

On the Verge

If you read Seaford Scene, you probably know that On the Verge (OtV) has been very active this year. We've worked with our sister organisation, Trees for Seaford (TfS), on Council owned green spaces, schools, church yards and we've encouraged residents to leave their verges and renature their own gardens. We've achieved this through offering practical help and resources, informing and educating ourselves and others and by producing leaflets and writing in newsletters and on our web site.

This year we've worked with three out of four of the primary schools, offering workshops and improving school grounds for wildlife. We've worked with both children and parents and supplied schools with seeds, plants and tools. We're also working with Seaford Head, supporting them in developing more areas for insects in particular and meeting with the Eco groups.

We've suggested specific areas for renaturing to the Town Council land and supported them in their initiative to change the mowing regimes to encourage wildlife. We've supplied and created the text for several information boards in the sea meadow areas and we continue to work in partnership with the Town Council.

We have a growing number of volunteers involved in the educational work, carrying out surveys and running events. We've used some of the funding to equip our survey team to monitor and also to litter pick in the areas they take care of. These tend to be near volunteer's homes so they can get together easily. We're also encouraging people to work with other residents in their street to form Nature Streets.

We're in the process of producing maps that will help us understand, among other things, where the green corridors are currently and where we need to concentrate our efforts to create those vital green corridors in the future.

We've had stalls at various events this year and have displays in the SEA Climate Hub where we've also run a Renaturing workshop. Up to now On the Verge information has sat on the SEA Hub website. However, we are now in the process of setting up an independent Renaturing Website. Initially set up by On the Verge this is open to other groups to post anything that meets the criteria and eventually run by an independent editing group. For further details please contact Judy Pepper jdypepper@yahoo.co.uk.

Like TfS we are currently going through the process of formalising this relatively new group and setting ourselves up as a CIC (Community Interest Company). This is mainly in anticipation of further funding.

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