

GreenSnape – summary of activities May 2024 – May 2025

GreenSnape's membership stands at a healthy 122. Adding to this support, we have an active committee of nine and healthy finances, all of which puts us in a great position to meet our aim of making our village a nicer place for people and wildlife. Our village verges and green have looked particularly attractive this spring, the result of mass planting of bulbs, wildflowers and a number of flowering and fruiting trees - good for insects and good to look at.

We ran a total of 11 events, including:

- Cutting/removal of many invasive and non-native Alexander plants which were crowding out other wildflowers along Church Road.
- A wildflower walk & orchid count on Snape Marshes. Over 9500 Southern Marsh orchids counted, to be fed into Suffolk Wildlife Trust's management records.
- Continuing work to manage Snape Common (now woodland) along Priory Road on behalf of the parish council. Removing much holly, good for wildlife in itself, but becoming too prolific and shading out everything else. We've also planted 5000 English bluebells, courtesy of a very generous £900 grant from Suffolk Coast & Heaths AONB (now Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape) for which we are very grateful.
- Providing the volunteers to run a parish council work party to widen the footpath between The Crown & Snape Bridge to improve pedestrian access & safety.
- Organising many well-supported informative events, including a visit to Helmingham Hall and church and a guided walk round RSPB Minsmere. We also held our annual barbecue, attended by 48 members, at Miranda Barclay's medieval barn at Abbey Farm.

We've also been able to buy our own brushcutter and bat detectors, courtesy of another welcome National Landscapes grant & a generous donation from one of our members.

If you like what we do and would like to join **GreenSnape**, you'd be very welcome. Just contact Mark, our membership secretary markashley.mayfield@gmail.com. Membership is only a minimum of £5 per year.

GreenSnape Committee

Derek Walduck (Chair), Lesley Walduck (Secretary), Brenda McConkey (Treasurer), Mark Ashley (Membership Secretary), Dave Norman, Dean Musfelt, Grainne Spain, Ady Watts, Cath Booker.