

## **Wild About Campsea Report to the Parish Council: January 2024**

1. The Help a Hedgehog evening with Bryony Farmer in October was well-attended. We raised a total of £123.80 from donations, refreshments, and the raffle. This has provided some funds for WAC for compost etc but also for materials to make two more hedgehog houses, tins of kitten food and some bedding to donate to Bryony for her rescue and rehabilitation work.
2. We joined with Parish Council volunteers to undertake a littler clearance around the village and will shortly arrange another session.
3. We have fixed a spring event for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00 noon to 4 pm at the village hall and community garden for a “Good to Grow” seed swap, seedling sale, crafts, talks and demonstrations.
4. The Field to Fork administrators at ESC have given permission for us to spend the remainder of their grant on timber for pergolas and cold frames. We may eventually liaise with them and/or with CAP (Christians Against Poverty) to organise some slow cooker demonstrations later in the year, which will fulfil the “Fork” aspect of the Field to Fork initiative.
5. Adam Osborne has purchased the timber for the pergolas and cold frames and will hopefully complete the build before the spring event on 24<sup>th</sup> March.
6. The bad weather prevented us from planting the daffodil bulbs supplied by ESC in the short time available between delivery and Christmas. We’ll have to take advice on whether they will keep and when best to plant them.
7. Similarly, wet weather prevented us from raking the church yard this year.
8. The January edition of Campsea Ashe Village Voice is almost finished and should be ready for printing by the end of this week. WAC volunteers will distribute to most of the homes in the village by the end of the month.

16<sup>th</sup> January 2024.