Risby Wildlife Group – Annual Report

This year, the Risby Wildlife Group has been busy with a range of activities aimed at supporting local wildlife and enhancing the village environment to do our small bit to fight against climate change and the nature crisis.

Our work has included:

- Installing duck and wildlife signs around the village to help protect local animals and raise awareness among drivers and residents. Much thanks goes to Vivien & Sheila for leading on this and to the District & County Councillors for financially supporting this initiative.
- Ongoing maintenance of the planters outside the Village Hall, this year we are sharing these with the garden club.
- Organising a wildlife evening walk around the Chalk Bank, where residents identified various species and discussed the area's ecological value.
- Carrying out raking and maintenance of the Chalk Bank to help manage the habitat and encourage a greater diversity of plant life.

Looking ahead, the group has several projects planned for the coming year, including:

- Planting spring bulbs in the wildlife spiral to create a colourful and beneficial habitat for pollinators in 2026.
- Supporting the Parish Council with plans to install seating under the sycamore tree, providing a peaceful spot for residents to enjoy the outdoors.
- Organising more wildlife walks around the village to engage the community and promote appreciation of our local natural environment.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Parish Council and our wonderful community. The climate and nature crises are deeply intertwined, with rising temperatures, habitat loss, and species decline putting our ecosystems — and our own wellbeing — at risk. Through our work, we hope to offer a small but meaningful sense of hope, for ourselves and for the generations to come.