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## **The Brecks 'Breaking New Ground' Community Grants**

### **The Breaking New Ground Landscape Partnership announces the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 for applications to the 'PEOPLE'S POT' Community Grant fund**

As part of the £2.2M Breaking New Ground Landscape Partnership Scheme supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, a special fund is available for making grants of up to £5,000 in support of independent landscape and heritage projects in the Scheme area.



Successful applications for grants in 2014 and 2015 included community art, film and poetry projects, some of which have just completed a month long exhibition at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds. Also supported is a Goshawk tagging conservation project and the well-publicised rescue of the flint mural masterpieces from the old Library in Brandon. This year the Landscape Partnership are seeking applications for project that conserve or restore natural or built heritage features in the Project area.



The People's Pot is open to everyone including organisations or groups from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors across The Brecks. Whilst applications from individuals are not precluded, all projects need to demonstrate firm evidence of public benefit and it is expected that in most cases applications will be submitted on behalf of organisations or groups of people. Although applicants need not necessarily come from, or be based in, the Scheme area, all projects outputs must take place in the project area or be demonstrated to further the objectives of Breaking New Ground.



To discuss project ideas or for more information please contact the Breaking New Ground team on 01842 815 465 or email [bng.admin@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:bng.admin@suffolk.gov.uk)



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## **Notes to Editors**

### 1. Breaking New Ground Landscape Partnership

The Breaking New Ground partnership will be delivering a £2.2M scheme with a series of new and exciting landscape and heritage conservation projects for the Brecks, thanks to a £1.5M grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The partnership is made up of regional, national and local organisations with an interest in the area, community groups and members of the community and includes:

Suffolk County Council, Norfolk County Council, Forest Heath District and St Edmundsbury Borough Councils, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Natural England, Historic England, Forestry Commission, University of East Anglia, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, The Breckland Society, Norfolk Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, Icen Botanic Artists, Green Light Trust, Plantlife, Norfolk Geodiversity Partnership, Orchard Barn Environmental Education CIC, Ancient House Museum, West Stow Anglo Saxon Village.

The funding comprises just under £1.5million for delivery of the project with the remainder contributed by the partner organisations and volunteer input.



Breaking New Ground will be hosted by Suffolk County Council at Brandon



Country Park which is in the heart of the area and provides a convenient and accessible location for participants and partners, and is the location for a number of public participation events.

The Scheme outputs will concentrate on a 253km<sup>2</sup> area within the Brecks, including Brandon and Thetford, with the aim of delivering real understanding and changes on the ground. This area encompasses a unique landscape in Britain with an incredible and much overlooked heritage and biodiversity. It has been selected to be a representative core of the whole Brecks area and contains the three main landscape character types of the Brecks, the two main population centers, and the greatest concentration of heritage assets.

For more information visit: [www.breakingnewground.org.uk](http://www.breakingnewground.org.uk)

## 2. About the Heritage Lottery Fund

HLF's Landscape Partnerships are helping bring together members of the community as well as local, regional, and national organisations to deliver schemes which benefit some of the UK's most outstanding landscapes and rural communities. Since 2003, HLF has committed grant-aid totaling £143m to 88 Landscape Partnership schemes across the UK

Landscape Partnership schemes put heritage conservation at the heart of rural and peri-urban regeneration. Local, regional and national organisations work together to make a real difference to landscapes and communities for the long term. They do this by conserving habitats at landscape-scale, promoting joined-up management, reviving long-lost skills, and much more. HLF-funded projects make a major contribution to work in the UK on implementing the European Landscape Convention.

Thanks to National Lottery players, we invest money to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about - from the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife. [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk)  
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