

February 2026:

The weather continues to be noteworthy and to influence the cycles of nature across Walberswick Common Lands Charity (WCLC) land and beyond. Many plants need cold weather for reproduction and good growth. Human decisions and actions, of course, abound whatever the weather and often put a strain on these ecosystems.

LionLink, for example, will directly pass beneath WCLC land as it snakes under the sand dunes near the beginning of its land trek. Indirectly, the impact of noise, light, and general disturbance during the construction phase will be destructive too.

However, WCLC strives to replicate actions to maintain valuable ecosystems. A key feature is bare ground, the ploughing of which promotes biodiversity and the lowland heath is a great example. This creates varied conditions for annual plants such as harebell, sheep's sorrel, and heath bedstraw, and rare invertebrates such as the lunar yellow underwing moth. This year there will be a mosaic of bare earth patches, some two years old, some half re-ploughed, and some new this year, to replicate the actions of rabbits and cattle of times past.

The contractors are probably on site as you read this. Let's hope the weather is kind to them.