

# GreenSnape news

## June 2020



*Previously a spoil heap from the tennis court construction, the Rugosa roses planted by GreenSnape volunteers at Snape playing field in Nov 2018 look fantastic now and the scent is wonderful.*

During what has been a difficult time for a great many people, there have been some compensations. The lack of road and air traffic has produced clearer skies and cleaner air, while the reduction in verge cutting has led to some splendid wildflower displays. Having had to cancel our 10 May Botany Marshes walk, we hope to have the consolation of seeing masses of wildflowers on our socially-distanced Snape Marshes orchid walks this Wednesday. We are having to be quite flexible regarding our scheduled events, and the current position is as follows:

**Midsummer evening barbecue 19 June** – this will not take place, but we are hopeful of being able to rearrange, probably in August, if restrictions are eased sufficiently.

**Visit to Bedfield Hall 24 July** – Lesley & Derek Walduck will visit the hall on Tues 9 June at the request of the owner, Timothy Easton, who is keen to demonstrate the measures they are taking to comply with restrictions. We hope to be able to go ahead with the visit, should restrictions relax sufficiently to allow it. Separate email to follow.

**Hayraking work party on Snape Marshes mid August** – we are in the hands of Suffolk Wildlife Trust on this one. Again, this will be dependent on the prevailing restrictions.

Some things are rolling on, including an important development regarding Scottish Power and National Grid's proposal to build some huge power buildings at Friston. Rather than holding public meetings in the usual way, the Planning Inspectorate is seriously considering going ahead with virtual meetings and hearings using online technology. Our view is that virtual hearings cannot replace physical hearings and would weaken public participation further. Interested Parties should have received an email from the Planning Inspectorate seeking your views—please make sure you **complete and submit their questionnaire by 5pm this Thursday 11 June.**

With very best wishes from **GreenSnape** Committee