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Outstanding award for Stonebridge

Action for the River Kennet (ARK) was thrilled to accept an award for achieving Outstanding (the highest level) for Stonebridge Wild River Reserve, including Stonebridge Meadow, Marlborough in the It's Your Neighbourhood awards at a the South West in Bloom ceremony held last week in Taunton.

The meadow is jointly owned by ARK and Marlborough Town Council. The project was described as 'excellent throughout'. The judges particularly praised the exceptional level of public involvement and community engagement. Their comments included references to the huge diversity of wildlife present, good links with local schools, the conservation grazing sheep, the wetland and the extensive tree planting to create a native hedge for wildlife.

"Stonebridge is a long-term project and has had, and continues to have, input from so many individuals and groups of all ages. Most of it would be impossible without our brilliant volunteers, who muck in to a variety of tasks in all weathers, throughout the seasons. From river restoration to hedge maintenance, litter picking to wildlife surveying. I would also like to acknowledge the input from Marlborough Town Council, particularly Head Groundsman Richard Beale.", said ARK Project Officer Anna Forbes.

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Notes to editors: Stonebridge Meadow is owned and managed jointly by Action for the River Kennet and Marlborough Town Council. It is part of the Stonebridge Wild River Reserve, which is run by Action for the River Kennet and includes land leased from the St John's Foundation Trust.

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