

**Notes of the Derrington - Way Ahead meeting held on
Tues 13th August 2013 at 7.30 pm at Derrington Village Hall**

1 Present: Cheryl Birks, Rob Hine, Lindsey Williams, Sue Challinor, Sheena Davis, Karen Davies, Edward Davies-Simpson.

2 Apologies: Maggie Overton, Helen Sammons.

3 Notes of the last meeting held on June 11th:

There was one correction and all other issues are on the agenda.

4 Local Food Festival, Sat 21st September 11 am – 3 pm

Rob gave an update on arrangements so far and the group discussed re final plans, pre-event publicity and help on the day.

The event will include: local producers with produce for sale; local food exhibits from the community (Grow and Show); the Grand Auction and Golden Lot; guest speakers/participants including Hedgehogs, Vegetarian Society etc; input from schools (Rob had circulated a flier before the summer hols); activities, workshops etc; WI refreshments and more.

Various things to confirm/firm up:

Input from Social Club/Bar if they'd like to be involved more (Sue)

Involvement of RHS and or Brownies and Guides (Rob)

Fees/budgets (Karen/Rob/Sheena)

Judges (RHS/Clive/Ruth): (Rob)

MC - Alan (Rob)

Deputy Mayor (*this is Councillor Isabella Davis*)

Hedgehog home making/hedgehog related activities/quizzes/info (Karen/John Watkins/Rob)

Sponsorship/prizes (Rob)

Co-op contact (Karen)

VIP's (Rob)

Schools (Rob)

Activities/workshops details (Karen/Rob etc)

Publicity and PR (press releases, Village Mag, Staffs Newsletter Community Column, Banners (village hall and end of roads), Newsleaf, also DWA newsletter (Rob/Karen/others)

This looks set to be a great day!

5 On going activities:

a) Village Hall Recycling

Glass bottle collection going smoothly; shoes recycling ongoing; new clothes collection/recycling facility has been installed recently. This will be promoted in the newsletter which is due (Karen).

b) Wednesday Health Walks continue, with Kim leading these on a voluntary basis. Thanks to Kim! Between 8-14 attend, several from outside the village and walkers return to St Matthew' s for tea and biscuits (Karen to promote in newsletter)

c) Web development: Geoff, Cheryl, Helen and Karen had met the previous day on 12th Aug to progress this. It has been decided to open up the website to become a 'Derrington Village' website rather than a 'Derrington Village Hall' website. It is hoped that the updating and development will take place over August/early September and we hope to ensure the previous good work done, especially regarding the Village Trail, will be part of this. Karen to liaise with Charlotte who has helped with this immensely.

6 Autumn/Winter events/activities:

Main event – Food Festival

Potential projects – relating to improvements to **Playing Field** – Helen will run a consultation stand at the Food Festival on this (children's equipment, adult facilities eg green gym....). The group agreed this could be a suitable project for DWA to support.

Tree Planting – Shaun Rimmer, SWY, may have spare saplings to plant in the Autumn as part of the 'Big Tree Plant' and has asked if we might be able to help.

7 AOB:

Tree planting event: Still waiting to hear from SCC re the bulldozed saplings

Village Trail: Karen still chasing Shelley Signs re the panels that need to be replaced/filled.

Red Lion: Rob had brought information re the 'Community Right to Bid' for buildings that could be important community assets. Karen to explore.

Newsleaf: now out, hope you find it interesting!

Date of next meeting: Tues 22nd October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

