

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF HADDON WOOD COMMITTEE

held at 6pm on Wednesday 11th June '14 At Meadowside

Present: Hilary Harrison (Chair), Rose Hubbard, Gert Schley, Nick Truman, Mark Curtis, Jo Curtis (Treasurer), Nell Hunter (Sec)

	MINUTES	Action
1	Apologies for absence: none	
2	Minutes of the last meeting signed by HH as a true record	
3	Matters arising from the last meeting:	
1	Leasing Haddon Wood from the WT NT had spoken to Justin Milward and presented his report to the AGM (see those minutes). Agreed to leave this in abeyance until nearer the end of the Management Plan period in 3½ years	
2	Pond MC reported that there would be no definite date for excavation until after the grass has been cut	
3	Wildflower meadow HH had spoken to Nick Mann (supplier of Yellow Rattle) who said YR had failed everywhere this year, probably due to the mild winter, though it will possibly germinate this coming one. It was agreed that, after the grass cut, we will try a selection of wildflower seed. GS will buy from his supplier and claim back from the WT.	GS
4	Access points <ul style="list-style-type: none">MC has piped and gravelled the slip through at the top of the hill in F2, leaving Matt Peaster to edge it to WT specificationMC has also gravelled over the hardcore in the larger access point at F2/F4	
5	Grant application This has been completed and JC has it. She will speak to Liz Gould about the wood quote for the picnic table.	JC
6	Thistle day We had had a successful thistle pull, with several bags full removed. There are lots more though, and HH has issued a challenge to all walkers in her blog post of 2 nd June – see http://friendsofhaddonwood.wordpress.com/2014/06/02/not-another-thistle/ It was also agreed essential to have another thistle-pulling day, after the grass has been cut – particularly between the trees.	
7	Holly guards Have been fitted, with any left over being used for the Yew trees – thank goodness! Since then, not only have the plants avoided attention from the deer, but have grown on quite substantially.	
4	Alhampton Open gardens HH has emailed everyone to say thank you, whether for selling tickets, erecting signs, making cakes or any of the other tasks that	

contributed to our most successful O/Gs yet. Money was raised as follows: -

Ticket sales - £565

Teas at White Chimneys - £143

Teas at Mill House, instead of the agreed split, a generous cheque - £50

GS's sales of plants and tools - £180

Anonymous cheque - £62

to make the total up to an amazing £1000!

Notes for next year: -

- Should we do it again next year? Yes
- HH and TH will need a third party to proofread the programme
- Should the gardens be open for longer? It was agreed that extending to 4 hours for the same number of gardens would be enough
- HH will welcome help with advertising such as: -
 - Louisa's offer to put something in the Shepton Mallet Newsletter
 - Incorporate slips with tickets sold asking "Where did you hear about this day?"

5 Orchard

JC reported receiving a sum of £525 from Roger Hutton, being donations received, largely from his father, Bill's, funeral. RH has stressed that there is no expectation that the money is spent this year but rather when conditions are right. JC wanted to write to thank everyone but, as some donors are unknown, will write to RH who will pass her thanks on to the relevant parties. JC will also write to Rosemary Look for her donation.

JC

(For a full breakdown of monies received in respect of Haddon Wood for the first year, please see minutes of the AGM).

Charles Dowding has agreed to come up with a list of, say, 50 trees – though if nothing arrives from him by Monday 16th, NC and GS will put a list together.

NT
GS

6 AOB

- **Grass Cutting** – MC has arranged for this to be done by Chris Barber this year, cutting at the end of the week and taking away the beginning of next
- **Nettles** – have arrived in quantity again this year, particularly noticeably at the side of the mown paths. MC and NT to strim and scythe to make walking more comfortable. JC will undertake the necessary risk assessment
- **Labour certification** – JC to look into training and certification courses for such work and HH will talk to WT about funding.
- **Neighbours** - Mrs Bond has asked to be informed whenever work is to be undertaken in F1, so that she knows it's official.

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HH