

# SusWoT MEETING

7:30pm, 30th March 2023, Village Hall

## Present

Alex Dunn (Chair), Fran Bragg, David McGregor, Keith Yeandel, Bob Murphy, Pat Meek, Robert Benington, Hilary Keevill, John Diwell, Charlie Cockburn, Liz Dawson, Ian Dawson, Liz Viggars

Matt Rodrick and Luca Devalba visited to install WoTPlot on people's phones.

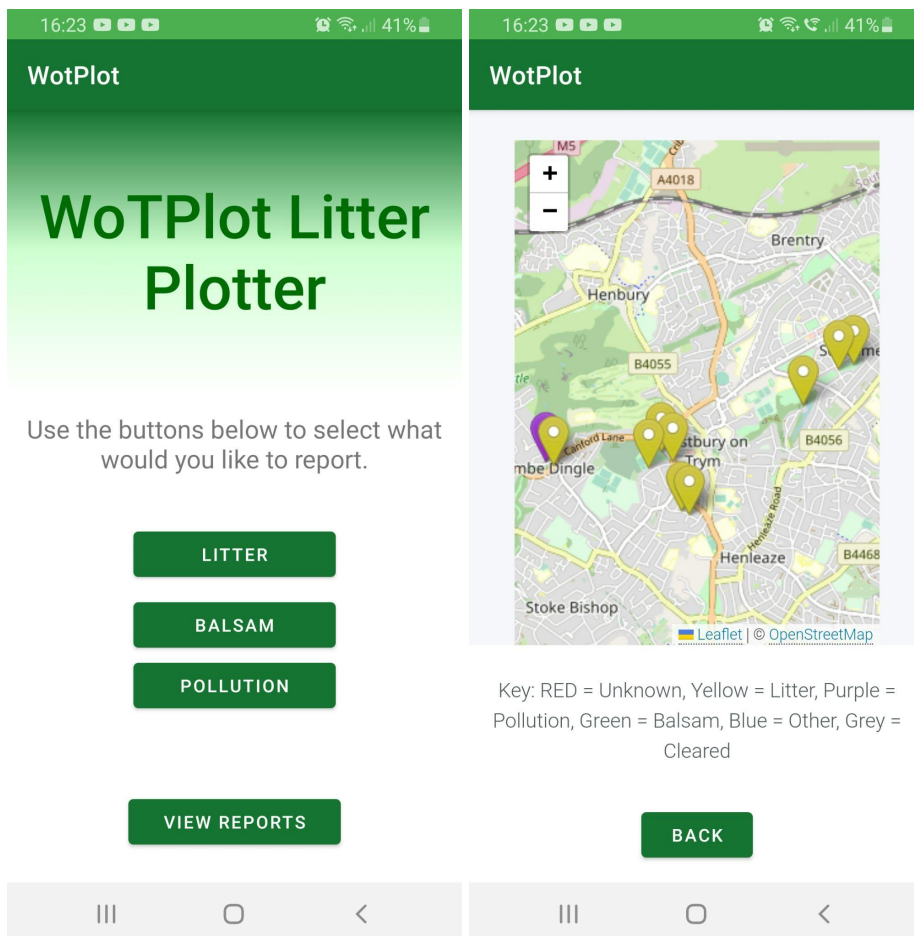
## Apologies

Teresa Stratford, Richard Bennett, Mike Crabbe, Cllr Sharon Scott, Peter Coleman-Smith, Judith Sluglett, Stephen Noreiko,

To contact us about any items below, please email [suswot2050@gmail.com](mailto:suswot2050@gmail.com).

## WoTPlot

Before the meeting, several people at the meeting had WoTPlot installed on their Android phones by Matt. It is hoped to be available for Apple devices in due course. This allows geolocated reporting of litter, balsam and other problems with a photo. These go to a Google Map database to allow planning of clear up and highlighting of problem hotspots.



# **REGULAR ITEMS**

## **Boiler Upgrade Scheme**

- Need to find 200 homes by November.
- Work will complete in Jan 2025.
- Need 70ish people connected to each of 3 sub-stations. These will be selected by the project. £15,000-£20,000 per house available.
- 2 parts
  - find the people - how to do this? Some kind of conspicuous presence in the centre of the village?
  - do the installation
- We will receive around £20,000.
- **We will set up a sub-group to take this further.**

## **Trout in the Trym - River Cleaning, Himalayan Balsam**

- Crow Lane Open Space tomorrow. Taken out 130+ tonnes of rubbish. Heavy rain exposes more rubbish after cleaning.
- Peter Coleman-Smith did a presentation to BART on 7 March about voles and otters.
- We have connections to Wessex Water who are aware of our work.
- We are expecting to see Himalayan Balsam as early as next week. It is expected to take 3 years to get all of it out and this is the third year.

## **Litter**

### **Supper Club/ Curry Nights**

We will support the supper club if interest recovers.

Curry+ nights have been successful and the Indian Kitchen are very appreciative. Not everyone likes curry however. We are committed to the curry house for 13th April. Venues need to be in Westbury to fulfil our aim of supporting local businesses.

### **Get Growing**

We sell plants at events like the May fair and also by email. There will be a potting up day in April.

#### Fruit Trees

Rob is part of One Tree Per Child at Blaise giving out small fruit trees suitable for most gardens (apples, pears and plums). We can promote this through the mailing list. They need to be distributed through an organisation and not direct to the public, so we would be ideally placed to do this.

Need contact details of someone from SusWoT who can liaise with council - One Tree Per Child (Helen Humphries). Can either be collected from Blaise or we can distribute ourselves if we want to do that.

There is a programme of volunteer activities at Blaise that people can join with if interested.

#### Get Growing Trail

Stoke Lane Community Garden and Library Garden and 47 Abbey Road will all be on the trail on 3-4 June.

## Library Garden

## Flowers Around WoT

## Henleaze and Westbury Voice Column/ Media

Regular column continues in Henleaze and Westbury Voice. We have a 2 page spread in Civic Society magazine.

Need to look at website as a separate activity

## Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle Repair Café

## Events

We will need help with all of these events.

- Community Fayre - Sat 13th May
- Get Growing - Sat 3 - Sun 4 June 11am-4pm
- Village Show - Sat 2nd Sept

## AOB

### Parking

The Westbury on Trym Society has produced a leaflet opposing the car park charges which we can add to the minutes with the email address to be informed about the issue: [wotcarpark@gmail.com](mailto:wotcarpark@gmail.com).

### Canford Park

Is any litter picking done in Canford Park? We have done this in the past, but there doesn't appear to be much of a problem. Bob is concerned that people shove rubbish under the bushes.

## Date of Next Meeting

April AGM. 27th April at 7:30pm.

Regular meeting time: 7:30pm, last Thursday of the month, Westbury-on-Trym Village Hall

**PLAN FOR PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING  
IN WESTBURY HILL CAR PARK**

In its budget for 2023/24, Bristol City Council plans to introduce pay-and-display charges in Westbury Hill Car Park, **charging £1 per hour for up to four hours parking, seven days per week**. This would affect patients visiting the GP surgery, people going to local churches for services or voluntary groups, and our local businesses.

Local organisations are working with our Councillors to try to ensure convenient use of the car park for all our needs by requesting:-

- **One free hour initially**
- **No charges on Sundays**
- **No annual passes for commuters**

**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP**

The Council will shortly be consulting you under its legally required traffic order: *This could arrive any time soon-*  
We need you to respond quickly with your views  
**So we can inform you of the consultation as soon as it is published, please send an email to the following:**

**[wotcarpark@gmail.com](mailto:wotcarpark@gmail.com)**

Your personal details will be used for giving information only. Privacy notice available at <http://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/documents/s24514/PrivacynoticeCllrSteveSmith.docx.pdf>

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