

GreenSnape news

February 2021



Redwings by Dean Musfelt



Fieldfare by Lesley Walduck

As **GreenSnape** members, it's good to look to our natural world for comfort & enjoyment in these difficult times. Recently, the cold weather & north-east wind has produced an influx of winter migrants, notably fieldfares and redwings from Northern Europe. Watch out for these on berry-bearing shrubs in your garden, especially cotoneaster and pyracantha. Although we're still in the depths of winter, spring is not far away and the daffodils we planted on Church Road will soon be out. Something to look forward to and enjoy.

Although **GreenSnape's** activities have been curtailed, we've been busy planning a joint project with the parish council to make our verges more attractive and wildlife-friendly. We'll be involving members in planting wildlife-friendly native trees, hedging and flowers on sites from the bus shelter at the top of Church Road, through the village down to the bottom of the hill. Further details to follow once covid restrictions have been relaxed. One quite interesting point about making the verges more visually attractive is that it has been proved to slow down traffic. Who'd have thought it?

We have a committee meeting on 24 February, by which time we should have some clarity on what events we will be able to run this year. With the vaccination programme running at a fast pace, we're optimistic that we'll be able to arrange an interesting variety of activities to suit everyone.

Last June we decided to pause membership subscriptions until 1 March 2021. This will put all 99 members on the same renewal date in future, which will make life easier for everyone. Subscriptions remain at a minimum of £3 per person and can be transferred direct into the **GreenSnape** bank account. Please reference your payment 'membership'.

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If it's easier you can drop off cash to our treasurer, Derek Walduck, Petersfield, Gromford Lane. Please enclose a note identifying yourself. We are aware that some of you have already kindly paid your subs, in which case please ignore this reminder and simply make a note of the new membership date for next year.

With very best wishes, **GreenSnape** Committee