Report from the Green and Environment Group, May 2024

Dark Skies:

An informative talk on Dark Skies, stars and bats given by Doug Owen to a Monday Warm Hub gathering was much appreciated and gave us all a greater understanding of the benefits of dark skies and nocturnal wildlife.
Dark Skies Village signs have been ordered and we look forward to having them located, one on B1074 coming into Somerleyton from Oulton Broad and the other on B1074 Herringfleet Road from St Olaves

Recycling

Steve Tull will be talking "A load of rubbish" at the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May explaining the plans to reform kerbside collection and recyclability – the financial and environmental implications for us all.
The TetraPak bin collection continues with the help of a team of volunteers. Some concerns have been raised on the large amount of TetraPak cartons that are found in our bin and whether we are serving a larger community beyond ASH.

Our Give and Take event on Saturday 18th May in Somerleyton Village Hall.

This event will open at 10am and will be a bit like a Bring and Buy but no money involved. People can book a table and offer unwanted items in exchange of other items. People are all asked to take their remaining unwanted items home after the event.
There will also be a plant sale in the carpark, an activity table for children and an opportunity to purchase tea, coffee and cake.
On the day we will be building a BUG hotel constructed of reused pallets and filled with an array of insect friendly materials. This will be situated within the village pond area.

Future Plans

The healthy walks planned in co-operation with Somerleyton Together have been postponed due to our very wet and unpredictable weather.
We hope to organise a dark night walk in the autumn.

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