

RHSO (Rivers Heritage Site and Orchard)

Meeting 02/04/2024 7.30pm

23 Rowney Gardens, Sawbridgeworth

Present: Ruth Buckmaster, Adrienne Richardson, Colin Gill, Hazel Mead, Elizabeth Waugh, Lanier Pole, Steve Rogers, Nickie Hancock

Apologies: Robinne, Steve R, Geoff,

Purpose of Meeting: Update and Events Planning

Topic	Discussion/ decision	Action
Welcome	Ruth welcomed everyone & we received apologies from Robinne, Monique, Eric and Geoff	
Maintenance update	We all agreed that Adriennes report at AGM was recent & comprehensive. So just updated on what Colin was planning for the new trees – by mowing a grid and we discussed sourcing the manure – Steve mentioned that there were some good deals around currently at places such as Range (4 fo4 £10), Colin stressed that the aim is to kill off the grass first and then manure. Ruth & Adrienne reported that there was no evidence of dead rabbits although the meadow area hasn't been checked. Nickie to write to Alex to get permission for his details to be passed to Elizabeth (post meeting note that this was done but as yet received no response) Colin & Steve will bring wheel barrows on Sunday	Colin Nickie Colin & Steve
Finance	Hazel reported that the bank balance was £5231, and £1000 of this had been ring fenced for the tree project Full of Beans sales continue to go well Juice stall did well.	
300 project	Lanier updated that initial meeting went well & actions are in progress after which we plan to come back to the committee with costed ideas Ruth spoke about the possibility of us donating an apple tree to the allotments. Everyone saw it as a good idea although appreciated council permission needed to be sought. Adrienne was keen for it to include High Wych allotments. This would be built into the 300 project in due course	Ruth Nickie
Events upcoming	Blossom Day – this was supported for 12 th May 12 – 2 It would run as last year with the addition of Refreshments. Nickie & Geoff are not available but post meeting Robinne & Monique are holding the day & Nickie will contact a few new volunteers to see if they could help with marshalling Carol Rogers will be able to help	Nickie Steve

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	<p>Colin will do the publicity on web with Steve Oram Posters will go up end April. Leaflets will be ready for the May Fayre We will have a maintenance /preparation day on 11th May May Fayre – 5th May Adrienne, Nickie, Monique, Steve, Lanier – we will be in the Church car Park, Geoff to be asked to help set up/ close down Juice Stall – 29th June Bell St – Ruth to get licence, Nickie volunteers Apple Day – Saturday 5th October (Hazel will be away until 4th) We discussed doing an early pick if necessary Allotment Show – Sell juice - Nickie Scarecrows- 7/8 September – will need volunteers 10 – 4 sat & 11 – 4 Sun Memorial Hall – 30th November Juice stall</p>	<p>Colin Adrienne Adrienne</p> <p>Nickie</p> <p>Nickie</p>
AOB	<p>Elizabeth talked about her broadcast that includes Rivers Orchard. Link on the website was agreed. She also said there was an opportunity for someone to talk about the Rivers Apples – Elizabeth will talk to Oliver and then find an appropriate person EEOAP – would like us to host their AGM – Hazel will talk to Martin, to check who pays, what need, suggest next year during our 300 Anniversary year Rivers Hospital – Elizabeth talked about their plans and her Intellectual Property, they appear interested to support our Anniversary, & are keen to build a relationship. Ruth will speak to Chloe Senneck regarding possible storage facility Everyone supported and thanked Elizabeth Beavers – Colin volunteered to host the 6 – 8 year olds at the orchard on 8th May at 5.45. Hazel will liaise Approval to purchase more stakes and lights was granted by all present</p>	<p>Elizabeth</p> <p>Hazel</p> <p>Ruth</p> <p>Hazel / Colin</p> <p>Adrienne</p>
	<p>Next meeting Wednesday 29th May 7.30 Meeting closed at 21.05</p>	