the assistance of Norfolk due to changes at Norfolk County Council. However, Norfolk planners have been sent invitations and are very welcome to attend. Norfolk and Suffolk are aiming to work together on this highly successful event again in 2015.

◆ **“Species Records—Making a Difference”**

**Carlton Marshes 29th July 2014**

A partnership event between SBP, Suffolk Naturalists’ Society, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Suffolk Ornithologists Group. Funded by Touching the Tide and organised by Gen and SWT

It was encouraging that over 40 people signed up to learn about identifying and recording species. The day was packed with hands-on experience of identifying plants, water beetles, dragonflies, birds and other groups as well as submitting records to the i-Record national database.

◆ **FWAG—judging for Tim Sloane Award**

Gen joined a farmer from Bramfield and Caroline Blew from FWAG on 1st July to judge 3 Suffolk farms on the quality of their ponds, public access and interpretation for the public. The award will be made on 5th November at Trinity Showground, Ipswich.



INVITATION TO  
**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar on  
Planning and Biodiversity**



Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3YU

We aim to :

- Provide an overview of the latest national and county-level developments & best practice related to spatial planning, development management and biodiversity.
- Foster an exchange of experience about biodiversity issues in planning.

*This event is primarily for planners in Suffolk and Norfolk*

Topics

- Key biodiversity issues in Development Management and Spatial Planning
- Delivering Green Infrastructure - from concept to implementation
- Suffolk Nature Strategy
- Simple measures to benefit wildlife - 3 case studies
- The ‘Dorset Protocol’ - an innovative approach to European Protected Species
- Natural England - SSSI Impact Risk Zones
- Community Infrastructure Levy - funding for nature



Lunch is available at €6.25 (pay on the day) or bring your own

**FREE entry , but please book early!**

Please car share if possible /travel by public transport  
(lifts available from Bury St. Edmunds station)

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