

Reports for JULY 2026

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ENVIRONMENT AND BIO-DIVERSITY

Local Nature Recovery Strategy for East Sussex

Report published and it looks very similar to consultation document.

Suggest Andrew, Isabel and I discuss ways the Parish Council or BEG could progress some of the actions suggested for our area. Eg – there are areas adjacent to protected sites where creation of new habitats have been highlighted as possible.

Park View land could also be evaluated against the reports priorities.

Dark Sky Policy and Lighting Management Plan

Comment from Sam Nicholas at High Weald National Landscape “Brightling’s policy is excellent’.

Brightling Environmental Group

Dark Skies Accreditation – Meeting on 1 August considering state we are at with accreditation – do we go with DSI or create our own Dark Skies area.

Gypsom Factory Lighting –

Events overtook the idea of a letter from the parish councils of Brightling, Salehurst and Robertsbridge and Mountfield to the factory as local MP Kieran Mullan spoke directly with the factory about lighting and they agreed the first step was a light audit of the site.

David Field has supplied Kieran Mullan’s office with a short list of 3 lighting consultants.

Events

Himalayan Balsam control workshop- Saturday 11 July 9.30am Oxleys Green led by Jamie Smith – including Jamie and Max there were 9 of us working for up to 2 hours.

Areas cleared – Oxleys Green - Brightling Road going towards Robertsbridge - verge on right, futher along a hollow, another hollow by Swallowfield Farm and the green lane.

Bottom of Hollingrove Road – verge and ditch on right

Jane Beard is organising her own session at Manor Farm.

Suggestion – Parish Council or Brightling Environment Group to contact the landowners, explain the situation and see if they will take on the management of the balsam on their land?

AGM Tuesday 8 September 7pm Swan Inn.

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS

Parish Byways walks -

Wednesday 8 July 6pm Flower and Insect Timed FIT count walk - 7.8km

– 8 people. Poor FIT count numbers – too hot, dry?

Autumn walk– to be arranged

Reported

Ref 260116078 - BRI/169 - rotten step on stile - unresolved

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

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

Ref 251116225 BRI/30/1 - footpost sign fallen over – unresolved

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

WELCOME PACK

Updated