

Derrington Way Ahead Meeting
Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall

Present: Karen Davies, Ann-Marie Tallent, Maggie Overton, Roy Wood, Cheryl Birks, Edward Davies-Simpson, Sheena Davis, Sue Challinor, Olive Harvey, Diane Gear, Shaun Firkin.

Apologies: Rob Hine, Helen Sammons, Tony Burgess.

1 Welcome by the Chairperson

Karen Davies chaired the meeting and welcomed the group to the Village Hall Annex.

2 Notes of the last meeting and matters arising

The notes were passed as a correct record of the meeting held on 10th January 2017.
Outstanding actions:

Pipes on the Greenway beyond Crossing Lane (**Roy** to follow up with Gill Cox). Signs for Duddas Wood (**Roy** to follow up).

All other actions have been completed and other items are on the agenda.

3 'Abuzz in the Border' Talk on Bees, Tues 24th January 2017

There was very good feedback on this event, which was well attended.
(*I'll attach the summary of the event, Karen*). Ron's knowledge and photos were amazing. It was lovely to have David Rawsthorne with us for the evening.

Thanks so much to everyone involved in the hard work planning the event and helping on the night too.

Ron has offered to run a 'Bumble Bee ID Day' in June or July with an initial indoor session followed by a walk in 'volunteer gardens'.
The group was very supportive of this idea and we will follow this offer up at the next meeting (**Karen to contact Ron**).

4 Wild About Derrington, Sat 8th April, 2-5pm.

Workshops etc the following are coming to run an activity/workshop:

Staffordshire Mammal Group –Debbie Smith (NEW)

Ron Rock – Bees

Nigel Hill – Willow Weaving

Lisa – Face Painting

All Saints School, Ranton – Trail Activity

Kim Squires – Village Trail, Health Walk/general help

Barn Owl Action Group – Tony Redmond and John Chester

Sheena/Maggie – Potting Up

Debbie Felstead – Brownies activity/craft activities

(eg Leaf Crowns, Bird and Bug ID dials, Poss plastic Bottle Bird Feeders, Wood Rubbing Activity (using the sand –blasted figures that we are carved into the Village Trail Panels) etc
tbc

Karen/Shawn/Diane/Olive?? - Log bird feeders

Plus

Refreshments

Music

Actions

Karen

Contact Owl Experience

Check if Ron has Bee Nesters to sell

Can Perkins help with nest box kits

Firm up details re music

SWT – see if they can come after all

(If not contact high school teachers from Eco-Schools Network to help or to borrow pond dipping kit)

(If not, without the Star Shade, we probably need 6 or 7 under cover activity spaces. This would mean 3 or 4 gazebos depending on size).

Check banners for either end of village Fliers

Posters

What's On, Village Voice (27th March) and Village Mag (20th March), Schools etc

Roy and Team

Toilets

Car Parking

Signage/Arrows

Cheryl and Karen

Press inc photo

Cake Team

Cakes and other refreshments **Jean and Team**

Raffle - Lead person??

Raffle tickets, prizes, table to display

Pony Rides on Track to raise funds

Emily/Ellie??

Set up time circa 10am

Other helpers

Roger and Helen have offered to help set up

Tables and Chairs

Mix from Millennium Green and Village

Total of ten needed

Donation Labels and Pots required to help raise funds

7 AOB

Duddas Wood Path: Roy reported that this is very popular and well used and had made a real difference.

Greenway/Cycle Track: Diane reported that great resurfacing work has been done but there is still a flooding problem beyond the motorway. Discussions underway to try to resolve.

Dog Fouling: Cheryl reported on the campaign; there seems to have been some success.

Website: Cheryl has been working hard to sort technical issue out. The site needs an upgrade and Ray has sent a quote for £450. The group agreed that DWA could contribute towards this.

Field on edge of Village: Roy talked about the field that will be coming up for auction shortly. 29 acres with a small area of 3.5 acres that is damp/wetland. It would be wonderful if this could be purchased but time is short as the auction is on May 2nd.

Litter Pick: We decided to do a litter pick on Monday 24th April. Meet at 6pm at the Village Hall. **Olive** to liaise with Colin. **Karen** has all the litter pickers and bags and will liaise with Streetescene.

Recent sustainability events:

Karen reported on several recent sustainability events which have gone well including:

Nest Box event at County Hospital, Stafford, Sat 11th Feb

There is No Planet B! Stafford's Green Arts Festival, 18-25th Feb 2017 (please visit <http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/there-is-no-planet-b>

Repair Café at St Johns Littleworth, Sat 11th March (great and inspiring photos here <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Festival-of-Refashioning-and-Repair-1620513861607435/photos/>

Fairtrade

We forgot to follow this up: We are re-forming Stafford Fairtrade Group and hope to regain Fairtrade Town status again. **Cheryl** to discuss with Village Hall Committee and **Sheena/Rosemary** to explore with St Matthew's. FT fortnight was at the end of Feb.

Next meeting: Tuesday June 27th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

