

CANAPE Newsletter Issue 4

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Welcome to the CANAPE Autumn Newsletter

With a touch of frost hitting the ground this week, Autumn has definitely arrived. However the shorter days and cold weather doesn't mean any letup for us.

The CANAPE partners have used the summer to get the public out and about on our peatlands, gathering valuable data for us and learning about the value that these ecosystems provide to them. This work will continue through the autumn, although we may need slightly thicker socks inside our wellies.

As reported in our last newsletter, the first product hit the market this summer with the sale of sustainable wetland charcoal. This has continued, albeit with packaging redesigns to take account of customer feedback, and we are confident that a good product has been produced that will lead to a sustainable long term business.

Meanwhile designs for some of our sites have moved rapidly forward. The designs for the sphagnum form at Barver Moor have been completed, ready for construction over the winter. These designs can be viewed in the [project output library](#). Likewise the Measures Plan for Zuidlaardermeer is nearly ready for construction works to begin.

The colder weather is ideal for the peatland lakes side of the project, as lower

water temperatures provide a guard against accidentally triggering algal blooms, allowing us to start construction work again.



Peat to the People!!!

For peatlands to have a sustainable future, the wider public need to understand the importance of peatlands. Therefore this summer CANAPE gave them the chance to learn more about the value of peatlands. At the same time this helped us gather important data through Citizen Science.

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The drying of European Peatlands

A timely reminder of the importance of the work we are doing came in October, with the publication of a study on trends in European wetlands. The website carbonbrief.org has produced a good explainer [here](#).



CANAPE visits Kalmthoutse Heide

At the beginning of October the project partners came together in the beautiful setting of the Grenspark Kalmthoutse Heide, on the Dutch-Belgian Border. This included a visit to our largest restoration site, the De Nol bog.

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Coming up

Those of you that have been following the CANAPE project for the last 12 months will remember that we spent last winter constructing the first part of our new wetland at Hickling Broad. Now our equipment is making its journey back to begin work for the next six months.



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. If you would like any further information about the project, please don't hesitate to contact harry.mach@broads-authority.gov.uk



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