



Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 17th December 2009

Present

Bruce Graham (Chair), Nick Day, Rosie Day, Margaret Eacott, Gail Alexander, Maureen Edwards

Apologies for absence

None received

Next task

The next task will commence at 10:30 am, Sunday 20th December 2009 at the Tesco end of Hookpit Farm Lane (SU 485 338).

This month's task will involve a litter pick (including removal of iron, metal etc), fixing of the vandalised bench, strimming of under growth and a pill-box reconnaissance, to see if it would be able to be turned into a suitable habitat for bats. Bruce will speak to Martin about fixing the bench. Equipment needed: bags to hold litter, litter pickers, gloves, wheel barrow and strimmer, camera.

After the task, Rosie and Nick will be hosting a Christmas buffet from 1 pm. Rosie to email Bruce with draft email regarding the next task.

Bats

Gail reported on setting a bat habitat in a pill box. We need to identify a suitable pill box, one that is on public land and take photographs and send to a bat expert. Also discussed was obtaining suitable 'bat bricks' that could be fixed inside the pill box.

HCC reception at the Great Hall

Bruce, Rosie and Nick attended a reception for Hampshire volunteer conservation groups to thank us all for our sterling efforts this year.

Biodiversity

We discussed the possibility of creating a picture of the biodiversity in the Worthies, starting in 2010. We talked about how we could place this on the WCV website and how people from the Worthies could contribute to the biodiversity survey. Bruce is to format an email template and to talk to Wilf, regarding help and advice on setting up this kind of survey.

Any other business

Margaret and Nick both commented on how successful the new raised path along Nuns' Walk is. Gail offered to do some publicity for the WCV and Rosie will email a poster to Gail. We also talked about how to get school more involved with the work carried out by WCV.

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th January 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Council Meeting Room of the Community Centre.

Future activities

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th January 2010 – Nuns Walk, we will replace the sleeper, cut back the hedgerow, possibly trim the undergrowth, erect new bird boxes and clean out old ones. Bruce to order materials.

Sunday 21st February 2010 – Kings Worthy School, pond improvements

Sunday 21st March 2010 – Pill Boxes, possible try to establish a habitat for bats