

Members' Newsletter No. 16 – 27th June 2013

Tattingstone Solar Farm

Despite the proposal for a major solar farm on the Shotley Peninsula being turned down unanimously by Babergh District Council, the developers have announced that they are likely to appeal. A separate letter has been sent to all members setting out a brief summary of the situation and how your Committee intends to respond.

We urge anyone who has not already responded to make their opinion known to Babergh District Council either in writing or by email to planningcontrol@babergh.gov.uk.

Archaeological Site Listing

The field off Coxhall Road where the Tattingstone Solar Farm was to be sited is known to have considerable archaeological significance.

If anyone knows anything about investigations carried out there in the past, or is a member of a local archaeological society which has any information, please let us know. It may be that this archaeological interest will justify designation of all or part of the site as a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Landscape Character Assessment Completed

The survey commissioned last summer at a cost of £10,000 by the Stour & Orwell Society has been completed. It is now being circulated within the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB, who provided a 50% grant which made the survey possible.

The survey will shortly be posted on the Society's website so that it is easily available to anyone interested in reading its assessment and conclusions.

Stour & Orwell Forum

The Stour & Orwell Estuaries Management Group are now reviewing the Management Strategy and would really appreciate your views, ideas and experiences to help us shape the future management of these wonderful estuaries. Please could you spare 5 minutes to fill in the survey by logging onto the link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/StourandOrwellSurvey>

Summer Party

Our annual summer party will be held on Friday 5th July 2013 in The Orangery at Crowe Hall in Stutton. An invitation has been sent to all Members and space is limited to 70 – so please reply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely

Rodney Chadburn
Honorary Secretary
The Stour and Orwell Society