

Stanton Woodland & Wildlife Action Group

Annual Report from the Chair, Aubrey Warren

9/6/2023

Our group has had another successful year, fundraising and improving the wildlife habitat that is Sid's Piece.

Our winter work parties commenced in October and ended in February. Progress was made clearing certain areas to allow more light in at ground level and therefore encourage wildflower rejuvenation. This was boosted in late winter by professional conservationist Simon Wriggall, which we paid for.

In the autumn we were disappointed that our long serving committee member and Chair, Linda Grixti, resigned from the group, to be replaced by myself.

As ever, we are continually looking for additional members of our steering group but haven't succeeded this year. We have had various local people join work parties but we've mostly been disappointed with the number of volunteers we get.

Thanks once again to the Sir Kenneth and Lady Carlise, we were able to hold our annual fundraising event – a Plants and Crafts Fair - at Wyken Hall in April. This was a great success and we did manage to get adequate numbers of helpers.

In the spring we bought a second-hand metal shed, which has been erected in a partially hidden spot at Sid's Piece. This sits on a concrete slab base, the slabs having been donated to us by a local resident. This is being used to store all our various pieces of equipment plus signage we use at the Wyken Plants and Crafts events.

In March we were visited at Sid's Piece by Eliza Leat of the RSPB, to assess if our area was suitable for spreading a bird seed mix designed to encourage Turtle Doves. They were aware that Turtle Doves have been seen locally for the last two seasons. It meant us having to cut areas of grass on a weekly basis and then scattering approximately 6kg of seed each week until July. We agreed to do this, and feeding commenced mid April. Although we're unaware of any Turtle Dove sightings at Sid's Piece this year so far, we do know of reported sightings close by.

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Income & Expenditure Accounts (1st June 2021 to 31st May 2022)

	Income				Expenditure		Cheque	Paid Out	Balance
2021			Paid In						
	Brought Forward	9606.21							9606.21
			21th	Jun	Linda Gixti (Web Hosting)		200049	42.00	9564.21
			27th	Oct	Zurich (Insurance)		200050	307.78	9256.43
2022									
			30th	Jan	Linda Gixti (Web Hosting)		200051	42.00	9214.43
			8th	Feb	Roger Cheason (Sumup Card Reader)		200052	27.99	9186.44
			21st	Feb	Ian Shilling (Posters & fliers)			71.53	9114.91
	Test Sumup Transaction	1.96	8th	Mar					9116.87
			10th	Mar	Ian Shilling (Date patches for signs)			18.00	9098.87
			30th	Mar	S. Riggall (Coppicing)		200053	480.00	8618.87
	Donation for willow withies	30.00	30th	Mar					8648.87
			31st	Mar	Ian Shilling (Brackets for bench)			48.00	8600.87
	Stall Holders	480.00	24th	Apr					9080.87
	Gate Cash	1609.50	24th	Apr					10690.37
	Gate Card	784.70	24th	Apr					11475.07
			30th	Apr	Ian Shilling ((Facebook advertising)			8.00	11467.07
			!0th	May	Contribution to Bench			244.00	11223.07
			!0th	May	Donation to Stanton Musicians			30.00	11193.07
			12th	May	Linda Gixti (Printer Cartridges)			36.65	11156.42
					Total In		2906.16		
					Total Out		1355.95		
					Surplus		1550.21		