

The Art of Saving Sand Dunes; Threatened Coastal Habitat Celebrated in Lincolnshire Community Art Exhibition

Throughout October, the 'Art of Saving Sand Dunes' exhibition will take place across Lincolnshire, curated to celebrate and shine a spotlight on the cultural and ecological importance of sand dunes.

When healthy, sand dunes are home to a myriad of fascinating and rare coastal species, such as the natterjack toad. However, sand dunes are one of the most threatened habitats in Europe in terms of biodiversity loss due to encroaching farmland, development, and stabilisation of what should be an ever-changing landscape.

As part of the dune-restoring Dynamic DunesCAPES project, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust has worked with schools, student societies, residential care homes, holiday makers and community support groups, to create artworks that will be shown in the 'Art of saving Sand Dunes' exhibition.

Six free events will be held in total, across three venues:

- 15th and 16th October 2022 – The Natural World Centre, Whisby Nature Park
- 22nd and 23rd October – The North Sea Observatory, Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park
- 29th and 30th October – The Coastguard Station, Gibraltar Point National Nature Reserve

Lydia Edwards is the exhibition's Curator:

"Two of my biggest passions are art and nature. I'm so glad I get the chance to combine both of these for Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and Dynamic DunesCAPES in this mixed media exhibition. We must value and take care of the world around us in all its beauty, so that it is still here for future generations"

The exhibition will feature a range of paintings, prints, photographs, poetry and an animation inspired by the sand dunes on the Lincolnshire coast.

Award-winning environmental 'artist', Alicia Hayden, has worked with Dynamic DunesCAPES this year and is displaying some of her works as part of the exhibition.

"I use my art to create pieces which showcase the beauty of the natural world, with the hope of inspiring people to protect it. I wanted to create a piece for the Dynamic DunesCAPES' project which reflected the wild beauty of the sand dunes, as well as linking to my poetry book, "Every Dune is a Mountain", which I produced as part of the project.

By layering colours and textures, I hope to create a piece which people have to spend a moment looking at – hopeful inspiring them to stop for a moment when they next visit sand dunes, and appreciate the wildlife which lives within them.”

Dynamic Dunescapes is an ambitious project restoring sand dunes across the UK for people, communities and wildlife, which is working to bring back dynamic natural processes to these landscapes. In Lincolnshire, the project works at Saltfleetby-Theddlethorpe NNR, Gibraltar Point NNR, and at Cleethorpes. Dynamic Dunescapes is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and EU LIFE programme and involves seven partners including Natural England and Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust is a voluntary charitable organisation which cares for Lincolnshire's wildlife and countryside. Founded in 1948, the Trust covers the whole of the historic county of Lincolnshire - from the Humber to the Wash.

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Contact & Media Requests

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Image 1: A dune landscape print created by Year 11 Creative Art Enrichment group at Lincoln Christ's Hospital School, which will be part of the exhibition.

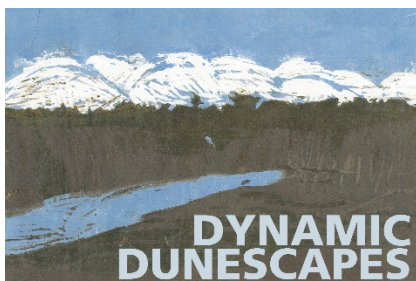


Image 2: A dune-inspired print created by Year 11 Creative Art Enrichment group at Lincoln Christ's Hospital School, which will be part of the exhibition.

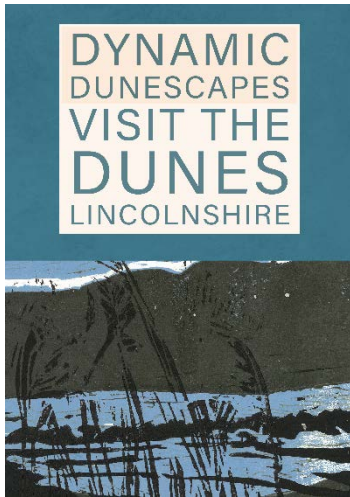
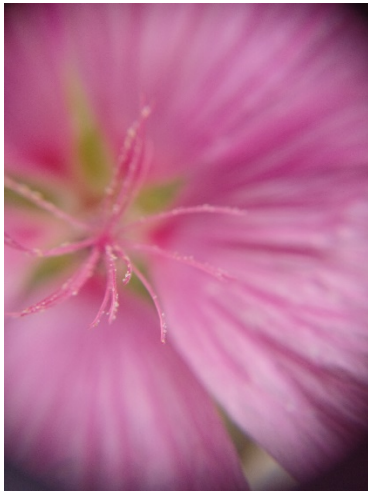


Image 3: An image of a flower taken at a macro photography workshop with Skegness Ability Group



Notes for Editors:

About Dynamic Dunescapes

Dynamic Dunescapes is a partnership project restoring sand dunes across England and Wales for the benefit of wildlife, people and communities, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the EU LIFE Programme. Project partners are Natural England, Plantlife, National Trust, Natural Resources Wales, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust and Cumbria Wildlife Trust.

The coastal dunes of England and Wales are internationally important habitats for wildlife, listed as one of the most threatened environments in Europe for biodiversity loss. These dunes are a sanctuary to rare species like the fen orchid, natterjack toad and sand lizard. But, dune management messaging supporting dune stabilisation over many decades has meant that dunes have become overgrown with vegetation. We now realise that this is putting protected wildlife at risk. Healthy sand dunes need to be free to move and be

dynamic. Many species need areas of open sand to thrive, so this project will bring life back to the dunes by creating areas of open sand. Other specialised creatures need us to improve the dune slacks, as these often water-filled dips behind the dunes are important habitats for amphibians and birds. Invasive species will also be removed from the dunes and dune grasslands, to improve conditions for rare native plants to flourish. We will work with skilled local and national experts, and involve schools and local groups, volunteers and visitors of all ages and abilities to help rejuvenate our dunes.

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About Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust has worked for over 70 years protecting wildlife and wild places, and educating, influencing and empowering people to take action for wildlife. We manage almost 100 of the best sites for wildlife in Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and North-East Lincolnshire. With the support of our members, we are helping to secure the future of many important habitats and species, making Lincolnshire wilder and ensuring that nature is part of everyone's lives.

We are one of 46 locally based Wildlife Trusts with more than 870,000 members and 38,000 volunteers. No matter where you are in Britain, there is a Wildlife Trust. Visit www.lincstrust.org.uk