Report from the Green and Environment Group, January 2024

Narcissi Bulbs
500 Narcissi bulbs from ESC 's first 'East Suffolk Blooms' scheme were distributed to households in our three parishes in early November.

Dark Skies:

The response rate to our questionnaire was a very respectable 30% of households supporting. The percentages of responses saying 'Yes' to each of the questions were as follows

1. Would you support Dark Skies status for our villages? **95%**

2. Would you support NO installation of street lights? **90%**

3. Guidance on reducing 'stray lighting' such as restricting external lights to motion sensitive lights on your own property? **80%**

4. Interested in joining a Dark Skies Walk or a wildlife & bat walk? **74%**

5. CPRE organise a national star-count in February. Interested in taking part? **74%**

Overall, the results show there is very strong support for protecting and enhancing our dark skies.

In December we carried out initial light meters checks around the 3 villages, and plan to take more in January.

Next steps:

1. Explore feasibility and costs of sourcing and erecting 'Dark Skies Village' signs for our 3 villages.

2. Organise a Star Count event, possibly for February half terms holidays

3. Develop guidance on how to reduce stray lighting from your propert

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