

Members Activity Group Agreed Actions Record

Date 3rd April 2023



Attendees	Carol Leo; Paul du Rocher; Rita du Rocher; Karyn Lees; Gabby Crisp		
Apologies	Jan Allon-Smith		
Item	Discussions and Action Agreed	When	By Whom
1.	Revised dates for the next Volunteer Activity days: 6 th April moved to 22/23 rd April 6 th May moved to 27 th May		
2.	Potential work for Army Foundation College platoon: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fencing to close gap in football field hedge 2. Flatten and seed molehills in Area 8 3. Clear small sections in Area 5 and seed 4. Lay crushed stone to improve Hell Wath Lane entrance 5. All site steps to check, clear and level 6. Clear surface of Hell Wath Lane track 7. Cut back scrub regrowth (leave path boundaries) 		
3.	Ongoing Nature Monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tree surveying at each volunteer activity. Noted: need to ensure consistency of measurement and recording. See notes below. 2. Weekly butterfly monitoring from April through to September. Noted: Rota needs to be confirmed 3. Monthly bat monitoring Training to be confirmed 4. Monthly wildflower monitoring Need to confirm if Loretta is willing/able to undertake this again. If not need to consider alternatives. Rita agreed to contact Loretta 	13 th April April April	Paul Gabby Jem J Pearse Rita
4.	Other Discussion Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kings Coronation - volunteering day 8th May. FOHW to consider an activity. 2. Molehills for seeding Seeds to be sourced Some molehills may be active. Advised to rake flat then seed around the edges. Consider if watering in is possible to give seeds best possible chance of germinating (if no rain imminent) 3. Wildflower Seed Project Paul has over 500 seedling growing ! Need to plan for planting day. Special activity ? Planting out areas need to be identified Consider bringing everyone's seedlings together, then mixing for planting out. 4. Tree Surveying National Trust is organising a survey of trees along all public rights of way within the Skell Valley Project area. Gabby will advise when Hell Wath is planned so FOHW can be involved – when leaves are on trees. 	April April April May May May	Trustees Jem Carol Trustees Gabby Jem/Carol Gabby

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	<p>Gabby to look into criteria for classifying trees as Ancient; Veteran or Notable. Woodland Trust refresher course ?</p> <p>Question: Is anyone submitting Hell Wath results to national database?</p> <p>5. Identification Apps Noted that there are identification apps available for wildflowers and trees which might be useful.</p> <p>6. Scythe Training Training planned for June. Scything will be focused on the lower meadow areas.</p> <p>7. Hell Wath Area Identification Suggested it might be better to name the meadow areas rather than referring to Area numbers</p> <p>8. Himalayan Balsam Bashing Need to decide when to begin HB bashing activities and which areas to focus on. Need to confirm 2023 rust application - when & where</p>	April	<p>Gabby</p> <p>Jem ?</p> <p>Carol</p> <p>Trustees</p> <p>Trustees NYC</p>
5.	<p>Site Issues Noted</p> <p>1. The wooden tree protectors have been removed from trees in Area 5. The dismantled protectors need to be removed from site. Proposed that AFC platoon move these up to the Ripon Panthers Clubhouse. Request NYC to collect for disposal.</p> <p>2. A potentially dangerous tree has part fallen in trees alongside the Choir School development. NYC to be notified.</p>	<p>22/23 April ??</p> <p>April</p>	<p>Jem/Carol Carol</p> <p>Carol</p>
6.	<p>Site Work</p> <p>Gabby informed the meeting that work to resurface the Hell Wath track (from Hell Wath Cottage to the end of the woods) was being planned. This will improve the usability of the track throughout the year and improve access for disabled visitors. Suitable resurfacing materials will be sourced (probably crushed stone like the Choir School path) and the path will be edged with wooden batons were deemed necessary. Permission is being sought to divert the path leading to the lower meadow (Area 6) to keep the path flat. Work is expected to take place in late June, possibly with help from Army Foundation College volunteers.</p> <p>It was noted that improving this path may lead to an increase in cycle usage. NYC to be asked to provide 'No Cycling Permitted on Hell Wath' signage for all entrances.</p>	May 2023	Trustees