

GreenSnape news

Autumn 2023



SHORT-EARED OWL

Now 118 members, our support base is the strongest it's ever been, so many thanks to you all for renewing for another year. It's good to know that **GreenSnape** has such an enthusiastic and committed membership.

Thank you everyone for taking part in our varied programme of events throughout the year. Our summer barbecue at Miranda's barn saw a record 68 people enjoying a fine evening, and our nightjar walk was a great success as the birds obliged us in larger numbers than ever before. At the third attempt we managed to run our Havergate Island trip in September after cancellations due to covid and bad weather. We were rewarded by a close & prolonged sighting of a short-eared owl, several marsh harriers, brown hares many species of wader and a flock of spoonbills on Orford Ness spotted on the return trip.

With our annual **Social/AGM** coming up on **Thursday 19 Oct, 7 for 7.30pm**, we've been putting together a programme for the coming year that we can show you on the evening. You'll then be able to get the dates in your diaries nice and early. Here it is so far:

Festive Drinks – Monday 11 December - Golden Key—6.30pm

Snape's history - talk by Brian Boulton—Thursday 15 Feb at the village hall—7pm

Pruning the large area of Rosa rugosa on playing field: Saturday 9 March—10.30am

GreenSnape Quiz—Tuesday 16 April—Golden Key—7pm

Helmingham Hall garden tour & visit – Thursday 6 June (*date to be confirmed*)

Alexander plant removal—Saturday 8 June—10am

Annual barbecue at Abbey Farm— 20 or 21 July (*date to be confirmed*)

Martlesham Wilds Walk—Wednesday 25 September—5pm

Social/AGM –October (*date to be confirmed*).

We look forward to seeing a good number of you at our Social Evening/AGM.

With very best wishes, your **GreenSnape** Committee.