

GreenSnape news

December 2017



What a very busy autumn for **GreenSnape**! We aim to make our village a nicer place for residents, visitors and wildlife and we were delighted to involve Snape School in our first project.

In mid-October we planted 3500 daffodil and crocus bulbs along Church Road—the flowers will brighten up our verges and provide early nectar for insects, notably bees. Snape School pupils also benefited from getting involved as part of their outdoor learning experience. It'll be exciting for us all to see the flowers appearing next spring.

On 14 November, we lent our support to Suffolk Wildlife Trust in an effort to restore an area of neglected heath in the woodland at the top of Snape Marshes reserve. It was a great turnout with a dozen of us removing invasive silver birch seedlings, by spade and the formidable Tree Popper, which levers the whole thing out, roots and all. After two hours of hard work we had, in the words of volunteer Andrew Rodgers, “swept the silver birch before us”. Very satisfying!

Having whetted our appetite scrub bashing, we again turned out in force for SWT on 4 December to remove a fence on the marshes that had become less than cattle-proof. We then cut back gorse and brambles to enable the new fence to go in, which will return the reserve to cattle-safe status. Again a great turnout, lots of healthy outdoor exercise and fun!

We've developed quite an appetite for work in the great outdoors and Snape School Head teacher Sarah Gallagher has asked if we could clear the rather neglected school garden. Happy to help, we'll be running a work party to do this early in the New Year, ready for a kind soul to take it over and involve the pupils in some more outdoor learning. If you'd like to help in the garden, Sarah would be delighted to hear from you, sgallagher@snapeprimary.co.uk

We're always looking for available funding, donations, and especially new members, so if you'd like to get involved, membership of **GreenSnape** is just £3 per year. Please contact our joint secretaries:

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