
Waldringfield Parish Council Biodiversity Report **October 2026**

Wildlife Group (WWG)

The Annual General Meeting on 10th October was well attended and officers for the coming year were elected. There was a celebration for Jill Winter who stepped down as Secretary after 9 years. Nell Sully was voted to take over this role and her impact was noticed in the very professional presentation that she had prepared for Linda who remains as Coordinator, and Alexis Smith as Treasurer.

“Relocation Projects of the White Tailed Egret and Ospreys” with guest speaker, Peter Merchant, was a great example of the excellent programme of talks covering wildlife projects that exist in our area and that always draw a good audience due to local interest.

Simon Amstutz from National Landscapes presented the David Wood Award to the group as a recognition of their outstanding contribution to conserving and enhancing the Suffolk Coast & Heaths National Landscape. A special picture of the Redshank, their emblem bird, was received by Linda Wilkins on behalf of the group followed by a photo shoot with some of the children who had taken part in the Wild for Wildlife activities.

Greener Waldringfield (GW)

The People’s Emergency Briefing Film on Friday 11th September was really well attended with 72 people booked through Eventbrite. Economist Ann Pettifor and local organic farmer Tom McVeigh, who farms the 450-acre Kenton Hall provided a great duo, offering their views on various aspects of the film and extending the evening into a really interesting debate which was most engaging for the audience.

The next event in the Village Hall on October 17th has developed into an exciting combination of presentations and activities to promote the work of the government led Nature Recovery Strategy and is being promoted as “Action for Nature”. It invites everyone who is interested in nature to come along and find out how they can record the wildlife in our local area and support habitat creation. It is an exciting programme as all invited guest speakers have agreed to come as well as local groups who will present many of the practical things that are easy to do yourself. Please book your place through the Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/action-for-nature-tickets-2002457233490>

West Deben Cluster Group

Neither Martlesham Climate Action Group or the whole cluster group have met since the last meeting in August with two proposed dates being cancelled. The above event is being run by a group from Greener Waldringfield.

Deben Estuary Partnership (DEP)

Since the DEP’s last meeting on 1st October The Deben Estuary Plan is now open for public consultation until the end of November 2026. It is designed to be the go-to reference document for agencies such as East Suffolk Council, the Environment Agency, Natural England and others - to understand what our community wants and what matters to us when it comes to environment, wildlife, heritage and culture. Please see the link below:

<https://debenestuarypartnership.org/index.php/revisingupdating-the-estuary-plan/>

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