

Suffolk Ponds Group Aims		
Aim	Details	Added value of Suffolk Ponds Group
Pond restoration/creation	With an emphasis on prioritising pond restorations. Through direct funding; Access to third party funding (e.g. DLL). Through provision of high quality advice.	Maintain list of high priority ponds for restoration/creation. Pre-engagement with landowner. Shared experience of group to enable highest quality advice.
Coordinated pond ecological network	Volunteer led mapping. Open 'register' of Suffolk pond sites - via questionnaire. Identifying ghost ponds. Prioritisation at landscape scale, in keeping with Lawton principle, 'bigger, better, more joined up'.	Facilitate access to pond network information for SPG partners to deliver environmental outcomes.
Collaboration	Multiple organisations working on pond restoration, creation, research and education.	Organisations able to learn from experience of others in the group, achieve more by sharing resources, make the most of opportunities between organisations and write joint funding bids to improve strength of applications
ELMS / Agri-environment uptake	Widespread interest in Suffolk in the restoration and creation of ponds will increase viability of landowners accessing agri-environment funding, especially for large scale landowner partnerships.	Larger and more co-ordinated network.
Practitioner training	Delivering specific training days to pond creation practitioners (contractors and others).	Coordinated delivery to wider audience.
Pond research	via Universities - collaborative with Norfolk Ponds Group.	Publish and disseminate information widely, greater network of ponds available for research purposes.
Pond wildlife education	Educating the public and landowners on the ecological importance of ponds in farmland.	More opportunities for events by promotion at different organisations usual programmes, a co-ordinated set of educational materials shared between organisations
Pond heritage conservation and education	Restoring ponds will also be restoring heritage, and offer a multi-faceted educational opportunity, looking at local heritage and natural history at the same time as food production, ecosystems etc.	Wider network of potential beneficiaries, increased credibility from the outside looking in as a strong partnership project.
Local community involvement	Delivering pond restoration and creation may be a good opportunity to involve local communities and develop interest in nature, could also be a source of volunteers.	Larger and more co-ordinated network.
Pond monitoring	via network of volunteers	Volunteers able to access ponds delivered by a wide range of partners