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The CANAPE Summer Newsletter

Summer has come to the land of CANAPE. Although not as hot and dry as last year, low water levels are still prevalent at several of our sites. If hot, dry summers are now indeed the new normal, this underlines the need to restore the hydrology of peatland to guard against wildfires.

As reported in the last newsletter, our new Charcoal burner has arrived in the Broads. Since its first arrival, it has produced over 1.5 tons of sustainable BBQ charcoal, from 4 different locations. This has now gone on sale for the first time, and been showcased at the Royal Norfolk Show, the UK's largest agricultural show.

Planning and preparation at Barver Moor in Germany has continued with the launch of the tenders for the construction works, now planned for this autumn. This site will be used to produce sphagnum, a potential replacement for peat based compost.

Back in the Broads, soil improver made from reed cut at the How Hill Nature Reserve was applied to Farmshare, a farming collective near Norwich. It is now being used to grow vegetables for the people of Norwich.



From waste reed to improved soil

How to improve soil without using environmentally harmful peat based composts? Managing for their biodiversity benefits creates a large amount of waste biomass. Trials with Farmshare in Norfolk have begun to see if this can be a benefit to

Getting ready for construction at Barver Moor - we reported in the last newsletter on the removal of the birch trees from the site to allow for construction to progress. Now 4 tenders have been published for construction of the earthworks, hydrology and power supply this autumn.

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Getting the public involved.

The summer is the perfect time for being outdoors, and CANAPE is offering 2 chances for the wider public to get hands on with peat. [A bioblitz is being held at Store Vildmose in Denmark on the 23rd of August.](#) (Site in Danish)



Bagged up and ready to go

farmers.

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CARE-PEAT

We all care for our peatlands, so we were excited to attend the launch of the CARE-PEAT project in Manchester, led by CANAPE Partner Natuurpunt. This project is focusing on restoration of bogs, and the launch included a visit to a trial sphagnum farm in Lancashire, UK. For more information about the care peat project, [visit their website here.](#)



Meanwhile in the UK, a family friendly [Peatland Discovery Zone](#) is being launched at the How Hill Nature Reserve, to showcase the importance of peat.

In the last newsletter we reported that we had begun to make charcoal. Now we have made 1.5 tons of product from 4 sites, and have made our first sales, including an exhibit at the Royal Norfolk Show. For more information, including a [short video](#) of our production process, [visit our charcoal page here.](#)



£5 of benefit for every £1 spent on peatland restoration - the UK Office for National Statistics has calculated the climate benefits of restoring peatlands, and found a return of £5 for every £1 spent. [You can find the full report here.](#)

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