

ENVIRONMENT AND BIO-DIVERSITY

Brightling Environmental Group

Dark Skies Accreditation –

High Weald Joint Advisory Committee supported the application from the 6 parishes (includes Brightling).

Support from ESCC sought. Agenda item.

Brightling lighting policy - waiting to get information from other parishes who have one.

Events -

Counting on Nature: How AI Can Track Wildlife Populations and Help Save Species

AI isn't all chatbots and SkyNet. For an insight into how it could improve our environment and protect the natural world, join Brightling resident Olivier Wall for a fascinating talk about his work helping conservation charities use artificial intelligence to count, monitor and identify threatened species in our area.

Wednesday 25 February 7pm Brightling Village Hall

Night Flyers – Moth Walk postponed from last year **Thursday 16 April Etchingham**

Dawn Chorus Breakfast International Dawn Chorus Day walk & breakfast. **Sunday 3 May**

Garden Party Promoting Weald to Waves project & healthy garden soil. **Saturday 20 June?**

Himalayan Balsam control workshop June/July

Nightjar walk Dallington Forest **June/July**

Fit Count Walk Brightling Byways Flower-Insect Timed Count National Biodiversity Data Centre. **July/August**

AGM September

Rare Bees Resilience - Rother was not successful in their application.

Himalayan Balsam – BEG will organise a working party to pull up the plant. There will be consultation with Jamie Smith about the most appropriate time and place.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Parish Byways walks -

Wild flowers May/June 2026.

FIT count – July/August

Reported November

Ref 251190211 MOU/11/2 - footpath sign needed here - unresolved

Ref 25116225 BRI/30/1 - footpost sign fallen over - unresolved

Ref 251179308 – BAT1/1 tree fallen onto path - unresolved

Ref 251114138 – BR1/14/1 stile unsafe – unresolved

Reported Jan 26

Ref 260116078 - BRI/169 - rotten step on stile

Ref 260120903 – BRI/173 - support post and step on stile rotten

WELCOME PACK

Deer information to be added.