Report from the Green and Environment Group, July 2024

Give and Take day:

Our Give and Take Day took place on Saturday 18th May, where visitors were invited to find useful things from other people, donate items to re-use, enjoy the refreshments and delicious cake. benefit nocturnal wild life.

In addition, there was a table for children with model building activities from reused materials and an outdoor plant and seed stall.

Lindsay Martin was the driving force behind building a Bug Hotel at the village pond with a fun competition to name the project. This was won by Jesse and Isaac Chan for sending their winning entry "CREATURE WORLD" from Singapore. A name sign has now been erected at the site.

The Green and Environment Group wants to thank all the volunteers who served teas, organised the children's table, manned the plant stall, baked cakes and helped to clear up afterwards. We also say thank you for the donation of building materials for the "Creature World" and to Stuart Verney for the printing of posters.

The event made £160 which has been paid into the Parish Council's social fund.

Dark Skies





The 'Dark Skies Village' signs have now been erected.

We hope these signs will show the commitment of our community to promoting and preserving our dark skies and enjoying all of their associated benefits - ranging from maintaining the rural feel of our villages, the health and wellbeing effects and the positive impact they continue to have for our wild life and environment.

We will continue to encourage everyone to reduce 'stray lighting', for example by restricting our external lighting to motion sensitive lights on our properties.

Our family Star Counting event had to be cancelled because of bad weather. We are planning a walk and Star Count event in the October half term.

Recycling

Steve Tull gave a talk: "A load of rubbish" at the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May where he explained the plans to reform kerbside collection and recyclability and included the financial and environmental implications for us all.

The TetraPak bin collection continues with the help of a team of volunteers.

Narcissi Bulbs

We will be informed towards the end of August if we have been successful in obtaining bulbs from ESC 's first 'East Suffolk Blooms' scheme.

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