



GreenSnake news

CHRISTMAS 2021



Fieldfare on cotoneaster berries
Photo Lesley Walduck

Another year has flown past and again it's been a strange one. We managed to run 14 events, from the popular summer barbecue to snowdrop planting on Church Road, orchid seed scattering on Snape Marshes, and Priory Wood work parties. We're pleased to be approaching the end of the year in a healthy financial position, with almost 100 members.

We received a generous grant from the AONB's Amenity & Accessibility Fund to improve the area around the bus shelter on Church Common. Four native trees and a conservation mix hedge have been planted to screen the car park. Next, we'll clear the area of dormant brambles and nettles to plant wildflower species such as bird's-foot trefoil and harebell, in keeping with Church Common's status as a County Wildlife Site.

The fight against the proposed industrialisation of our area will almost certainly continue. The prospect of a massive National Grid converter station close to Snape Church hardly bears thinking about. We should know more about what is likely to happen by 6 January, decision day for various energy planning applications.

On a more enjoyable note, we are already planning events for 2022 including:

*A trip to Sutton Hoo, guided by our eminent archaeologist and landscape interpreter, **GreenSnake** member Peter Fowler.*

Ongoing work at Priory Wood to remove or coppice overcrowded trees to reinvigorate the wood and let in more light.

Our Summer barbecue in July at Miranda's medieval barn, the oldest in Suffolk.

Finally, Snape Carol Singers are generous supporters of **GreenSnake** and we'd like to encourage you to join them in the wonderful Snape tradition of carol singing around the village. Led by Chris Scott, they will be wending their way round on Thurs 16/Fri 17 and Mon 20/Tues 21 December. For more details or to join in, email Chris :

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Thank you for all your support for **GreenSnake**'s 2021 events & work parties and very best wishes from your **GreenSnake** Committee.

