

GREENING CAMPAIGN – MINUTES JANUARY 2026

Points from the meeting:

- It was agreed to purchase insurance so we can legally and safely arrange activities. The quote of £124.30 was agreed (or sums close to that would be acceptable)
- We have a budget of £250 but further donations are expected in the near future.
- Further notes below the diary dates

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th January 10am - Katy from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust is visiting the Parish (details below)

7th February Space for Nature min conference

Southampton Learn how to support nature in your community. As members of our Greening group you have access to this. Full information here <https://greening-campaign.org/events/greening-campaign-in-person-mini-conference-space-for-nature-3/>

21st/22nd February Hedge planting day. (We will look at the weather and update you) Time to grab the wellies and a spade and come together to support local wildlife (and of course have some fun in the process) bring a packed lunch and hot drink. Details will follow after Katy visit see below. All ages welcome!

24th February 7pm - Energy Event, Meon Hall. Fantastic speakers will inform you about - Information about our energy supplies and why electricity is so much more expensive than gas, grants available, who to trust for free impartial advice when insulating your property. Understanding your thermal image.

7th March all day Seed mini conference - as a member of our Greening group you are invited to a free event in Whitehill & Bordon with the (past) Blue Peter gardener! Learn tips on growing from Garden Organic info here <https://greening-campaign.org/events/greening-campaign-in-person-mini-conference-cycle-of-the-seed-2/>

25th March 7pm - Future Energy Landscapes. Meon Hall Workshop to discuss **theoretical** alternative energy supply in Meonstoke, Exton and Corhampton - could we use the river? Could we use solar on farm buildings? etc Experts will be joining us to support discussion and explore options. Could we own our own energy and donate the profits to community activity? I understand there is funding to explore options in more detail should we want to do so.

**Katy from the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
Visit 27th January 2026 10am.** Meet at Harvestgate

Cottage, Stocks Lane (IMPORTANT - please contact Terena if you are coming by car to be advised re parking)

As part of our Nature Connections programme, Katy from the HIWWT is visiting to give us advice on planting hedging. This will take into account likely wildlife food source and climate change. This is to fill some large gaps in the hedging - our aim is to link the nature reserves at Old Winchester Hill/Beacon Hill/and Droxford.

Areas agreed for Katy to visit are:

- Top of the track off Stocks Lane (Marked Mill End Lane on OS Map)
- Areas around the Green by the Church (it is likely the Church will cover costs)
- Area beside the river in Exton

It was agreed that we will need to plant the whips (small hedge plants) before the end of February (see dates below for your calendar) and quotes have been sought for the whips/guards(eco)/stakes.

It was also agreed that as soon as we have insurance, funding for the whips etc should be urgently applied for.

Repair Cafe

We are presently preparing to partner with Droxford to run a Repair Cafe - if anyone would like to get involved please contact by replying to this email.

Cycle of the Seed

Thanks to Annabel who has done so much for this Pillar over the last year! Last week we packaged all the seeds ready for you all and we will have more 'special seeds' to return to the National Heritage Seed Library at Ryton in the near future - let us know if you want to be involved.

Energy Efficient Warmer Homes

- It is now time for thermal imaging of houses in Corhampton, Exton, and Meonstoke - if you would like an external image of your home (shows where the heat is leaking out) please contact by replying to this email.
- We also have the 2 x energy events - see above.