

February 2025:

Given that it is mid-winter, the amount of activity across Walberswick Common Lands Charity land is still significant. The reed cutters are in full swing, helping us to maintain an open condition: plenty of reed not impeded by trees or scrub. The foot drains are working well on the wet grassland, enhancing conditions for winter waders, and the RSPB have asked us to monitor Lapwing (Red List species) as the breeding season approaches.

The winter works plan for the Common is almost agreed. It will contain elements to reduce bracken, encourage heather at all life stages, maintain footpaths and a mosaic of gorse, as well as working on the wet fen to cut the reeds, possibly establishing some open water - all creating specific habitats. Two mature trees have had to be felled so there is work to be done to establish their replacements. Some signage has gone up indicating the King Charles III England Coast Path, including one urging walkers not to trample the vegetation.

Finally, it is the time of year when rubbish can clearly be seen.

If you have gloves and/or a bag please do pick some up out of respect for the habitats so many of us enjoy.

