

# Parish Council Meeting 20th June 2024

## Jubilee Meadow Makers Working Group update



The Working Group has not met since the last report to the Parish Council

### 1. Habitat management

The first 2024 plant survey took place in May and the next is scheduled for 20th June. A number of new plants were identified bringing the list for the Meadow to over 170 (the baseline survey in May 2022 identified 40 species).

Finding Sulphur Clover flowering on the Meadow at the end of May is a notable success. A nationally scarce plant once characteristic of unimproved grasslands in East Anglia, this is the first record for the tetrad (the 2km by 2km recording area). The plant was undoubtedly brought in with the 'green hay' provided by NWT in 2022.

The regular work sessions have continued. The last session concentrated on reducing Ragwort and Creeping thistle in line with the ongoing management plan and the Ragwort policy shared with the Parish Council in November 2023. A revised and expanded version of this policy is attached for consideration. The Parish Council might also consider the need to adopt this policy or similar for other areas of land under its management, especially areas, such as the allotments, where Ragwort is present.

The weekly UKBMS Butterfly transect recording is continuing this year.

### 2. Promotion

The NWT walk on May 29th (part of their Wilder Community Event Programme) was fully subscribed and well received and some useful contacts made.

The Meadow project features in the latest issue of the NWT Tern magazine.

A working group meeting is intended to plan future events for the year which may include another 'green hay' event in late summer.

Clip frames have been purchased to enable us to create and display information and publicity notices on the Meadow and at events.

We are intending to participate in the Norfolk Biodiversity Awards event at the Forum on the 23rd June.

The 'green hay' interpretation board that Norfolk Rivers Trust were due to fund has not yet been confirmed.

### 3. Helping Our Swifts project

15 of the 18 households on Long Lane have agreed to take a Swift nest box. Permission Forms will be submitted on behalf of the Saffron residents who have signed up. Installation of the remaining nest boxes will resume after the breeding season.

32 people attended the Swift walk on the evening of 11th June which was led by a local Swift expert, Caroline Spinks. £85 was raised through donations

Dave Jones 12th June 2024