

REPORT ON THE TRUSTEES' MEETING MARCH 2017

The 50th meeting of the Trustees of Beckford Nature Reserve took place on 15th March 2017. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by Geoff Stringer. Work parties had taken place in January and February when more chippings had been laid on the paths and the South bank had been cleared of undergrowth and wildflower seeds scattered to encourage wildflower growth in the spring and summer. Repairs are nearly completed to the fence beside Court Farm Lane. More bare root hedging has been obtained to reinforce the hedge line. Another student has been accepted to work on the reserve to help him obtain his Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. He needs to complete 12 hours work in the next 12 weeks.

The base for the memorial seat for John Clifford has been prepared and we await the delivery of the seat once the carving has been completed. This should be before the end of March. Preservative needs to be applied once the seat is in situ.

Tina has asked for ideas for the next 3 year plan and it was suggested that a walk around the Reserve would help flag up any areas of need. There is need for general pruning and maintenance of the trees especially those which border Ashton Road.

The Village Supper is well in hand. It is hoped to sell between 50-60 tickets and the co-operation of the management at the Beckford Inn was much appreciated. It was hoped to encourage friends of the Reserve to sign up for the Give as You Live website and Geoff agreed to provide flyers to advertise this.