



COMMUNITY NEWS

from Groundwork East

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Welcome to the first community project eNews!

We have over three decades of experience in helping community groups create better and greener places. Over the years, we've seen the power that community projects have to create positive change in a local area and we champion and celebrate that.. We know that communities are made up of the people who live in them so we support those people to help the whole community thrive.

Here's a selection of our community project news, advice, and support from across the East of England.



Counting down to The Big Count

Join us to celebrate and investigate the River Lea in Luton. From 2-6pm on Friday 6 October, we'll be running free activities and giving away goodies at The Big Count in Wardown Park, Luton.

The event is part of a wider range of projects and activities that the Luton Lea Catchment partnership (hosted by Groundwork) is leading to improve the health of the River Lea.

[Find out more.](#)



Bags of Help for your project

Bags of Help is Tesco's exciting local community grant scheme where the money raised from the sale of carrier bags is being used to fund thousands of local projects in communities right across the UK.

Acle Land Trust received funding for a new path to make Damgate Woods accessible for all. Adam Fisher, Secretary of Acle Lands Trust, said: "I would highly encourage similar groups to apply."

[Find out more and apply.](#)



Creating greener communities

As its Recycle Week from 25 September, we're shining a light on our work with the Suffolk Waste Partnership (SWP). We're delivering on-the-ground resident waste reduction and recycling engagement activities in Ipswich, Lowestoft and Bury St Edmunds.

Our Green Champions have visited an impressive 4,300 properties to spread the message about what is recyclable and to help reduce food waste by extending the shelf life of fruit and veg. [Read more.](#)



Pride of Plate

Invite your friends, family or colleagues to get together for lunch on Friday 20 October to tuck in and raise money for Groundwork.

Pride of Plate is our national fundraising event and a celebration of what makes our communities special through the diversity of food. It's a chance for you to share a dish that is a taste of home to you - and for you to sample other people's treasured recipes.

[Find out how to get involved.](#)



The Landfill Communities Fund

We can help community groups to apply for funds to improve community facilities.

The Landfill Communities Fund is open to projects to improve publicly-accessible amenities or boost biodiversity. Typical grants range from £5,000 to £40,000, although different operators offer smaller and larger grants.

[Find funding near you.](#)



All the tools you need

We're sharing the tips, tools and tricks to make your project a success.

Whether you're planning to create - or improve - a park, playground, school grounds, community garden or other community space near you, we're here to help you turn your plans into reality.

[Use the project toolkit.](#)

Groundwork is changing places and changing lives, one green step at a time. Want to sign up for other news? [Take your pick.](#)



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