*Green*Snape news
January 2019

Planting roses at the Playing Field

Our aim is to make Snape a better place for people and wildlife and with this in mind we kept up the pace right to the end of 2018. The additional 1750 daffodil and crocus bulbs kindly donated by Jim & Marion Mountain that we planted with the school are already showing well. The 1000 rosa rugosa planted at the playing field are already sprouting, giving the promise of lovely flowers and scent for people and plenty of nectar for insects.

We've planned a good selection of events for this year, with definite dates set for:

- a work party on Snape Marshes to restore a small area of heathland. Meet at Foxes Corner car park at **9.45am on Weds 20 February** and work until 12.30pm
- an inauguration ceremony at **11.45am on Saturday 30 March** to celebrate the revamped village green and thank our funders and volunteers, followed by drinks in the Crown
- a visit to historic Columbine Hall on **Weds 10 July at 2pm**, £18 per person.

Other planned events include helping Snape school get their veg and flower beds in shape for the growing season, another visit to the Roman saltworks on the Alde with Deeker Blowers, an orchid walk on Snape Marshes, barn owl ringing, a nightjar walk and an opportunity to meet the rare breed sheep on Snape Warren.

We will also be launching an exciting new project to boost swift numbers in our village. Their high pitched screaming and hectic flying in groups overhead are real features of our summer. We're still putting together the details, but it will involve encouraging villagers to put up nest boxes to increase nesting opportunities for these wonderful birds, further details to follow.

With around 70 members, *Green*Snape is certainly thriving. We decided at our AGM to keep membership fees down to £3 and if you're not already a member, you'd be very welcome to join us. Please contact our joint secretaries:

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