



Sustainable Chulmleigh working towards a greener future...

Minutes – SGM followed by Monthly Meeting: Wednesday 9th May 2025

Facilitating: Jack

Present: Julie, Amy, Claire, Nick, Claire, Kelly and Dorette

Apologies: None, although Kelly and Dorette both had to leave before the Monthly Meeting began

SGM:

- Following discussions, it was agreed that Nick and Jack would amend the Constitution with agreed points from the SGM as regards finances and group protocols

Regular Meeting

1. Welcome

2. Minutes and APs from last meeting (8 April) - all APS actioned

3. Past events debrief

Event	Comments
Tree Planting with Amber – Thursday 10th April	Very successful, 4 attended with Amy, lovely tea and biscuit fuelled chat afterwards
Plant Hunt at Cadbury Cottage – Sunday 27th April	18 attended inclu. SC, raised £80, diverse group of people and almost all different to last Sept's event – lots of very positive comments
Broadridge Farm Tour – Wednesday 30th April.	12 attended inclu. SC, raised £25, really great group, connections made
Water Blitz.	7 locations surveyed by Amy, Claire and Jack, most results encouraging, will do again in the autumn

4. Treasurer's Report – policy for future spending and fundraising/ charging

Discussion	APs
Bank and cash currently amount to £3500, £2400 of which is allocated grants. Review of finance statement now added to SC Constitution. Everyone agreed to add the finance part.	

5. Projects and Events (for later see diary at end of minutes)

Allotment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Claire/ Nick – to sort planting session, Amy offered to help invite people in
Churchyard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Churchyard is doing No Mow May Agreed not to pursue seating/ info boards at this time - If logs come are available from somewhere, will do the rustic seating. AP Nick and Claire - will keep on top of the pathways (Julie also offered)
Cadbury Cottage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Jack - Equipment and tables/ chairs to be purchased AP - more events to be planned as wanted (moth trapping, bat hunt etc)
Farm Producers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Jack to create draft website section
Crafting Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding of £400 secured A crafting group will start up on Mondays at Gemma's which may fit in AP Amy to meet with Gemma and plan
Blue Hearts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP – Kelly, Julie, Amy meeting to discuss next stage, including fixing a date at Jack's for a generic painting session for anyone from the community
River monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 locations surveyed by Amy, Claire and Jack, most results encouraging, will do again in the autumn River monitoring. Session Tuesday 17th June 6:30pm at Fox and Hounds Eggesford. Open to anyone. Organised by Ashreigny group.

6. Grants

Grant	Led by	Comments
Green Scythe for crafting	Amy	£400 received and in bank
Nineveh Charitable Trust for equipment for walks and talks	Jack/ Nick	Application now sent off – have applied for lots of equipment e.g. for bat detecting, water testing, etc...can get lots of field study guides.
NatureSaveTrust – next window May	Jack	If the criteria fits will apply.
Not many grants available at the moment but we have enough projects up and running. Agreed not to apply for any more unless they fit current projects!		



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7. Other

<p>Autumn Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 3rd Chantal Lyons 'Groundbreakers – The return of Britain's wild boar' • 10th October (but try to move) Peter Smithers on bugs. Professor of entomology. • Also discussed idea of a 'meet the team talk' and to tie in with BH and rewilding gardens. <p>Newsletter/ mailing list/ website/ secure area. (AP Jack limited time ATM so focusing on mail outs) Please log onto the secure area.</p> <p>Records this year for CAG - to record after each event/ project</p>	<p>AP Jack to change date for Peter Smithers</p> <p>AP all of us take photos of your gardens NOW! This is with a view to doing a slide show.</p> <p>AP all please keep records. It will make it easier for filling in the CAG report next year.</p>
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8. AOB

Julie had some, to carry over

Date for next meeting

- Thursday 12th June. 5pm



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Dates

Date	Event	Public or Private	Facilitating	Latest Update/ Actions
Friday 9 th May	Walk and Chalk round Chulmleigh	Public	Kelly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start at Primary School 3.45pm
Wednesday 14 th May	<i>Pond dipping etc at Cadbury Cottage with Guides</i>	Private	Jack/ Amy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Assessment done AP Jack and Amy sorting equipment
Friday 16 th May	'Farming the Flood' and 'Balancing the Scales' - film viewing and expert panel	Public	Nick/ Claire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel: Dorette, Nick Viney and Tim Budden 6.30pm for 7pm start, Help from 6pm please
Wednesday 28 th May	A guided walk around Taw River Dairy with Sam and Gemma Bullingham, 2pm	Public – to book	Jack	
Wednesday 5 th June	<i>Second Cadbury Cottage with Guides</i>	Private	Jack/ Amy	
Sunday 8 th June	Chulmleigh Open Gardens (fundraiser for SC and ND Hospice)	Public	Claire	
Saturday 14 th June	Roborough Rewilders Open Day (Jack/ SC? to do mini talks)	Public	Jack	
Saturday 21 st June	Roborough Rewilders visit, 2.30pm start	Public – to book	Jack	
June 2025	Repair Cafe, 1pm till 4pm, Town Hall	Public	Claire/ Julie/ Nick	
Wednesday 9 th July	<i>Pond dipping etc at Cadbury Cottage with Brownies</i>	Private	Jack/ Amy	
Wednesday 16 th July	<i>Second Cadbury Cottage with Brownies</i>	Private	Jack/ Amy	
Saturday 19 th July	Summer Gathering at Cadbury Cottage: talks, tours, books, birds, invertebrates and bats....	Public – to book	Claire/ Nick/ Jack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub-committee met on 25th March, minutes sent out
Sunday 20 th July	Sustainable Chulmleigh will be at Taw River Dairy Open Day	Public	Claire/ Nick/ Jack	
Sept/ Oct	Hedgehog box building	Public	Nick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent on sourcing wood from Mike Moser
Friday 3 rd October	Chantal Lyons: Ground Breakers - Wild Boar			
Friday 10 th October	Speaker: Peter Smithers: Carnival of Invertebrates	Public	Jack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Nick To book Town Hall (date may move)
Nov	Litter Pick, With plastic free North Devon	Public	Amy/ Nick	
2026	Barnstaple Museum display	Public	Nick	