

## Charmouth Parish Council

### Notes of Environment Group meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Present:** Cllr Jane Bremner (Chair), Cllr Julie Leah, Katy Tunstall, Ivor Clist, Cllr Andrew Lightfoot

**Apologies:** Cllr Peter Noel

1. **Charmouth in Bloom review:** the team had enjoyed meeting the judges and felt that the tour went well. The school responded especially positively. It was pleasing that the library and Anchor Housing residents were being recognized with 'It's our neighbourhood' certificates. While the village looked well cared for at the time, thanks to those around the table and three others, more volunteers to assist with the preparation would have been welcomed.

Jane spoke about Wootton's 'spruce up' activities which were well supported, with cake, and mobilized through a WhatsApp group.

2. **Planting plans:**

**Planting of hedging** around two sides of the bowling green had been agreed: the measurements were to be checked to ensure enough plants were available on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 10am (with the following Saturday held in reserve and possibly for extending the hedging at West Green).

**Maintenance:** tidying around the trees in the Queens Green Canopy and community orchard was to be undertaken on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September during 4-6pm using grass clippings as a mulch.

**Bulbs:** it was agreed to spend the remainder of the Charmouth in Bloom budget on spring bulbs. Jane was to check whether we could source the bulbs from Bloms and/or Millers.

3. **Information and awareness:**

**Plaques:** some rationalization of the signs at the foreshore had been undertaken. Sally King from Dorset had offered to assist with design of the information plaques in the autumn.

**Shoreline:** for the December edition, Julie was to provide an article on bonfires while there also could be updates on Britain in Bloom, hedge planting and the web site articles.

**Web site:** Julie was to provide her report on butterflies and moths and the Dorset COP activity.

**Heat mapping:** Andrew to ask Belinda about the energy champions' plans.

**Saturday get togethers:** it was agreed to trial the informal get togethers in the Bank House Café on Saturdays 7<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 10-12 noon. The hope was to attract more people interested in the environment through exchange of ideas which could be subsequently reviewed by this Group.

**Training sessions:** the possibility of offering some training sessions on horticulture was to be explored with the Gardening Club.

**Carbon footprints:** Andrew was to ask Cllr Belinda Bawden about possible help from Dorset Council.

4. **River Char projects:** Julie reported that Wessex Water were bringing forward by 3-4 years plans to improve the Newlands treatment plant. She was seeking approval from the Council's Foreshore Committee for a clean up of nurdles on the beach in the winter.
5. **Notes of meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June:** agreed. Andrew to follow up on scope for solar panels at the Heritage Coast Centre.
6. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

### **ACTION POINTS**

**Jane:** use of WhatsApp groups

Length of site for hedging

Sources of bulbs

Liaison with Sally King re the information plaques

**Julie:** plants for hedging

Foreshore maintenance regime

Shoreline article on bonfires

Butterfly article for web site

Foreshore Committee re nurdle clean up

**Andrew:** advertising of events (see below)

Belinda re energy champions and carbon footprint calculations

Training sessions with Gardening Club

Solar panels at Heritage Coast Centre

**All to note:**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 4-6pm Maintenance of Queens Green Canopy trees  
and community orchard

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10-12: 'environment get together'

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 7pm Environment Group meeting

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 10am Hedge planting

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October deadline for Shoreline articles

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 10am Hedge planting

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10am 'environment get together'

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10am 'environment get together'