

# **GreenSnape Community Group**

## **Summary of activities April 2021 -April 2022**

Another busy and successful year for **GreenSnape**, with lots of activities for our membership of over 100 and a healthy financial position. We've been working as ever to make our village a nicer place for people and wildlife and nowhere is it more evident than on our verges, which have just seen a wonderful display of colourful spring bulbs – good for insects and good to look at.

We ran a total of 17 events, including:

- planting 2,800 snowdrops in our verges, a new addition to the annual display
- the introduction into our verges of wildflowers, including oxeye daisies, wild carrot, common knapweed and cowslips.
- continued work to bring out the best in Priory Wood, which we manage on behalf of the parish council. We were particularly pleased at the unexpected appearance of 14 bee orchids and four pyramidal orchids, with hopes for more in 2022.



**Priory Wood work party  
Bee orchids & wild strawberries**

- Raking hay and collecting and sowing many thousands of Southern Marsh orchid and yellow rattle seeds on Snape Marshes, on the meadow alongside the gate on the Carnser.

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- renovation of the bus shelter area on Church Common, including planting four native trees (two hawthorn, two blackthorn), 23m of mixed conservation hedging and hundreds of plug plants suited to the area's status as a County Wildlife Site. Huge thanks to the Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB's generous grant from the Amenity & Accessibility Fund and to Suffolk County Council's Ecologist, Seph Pochin for his advice on plant species.



### **Church Common planting work party, and completed project**

- installation of 10 blue tit and 10 great tit bird boxes and 23 bat boxes on Snape Common (along Priory Road). Two of the bird boxes were occupied within a few days of installation!

- a number of well-supported social/informative events, including orchid walks on Snape Marshes, a visit to the Red House, Aldeburgh followed by cream tea at the Brudenell Hotel, our annual barbecue at Miranda Barclay's medieval barn and a trip to Orford Ness, guided by **GreenSnape** member and eminent archaeologist, Professor Emeritus Peter Fowler

We are also very grateful to our joint secretary, Victoria Hambley, for her tireless work in connection with Sizewell C and proposals by Scottish Power and National Grid to industrialise our coast. There are other, less damaging ways to bring wind power onshore, but regrettably it seems that the government is not listening at the moment.

Finally, if you like what you've read here and would like to join **GreenSnape**, you'd be very welcome. Just contact Victoria our membership secretary [v.hambley@btinternet.com](mailto:v.hambley@btinternet.com).

**GreenSnape Committee**