

**April 2024:**

February has been a very busy time on Walberswick Common Lands Charity land; harvesting on the reedbeds and conservation work on both the wet and dry heaths.

The reedbeds are now recovering nicely and the sluice repair from last year, along with all this rain, means that the breeding seasons water level will be met sooner rather than later.

The reed cutter normally takes around 3,000 sheafs to use for thatching from the harvest; this helps the area to provide more open water habitat for wildlife.

As the new Countryside Stewardship Agreement came into force on 1 January 2024, this winter was a good opportunity to extend conservation work on the Common.

The strips of rotavated land which seemed to appear overnight are not 'Banksy' at work but the contractor replicating rabbit warren-style vegetation clearance to encourage the invertebrates and reptiles.

Do take care walking dogs on the heath as the adders emerge from hibernation.