October 2026:



September brought some welcome rain and what pleasure that brought after the long dry and very hot summer.
Here in Walberswick a lot of people worked diligently to keep land, property and people safe both in the village and further afield.
It means that Cliff Field was not cut yet and neither had much of the bracken on the dry heath.
There will be catch up early autumn as soon as the contractor can squeeze us in.

By the end of this month, WCLC will have agreed a winter management plan which will include an awareness, and response to, the predicted local impact of El Niño.
For example, fire breaks will be enhanced by more rotavation to create bare soil; a bonus is that bare ground is a key habitat of heathland. It allows heather germination from seed and also provides nesting habitat for many insects, reptiles and birds such as the nightjar.
A number of insects use open areas for nesting, chasing after prey and basking.
Sand lizards use bare sandy ground for egg laying.
Annual plants growing on disturbed ground provide some pollen and nectar for insects when heather is not in flower.
Local to global and global to local, the relationships and interdependencies are clear.

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Wild Carrot thriving on the KC111 footpath



The Wet Heath almost dried out