



Power lines going underground in Dedham Vale AONB



More than four miles of low voltage overhead network, plus 75 wooden poles, are being removed at various locations in the Dedham Vale AONB over the next three years. As walkers and wildlife know, the cables impact the views of the countryside from public footpaths including the Stour Valley Path and the Essex Way.

The first stage started in March 2008 at Stratford St Mary. Specialist machinery was used to directionally drill under the river Stour to bury cables below the river bed. Further work on the East Bergholt to Dedham phase will take about six weeks.

The work is being carried out by sub-contractors Morrison for EDF Energy, as part of a £2.9m scheme in the East of England funded by industry regulator Ofgem.



"After all the preparatory work, and co-operation from the landowners, we are very pleased to see this work underway. It will have a really positive impact on our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty." - Katherine Blake, Project Manager for Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project.

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