

REPORT ON THE TRUSTEES' MEETING FEBRUARY 2019

The 61st meeting of the Trustees of Beckford Nature Reserve took place on 13th February 2019. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by Geoff Stringer. Tina had received her Wildlife Hero Award from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust. She had been nominated for this by Yo Yates in recognition of all her work on the Reserve. Clare and Yo went to see her receive the award which was richly deserved. A much appreciated donation of over £390 in memory of Margaret Lodge had been received from a collection at her funeral. A letter of thanks had been sent to John Lodge. The donation box which was bought with money from the Open Village fund, has been installed. Text giving is also in place.

The work parties are being well-supported and this allows the planned work to take place. The trees that have fallen into the lake have been mostly removed, though some material has been left as the grebes use it for nesting. Most of the footpaths have been wood chipped and the remainder can be done before the birds start nesting. There has been judicious clearing of part of the bank to allow the growth of wildflowers and to give places for grass snakes to bask safely. It is hoped that the opening up of this area will result in greater biodiversity.

Three of the trustees are intending to relinquish their position and it was decided to put an advertisement in the Parish Magazine and on the website to encourage people in the village to come onto the committee. Geoff and Tina have both served for the maximum recommended time but Tina is happy to stay on as Conservation Warden. Margaret would also like retire as she is finding the role of Treasurer quite a lot to keep up with.

The annual Village Supper is being planned for the first half of May and it has been decided to have it in the Bredon Room at the Beckford Inn. Geoff is to confirm the date soon.