

Creemers Meadow for Annual Parish Meeting 2024

It has again been a very busy year with high water levels causing a number of problems. One of these was an overflow of drainage which led to foul water flowing onto the site. A clean up operation was required from Anglia Water.

The new sluice is proving very successful, and we have effectively “switched off” water entering or leaving the pond except when water levels are high. We are monitoring the impact of this alongside members of the Biodiversity Working Group (members of the Environment Committee), and we hope to establish a stable pond with more biodiversity in the future.

We continue to receive help from the Tree Wardens to ensure the good health of our trees and this year we have had a group from Aviva who contributed a hard day’s work on the site.

The Cut and Clear day in September was again successful with significant help from Bure valley Conservation and BADCOG. The refreshments provided from the Central England Co-op always ensure a good turn out! This year’s event will be on 11th September and everyone is welcome.

Orchid day in June was well attended and this year we provided cakes and the opportunity for the public to donate financially. This has helped us buy more equipment. We were able to announce a record number of Southern Marsh Orchids at over 7000. This year the event will be on Saturday 22nd June when we will also celebrate 10 years of public access.

One disappointment last year was the continued deterioration of the hut on site. We now have the materials to – hopefully – fix this once the weather improves. A lead from Tree Warden Richard will be greatly appreciated.

The Biodiversity Working Group are continuing to provide updated surveys on the site. We carry out our own bird surveys but their expertise is very helpful to us in other areas.

We still await, with some frustration, the installation of a footbridge between Cremer’s and Marty’s Marsh. The latest information is that this might take place early summer.

Cremer’s Meadow would not be the beautiful place it is without the significant work of the Friends group. They provide the steer for the site and are also very “hands on” every Friday morning from 10-12. Come along or contact Gill via the PC office for more information.