

Natural Kirklees Quarterly Meeting
2pm Thursday 27th September 2018
Beaumont Park Visitor Centre

Attendees	Organisation
Tim Duke	Deputy Chair Natural Kirklees
Mary Kenworthy	Treasurer Natural Kirklees
Joan Vevers	Secretary Natural Kirklees
Christine Senior	Meltham Pleasure Grounds
Malvern Goodall	Kirklees Badger Group
Mike Denton	Huddersfield Birdwatchers
Keith Saunders	Slaithwaite Spa
Pat Sheard	Friends of Greenhead Park
Glennis Ireland	Friends of Greenhead Park
Helen Claydon	Friends of Greenhead Park
Bev Corrigan	BHS & HBG
Julie Dempster	Friends of Beaumont Park
Gill Young	Friends of Crow Nest Park
Rod Payne	Upper Dearne Woodlands CG
David Wilde	Denby Dale PC
Phil Slater	Don Catchment Rivers Trust
Colin Berry	Spenn Valley Civic Society
Susan Doran	Kirklees Countryside Volunteers
Michael Brook	YWT/Huddersfield Birdwatchers
Keith Hinckling	Trinity/Greenhead Residents
Jane Griffiths	FO Greenhead Park
Ken Chapman	WMP AC Learn to Fish
Liz Atherton	Pride in Linthwaite
Karen & Win Harrison	Holmepride - Community in Action
Bruce Bird	Dewsbury Partnership
Simon Hirst	River Holme Connections
Patrick Crowley	Volunteer Co-ordinator Batley & Spenn
Andy Wickham	Volunteer Co-ordinator Rural

Apologies	Organisation
John Avison	FO Mag Wood
Ed Day	Natural Kirklees
Andrew O'Connor	FO Dean Wood
Vicky	Clem's Garden
Marianne McLeodhill	FO Storthes Hall Woods
Peter Taylor	FO Storthes Hall Woods
Steve Kelly	Learn to Fish
Peter Turner	Natural Kirklees
Jill Lucas	Botany Group
Karen Mayfield	Rrag

Item	Action
<p>Introductions Tim welcomed everyone and they all introduced themselves and explained who they represented.</p>	
<p>Minutes of the Meeting on 28th June 2018 These were agreed</p>	
<p>Matter Arising Bev said that they had arranged a meeting and asked Amanda the PCSO to attend but she was on holiday. Amanda had arranged for someone else to come but they did not turn up. Keith said the PCSO had attended their meeting. Tim said that Chief Inspector Ben Raynor who is responsible for local engagement had issued orders for people to engage with the local Community. The Wildlife Crime Officer at Huddersfield Darren Parkinson asked that if we see anything to report it to him. His email is dp7958@gmail.com or phone/text 07827927585. He also has a wide variety of interests including mountain leader, photographer, geology and wildlife.</p>	
<p>Treasurers Report Mary gave a summary of the accounts. Tim said we had spent £247 on T Shirts for when we were promoting ourselves at Greenhead Park Fete. We had also spent £5,772 on insurance renewal. We had also received funding for the next 12 months and this will mean we can run the insurance scheme for at least 4 years. We have plans to spend the money and if anyone has ideas for NK's help let us know.</p>	
<p>Progress Working with the Kirklees Volunteer Co-ordinators The VC's continue to work well with the groups. Several people have said that they were doing a great job. Patrick Crowley has a lot of volunteers available for specific projects. Peace Pit Lane is open 10.30 to 2.30 Monday and Thursday. River Holme Connections have had a number of plants from there. Ken Chapman asked about water plants and Mary said she would ask. There is the idea of planting fruit trees in Victoria Park but only low growing so that the fruit is easy to pick. Julian Faulkner at Kirklees Council should be contacted for a source for the trees.</p>	MK
<p>Insurance and Tool Share We have just renewed at the same price for the third year to 2019 and have funding for some extra cover for some groups. We have not made any claims so far. The question of Public Liability cover has gone quiet but we have some money in reserve to cover it. We still need to tell groups about the insurance as there are some groups who have not taken advantage. Ravensthorpe Action Group have been able to put £600 into a project because of the saving on insurance. Tim asked everyone to promote the insurance scheme. There was discussion around people transferring to our scheme only to find that they would have to go back to their insurers when our scheme finished. Tim said that we will have at least six months notice and hopefully we can still produce an insurance scheme which is cheaper because of the fact that we are a large group.</p>	

<p>The Tool Share has been quiet but mostly because of holidays. We are looking at long term loan of tools say for the summer season. The list of tools available is on the web site. There was a request for smaller forks and various sources were found. We will get some for the tool stores.</p>	<p>MK/TD</p>
<p>Natural Kirklees/Kirklees Council Charity Fete Sunday 12th August at Greenhead Park Lots of people attended and found it useful for networking. Tim said he would like to hold a similar event in North Kirklees. It was suggested that a better time of year would be June. There was discussion about the high cost of hiring a marque. It was felt that the event should be more of an inclusive event to interest a wider audience. There are meetings to be had with Rob Dalby and others but if anything is to go ahead we need to start planning it now. We will keep it on the Agenda.</p>	
<p>Skills Audit and Training We have had meetings with our 3 naturalists and we need to transfer that knowledge to a younger dynamic. We would like to train people from groups to do a walk over survey and how to record what they find. Natural Kirklees will pay for people to do that training. Michael, Mike and Jill will help. We will pick 3 sites from the north and 3 from the south to meet with the appropriate group and carry out a walk over survey to demonstrate the value of the site. For our Action Plan we must produce a map of each site in Kirklees. For the skills audit there must be people who have some skills and we will need a data base which is GDPR compliant. If someone needs advice about a specific subject we will have people who can share their knowledge. We will hold the information to help groups. We will email groups to ask if they have anyone with a skill and agree to their name and skill going on a data base. Ruth Dodds worked at Castle Hill doing a bio blitz to record what is found. This involves sending people out to find what they can, bring it back and record what is found and where it was found. We could hold an event in a park and involve school children. Bruce said that GDPR is not a problem and we need to advertise what is available. Mike said the survey should be done earlier in the year, see what sites offer in respect of training and arrange it for a suitable time of year. We must plan during March/April for days in May and record what has changed in that time.</p>	
<p>New Committee Members Natural Kirklees CIO has six trustees and we need help, if anyone has time to help us with our projects. Tim asked if anyone was willing to help.</p>	
<p>Any Unusual Sightings Black Grouse over towards Meltham but Mike still thought it unlikely. A few people had seen Geese flying in formation; Mike said that pink footed geese would be migrating. The Badger group are concerned about the cull being extended. The population in Kirklees is growing. They are getting younger people joining the group. There was</p>	

<p>discussion around TB vaccine. Someone had found strange holes like rabbit hole and Malvern explained that they were probably badger latrines. They are taking presentations to schools. A yellow woolly caterpillar with black stripes and a red tail was found at Castle Hill. A Neolithic flint arrow head had been found in Upper Dearne Woodland. Apparently they would get burnt when the animal was cooked.</p>	
<p>Date Time and Venue of the next meeting This will be the AGM on Thursday 29th November 2018 at 2pm in Beaumont Park Visitor Centre</p>	
<p>Any Other Business Cummings are always looking for projects for their volunteers they have done a project at Huddersfield Grammar School.</p> <p>Historic England managed to remove from the Local Plan building on a 35 hectare site at Cooper Bridge behind the Three Nuns.</p> <p>We have a selection of Natural Kirklees T Shirts if anyone would like one please take one and leave a donation.</p> <p>After the meeting Patrick Crowley demonstrated how to maintain and sharpen tools using cigar, canoe and diamond sharpeners.</p> <p>It was mentioned that Johnsons paints of Birstall sometimes has paint to give away.</p>	