

FRIENDS OF MEADOW PARK

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE PARISH OFFICE, EAST LEAKE, COMMENCING 7.30 P.M. (18 pages)

**Present:** Ann Weekley (Chairman), Trevor Jones (Secretary {minutes}), Andy Denker (Treasurer) plus 9 Committee Members and 14 other Members. Total 26

**Apologies for absence:** Andrew Sandford, Mollie Jacques, Steve Perriman, Jo Stevenson, Ian and Denise Langley, Joyce Singleton, Janet and Martin Clark, Kathleen Robinson, Shirley Fox.

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 18th November 2015** had been ratified by those attending the Meeting and circulated on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

**Matters Arising: None.**

**Chairman's Report-** See Appendix A.

**Secretary's Report -**See Appendix B

**Treasurer's Report -** See Appendix C

**Hay bales harvested –** see Appendix D

**Arboretum report –** See Appendix E

**Flower Report –** See Appendix F

**Bee World and Butterfly Record -** see Appendix G

**Kingston Brook Report –** See Appendix H

**Nest Box Report-** See Appendix I

**Committee Attendance –** See Appendix J

**Activities Report –** See Appendix K

**Election of Officers and Committee. (Trevor)**

Trevor Jones stepped down as Secretary. Kevin Gibbons was elected to the post. Proposed Eric Bryson, seconded Brian Johnson.

There were no nominations for election. The 2015-16 committee members were all re-elected by general assent.

The Committee for 2016/2017 will be:

Chairperson: Ann Weekley.

Secretary: Kevin Gibbons.

Treasurer: Andy Denker

Publicity: Brenda Lewis.

Elected Members: Neil Hunter, Andrew Sandford, Eric Bryson, Alan Barlow, Trevor Jones.

Co-opted Members: Ian Morrissey, John Roulstone, Mel Roper, Brenda Lewis.

ELPC Representative: Marie Males

RBC Representative: Paul Phillips.

## OPEN FORUM.

Brian Johnson pointed out that butterflies sought sanctuary in the arboretum following the hay cut, but this was denied if it was cut at the same time. The triangular area on the north boundary of Play Field was also a butterfly sanctuary, but it had been cut twice this year. Ann said that this was an error which would not recur.

Brian said that there were a lot of flowers in Stonebridge Field, providing nectar for butterflies, which were cut in July. Some were near hedgerows. Neil said that the new Management Plan contained a field margin cutting rota. Eric pointed out that hedges grew out if margins were not cut.

Date of next AGM. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The formal meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

## APPENDIX A CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (ANN WEEKLEY)

Many thanks to all of you for turning out tonight to find out what we've been up to this year.

I think the topic which has produced the most discussion, and more heartache, than any other has been The Management Plan and the related Grass Cutting schedule. It's very difficult to balance conflicting interests. A late mowing benefits most butterflies and some flowers but it results in a nutritionally poor hay crop. Many Park users enjoy the wild flowers though some are disparaged as weeds: the flowers not the users! Other users would like all the fields to have short grass all the time. Fortunately for FMP we act in an advisory capacity. The final decision is not ours!

In early July we had the long-anticipated Archaeology walk in Meadow Park. It was a very enjoyable and informative morning which was led by the County Archaeologist, Ursilla Spence and the Community Archaeologist, Emily Gilliot. We were joined by members of East Leake History Society and I think we all felt we had gained something from each other. It was a reminder that Meadow Park is not just about natural history, important though that is.

One of the most heartening aspects of this year has been the increased usage of Meadow Park by the schools. Lantern Lane hold their weekly Forest School sessions there. The children are full of enthusiasm, come rain or shine, and we can only hope that the effort put in by their teacher will produce in them a lasting appreciation of the Park. In the long term we can but hope that this may result in less mindless vandalism.

East Leake Academy has also used the Park for some biodiversity sampling. These were year 12 pupils (lower Sixth to some of us!). I was asked to attend to show them the different habitats and identify the flowers. It was lovely to see such interested teenagers even though some were badly smitten with hay fever!

Last week four of us met with Rachel Morris and Laura Pilbin of British Gypsum. Laura had recommended us to British Gypsum's Charity and Good Causes Committee. They are not only giving us a donation of £150 but are also offering manual labour by some of their workforce. We had a very pleasant and productive meeting. The details of who will do what and when have yet to be arranged but a range of tasks were discussed. We are very grateful for their interest and support.

Whilst on the subject of manual labour, a big thank you to our able-bodied members who turn up for our Saturday working parties and to those who put in extra hours between working parties : by watering new plantings, litter picking and other necessary tasks. One of most successful 'out-of-hours' sessions was gathering up the hay in the Arboretum. We had 20+ members turn up and thanks to the Parish Council supplying not only a tractor and trailer but the services of Adey. It was a very successful morning even if it found muscles we didn't know we possessed! As in the past, the Parish Council, usually in the form of Steve and Adey, has been very helpful in many ways. Also a big thank you to all members, without your subscriptions we wouldn't be able to buy the tools and plants which enable us to tackle our various projects.

We now have our very own Meadow Park Dog Warden, Hilary Morrissey. She volunteered, has received training from Rushcliffe and wearing her new high viz jacket, should prove an immediately visible deterrent to irresponsible dog owners. She will patrol the Park for 2 hours every day. We are all extremely grateful to her.

Lastly but by no means least, I would like to thank the Committee for all their hard work during the year. Brenda Lewis, who is not here this evening as she is currently returning from the Antarctic, has done a magnificent job taking over Publicity in her first year on the Committee, producing not only the regular reports and reminders but also organising the new recruitment leaflet. She would be the first to say she was indebted to Mollie Jacques for putting her on the straight and narrow! The finances have once again been in

Andy's safe hands. Trevor, who is stepping down as Secretary this evening, has done his usual thorough reports and we thank him very much for his unstinting efforts over the last 6 years.

Finally, on a personal note I am indebted to those members of the Committee who have helped me through this year. When I took on the task I knew it would be difficult emotionally but there was more 'baggage' than I expected. You know who you are and thank you.

## **APPENDIX B SECRETARY'S REPORT (TREVOR JONES)**

Membership stands at a record 148. The increase in membership of approximately 50 was largely in response to the leafleting which Ann has mentioned. A major success.

I was elected Secretary at the 2010 AGM. We were dependent on Members subscriptions, introduced to cover insurance whilst working in Meadow Park, for almost all our income and very restricted in what we could do. Coming from a farming background, I had seen whole families reared on the income from half the acreage of Meadow Park. My idea of selling the hay crop to raise money did not attract support. Alan then embarked on a methodical search for funding. It was planned to approach the National Lottery and I knew that their officials would wish to scrutinise a Management Plan. No formal final version had been fully agreed on in 10 years since Meadow Park was founded, although there were draft plans from the beginning and the Park was being managed, of course. (The best plan is valueless unless practical people are available to apply it).

The five yearly review the 2011 Plan fell due this year. Review revealed changes in objectives and attitudes over the past five years. The great majority of objectives listed in the 2011 Plan were achieved by the Parish Council and Friends of Meadow Park.

Friends of Meadow Park Committee has a history of expertise. Neil has experience extending from the 1990s. Significant progress has been brought about by individuals who have joined during the past five years. People with a special interest in butterflies, moths and bees (Kevin Gibbons and Brian Johnson), maintenance of healthy streams at consultant level (Ian Morrissey) and culture of willows in relation to the traditional East Leake basket making industry (John Roulstone) have opened up new vistas. David Bridge, although not a FMP Member, produced a book on the geology of Meadow Park for us and Ian Morrissey one on East Leake Brook. Both are in East Leake Library. Perhaps we could benefit from an archaeologist, a historian, a soil scientist, an agronomist and so on. There could well be a wealth of untapped talent in East Leake.

There has been major advancement in communications. Topics used to be referred to the next Meeting. Sometimes, though, the next meeting was in a new season with its contemporary presenting problems and the matter postponed to the following year. With all Committee Members on the internet, the Committee is active 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This has resulted in more rapid progress, but there is increased complexity. In the old days, some problems had resolved themselves or been overtaken by events before the next meeting.

Ann has taken on the duties of Chairman in addition to her work on flowers. She is to be thanked for steering us safely through another year and being unstinting with her time and hands-on effort. There has been a little choppiness, but nothing like the previous year.

Thank you all for providing me with the experience of being your Secretary. My total expense claimed over six years has been 80 pence, so at least I haven't cost you much.

## **FRIENDS OF MEADOW PARK – TREASURERS REPORT**

### **YEAR ENDING 31/10/2016**

2015/16 again proved to be another good year for FMP financially.

The account for 2015/16 started with a balance carried forward of £1619.23

Membership subscriptions have increased over the last year, particularly due to the leafleting of the village which has given the Friends 49 new members. There was a very generous donation of £500 which has given us a new seat in the Arboretum and a small increase in the Arboretum Sponsorship Fund.

Membership subscriptions to the year end were £783 along with donations of £573, both amounts going to general funds.

A grant of £136.74 was received from the RBC Biodiversity Fund, which covered the cost of the purchase of various new tools for the use of the volunteers.

Overall income for the year was a total of £1504.74 which along with the opening balance of £1619.23 gave a total of **£3123.97** at the year end.

Expenditure for the year was **£1848.29**, the major items being £644 for the new seat, £230 for Hay Rattle seeds, £198 for new safety equipment, £205 for the village leaflet, £148 for new bird boxes and £131 for new trees in the Arboretum.

With the income for the year being **£3123.97** and the expenditure being **£1848.29** the overall balance of the account as at 31/10/2016 was **£1275.68**

This is allocated as:

**General Funds: £681.68**

**Arboretum Fund: £594**

The above totals will be carried forward to the 2016/2017 financial year

At the time of writing the above report there are three expenditures provisionally in the pipeline, namely the purchase of: two replacement trees/posts for the Arboretum £206, various new tools £90 and hedging plants for Bateman and Lagoon Fields £220. All these items will be in the 2016/2017 accounts.

Andy Denker

Treasurer Friends of Meadow Park

4/11/16

Please Note:

The figures above are taken from the unaudited accounts.

The accounts have been forwarded to Lesley Bancroft [ East Leake Parish Clerk] for auditing – 7/11/2016.

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No report from Parish Office.

#### **APPENDIX E ARBORETUM REPORT (ANDY DENKER)**

Tree inspections were carried out throughout the last year with a thorough one in May.

After this inspection a strip down of netting and removal of tree ties were carried out on the majority of trees as these were no longer required.

Extra work will be required over the next 2 months on the various posts that are loose or require replacing.

Of the 33 trees in the area, 30 are progressing well but there has been a problem with the remaining 3 –

ALDER

BROWN OR DOWNY BIRCH

SESSILE OAK

With the Alder and Birch, by the end of November this year they will have been replaced twice, firstly with bare root and latterly with pot grown specimens.

As there has been a problem over the years with bare root trees, particularly with watering, any new trees required will now be pot grown as they have a better chance of survival.

As for the Sessile Oak this has had numerous problems particularly with not being what it is supposed to be – hopefully the latest planting will be correct.

Continued monitoring will be carried out on a regular basis to ensure that they all grow to maturity.

#### **APPENDIX F FLOWER REPORT (ANN WEEKLEY)**

The weather we have experienced in 2016 has been unusual to say the least. Except for a brief cold spell in February and a downpour, which produced a short lived flood in March, the first four months of the year were mild and largely sunny. May, in contrast, was cold and wet. From then onwards there has been a lot of warm and often windy weather. September 13<sup>th</sup> was the hottest day of the year and the warmest September day for over a hundred years.

Apart from giving us something to talk about, the unusual weather has affected the flowers. Some of the flowers seemed to like the cool, wet weather in May. There were magnificent displays of ragged robin in the arboretum. Many people asked me what 'the pretty pink flower' was. Ragged robin's preferred habitat is damp meadow land. The arboretum is one of the drier areas, and one which is likely to become drier still as the trees mature, so we may well have seen a 'never-to be repeated' display. On the other hand we may have a wet May next year! The cowslips were superb once more and yellow rattle which we struggled to introduce is now widespread. The orchids in Hall Field also put on a show. They may be called *common* spotted orchids but the term is relative!

The flowers in the Park don't just vary in individual abundance. Each year there are species which disappear, often to return another year, or sometimes to disappear for ever as the habitat changes. Cuckoo flower reappeared in Hall Field after an absence of many years, this year. Meadow saxifrage delighted us all in 2012 but hasn't reappeared...yet!

The hawthorn and blackthorn were both smothered in blossom. Many Park users commented on their beauty. The hawthorn produced an abundance of haws, a lifeline for many birds this winter. The blackthorn in contrast didn't even produce enough sloes for me to make sloe gin! Nature as always is unpredictable.

Finally, the statistics: so far this year I have recorded 92 different species and the total since I began monthly recording in 2006 is now 147. It's probably 148 as I found a flower this year which I have failed to identify ( I have a photograph of it). If we think these flower records are valuable, we do need some more people to record what they see. I only have two eyes and they're not as sharp as they were!

#### **APPENDIX G SUMMARY OF MEADOW PARK BUTTERFLIES AND RECORDS FOR 2016**

## (KEVIN GIBBONS AND BRIAN JOHNSON)

It has been very changeable weather from the start, and throughout the butterfly season, which has not been helpful for some of our butterflies species during 2016. In particular, the Common Blue (not common at all as its name may suggest) had a very poor first and second brood with numbers down from forty-two (42) to just four (4). The Brown Argus and the Small Copper were also down from eighteen (18) to three (3), and eleven (11) to one (1) respectively. Refer to **Table A** at the end of the summary for a comparison of meadow park butterflies for both the year 2015 and 2016. The early cutting of Little Meadow and the cutting of the small area at the north of Play Field may also had a negative effect as these two areas are generally a strong hold for both these species. To compound the issue, both Bee World 2 and 3 did not do so well this year, thereby reducing the nectaring opportunities for these specific butterflies, and of course the bees.

There seems to be success regarding the numbers of the Brimstone butterfly in Meadow Park, with six Alder Buckthorn trees (the Brimstone larval food plant) being planted at various locations in January this year. It did not take very long for the trees to be discovered, and numerous eggs were found on the undersides of leaves (see picture below) on each of the six plants during May. Evidence of the larvae (caterpillars) were also evident on all plants as the leaves were very much devoured. Recordings of this butterfly has increased from three (3) to seven (7) for year 2015 and 2016 respectively. Note that the numbers in brackets ( ) are for the highest count of a single site visit and not the total butterflies counted.



Meadows butterflies (Meadow Brown, Ringlet, Large Skipper, Small Skipper, Essex Skipper and Gatekeeper) all fared well with the exception of the Gatekeeper this being the latest meadow butterfly to emerge in meadow park. The Small Skipper did exceptionally well with a single count of two-hundred and eighty (280), the highest count to date. Hopefully, the hay cutting of the Arboretum can be reconsidered for next year as this is a reserve that meadow butterflies can move to when cutting takes place in the other areas of meadow park. It was disappointing that the cutting went ahead in the Arboretum at a time when wild flowers are flowering and still giving an important nectar source for insects.

A total twenty-two recording visits were conducted (refer to **Table B** at the end of this summary) covering each week of the month from April through to August. **Table C** shows columns for the highest single count of butterflies for each week of each month, and the right-most column gives the highest count of a single visit for the season. Twenty different species were recorded this season which is one down for last year, this being the migrant Painted Lady that did not get spotted this in meadow park, although it was reasonably wide spread in the area.

Hoping next year we have a more consistent season of good weather to help our most vulnerable insects.

**Table A** – Year comparison for 2015 and 2016

	<b>Butterfly Name</b>	<b>Highest Count 2015</b>	<b>Highest Count 2016</b>
0			
1	Brimstone	3	7
2	Comma	8	2
3	Peacock	23	7
4	Red Admiral	4	1
5	Small Tortoiseshell	48	30
6	Painted Lady	1	0
7	Speckled Wood	9	4
8	Green-veined White	8	11
9	Holly Blue	3	2
10	Orange Tip	7	6
11	Large White	13	5
12	Small White	20	21
13	Small Copper	11	1
14	Brown Argus	18	3
15	Common Blue	42	4
16	Large Skipper	12	15
17	Meadow Brown	203	171
18	Essex Skipper	8	22
19	Ringlet	78	63
20	Small Skipper	189	280
21	Gatekeeper	34	9

**Table B** 2016 Season - All Site Recordings (includes all visit dates)

Meadow Park East Leake - SK552266		03 Apr	13 Apr	20 Apr	27 Apr	05 Ma y	08 Ma y	16 Ma y	27 Ma y	04 Jun	06 Jun	19 Jun	21 Jun	26 Jun	04 Jul	11 Jul	13 Jul	19 Jul	22 Jul	06 Aug	12 Au g	17 Au g	29 Au g
Brimstone	1		7	3		2	3		1	1													
Comma	2	1																1	2	2			
Peacock	3		6	7		3	3	1	2											1	1	1	
Red Admiral	4																					1	
Small Tortoiseshell	5	4	13	16	1	10	2					1	2	4	6	22	30	10	5	1			4
Painted Lady	6																						
Speckled Wood	7										1	1	2	4	2				1		1	1	1
Green-veined White	8					5	2	3	4	3	2							3	11	6		2	
Holly Blue	9					2			1	1									1	2		1	
Orange Tip	10			3	1	5	6	6	3	3	2												
Large White	11									3	1				1		1	5	3	3	1		
Small White	12			2		2	4	2	12	5	2						2	16	21	11	6	5	8
Small Copper	13									1													
Brown Argus	14									3	1	1		1	1								
Common Blue	15											1	2	4						1	1	1	1
Large Skipper	16											2	5	15	13	8	4	4	6				
Meadow Brown	17											4	7	34	123	143	129	12	6	171	22	12	3
Essex Skipper	18															2	4	8	22	6			
Ringlet	19													8	63	36	33	32	21				
Small Skipper	20														2	4	15	12	8	280	27		
Gatekeeper	21																	2	3	5	9	5	

**Table C** 2016 Season - Recordings condensed in weekly format by month

0	Butterfly Name	Apr				May				Jun				Jul				Aug				Sep				Highest Count				
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4					
1	Brimstone		7	3		2	3		1	1																				7
2	Comma	1														1	2	2												2
3	Peacock		6	7		3	3	1	2									1	1	1										7
4	Red Admiral																			1										1
5	Small Tortoiseshell	4	13	16	1	10	2				1	2	4	6	30	10	5	1							4					30
6	Painted Lady																													0
7	Speckled Wood									1	1	2	4	2			1		1	1	1									4
8	Green-veined White					5	2	3	4	3						3	11	6		2										11
9	Holly Blue					2			1	1						1	2			1										2
10	Orange Tip			3	1	5	6	6	3	3																				6
11	Large White									3				1	1	5	3	3	1											5
12	Small White			2		2	4	2	12	5					2	16	21	11	6	5	8									21
13	Small Copper									1																				1
14	Brown Argus									3	1		1	1																3
15	Common Blue										1	2	4					1	1	1	1									4
16	Large Skipper										2	5	15	13	8	4	6													15
17	Meadow Brown										4	7	34	123	143	126	171	22	12	3										171
18	Essex Skipper														4	8	22	6												22
19	Ringlet												8	63	36	32	21													63
20	Small Skipper													2	15	128	280	27												280
21	Gatekeeper															2	3	5	9	5										9

 - no recordings for this week

**Note:** The recorded values are the highest number of sightings of the species from each visit for the specific week of the month.  
They are not the arithmetic sum of the sightings for the week.

Ian Morrissey presented his report. The Kingston Brook was central to Meadow Park and its improvement (habitat and ecology) remains a focus for the FMP. Only the length of the brook extending 50 metres upstream from the railway crossing was in a good condition in terms of the habitats supported. This was because it had not been damaged by routine maintenance undertaken by the internal drainage board (IDB), most recently in 2012. The general character outside of this small reach is a watercourse of poor habitat quality, exhibiting ponded flow conditions and a heavily sedimented bed, which acts to limit the ecology supported. Wider pressures such as storm water overflow from the local pumping station, diffuse pollution from agricultural practices in the catchment and fine sediment run-off also act to limit the potential of the brook. He had recorded only sticklebacks and three adult chub on a recent visit. Low flow conditions in the Kingston Brook are exacerbated by the perceived lack of flow entering from the Sheepwash Brook, which he attributed to quarrying near its source.

There had been liaison with the Trent Valley IDB. Whilst this body's priority was flood prevention, it was aware of its responsibilities under the Water Framework Directive not to cause deterioration to the watercourse through its activities. The IDB is presently developing a flood model for Kingston Brook which Ian hopes will demonstrate that continued maintenance of the type seen through Meadow Park is unnecessary in terms of reducing flood risk. Ian stated that he would develop a restoration plan for the brook over the next year that would be communicated with the IDB. The FMP would need consent from the IDB to undertake any in-channel works specified by the plan, but could attend to the vegetation on the banks.

In response to a question from Trevor, Ian replied that the Kingston Brook situation could be improved if farmers provided buffer strips i.e. did not cultivate up to edge of the watercourse. Whilst there may not be large water extraction for irrigation upstream of Meadow Park, quantities of water could be extracted without licensing being necessary that could be exacerbating low flow periods through Meadow Park. (Old Dalby, where Kingston Brook presumably arises as a spring, is 9.4 miles from East Leake by road, according to Google).

Birds:

Kingfisher have been seen flying along the Brook this year and are believed to be nesting downstream of the railway bridge. Heron, little egret, grey wagtail and a woodcock have been reported.

(The ELPC representative on the IDB is Julie Love, of Brook Furlong Farm, East Leake).

Last Saturday (November 5<sup>th</sup>), four of us spent the morning clearing out, recording and replacing where necessary, the nest boxes in Meadow Park. It was a very successful morning which saw us visit all but one of the 22 nest boxes now in the park. One has now become unreachable due to ivy growth.

Perhaps surprisingly, a substantially lower percentage of the boxes were used this year compared to last. Just 11 of the 22 boxes were used, all by tits, apart from one, potentially by a mouse.

This not necessarily a worrying signs as the average clutch size of a tit is 10 chicks. After discounting the 9 eggs we unfortunately found unhatched, this means around 90 tit chicks are likely to have hatched in the park from nest boxes alone.

4 boxes were installed to replace those that were missing or unrepairable, in the hope that next year will be another successful year for birds breeding in Meadow Park.

#### **APPENDIX J - COMMITTEE MEETINGS ATTENDANCE (TREVOR JONES)**

- 5 Ann Weekley (Chair), Andy Denker (Treasurer), Mel Roper, Neil Hunter,
- 4 Trevor Jones (Secretary), Kevin Gibbons
- 3 Brenda Lewis, Alan Barlow, John Roulstone
- 2 Eric Bryson, Andrew Sandford,
- 1 Marie Males (ELPC Rep), Paul Phillips (RBC Rep), Ian Morrissey

(Email communication ensures that Committee Members can be active without attending all Meetings).

#### **APPENDIX K ACTIVITIES REPORT (ANDY DENKER)**

##### **FRIENDS OF MEADOW PARK – ACTIVITY DAYS / EXTRA DAYS REPORT**

##### **SEPTEMBER , OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2016 AND 2015 – 2016 TOTALS**

#### SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> ACTIVITY DAY

There was a general tidy up of the overhanging growth over the paths, with particular attention on the Bateman and Arboretum areas.

8.75 hrs total

#### SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> EXTRA ACTIVITY DAY

Removal of dead Sessile Oak and replace with new

4.5hrs total

#### SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> EXTRA ACTIVITY DAY

Planting of new Downy Birch

4hrs total

#### OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> ACTIVITY DAY

Dogwood removal from Hall Field. Removal of cut Dogwood from 2015 in Bateman Field copse. Water new Downy Birch tree. Litter pick

18 hrs total

#### OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> EXTRA ACTIVITY DAY

Investigate fire damage in Lagoon Field. Cut up Dogwood from Bateman Field copse

Liase with Forest School re logs etc

3hrs total

#### OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> EXTRA ACTIVITY DAY

Water Downy Birch and Sessile Oak

1.5 hrs total

NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> ACTIVITY DAY

Preparation for hedge laying Bateman Field adj to Arboretum. Work in Hall Field.

Review of new shrub area Gibsons Field

12 hrs total

NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> EXTRA ACTIVITY DAY

Nest box survey, removal of fire debris – picnic bench in Gibsons Field and Forest School area

12 hrs total

NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> EXTRA ACTIVITY DAY

Strimming in Hall Field

2Hrs total

TOTAL VOLUNTEERS HOURS WORKED OVER THE PERIOD AGM 2015 TO AGM 2016

SCHEDULED ACTIVITY DAYS – TOTAL 250.75HRS

EXTRA ACTIVITY DAYS – TOTAL 128HRS

**OVERALL TOTAL FOR THE YEAR – 378.75HRS**

**FRIENDS OF MEADOW PARK – SCHEDULED ACTIVITY DAYS WORK DECEMBER 2015 TO NOVEMBER 2016**

**WHEN                      WHAT    WHO                      HOURS**

<b>DECEMBER 2015</b>	<b>Removal of dogwood on the corner of Bateman Field and</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>12/12/15</b>	<b>Litter picking</b>		
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<b>JANUARY 2016</b>	<b>Check tree ties in Arboretum, plant 6 off Alder Buckthorn, clear</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>9/1/16</b>	<b>scrub – Lagoon Field, trim border adj to sculpture, removal of Docks Oak Meadow, litter picking, remove dams from Sheepwash, inv concrete cover in Gibsons Field</b>		
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<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>Check 2 off new trees, clear scrub in Electric Avenue, remove</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>13/2/16</b>	<b>docks from Oak Meadow, clean up Bee World area, open up Entrance to new path in Hall Field, clear more dogwood from Bateman area ,collect willow from Lagoon Field.</b>		
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<b>MARCH</b>	<b>Re dig Bee World and extend, build 2 new hibernaculares with the</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>12/3/16</b>	<b>turf, tidy up willow structure, litter picking</b>		
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<b>APRIL</b>	<b>Clean up/litter pick of Brook, Sheepwash and Meadow Park</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>9/4/16</b>			
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<b>MAY</b>	<b>Arboretum tree inspection, general tidy up of paths, add further</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>14/5/16</b>	<b>warning signs on nesting birds posts, litter picking, inspection of</b>		

**Bird boxes.**

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<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Completion of Arboretum work – removal of wire netting + post</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>11/6/16</b>	<b>fixing, general cut back of overhanging branches over paths, Litter picking</b>		
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<b>JULY</b>	<b>General tidy up of overhanging growth over paths with</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>9/7/16</b>	<b>particular attention to the 4 entrances, litter picking, removal of Ragwort from Stonebridge</b>		
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<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>NO SCHEDULED WORK DAY</b>		
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<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>General tidy up of overhanging branches around Bateman Field/</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8.75</b>
<b>10/9/16</b>	<b>Arboretum area, removal of dead Downy Birch and Alder from Arboretum</b>		
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<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>Dogwood removal – Hall Field, removal of dogwood debris cut</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>8/10/16</b>	<b>last year in Bateman Field copse to fire site, water new Birch tree, Litter pick</b>		
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<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>Preparation for hedge laying – Bateman Field adj to Arboretum,</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>

12/11/16 Hall Field dogwood removal, review new shrub area – Gibsons  
Field

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AED 12/11/16 TOTAL HOURS WORKED 250.75

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**FRIENDS OF MEADOW PARK – UNSCHEDULED ACTIVITY DAYS WORK DECEMBER 2015**

**TO NOVEMBER 2016**

<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHO</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
DECEMBER 2015	Remove and replant Quercus Rebus and plant new Sessile Oak	3	4.5
12/12/15	plus raise level of ground under seat at Bateman Rd entrance		
18/12/16	Strim wild flower area in Oak Meadow and sow Hay Rattle seed	1	1.5
JANUARY 2016	Clear area around and water Alder Buckthorn – KG	1	1
19/1/16	Purchase of depot kit boxes and sort out kit in depot AB	1	2
25/1/16	Dig up 2 dead trees in Arboretum, fit 5 bird boxes and 3 bat boxes		
	And litter picking EB,AW,AD,AB	4	10
26/1/16	Replace 2 trees in Arboretum , open up path in Oak Meadow Ad, AB	2	3
FEBRUARY			

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<b>MARCH</b>	<b>Fit new seat in Arboretum AD AW KG CO</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>7/3/16</b>			
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>Flail areas of Hall Field Neil and Steve</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Dig over/rake and seed Bee World area KG</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>Fit new post for nesting bird sign and remove bike AB AD</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>Fit bird signs and supply wood to forest school area AD AW</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Apply anti climb paint to nesting bird posts + warning signs AB AD</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>10/5/16</b>			
<b>24/5/16</b>	<b>Replace gloves and helmets + revised tool inventory AD AW</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>26/5/16</b>	<b>Purchase of new boxes and exchange of tools etc AB AD</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Watering new Bee World Area</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>Removal of Ragwort – Stonebridge, Little Meadow Arboretum</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>12/7/16</b>			
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>Collection and removal of hay cut in the Arboretum plus cutting</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>25/8/16</b>	<b>grass etc around trees</b>		

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>Removal of dead Sessile Oak, replace with new</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>9/9/16</b>	<b>Planting of new Downy Birch and check of Sessile Oak</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>26/9/16</b>			
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<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>Investigate fire damage – Lagoon Field, cut dogwood removed from</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>10/10/16</b>	<b>Bateman Field copse for bonfire, liase with Forest School re logs</b>		
	<b>And supply further den material from cut dogwood</b>		
<b>28/10/16</b>	<b>Water Downy Birch and Sessile Oak</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
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<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>Nest Box survey, remove fire debris from bench in Gibsons Field</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>5/11/16</b>	<b>and Forest School area</b>		
<b>8/11/16</b>	<b>Strimming in Hall Field</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
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<b>AED 12/11/16</b>	<b>TOTAL HOURS WORKED</b>		<b>128</b>