



March Friend Meeting Minutes

24.03.24, 2:00-3:00pm The Garden Room

Agenda

1. Main discussion

- **Litter pick 30th March**
- Apologies, alternative leader needed once more (Fiona stepped in, thank you!)
- **Pond work**
- Hedge-laying was completed. Signs put up and banks roped off for the wildlife/plantlife. Repair Team don't do much wood working, so will need to check with Council. Update on bench below. (Lucy to email Council about gate)
- **Cutting map (signs) / raking in late Summer**
- Val and Dylan are working on signs for the Annual/ No cut areas. We will need to rake the annual cut areas ourselves in Summer. (Dylan and Val have now done amazing work putting the signs out! Dylan to send cutting maps through to email to share. Encourage positive posts about biodiversity in long grass on facebook etc. Meadow patches: maintain the existing patches, just rake these existing ones. Start pulling together a work group at the **start of August** and keep an eye on council mowing dates. Leave trimmings in hedge again.)
- **Bird/bat boxes**
- Current boxes aren't sturdy enough, so we would have to make more. The Council will be happy to help with installation. (Need to check specifications with Council. Nice event for Scouts? Issue of materials, maybe they could provide.)
- **Poster**
- Done! Will be printed and handed out. Tesco/Quakers/Manor Farm noticeboard - any other suggestions? (Lucy printed out a bunch - please ask if you would like some to send out! Options: Horfield Church, Joe's Bakery, cafes, Horfield Leisure Centre.)

- **Bench audit (completed)**
- Log benches aren't cheap (mainly made of trees that are felled and left there instead) - could be sponsored. Bench audit has been passed to FixIt team. We can do some as well, but only after April - we can request resources then. 5 sponsorship plaques - volunteer to take photos of them. (Check with Tesco about providing money/resources? Lucy to take photos of plaques. Action bench audit later in year.)
- **April event ideas (management plan) / post-May ideas**
- Management plan (Scheduled and started early April - next meeting to follow early May, tbc. Please email if you would like to join/for updates.)
- Summer is repair work/ walks/ path maintenance/ community events
- (Ideas of Teddy bear picnic with prizes and event for Festival of Nature, 9th June (bat boxes maybe)? Look at other parks/ St Andrews to see what their summer events are.)
- **History walk (17th March, 2-3:30pm) (Great walk!, waiting list for attendance)**
- **May tree walk (Ed Drewitt - moved to 23rd May, 6:30pm) (Check with Ed about finishing time and if we can makes notes of his info)**
- **Admin help check-in (push to post more on the FOHC facebook, to drive engagement and highlight amazing things at the Common! Sarah and Dylan on top of this)**

2. Upcoming events

- Litter pick - Saturday 30th March
- Tree walk - 23rd May

3. Open discussion and any other news

Volunteer roles

Small roles

These roles will take about 10 minutes a week, but will just be once or twice a month

- Posting on Facebook
- Checking Bristol Park and local wildlife group newsletters
- Support with equipment for events (car needed)
- Looking into funding

Larger roles

These roles have about a minimum of an hour a month, but could take longer dependant on how much time you would like to volunteer or how many people are involved.

Please say if there's anything you'd like to do that isn't on the list so far!

- Promotion (Facebook/advertising/connecting with local groups/photography)
- Leading general events (organising and on the day leading - could also be specific events that you would like to be in charge of)
- Secretary (management of bank account/searching for funds etc)
- Environment lead (championing and organising the ecological side of the Friends Group)
- Community lead (championing and organising the social side of the Friends group)
- Duke of Edinburgh lead (regular events for kids doing DoE)