

GreenSnape news

August 2019



Southern marsh orchids
Snape Marshes June 2019

It's been a most enjoyable summer for **GreenSnape** members, with events as varied as our midsummer barbecue at Miranda Barclay's lovely medieval barn, a walk to see the orchids on Snape Marshes, a visit to Columbine Hall near Stowmarket and a nightjar-spotting walk on Snape Warren.

We are particularly pleased to have received an award on behalf of **GreenSnape** members at the Creating the Greenest County Awards 2019, held in mid-July at Snape Maltings and sponsored by Suffolk County Council, BBC Radio Suffolk and others. The judges thought that our all-round efforts to improve the local environment for people and wildlife, and to involve the whole community, young and old, in a variety of ways were worthy of the top prize in the Greenest Community category.

Looking ahead, **GreenSnape**, together with Snape Parish Council, has now assumed responsibility for managing Priory Wood, off Church Road. This area was formerly arable land and is leased by the parish council. It is home to many wildlife species but has been rather neglected recently. Our intention is to boost its value for wildlife and to make it more welcoming for local people and visitors.

If you would like to help kick off our efforts, you would be very welcome to join a work party (nothing too strenuous), followed by a picnic, on Saturday 17 August, 10am -2.30pm. Please bring a lunchtime picnic along and share a sausage from the barbecue.

It seems nothing like a year since our first AGM, but already we're planning our second. It will take place at the village hall on the evening of Thursday 17 October, timings to follow. The event will be as much a social event as an AGM and with a membership now approaching 100, we are expecting a good turnout.

We're always happy to welcome new members, so if you have friends or neighbours who might share our interests, feel free to pass on the contact details of our joint secretaries,

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