

**RHSO (Rivers Heritage Site and Orchard)**

**Meeting 18/02/2020**

**The Library, Sawbridgeworth 1900**

**Present:** Ruth, Eric, Rob, Lanier, Hazel, Dave and Nickie

**Apologies:** Geoff, Robinne, Adrienne, Eugene

Purpose of Meeting: To wash up /capture any learning from Wassail and agree some events for 2020

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion/ decision</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Wassail Wash up</b>	<p>Everyone agreed it was a great evening, the weather was in our favour although there was a lot of mud where the refreshment gazebo was cited. Having the whole event closer together worked well.</p> <p><b>Ideas for future:</b>                      Consider a bale of straw to protect against mud.                      Lanier talked about paper cups which may be available but is going to check out if they are compostable. Richard has said we can buy the fire pit and we all agreed                      We agreed we need a proper urn and that we should continue to borrow from guides &amp; scouts. We did however agree that we should buy our own tables preferably with telescopic legs and Rob is to explore                      Debbie (local vicar) came for 1<sup>st</sup> time &amp; suggested we have an MC /clearer instructions                      Price for refreshments was discussed (issue of us being self sufficient in case grants not forthcoming in future)                      We also discussed the idea of having a choir (with one rehearsal) we could talk about &amp; request names at the Apple Day                      Nickie requested that names and contact details of people who help us be put in our secure area</p>	<p><b>Lanier – cups</b></p> <p><b>Consider for next year</b></p> <p><b>Apple Day</b></p>
<b>Finance Report</b>	Hazel explained that she will go through detail at the AGM but that our current balance is £3178.40	
<b>Maintenance Update</b>	<p>As in detail of AGM but Rob also talked about how Anvil pruners should not be used on live wood as it damages it. So we all agreed that he should buy some by-pass pruners (c £40) and a spend of around £100 was agreed.</p> <p>It was also agreed that winter pruning should be completed before Wassail.</p> <p>Rob reported that the plum trees need doing in summer and we need to get someone in to do this professionally.</p>	<p><b>Rob to buy</b></p> <p><b>Rob to get quote</b></p>
<b>Safeguarding/children's policy</b>	This was approved by all present and Eric was volunteered to be the Welfare Officer. Nickie to update the statement and Rob to put on web	<b>Nickie Rob</b>

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<b>Events for Juice sales</b>	May Fayre – 3rd May – Hazel has arranged Easter time – 4th April ( 9 – 1) Bell Street – Ruth licence Maintenance in May will be 10th – Nickie tell people Horticultural Show 5 September Scarecrow Event 12 September Apple Day 3rd October Pricing was discussed and we decided to 2 for £5 On stalls we agreed to have just 2 people at a time	<b>Ruth</b>  <b>Nickie</b>      <b>Nickie</b>
<b>AOB</b>	We talked about sending acknowledgement / thanks /token of appreciation to Full of Beans and labels person C/F Teddy Bears picnic with bubbles	<b>Ruth / Hazel</b>

Next meeting will be held on 22 April at 23 Rowney Gardens @ 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8pm