



# GreenSnake news

## CHRISTMAS 2024



As 2024 draws to a close we can feel proud to look back on another active year, with a record high membership of 127 and a healthy bank balance of over £1000.

We've run 14 events this year, both habitat management and social events, including rosa rugosa pruning at the playing field, verge management for wildflowers, bulb planting, & management of "our" two woods, alongside social events such as Brian Boulton's village history talk, a visit to Helmingham Hall and festive drinks at the Golden Key. None of these events would have been possible without the support of our members.

Things are looking up for wildlife in the village. At least 12 swift boxes were occupied by nesting swifts and the increasing areas of wildflowers are encouraging many more insects. We suspect that bat numbers are also on the up due to our 23 boxes on Snape Common. We'll check this out with our new **GreenSnake** bat detectors that we hope to buy via a grant application.

Grateful thanks to Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape for the generous £891 grant for 5000 bluebell bulbs. These were planted in Snape Common wood in October by **GreenSnake** volunteers. We thank the National Landscape & Oka Last, Grants Officer, for all their wonderful support.

Next year's events include our annual BBQ at Abbey Farm on Friday 25 July, a trip to Minsmere, orchid count on Snape Marshes & a bat walk in Snape—hopefully with our new detectors!

Thank you for all your support for **GreenSnake**'s 2024 events and a very **Merry Christmas** from **GreenSnake** Committee.



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