

REPORT ON THE TRUSTEES' MEETING JANUARY 2018

The 55th meeting of the Trustees of Beckford Nature Reserve took place on 17th January 2018. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by Geoff Stringer. The work parties are small but productive and work on managing the Reserve continues. The SSSI has been weeded and this will provide the best habitat for the rare invertebrates that inhabit the area. Bramble clearance is ongoing and this will encourage the ground flora to flourish. There is concern at the falling water levels in the lake and it will be important to prevent access to the lake by draping brambles over any access points.

John Clifford's memorial seat is very dry and will need further treatment with some kind of oil or preservative to prevent splitting of the wood.

Plans are continuing to have a special gala supper to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Reserve. It is proposed to hold this at the Beckford Inn Marquee but later in the year than usual. A barbeque or buffet might be best and have this more in the nature of a thank you than a fundraiser to the community. The list of major donors has been obtained and letters will be sent inviting them to send representatives to join us at the supper and also to give them the chance to look around the Reserve.

Andy Slade has posted some drawings of birds seen on the Reserve by a young visitor and it would be nice to obtain permission to use them in our publications.