

Reports March 2025

ENVIRONMENT AND BIO-DIVERSITY

Brightling Environmental Group plans 2025-

Dark Skies Light meter recordings completed. Doug Edworthy is compiling data on a spreadsheet for High Weald National Landscape for their monitoring of Dark Skies in Sussex, and this together with a map showing where the readings were taken in the parish will be uploaded onto Brightling Dark Sky Community Data Store as evidence of our work towards our Dark Skies accreditation.

9 April – Annual Parish Assembly – as last report.

17 April – Spring Dark Skies Walk - as last report.

7 June – Great Green Garden Party in Charles and Vanessa Everett garden. Local people invited to encourage their support of wildlife, biodiversity and carbon capture in their gardens and to and pledge their gardens in the Weald to Waves Nature Recovery Gardens and Greenspace Network.

Brightling Parish Council has been registered in the Community Network.

<https://www.wealdtowaves.co.uk/>

September – Energy event following up Thermal camera surveys, solar panels and heat pump installations

Development of Hedge network – training course and landowners group being developed.

Energy

Andrew Wedmore meeting in Burwash - he will advise.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Ref 43981(250111832) – Footpath collapse Mansbrook Wood – Inspection due around April.

Ref 240523578 & 240548006 Great Wood - resolved. Matthew Harper (Rights of Way Officer) explained that on maps from 1870 and 1939 the footpath follows the forestry track where it is now. At some stage since then it had been marked incorrectly to the left of the track. We had made an assumption that this was the original path and had requested its reinstatement. He was thanked for taking the time to visit the site and investigate.

Rights of Way Access Plan

Submitted

Wildlife Verge application

Recording has been started by the applicants.

WELCOME PACK

Nothing to report