

GreenSnake news

Autumn 2021



Priory Wood Oct 2021



Scattering orchid seed on Snape Marshes

It's worth reflecting that with this weekend's Priory Wood work party and next Tuesday's Social evening/AGM, we will have managed to run 16 events so far this year! Quite an achievement given the restrictions we've been under for much of the time.

Priory Wood is looking very beautiful in its autumn colours and we are very grateful to our woodland experts, Judy and Mike, for their help and advice on managing the wood. Over the next 5 years we will be coppicing many of the trees to reinvigorate them and encourage the understorey habitat which will provide food and homes for birds and mammals.

We're continuing our work to make the village a more attractive place for people and wildlife by improving the visual appearance of the lovely old brick bus shelter on Church Common, with generous funding from the AONB. By the end of the year we will have in place a mixed conservation hedge to screen the unsightly car park, four native trees (2 hawthorn, 2 blackthorn) and heathland wildflowers. This area is a County Wildlife Site and part of the Sandlings Heaths which were a vast unbroken heathland landscape stretching almost the length of the Suffolk coast, but today are fragmented with only a handful of large heathland areas remaining.

We will also be supporting the parish council in plans to improve Snape Common, the area of relatively new woodland, formerly heath, along Priory Road. Details of how you can get involved to follow.

Scottish Power, Sizewell and National Grid seem intent on industrialising our lovely area and we'll be doing what we can to help bring some commonsense to bear. **National Grid's Nautilus project** proposal to build an enormous interconnector behind Valley Farm near Snape Church is the latest in a number of alarming developments. The parish council will be running a **drop-in event in the village hall on Monday 25 October 2 – 6.30pm**. Please do go along to learn more about the potential impact of this proposal and others in the pipeline.

Thank you for all your continued support for **GreenSnake's** events and work parties.

With very best wishes **GreenSnake Committee**