

REPORT ON THE TRUSTEES' MEETING JULY 2017

The 52nd meeting of the Trustees of Beckford Nature Reserve took place on 19th July 2017. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by Geoff Stringer. The "Give as You Live" link has yielded some income at last. The stall at the Summer Fayre raised £32 from sales of cards etc. Thanks to Tina for manning this. Anne Clark has carried out an orchid survey and reported bee and pyramidal orchids as being present.

In response to the report that people had been seen swimming in the lake, Tina went round the reserve to see if there were any signs of this. She reported that there were no obvious places, except one place on the peninsula, where people could enter the water to swim but recommended that the barriers to the peninsula be replaced and brambles left in place to discourage this activity.

There followed some discussion of the proposed Care Village which is going to appeal. It was decided that the Trustees should remain neutral as there was no direct effect on the Reserve.

The speaker for the AGM has been contacted and is Tom Beasley-Suffolk, who is the North Cotswolds Reserve Manager for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust based at Bourton-on-the Water. He will give an illustrated talk on Greystones Farm Reserve which contains an SSSI as well as a working farm and an important archaeological site having been inhabited since the Iron Age.

There was further discussion about the plans for celebrating the 10th anniversary of Beckford Nature Reserve and it was suggested that a "Casino" Night might be an entertaining way to celebrate.