

GreenSnake news

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Priory Wood work party 12 June with bee orchids, wild strawberries and mini meadow

Priory Wood—Dave Norman ran a work party on 12 June with 12 volunteers ranging in age from 8 to 81! We removed lots of self-set saplings and cut two paths. The mini meadow in the pond area was fantastic with oxeye daisies, ragged robin, bird's foot trefoil & meadow buttercup. Wild strawberries were everywhere and we made the exciting discovery of 14 bee orchids. We have since spotted four pyramidal orchids too. Please do visit the wood - it's a real jewel in our village. A special thank you to our member Richard Featherstone for renovating the picnic table and signs.

Mike Wade & Judy Powell (woodland experts) came to advise us on 19 June. They identified existing trees & plants & suggested ways forward for managing the wood, such as coppicing, removal of overcrowded trees etc. They were very impressed by the wood and will attend our next work party.

Snake Marshes—Lesley & Derek Walduck led an orchid walk on 10 June, with 12 attendees. There were thousands of Southern Marsh Orchids, meadow buttercup, watermint, & yellow rattle. Everyone finished up in the Golden Key and didn't seem to want to go home!

Visit to the Red House, Aldeburgh followed by Cream Tea at the Brudenell Hotel

Wed. 21 July 2.30-4.30pm, £8.50 per head (includes a year pass) <https://brittenpears.org/visit/>
Once the home of Benjamin Britten & Peter Pears, with a fine art collection, this is a private guided tour of the house & garden for **GreenSnake** members. Cream teas afterwards at 5.45pm at the Brudenell Hotel £7.75 each. *A few places left, please email Lesley to book* l.walduck@btinternet.com

Annual Members' BBQ - Saturday 21 Aug at 5.30pm, £10 per head at Miranda's Medieval Barn, Abbey Farm. The Golden Key is providing the food & a bar. Provisional menu—sausages, burgers, chicken thighs, swordfish steaks and a selection of yummy salads. Vegetarian choices available. *Please email Lesley to book* l.walduck@btinternet.com

Orford Ness - Wed. 8 Sept 10am-3pm, £20 per head. Led by Peter Fowler, eminent archaeologist, covering archaeology, geology, military history, landscape interpretation, wildlife & a museum visit. A private **GreenSnake** trip, we'll have the Ness to ourselves, crossing by boat and travelling in style on a covered trailer, enabling as little or as much walking as you wish.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/orford-ness-national-nature-reserve>
Please email Lesley to book l.walduck@btinternet.com

Thank you for all your support for our events and work parties.

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