

Friends of the Down Cemetery 6th Committee meeting held on the 23rd April 2019

Present JW,RW,LD,MR,DM

Apologise RC

Minutes of the previous meeting approved

Treasurers Report

- Need to check Trowbridge in Bloom
- £483.51 in account
- £71.00 in wildlife account
- £164.00 in Trowbridge in Bloom account
- Need to pay insurance
- Hedge cutter and safety helmet + goggles purchased

Trowbridge advertisements – corporate member's CS bower, James Long, garden centre. The tools that we originally brought have not been the best so will slowly replace.

LD –stone masonry son in law would like to take and advert out.

Co-op Money so far is £19.00

Need to leave some money in reserve for insurance as we cannot get grants for this in the future

Membership

Chased a lot of people, some will join in the summer.

Chris pledged £20.00 when he is back in the country

2 people will be setting up direct debits

38 members at present.

13 have yet to re-join

Like it to be around 45 people, need to make sure that sometimes just being a member is still great support

Wildlife

New bird feeders arrived and have now replaced some of the old ones. Waiting on Men's shed for a new bird feeder pole. Hope to have feeder in each quarter of the cemetery.

DM RW talking about snake and slow worm survey, and looking to get people to phone or email any sighting of wildlife.

Moth catcher works, now take to the cemetery, as its more overgrown in areas may get more than the two months when trialled in RW back garden

Alison Racey may provide pots for the caught months

Trowbridge camera club may be interested in photographing months for us.

We are concerned about theft of this and the wildlife camera

Extension of wildlife meadow, another square between last one and road. Grass with plants added, may use yellow rattle

Council are happy with what we are doing but need to fence it off. We have put a lot of seeds down and mowed area all looking good maybe join all three areas together and add fence. Council and ID Verdy want it mapped but all we can do is show using aerial photograph. DM will mark this out and forward to them. Fence maybe only 1ft high?

Planters and Tools

Cost of planter of 2-3 sections will be £95.00 plus donation. Give Men's shed £100 plus donation on delivery.

Two ladies from trowbridge in bloom want to look after it, not sure what they have planned

Need soil from grave diggers, DD said that we can have tulip bulbs from council, might need some fertilizer?

Need lock box and ask council about water butt

Need a battery operated hedge trimmer as we can use this to get deep into brambles and more secateurs, kneelers, rake and bow saw DM to purchase these

Events

Active trowbridge 13th July RW and JW happy to do this

Carnival County Fair, cost £15 RW JW happy to do this

After this all books left to charity shop

Bat walk. Alison Racey may help with this, use chapel in evening, Steve Hawkins has agreed. Sep/Oct best time will have a talk and a walk

Heritage day, talk by RW, more people came to talk last year than before. Make talk about local people not the large morsoleum

Leaflets

What we do and contact details. MR DM to look into costs

Transcription of Graves

People needed to start this important process

Robert thanked all for coming and the meeting was closed