

## **GreenSnape – summary of activities May 2025 – May 2026**

**GreenSnape's** membership stands at a healthy 115. We have an active committee of nine and healthy finances, all of which puts us in a great position to meet our aim of making our village a nicer place for people and wildlife. Our village verges and green have looked particularly attractive this spring, the result of mass planting of bulbs, wildflowers and a number of flowering and fruiting trees - good for insects and good to look at.

We ran 15 events for our active and less active members, including:

- On Snape Common (now a wood), which we manage for the parish council, we continued work under our 5-year management plan. We carried out our annual autumn holly removal to allow more light in, benefiting plants and as a result, insects and butterflies. The Common has nine of the 11 bat species regularly found in Suffolk. The 5000 English bluebells planted in 2024 flowered to good effect as a result of being better established now.
- Planting 1250 more February Gold daffodil bulbs, bought with the generous donation of long-term former Snape resident June Fisher's funeral retiring collection.
- A wildflower walk & annual orchid count on SWT Snape Marshes. Over 8500 Southern Marsh orchids counted, to be fed into the Trust's management records.
- A barbecue for 46 members at Miranda Barclay's medieval barn.
- A very popular bat walk undertaken by 19 of our members, taking in Snape Common wood, the village green and Gromford Lane.
- Organising many other enjoyable and well-supported informative events, including trips to Maple organic farm at Kelsale and Columbine Hall and gardens.

Finally, our efforts felt well and truly recognised in September when chair and secretary, Derek & Lesley Walduck, were presented with the prestigious county-wide David Wood Award. It's presented to community groups or individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heaths National Landscape. Thank you to our **GreenSnape** committee and members for all their hard work and commitment.

If you like what we do and would like to join **GreenSnape**, you'd be very welcome. Just contact Mark, our membership secretary [markashley.mayfield@gmail.com](mailto:markashley.mayfield@gmail.com). Membership is only a minimum of £5 per year.

### **GreenSnape Committee**

Derek Walduck (Chair), Lesley Walduck (Secretary), Brenda McConkey (Treasurer), Mark Ashley (Membership Secretary), Dave Norman, Dean Musfelt, Grainne Spain, Ady Watts, Cath Booker.