Waldringfield Parish Council Biodiversity Report **November 2026**

Wildlife Group (WWG)

The next event for "understanding nature in our community" will be the Wader Bird Walk, to identify our winter visiting migratory birds, on Monday 16th November from 10.30 am, led by Chris Baldry. Meet at the Dinghy Park at the end of the beach.

The 2027 Programme is nearly finalised and will be published on the new Greener Waldringfield website.

The bimonthly meeting will take place on Saturday 12th December at 10 am, followed by a talk by Helen Bynam about Acoustic Monitoring of Soil, and the annual Christmas lunch for members of the group.

Greener Waldringfield (GW)

I chaired Greener Waldringfield's Action for Nature morning at the Village Hall on 17th October, bringing together conservation organisations, local groups and people keen to help wildlife. Over 40 people attended, mostly from Waldringfield, despite wider publicity.

Our MP, Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, now Minister for Nature, had planned to attend but was held up in Armenia discussing biodiversity at COP17.

Those who did attend included Suffolk Wildlife Trust, the Tree Council, East Suffolk Council's Wildlife Wise, the River Deben Partnership and Deben Estuary Partnership, the Greenprint Forum and Waldringfield Wildlife Group. Their involvement connected local interests with wider conservation efforts.

Emily Williams and Nicky Jeffries, from the Norfolk and Suffolk Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) team, explained their interactive mapping work. The maps identify opportunities to restore habitats and improve connections for wildlife. Local organisations can add observations and knowledge to guide practical action. A few of us are attending their webinar this week to learn more about using these tools.

Nell Sully introduced NatureScore and explained how gardens can help nature recover. Alex Moore da Luz, National Landscape Project Officer, discussed conservation measures, including predator fencing. Linda Wilkins reviewed Waldringfield Wildlife Group's history and recent activities, including its David Wood Award for contributions to the environment and local community.

Greener Waldringfield now plans walks, wildlife recording, creative activities and conservation work, giving people opportunities to learn and support nature recovery around Waldringfield.

Our new website **www.greenerwaldringfield.org** is now live, although still in the process of being built.

Deben Estuary Partnership (DEP)

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. I was part of the team that wrote chapter 8, on Environment, Biodiversity and Geodiversity. A summary of the actions of this chapter, as relevant to continued Biodiversity projects, being available at the parish council's November meeting.

Please see the link below:
https://debenestuarypartnership.org/index.php/revisingupdating-the-estuary-plan/

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