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Programme A

A1 - Ground Disturbance

The historic environment assessments for the Suffolk sites have been completed and a final report has been produced. Work has commenced on the brief for work to be carried out by an archaeological contracting company – once all the necessary information has been provided by project partners, this brief will be put out to tender.

The vegetation survey was completed by a consultant on the new ground disturbance plots at Weeting Heath. This will provide information on the quality and species richness of the areas where turf removal is to be undertaken. It will also provide baseline information for the final consent process with Natural England and recommend a future monitoring rationale.

At the Brecks Heath Partnership (BHP) sites, pre-contract mapping of areas to be targeted for soil disturbance has been undertaken, site visits with contractors and other experts (botanical and archaeological) have been carried out to establish suitable locations for treatment areas, avoiding areas of ecological or archaeological high interest. Contracts for plant surveys have been defined, and subsequent surveys have now been undertaken, completed and reports compiled. This now means SSSI consent can be sought for the subsequent disturbance works.

A2 - Conserving The Brecks County Wildlife Sites

Work has begun advising owners of County Wildlife Sites (CWS) with a view to planning restoration work due to take place later in the year. In addition, it has been possible to carry out a small amount of work clearing Himalayan balsam using a contractor and local volunteers on one site. Other restoration work is planned for later in year which is currently on schedule.

Invertebrate surveys have been carried out by specialist volunteers on 14 CWS and potential CWS, in order to add to the ecological information on record for these sites.



Furze Allotment County Wildlife Site

A3 - Pingo Project and Frog Pool Re-introduction

European Commission consent was obtained for the Pool Frog introduction site because it is a SAC and was required in relation to any impacts on features of the SAC. This then paved the way for the Natural England site consent notice to be developed and we are now in the closing stages of

submitting this. Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust (ARCT) and Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) had a further site meeting on 3rd June to discuss the management surrounding Pool Frogs and also met with the grazier to discuss grazing management during the introduction.



Pingo Walking Tour – 23rd April 2015

NWT delivered more targeted habitat work on the pingos and removed all the typha which was piled up around the pingos. It was left by the pingos for a considerable amount of time to allow all the aquatic invertebrates to crawl out and ground conditions to improve before material was moved on this delicate reserve. This was then taken to an area away from the pingos to allow it to compost.

The NWT Conservation team have held a meeting and carried out site visits in order to prepare for and plan the restoration of 2 priority pingo sites outside of the Pool Frog introduction area. This has taken place in conjunction with Forestry Commission (FC) as several of the potential sites are on FC owned land.

A4 - Pine Lines and Pine Connections

The first milestone during this target has been achieved with 2409m of new pine line now planned for planting this winter. This will take place on the Euston and Elveden estates, but much of it will be visible from the roads of the area.

Most of the other key landowners have been engaged to start working on the restoration target of 8km of restored lines. Several key meetings have been arranged for July and August including with the Ministry of Defence (MoD). A template has been developed for the landowner management plans, two of which have been completed so far out of the fifteen.

The young pines to be used for the pine lines are growing strongly in their nursery at Barcham trees.



Young pines at Barcham Trees waiting to become pine lines of the future!

A5 - Engine House Restoration

The lease arrangements between FC and Suffolk County Council (SCC) have now been agreed and are in the process of being formalised.

A Land Registry plan of the lease has been drafted and marked out on site.



A Heritage Building Report has been drawn up by SCC Archaeological Services to accompany the planning application.

An Ecological Appraisal and Precautionary Method Statement has been drawn up by SCC County ecologist to accompany the planning application as an 'in-kind' contribution to the value of £223.40.

A formal planning application for the Engine House Restoration and link building project was submitted on behalf of the BNG LPS by Tim Buxbaum architects on 20th April.

A6 - Grant Fund

A6/1 – Sandlines

Three out of the four programmed writing workshops have been held in this quarter, the first being hosted by the FC at Santon Downham on 22nd April, the second at the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) HQ in Thetford on 18th May and the third at The Anglo Saxon Village at West Stow on 13th June. Comprehensive workshop materials have been created for each and a full writing support blog has been published as planned in each month.

The final workshop, public reading and pamphlet launch have been booked in terms of date and location. Due to the success of previous workshops, the last workshop is already fully booked.

In addition Sandlines attended the Brecks Fest to offer 'Try Writing' exercises to visitors where several young families were engaged to creatively explore their experiences and knowledge of the Brecks in writing who may have not done so before.

Some of the feedback from participants at the workshops:

"The exercises were very stimulating and motivating. I will continue to write now."

"It reinforced the fact that I live in a beautiful and unique part of the world."

A6/2 - Brecks Landscape Patterns

Talk given to Bury Friendship group in the Apex Theatre, Bury St Edmunds, about Landscape Patterns project which included an introduction to Brecks area, art events, project details and slides of the recently held Riverwalk, Sketchbook strolls, Artist's on Legs and Suffolk Mind workshops. Canvas art from 'Art in Park' was displayed for all to see and touch. A brief talk about future events including 'Upon this Rock' geology dayschool on July 11th and Sandlines creative writing workshops. BNG leaflets / freebies given out to remind people of the overall scheme.

Exhibition of Riverwalk School Art undertaken by 2 groups at Brandon Country Park put up at Riverwalk School June 18th - July 19th in time for parent's evening and seen by approximately 320 people overall.



A6/3 – Secret Brecks

6 weekly creative writing sessions have been held with NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training). A group of 4 NEETs have been looking at The Brecks and drawing inspiration from it for creative writing projects.

Another group of 2 NEETs have been looking at The Brecks as a source for location filming. 3 NEETs have developed beat sheets for stories.

1 NEET is developing his treatment into a script and another has been involved on a work placement.

In conjunction with Brandon Country Park and the BNG team, the project manager (S. Day) has developed a short film script which reflects the history of the area, its environmental concerns and its outstanding natural beauty.

The Project Manager has contacted a filmmaking team, is conducting auditions, and is working on pre-production for the film which will be shot in September.

As a direct result (and spin off) of this project, the Project Manager did a schools project in the Brecks and brought a team of 14 young people and 3 teachers to Brandon Country Park to film their own short film, which can now be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3pE6fq52VM>

Programme B

B1 - The People's History of Thetford Forest

Recording equipment and sound editing software has been purchased and set up with laptops for volunteer use.

The project has been promoted via the web, press and posters / flyers and links made with the FC retirement association along with other local groups to recruit interviewees and volunteers to carry out the interviews and archiving. People have already started signing up to take part for both the roles.

A training session has been developed for volunteer interviewers and archivists and first training session and trial interview was carried out in June. Another training session is scheduled for the 18th of July after which our volunteers will be ready to be paired up with suitable interviewees and begin interviewing and recording the fascinating human history of the forest.

Volunteers have also been assisting with the scanning and archiving of a collection of old photos to support the oral history project.

B2 - Enchanted Forest

The original scope of this project has been reviewed and it has been concluded that there needs to be some revisions made to what was originally proposed if the original outputs of 1,000 families and 2,250 children are to be achieved.

Brandon Country Park raised concerns that the venue simply does not have the infrastructure (car park etc) to accommodate such numbers. To address these concerns it is now proposed to split the event into two 'Enchanted' events as follows:

An **Enchanted Heath** event which will be hosted at West Stow Country Park and which will build on the success of this year's Big Brecks Fest.

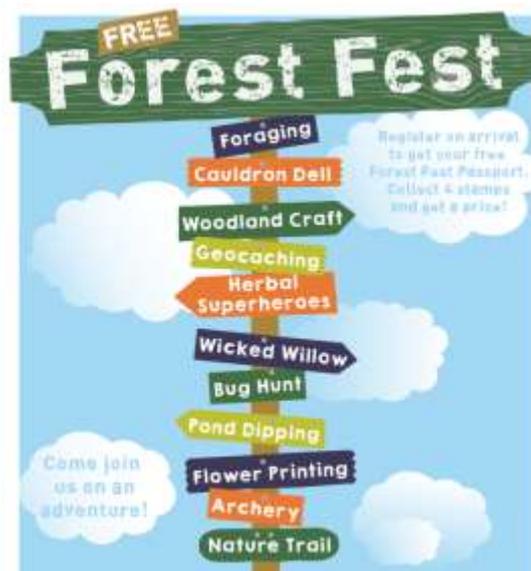
An **Enchanted Forest** Event which will be a smaller scale evening event in the woods at Brandon Country Park.

We have not yet drawn up any detailed plans for the events but these will follow in the coming months.

B3 - Family Fun Day

After the success of the first event, the date for the second family Fun day, now titled “Forest Fest” has been set as Friday 21st August, capturing families towards the end of the summer holidays.

The event will celebrate the forest with a variety of interactive and immersive events and experiences: Cauldron Dell allows fire lighting, bread making and marshmallow toasting over an open fire; Wicked Willow will make dream catchers, Art with Hammers and flower pressing; Pond Dipping and Bug Hunting will explore the nature within the Brecks; Herbal Superheroes will explore edible herbs with Secret Tea Tastings and Herb Safaris; Woodland Crafts will capture people’s feelings about the forest and the Brecks in paintings on canvas which are then free styled stitched for a 3-D effect; Archery and Geocaching will explore the wider forest.



Forest Fest advertising poster showing activities

Visitors will register on arrival and collect a passport. On completing tasks their passports will get stamped and if they collect a minimum of 4 stamps they receive a goody bag, for which the contents are being considered. Before getting their prize visitors will need to complete a short questionnaire, capturing data for the project.

It is hoped that the event will attract 200 people.

B4 - Wildlife Recorders of Tomorrow

Resources have continued to be developed in this period, updating the species surveillance handbook and developing other web resources, including the Wildlife Recorders of Tomorrow web area and online recording survey forms.

An article in ‘Your Norfolk’ that goes to all households in Norfolk was published to attract more volunteers for the project from which there was reasonable response/interest. Emails went out to parish clerks and local volunteer/voluntary groups for interest too.

A planning article for the August NBIS e-bulletin is in development, plus the departmental bulletin and looking into press release through NCC.

Working with another BNG project ‘Breaking New Ground in the School Grounds’ to help with production of some of the resources. Also working to agree connections and joint events with various other projects.

Species surveillance site identification under way, including access permissions etc.



Butterfly net and 2x moth traps recovered from long-term lone to volunteers outside BNG area. Assessment made of equipment and resource requirements. Purchase of required resources and equipment to be made in Q3.

Embryonic plans have been made for a Little Ouse invasive species survey.

Programme C

C1 - Brecks Forest Way

Fingerposts and waymark posts have been delivered for the 5 circular walks Lynford, Weeting, Santon Downham, Thetford Warren Lodge and Thetford Abbey Heath. Installation is planned for July/August 2015. Manufacture is currently underway for the linear route signage.



The fingerposts awaiting their waymark discs.

Quotes for the supply and manufacture of waymark discs and branding were requested from 3 contractors and a supplier has been appointed. Designs for the discs and plaques have been drafted and forwarded to the graphics company. Proofs will be supplied and circulated to the BNG Team for their amendment/agreement prior to final production.

Suffolk County Council has liaised with the contractor to organise the bridge removal and replacement at Brandon, which is scheduled for summer 2015 (June/July).

Two meetings have been held with FC and EA to discuss river restoration works between Santon Downham and Brandon. A third meeting will be arranged during July/August 2015 to discuss progress, delivery and impact of works in further detail. As previously stated, this work is due to commence in late September or October and followed by bridleway improvements.

The contract for boardwalk installation at Two Mile Bottom/Croxtan Staunth has been awarded. Works are likely to commence during the autumn. Step removal/ramp construction at Santon Downham for accessibility will require further discussion and investigation with the contractor on site and a meeting will be arranged in the near future.

C2 - Brecks Earth Heritage Trail

No activity this quarter to report.

C3 - Brecks Rides

Natural England requires a Habitat Regulation Assessment on the route, with particular attention being paid to the section of the trail that passes Lakenheath Warren. Francesca Clarke and David Falk conducted a site visit with Sue Hooton (Natural England) and are now awaiting the results of this assessment. Francesca and David also met with Anne Mason from Friends of Thetford Forest who provided historical information for the area which will provide the basis of research for information to be included in promotional material. A 15 mile section (from Brandon Country Park to West Stow Country Park) was included as a walk during the Suffolk Walking Festival. The walk was

led twice and in total 82 people walked the trail. This was an opportunity for us to test a section of the trail and extremely positive feedback was received.

C4 - Wings Over The Brecks

This quarter, the Woodlark nest finding for camera placement (live footage April onward) has been ongoing and will continue into July and August with live feeds being available from June. The Hobby nest camera was checked from last year, with the hope of catching all of breeding cycle if they use same nest structure when birds return in May (if birds do not use same structure, then this camera will be redeployed in early August on to the new nest). The goshawk camera was relocated as a new nest was constructed this season after volunteers spent time searching for a suitable nest to host the camera for a worthwhile timescale before chicks fledged. Live footage of the female chick (sadly only one egg hatched) has been streaming at High Lodge, where visitors have been treated to views of the parents and the family feasting on pigeons - perhaps not the best viewing for lunch hour! The goshawk chick- dubbed Boudicca, successfully fledged during the second weekend in June, so fingers crossed she will be seen again and successfully raise young of her own.



Nestcam display at High Lodge

The project display panels are in place at High Lodge and we now have a project leaflet featuring the star species of the project, where to see them and information about the project. A launch event was held on 25th May, featuring a project stand and lots of nature themed activities including nature trails, informational talks, guided walks, bug hunting, owl pellet dissecting, bush crafts, bird ringing and craft activities. 328 adults and 423 children were engaged at the stand, 75 people were engaged by volunteers at the nestcam display and a further 694 families were engaged through fliers and volunteers promoting the activities and footage. A project roaming display is being set up with archived

footage around the Brecks so that local people can view the footage outside of High Lodge and Weeting Heath.

At Weeting Heath, the Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) set up their camera on the heath and were successful in securing the first ever live camera footage of stone curlews on their nest. This was streamed live to their visitor centre and recorded footage was sent to High Lodge in Thetford Forest. The footage has provided a fantastic window into their nesting behaviour but also featured the antics of the reserves other wildlife including a lapwing family and rabbits chasing their arch enemy- the stoat. The now celebrity stone-curlews managed to successfully hatch their chicks and to date the chicks can be seen out on the heath from the hides. A display board for Weeting Heath has been finalised and due for imminent installation.

The Wings over the Brecks volunteer team is going from strength to strength with the activity filled



Nest camera with excited SWT staff prior to installation!

project stands, live interpretation of the footage and lots of exciting events coming up at High Lodge over the summer.

An exciting goshawk tagging project taking place with the BTO. Ian Henderson, Senior Research Ecologist provides a sneak preview below:

“The Goshawk is a secretive and exciting species, with iconic status within the Brecks. Cameras have been installed on active nests within the forest to view nest activities and prey selection. GPS loggers will be attached to a small sample of

individuals to track their patterns of movements throughout the year, providing information on habitat use, home range and dispersal. For example, immature birds in particular may move far beyond The Brecks!”

C5 - The Brecks Heritage Trail

No activity this quarter to report.

C6 - Revealing the Landscape – LiDAR

The critical data capture flight was undertaken during this quarter. The flight was programmed for winter when minimal vegetation masks the terrain, but clear skies were also needed to get worthwhile results. Access to a large part of the survey area is controlled by military interests so arranging times when the weather was perfect and the plane wouldn't be at risk of stray bullets proved quite difficult! Fugro BKS, the survey contractors, persevered, completing the flight in the nick of time.

Forest Research, the data contractors, have carried out field work across a set of sample locations throughout the forest to assess the vegetation conditions and to review the type of historic and natural features they can expect



Flight lines of the LiDAR scanning plane over the Brecks landscape

the survey to reveal. The next stage is for Forest Research to process the data in a way that highlights the subtle changes in ground form and minimises the interference of vegetation.

C7 - Digital Access to The Brecks

The BNG website continues to grow and work will be carried out soon to minimise the number of clicks to get to certain pages in some areas. All active projects have dedicated pages and all relevant project information is available on-line. Further briefs for specific interpretative Apps are in development. An on-line booking and payment system is under development as an in-kind contribution by SCC to help manage the booking process for BNG events, activities and workshops etc. Our social media presence continues to grow but this will be pushed heavily in the next quarter.

C8 - The Brecks from Above

Minimal preparatory activity only as the project is not yet fully underway. Time has been primarily spent on liaison regarding use of LIDAR and setting up a future outreach event.

C9 - Connecting The Brecks with its Archives

Preparatory work continues for the first of two year-long Breaking New Ground exhibitions to be held at Ancient House Museum in Thetford. Planning meetings have been held with designers and partners. Volunteers have started assessing collections in preparation of a display object list. An agreement has been reached for the loan of a flint necklace from Moyses Hall Museum in Bury St Edmunds. Social media continues to be used to promote the work around flint in the Brecks.

The first exhibition '*Flint Rocks: Everything you wanted to find out about flint but were afraid to ask*' is planned to run from 21st November 2015 to 29th October 2016. The opening event will be on the afternoon of Friday 20th November 2015. This is included in the new site leaflet.

The second exhibition will be '*Stories from the Brecks*' and focus on the lives of people from the area such as rabbit warreners and forestry workers. This second display will run from November 2016 until October 2017.

An unusual aspect of the exhibition plans is to include a few exhibits of prehistoric Japanese obsidian from the 'museum twin', the museum of obsidian in Nagawa Machi in Japan due to the very similar properties it has with flint. This connection is building and the people of Nagawa are planning to ship over 200kg of Brecks flint to build into a new civic building in the town, due to open in the autumn. Flint knappers John Lord and David Smith have been working on the panel and David has been over to Japan to meet with the team in Nagawa.

A deputation from Nagawa visited Thetford in June and plans were firmed up for inclusion of prehistoric obsidian in the Flint Rocks display to provide an international context.

C10 - Journal of Brecks Studies

No activity this quarter to report.

C11 - Beastly Brecks

The project will now be delivered entirely 2016, as opposed to splitting it over 2015 and 2016.

Plans are ongoing but the initial idea is to deliver the tour to 20 schools either side of the Big Brecks Fest which would become the main public event. The play could also be performed at other local events but more research needs to be done about this possibility.

The brief for the play has been finalised after consultation with two professional theatre companies.

Advice was sought from Creative Arts East on suitable theatre companies to tender brief to and a meeting arranged with Tangram Theatre Company in July to discuss project.

C12 - Upon this Rock Geology Day School

No activity this quarter to report.

C13 – The Big Brecks Fest

The Big Brecks Fest (BBF), a heritage skills open weekend at West Stow Country Park was held on the 5/6 April 2015 in the Anglo-Saxon Village to an incredible attendance of over 1500 visitors over the two days.

The visitors were able to learn more about and try their hand at heritage building crafts and professionals were available to network with other professionals and

encourage greater awareness to the general public about building skills in the region. BBF enabled visitors to have a go at willow weaving, thatching, lime mortar preparation, brick walling and splitting wood among other things. Other activities included Brecks animal themed face painting, members of the Sandlines project acting as story tellers retelling poems of the local landscape.

250 free online tickets were provided, tickets over and above this were charged at £3 per entry and the money ring-fenced to put on the same event next year and hopefully continual years henceforth.



The Big Brecks Fest at West Stow Anglo Saxon Village over the Easter Weekend

C14 - Flint in The Brecks

N/A This project is complete.

C15 - Brecks' Warrens and Lodges

This project is on hold pending the LiDAR data from C6 – Revealing the Landscape.

C16 - Sheep in The Brecks

This project is not yet active.

C17 - Brecks Military History

This project is not yet active.

C18 - Creatively Interpreting The Brecks

The fifth workshop in the series of twelve 'Painting Wild Flowers in Watercolour' was attended by 19 people with a very informative talk about Brecks geology and history by Neal Armour-Chelu from the Forestry Commission.

Red Campion plants were drawn and painted using fresh specimens with demonstrations on various interpretative techniques.

The four best were selected for a later exhibition. Two public exhibitions were held, displaying work done at the 2014 workshops, one at Brandon Country Park and the other at West Stow.

Some quotes from the workshop:

"I think it was excellent and I am more aware of the natural state of the area and the unusual flowers found".

"...the expertise available from the tutors and how well the day was organised".

"I know 100% more about the Brecks than before I came, and have lived here for 10 years...!"



The exhibition at Brandon Country Park showcases a variety of pieces produced from previous workshops



Efforts will continue with further workshops to widen the audience and introduce the next generation to creatively interpret the Brecks area.

C19 - Landscape Revolution

This quarter, work has mostly concentrated on drawing together the maps and datasets, setting up the various GIS files, planning the workshops and setting up the research toolkit. A more detailed report on plans will be delivered in the next quarter.

Programme D

D1 - Discovering the Archaeology of The Brecks

Following a busy first quarter, the second quarter of the year saw the delivery of a single workshop entitled 'Brecks and Mortar'. This session was held in Munford Village Hall on 25th April and was delivered by a team of specialists from the Norfolk Historic Environment Service. The event was very well received and preparations are under way to repeat the session in both Norfolk and Suffolk later this year.



The group learning about Brecks architecture at Cranwich Church

In the morning the attendees had talks by Stephen Heywood, an Architectural Historian. Stephen initially spoke about some of the historic buildings here in the Brecks.

'Techniques of Manual Building Recording' initiated attendees into the use of the 'wobbly stick', used to measure heights in buildings amongst other techniques used to measure various things.

In the afternoon the group visited West Hall, Mundford, where the owner has given permission to show the group such features as a carved beam brought from Thetford Priory after the Dissolution.

After a walk through Mundford, Stephen took the group to St Leonard's Church where the wobbly stick was put to use. Stephen showed everyone how to measure the dimensions of a building using a line.

A follow up day is planned to continue teaching people about building recording techniques.

Quotes from the day:

"Cranwich church is one, as I want to see the window made from a single piece of limestone, also the Kings House in Thetford to see if I can spot the fragments of masonry from Thetford Priory included in the fabric of the building. Somewhere there is a 12th century lion to be found."

"A fascinating day, I learned so much and the time just flew by. Each of these events opens up new avenues of knowledge to be explored and enriches my appreciation of the world around me."

Also, during this quarter, the Suffolk County Council Archaeological Service and Norfolk Historic Environment staff involved in the delivery of the project have been planning the week-long archaeological test-pitting workshop which is due to take place at West Stow during July 2015.

Staff have also had a regular input into the Ground Disturbance and Brecks from Above BNG projects.

D2 - Caring for the Built Heritage of The Brecks

The last of the 6 day schools 'From the Ground Up' was delivered at West Stow on 11th April. West Stow Centre Manager and Orchard Barn volunteers have continued to make and fit shingles to the roof of the structure that was made as the practical component of the training days.



Volunteers at the end of a tough day of shingle making and fitting

The 6 day schools have been reviewed and budget agreed for the next set which will run later this year and next year.

Plans for a video record of the project are being put in place along with the official 'opening' of the structure.

D3 - Heritage Skills Work Placements

This project is not yet active.

D4 - Geological Landscapes - Land Manager's Day School

This project is not yet active.

D5 - Communicating the Ice Age Brecks Day Schools

On 25th April, a fully booked troop of 30 attendees came along to the Ice Age Brecks day school. The day school focussed on the contribution that successive warm and cold periods have made to life and landscape in the area, as well as introduced participants to the evidence for environmental change, not forgetting the story of earliest human occupation. Topics included past verdant forests and chilly tundra, to now extinct hippopotami and woolly mammoths and generally how the Brecks area has seen great changes in its landscape and wildlife over the last 500,000 years.

The day school included specialist presentations in the morning by geologists Dr Peter Allen and Tim Holt-Wilson. This was followed by a field trip (by coach and on foot) to discover some key sites and assisted by flint knapping specialist John Lord who wowed the groups with his Neolithic skills!



Examining Ice Age landscape features at Abbey Heath.



Flint axe head made on the day by John Lord.

Some quotes from attendees to the day school:

"I live here and it really helped me understand the area"

"A real brain buzz!"

"It was all very interesting and will encourage me to explore further and look at the landscape with more understanding."

D6 - BNG in the School Grounds

The focus this quarter has been on recruiting the fifth and last remaining school and on running the remaining tree celebration events at the schools.

A fifth school, Thetford Grammar School, has signed up to the project. Thetford Grammar provides education for pupils aged 3 to 18 and they are keen to involve both year 6 and year 12 in the project, which gives us a unique opportunity to work with a group of mixed age learners. This fulfils our aim of engaging with a variety of educational providers.



Pupils planting a pine tree at Barnham School to leave a legacy of the project

Three tree celebration events have taken place at Barnham Primary School, IES Breckland and Drake Infant and Nursery School. The younger children went out in their grounds to collect items found within their ground such as seedpods, sticks, shells to use as decoration. They then returned to the classroom and using treasures found and a wide range of art materials they created items to decorate trees in their school ground. A young pine tree was also planted in the ground to symbolise the start

of the Breaking New Ground in the School Ground project. At IES Breckland, where we work with a smaller group of year 9 students, pupils potted up a pine tree sapling each to care for and were also involved in planting a young pine tree in the grounds.

D7 - Brecks Uncovered

Teacher training session offered to teachers and governors from all five schools taking part in the project; Drakes Infants, St Christophers, Elveden, Forest Academy and Glade. 17 teachers in total attended from Elveden and Forest Academy 22nd June 2015.

The programme is being developed to explore biodiversity, history, geology, archaeology, and culture and is to be delivered in the autumn term on Breckland sites or wildlife trust reserves near to the schools.



Teacher training in the forest

This quarter, NWT delivered the two of the five formal education site visits to Grimes Graves. (Redcastle Family Primary and Great Hockham Primary School). Pupils took part in surveying activities looking at Breckland plants in a quadrant, a guided walk around the site, animal detective activities where pupils identified bones, footprints, fur and feathers and feeding signs from a variety of animals; including deer and rabbits.

NWT also attended the Wings Over the Brecks nestcam launch event at High Lodge on 25th May to spread the word about the Brecks Uncovered project.

Some feedback below from the school visits to Grimes Graves:

"... thankyou to you, Jennifer, Steph and Marie (at English heritage) for allowing us to visit Grimes Graves and for providing such excellent workshops for the children. The sessions were well organised and the children remained engaged throughout. We all thoroughly enjoyed it and look forward to working with you all again."

D8 - Barnham Cross Common - Skills for the Future

Two macrophotography workshops have been delivered with another scheduled for early July.

One community event with another scheduled for summer.

Two schools workshop sessions with excellent feedback:

"The children really enjoyed all of the activities and learned a lot. Back in the classroom they could tell



Attendees enjoying the macrophotography workshop

me a huge amount about what they had found out. They were also very keen to write thank you letters (which are on their way!) to let you know what they had found especially interesting.”

