

Natural Kirklees Quarterly Meeting
2pm Thursday 21st March 2019
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
Andrew O'Connor	Friends of Dean Wood
Mike Denton	Huddersfield Birdwatchers
Jill Lucas	Botany Group
Pat Sheard	Friends of Greenhead Park
Glennis Ireland	Friends of Greenhead Park
Helen Claydon	Friends of Greenhead Park
Bev Corrigan	BHS & HBG
Jim Claydon	FO Gledholt Woods
Gill Young	Friends of Crow Nest Park
Rod Payne	Upper Dearne Woodlands CG
David Wilde	Denby Dale PC
Phil Slater	Don Catchment Rivers Trust
D Fallowfield	Easthill Woods
Anne Martin	Kirklees Badger Protection
Michael Brook	YWT/Huddersfield Birdwatchers
Keith Hickling	Trinity/Greenhead Residents
Graham Wood	Woodhouse Mill Angling Ass AC
Ken Chapman	Woodhouse Mill Angling Ass AC
Marianne McLeodhill	FO Storthes Hall Woods
Helen Simpson	Friends of Cliffe Rec, Holmfirth
Karen & Win Harrison	Holmepride - Community in Action
Bruce Bird	Dewsbury Partnership
Andy Goff	Kirklees Parks
Patrick Crowley	Volunteer Co-ordinator Batley & Spen
Tim Scott	Burton Environment Group
Steve Hemming	Honley Village Community Trust
Dave Bowers	Safer Kirklees
Steve Moorhouse	Friends of Wilton Park

Apologies	Organisation
John Avison	FO Mag Wood
Ed Day	Natural Kirklees
Karen Mayfield	Ravensthorpe Residents Action Group
Vicky House	Clem's Garden
Lorna Brooks	Birkby Wildlife Garden
Jane Faulkner	Farnley Tyas Community Group
Bill Ashbee	Almondbury Bank Conservation Group
Peter Turner	Natural Kirklees
Malvern Goodall	Kirklees Badger Protection

Keith Saunders	FO Slaithwaite Spa
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<p>Introductions Tim welcomed everyone and they all introduced themselves and explained who they represented.</p>	
<p>Minutes of the Meeting on 29th November 2018 These were agreed</p>	
<p>Matters Arising None which are not covered in the Agenda</p>	
<p>G G G Great Green Get-together This will be a networking event similar that in Greenhead Park last year. It will be held on the weekend of 8th & 9th June. Saturday morning will be a Green Conference with delegates invited by Rob Dalby and there will be 4 speakers. Signing in from 9am starting at 9.30 until early afternoon. From late morning there will be a Food and Drink festival with stalls and a bar. In the afternoon Sharon ? Volunteering Kirklees will be running a Thank You event for her volunteers. This will be a type of afternoon tea for 150 volunteers served by local Councillors. There will be a couple of MP's Paula Sherriff and Tracy Brabin. On Sunday the Food and Drink event will run for most of the day. At the networking and show casing event there will be a speech from Rob Dalby with lunch provided with all the cutlery and glassware etc being reusable. You will need to register in advance for the Conference. We would like every group on the Natural Kirklees members list to be represented. So between now and June consider what you can do to attract the general public, with a theme of green issues and recycling making use of anything you would normally throw away. The event will be held at Mirfield Show Ground and we will email details as the plans develop. Emma Summers Parks Development Officer has worked on the details and Sam from Huddersfield Live helped with the planning. It is planned to have a Hay Bale session for talk and activities with children and families. There will be very little parking but there is the bus or train from Huddersfield and the greenway runs very close for cyclists. Mirfield in Bloom are holding a planting session on Sunday and another stall will be showing ideas for reuse of rubbish. Monitoring and Surveys as well as management of land will be covered. Everything will be on the Natural Kirklees website.</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report Mary circulated a copy of the accounts and gave a brief explanation of the expenditure. We have bought a lot of litter pickers and high-viz vests if anyone is taking part in the Keep Britain Tidy great British clean up month.</p>	
<p>Appointments At the AGM we said we were a couple of Trustees short. Christine Senior has done a lot of work for us. She has logged our Associate Membership and Walkers Groups. Tim proposed Christine as a Trustee and with a show of hands it was agreed unanimously.</p>	

<p>We propose having a Skills Register so that if anyone needs help which requires a particular skill we can put you in touch with a suitable person. Please let us know what skills you may have which would be of assistance to other groups.</p>	
<p>Membership We have full membership to qualify for free insurance and use of the tool store. We are looking to build up Associate Membership for parks users, walkers groups and so forth. Steve Kelly Learn to Fish, is not well and is not able to give lessons for children. Graham Wood Woodhouse Mills Angling Club said they will be looking to continue with learning to fish. ?? has agreed to come to the next meeting to talk about funding opportunities.</p>	
<p>Any Other Business Tomorrow is the start of Keep Britain Tidy Great British Clean Up month if anyone wants to take part. Quite a few of the groups have regular clean up days.</p> <p>We can provide training for Stage 1 Walk Over Surveys to groups. We have 3 Ecologists who hopefully will have a date to train people at East Hill Woods. Dave Hemingway will train and give books out. We could do a further 4 sites if anyone wants to learn. Wilton Park are looking to do a bioblitz in the summer maybe we could do a training there. Dave arranged with Simon River Home Connection to enable monitoring on the Dearne. We would appreciate a report for the website. Using RHC experts on weed control, we will ask for funding for this. Birkby Garden has Japanese Knotweed. RHC has training for Japanese Knotweed from 29th July for 4 days in Holmfirth details on the NK website.</p> <p>Tim Scott mentioned that he had seen a winch used to pull out roots. He also said that the Middle School had a teacher who was an environmentalist and was looking for fruit trees. Aspens are being planted at Dewsbury Country Park. The Woodland Trust has trees available. Northern Fruit Group has an office near Flint Street. Hilary will be doing pruning courses and will have trees in the future for a small donation. Bruce said that Kirklees has maps which on some levels may be available to the public. Patrick said he had access and groups should ask their VC's whether they can access a particular site. We should ask if we can have a specific layer for Natural Kirklees. Steve Moorhouse said Wilton Park Woodland contains landscape from the pre historic period and there are a lot of ancient gardens and pre historic round houses. He could give a presentation at a future meeting.</p>	
<p>Any Unusual Sightings Comma butterfly at Meltham Reservoir. Peacock butterfly in Fixby. There were several butterflies during the warm weather in February. Frog and Toad Spawn have been seen.</p>	

<p>Large Brown Ladybird. Someone was lucky enough to have hedgehogs in their garden.</p>	
<p>Date Time and Venue of the next meeting Has been changed to 13th June 2019 at 2pm in Beaumont Park Visitor Centre. Tim thanked Beaumont Park for letting us use the Visitor Centre.</p>	
<p>Presentations Dave Bower Safer Kirklees Community Involvement Support Officer gave a talk on the work he does making people feel safe. Volunteers may see things which Police and other officers may not see such as environmental damage. He would appreciate any help Park Groups could give in reporting any problems they may spot. Or if he could help them they should get in touch. Dave covers the Dewsbury area but there are other officers throughout Kirklees. There was discussion about reporting fly tipping etc and Bruce mentioned the Kirklees App. The Environment Agency was also mentioned telephone 0800 807060</p> <p>Patrick Crowley Volunteer Co-ordinator Batley and Spen gave a demonstration on repairing broken handles on spades or forks. He explained how to maintain them to prevent them breaking in the first place. He also recommended buying second hand old tools at car boot sales etc as these are much better made than modern ones.</p>	