



The Pickerel Project

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The Stowmarket River Corridors Regeneration Project

Vision:

To bring new life to the rivers which flow through Stowmarket by opening up the river corridors and re-connecting them with the local community.

Objectives:

1. To coordinate the activities by relevant stakeholders in order to achieve the following:
 - To put life back into the Stowmarket river corridors making them places the town can be proud of.
 - Improve and enhance the wildlife habitats along the river corridors.
 - Create additional and usable public open space in the heart of the town.
 - Extend access opportunities to the river corridors for all.
 - Improve the well-being of the people who live, work and visit the town by making the Corridors a destination feature and an open-air recreational opportunity.
 - Develop the river corridors into the main arteries for safe pedestrian and cycle movement within the town, connecting to all parts of the town, existing and planned.
 - Develop opportunities for picnicking, fishing, walking and cycling.
 - Establish new routes from which to explore the countryside beyond the town's boundaries.
 - Enhance the tourism attraction of the town.
 - Provide signage and information where appropriate.
 - Improve education by bringing life to the towns' rich industrial heritage.
 - Community engagement.
 - Youth engagement.
2. To secure grant funding to support the points listed at 1 above.
3. To work with local planners and to lobby local developers to undertake river corridor and foot path network enhancement works as part of s.106/CIL requirements as applicable.
4. To develop a long term management plan for the Stowmarket river corridors.
5. To explore the possibilities of restoring the navigation of the Stowmarket river corridor.
6. To raise awareness of the Stowmarket river corridors in the local community.