

GreenSnape news

March 2022



**Batboxes made by
Richard Featherstone**

**Amanda getting stuck in
on Church Common**



Derek with John Stimpson



We're very pleased to welcome new Committee member Amanda Carpenter. Amanda lives in Snape & in her working life helps organisations adopt new, more sustainable working practices to reduce their carbon and environmental impact.

We're all enjoying the spring bulbs in the village verges and next year will be even better as we've just planted another 1000 snowdrops "in the green". Soon the trees we've introduced along Church Road and on the village green will be in blossom and spring really will be underway!

Thank you to all our members for your support & participation in **GreenSnape** activities. Your enthusiasm can be seen in the way that annual 1 March membership renewal subs are flooding in. If you've not yet renewed, Victoria our membership secretary and Brenda our treasurer will be pleased to receive your subs - ideally by bank transfer to:

GREENSNAPE, account no 53767060, sort code 30-98-97.

A number of members have supported the protests on the A1094 by the church and we've had lots of thumbs up and horn tooting in support. We need to stress that we're in favour of windpower but feel that windfarms can be connected at or under the sea and brought on-shore at brownfield sites rather than needlessly destroying our onshore natural environment. The technology solutions already exist - Denmark, Belgium and Holland are leading the way using modular offshore grids and offshore substation platforms.

Our programme of events for this year includes:

Priory Wood - removing or coppicing overcrowded trees to let in more light.

Snape Common - installing over 40 bird and bat boxes. The bird boxes have been made by John Stimpson of Ely who also made our swift boxes. Huge thanks also to **GreenSnape** member Richard Featherstone for constructing an amazing 22 bat boxes!

Summer barbecue - 5.30pm Saturday 9 July at Miranda's medieval barn. Food and bar once again to be provided by The Golden Key.

A trip to Sutton Hoo - 1.30pm Wednesday 14 September guided by eminent archaeologist and landscape interpreter, fellow member Professor Peter Fowler.

With best wishes

GreenSnape Committee