

## **GreenSnape – summary of activities May 2023 – May 2024**

**GreenSnape's** membership has seen a surge in the past year, currently standing at 118, the highest since we formed in 2017. Adding to this support, 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 a total of 14 events, including:

- Cutting/removal of many invasive and non-native Alexander plants which were crowding out other wildflowers along Church Road, Priory Road and Gildings Lane.
- Planting of native hedging and a blackthorn by Church Common's bus shelter to replace previously-planted drought victims. They are currently flourishing.
- Continuing work to manage Snape Common (now woodland along Priory Road) on behalf of the parish council. Removing much holly, good for wildlife in itself, but becoming too prolific and shading out everything else. We've also recently received a grant of £900 from Coast & Heaths AONB (now National Landscapes) for the purchase of 5000 bluebell bulbs.
- Planting 750 snowdrop bulbs on the village green and many wildflower plants and seeds along Church Road. Pruning the well-established rosa rugosa that we planted in 2018 on the spoil heap created by installing the village tennis court.
- Organising many well-supported informative events, including a trip to Havergate Island, a talk by Brian Boulton in aid of church funds and a nightjar and glow worm walk on Snape Warren. We also held our annual barbecue, attended by 68 members, at Miranda Barclay's medieval barn at Abbey Farm.

Finally, 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).

### **GreenSnape Committee**

Derek Walduck (chair), Mark Ashley (membership secretary), Brenda McConkey (treasurer), Amanda Carpenter, Dean Musfelt, Dave Norman, Grainne Spain, Lesley Walduck (Secretary), Ady Watts