

To Whom it May Concern/ Grants Team

2nd February 2026

SUBJECT: Letter of Support – Redgrave Woodland Community Nature Recovery Project

I am writing as County Councillor for the Hartismere Division in Suffolk which includes Rickinghall Ward, to offer my strong support for Redgrave Parish Council's application to the Community Nature Recovery Grants scheme. The intended use of a grant is for the purchase and restoration of a small woodland site in the centre of Redgrave village.

The project fits well with the Suffolk County Council's Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), recently published following extensive public consultation [Local Nature Recovery Strategy \(LNRS\) - Suffolk County Council](#). The aim of our LNRS is to act as a toolkit to assist land managers farmers, and planners and to help reverse some of the decline that has been taking place in recent years. LNRS objectives include aligning local and neighbourhood plans and other spatial strategies with countywide objectives, supporting funding applications for nature recovery projects, and encouraging local community groups, schools and homeowners focused on nature recovery.

Reference to Suffolk's Habitat Map shows the importance and richness of habitats in the area of Redgrave and its surroundings in the Waveney Valley - [Suffolk Local Habitat Map](#). This project would support the County Council's objectives to conserve and improve connectivity of local habitats throughout the County and across the boundary into Norfolk. Securing the woodland in community ownership will ensure its long-term protection and enable ongoing management for wildlife.

Redgrave Parish Council has demonstrated a clear understanding of both the broader ecological and local community value of this site and has developed sound plans to ensure its future continuity.

I fully support this application and encourage the Council to look favourably upon it.

Yours sincerely,



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