

Environment and Bio-diversity report – September 2024

Dark Skies

A survey of the skies in the parish will start in September. Monitoring of the dark skies in Brightling by volunteers has been organised by Brightling Environment Group (BEG).

BEG as part of the Wealden Dark Skies Festival has organised two events.

Thursday 31 October, Village Hall 'Darker Brightling' how the dark affects wildlife and people and how to protect it, Sussex Sidewalk Astronomers will also be present.

Friday 1 November - 'Into the Night' a walk looking at the night skies with Doug Edworthy.

26 October - at the monthly cafe an activity for Children and a Dark Skies information stall to get pledges.

BEG have promoted Dark Skies by attending the Flower Show to raise awareness and get pledges - over 45.

Verges

A resident wants to survey Brick Lane as a step towards getting it designated a Meadow Verge. I will start the process of application.

We decided we wanted one visibility cut in Spring and one cut in late Autumn - the trial to become permanent.

Footpaths and bridleways

The final 'Walk Brightling's Byways' this year is on Wednesday 16 October 11am. They have been popular and I would like to continue these next year.

Welcome Pack

This is on the website and hard copies can be printed out. The most recent arrival in the parish at Swallowfield has been welcomed.

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Councillor Brightling Parish Council