

# GreenSnape news

## Summer 2024



Mark & Andy Church Common

With the wonderful summer weather continuing, everywhere is looking parched, but happily our Church Common trees and hedging are being kept alive by our watering volunteers. Many thanks to those who have come forward for all your hard work. Thanks also to you all for renewing your memberships. We now have a record 125 members.

A busy spring and early summer of events – we ran a very popular quiz at the Golden Key and visited the beautiful gardens of Helmingham Hall. Once again our annual bbq at Miranda's barn was very enjoyable—a warm and sunny evening and great food from the Golden Key. We sowed and planted wildflowers along Church Road, cleared invasive Alexanders from verges and had a lovely walk on Snape Marshes to view and count Southern marsh orchids for SWT (over 9000).

We return to **SWT Martlesham Wilds on Wed 25 September** at 5.00pm for a walk with Charlie Zakss— she will update us on the Trust's conservation work on the reserve since our last visit. Followed by a pub meal at the Red Lion. Booking details to follow.

We have our **Social Evening & AGM on Wed 16 October** 7 for 7.30pm at which local farmer Julian Cusack will give a short talk on regenerative agriculture.

Our management work on Snape Common, Priory Road will continue in the autumn. Lesley was successful in her grant application from Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscapes for 5000 more bluebell bulbs. We'll be able to plant them in October or early November once the ground is damp enough. Date to follow. Meanwhile, enjoy the long-awaited summer weather.

Very best wishes from your **GreenSnape** Committee