

# SusWoT MEETING

7:30pm, 28th August 2025, Post Office Tavern

## Present

Alex Dunn, Liz Viggars, Jill Kempshall, Pat Meek, Richard Bennett, Mike Crabbe, Bridget Niblett

## Apologies

Hattie Lupton, Judith Sluglett, Tracy Tainton, Steve Tainton, Fran Bragg, Jane Stott

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

## Previous Minutes

<https://www.suswot.org.uk/minutes/>

# REGULAR ITEMS

## Events - Recent and Upcoming

Village Show - Saturday 6th September

We will have a stall in the garden as usual. **Alex** to set up a rota from 9:30 - we have 10 volunteers so far and could do with some more for the morning (**Liz** to put call out with minutes). **Alex** to find the gazebo.

The SusWoT stall will feature:

- **Peter's** bucket of Trym water with its occupants (last time it contained various fish, snails, bugs etc)
- Guess the Weight competition for **Steve's** enormous squash.
- Get Growing Leaflets (**Liz**)
- Business Cards (**Alex**)
- Sign up sheets (**Liz**)
- Litter Picking kit (**Alex**)
- Suggestion Book (the box is in use elsewhere) - Liz has the prize entry box which we might use.
- Laptop for showing video entries and other photos, videos etc. (**Liz**)

SusWoT is sponsoring 3 classes as usual. Note that the video class appears to be listed in the under 16s category on the website (the printed version is OK). All SusWoT classes are open to everybody:

92	A Plant in Pot that Produces Edible Produce e.g. Tomato, Chilli or Pepper from a seed or plant from any source	
93	A Vegetarian Dish (sweet or savoury) where the main ingredient is home grown	Up to 8" / 20 cm Diameter

94	<p>A video on the theme 'Green Spaces around Westbury on Trym'.</p> <p>Send to suswot2050@gmail.com by 5pm on the Tuesday before the show. In addition, completed Entry Form &amp; Fee must be submitted to one of the addresses listed on the Entry Form</p>	Max 90 Seconds
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## **Domestic Energy**

We are applying to Retrofit West for a grant to fund activities for the next year including:

Energy Fair - Saturday 8th November

Library Talks

Open Homes

An Introduction Service (to match residents with somebody who's already done some retrofit)

A Welcome to Westbury pack for people moving to the area

We will discuss these in more detail at the September meeting.

## **Litter**

Keep It Clean project. We have been awarded £3k by the Civic Society to start expanding our litter-picking rounds across the city. We also have a grant for £500 from Wessex Water via the Quartet Foundation to extend litter-picking across the green spaces around the Trym and Hazel Brook.

First two areas to tackle are Southmead then Henbury. We are starting with Southmead - moving outwards from the Trym Valley Open Space.

We have a quote for 60 sets of Ranger Maxes and Rectangular Hoops - expenditure £1743.12. Spend agreed. **Alex** to see if he can get some replacement feet thrown in for free.

Lily Bragg has put together a draft leaflet - which we will post in the streets as we clean them. We discussed the first draft - we are keen to make it more specific to Southmead ('Join the Southmead community of litter pickers'). **Alex** will draft some words for the Civic Society contribution. **Liz** will tighten up the testimonials - we should make it feel more personal by giving first names or initials, postcode areas and occupations. We will send the draft leaflet to our regular litterpickers for their comments. We need to select some photos, draft an article for the Mead and set up a dedicated area of the website (**Liz**).

We are in touch with the Pen Park Pickers, Southmead Development Trust and the Southmead councillors. We discussed whether to go into the schools (previous forays have been frustrating, but we will reconsider this later).

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

River cleaning and Himalayan Balsam activities are continuing as normal.

## **Get Growing**

The Get Growing trail is on Saturday 20th September

<https://www.bristolfoodnetwork.org/news/get-growing-garden-trail/>

We need volunteers at both sites. If appropriate we will have a working party at the library garden (depends how the existing plants are doing)

It is the right time of year for us to sell broad bean seeds (Alex has these already). We could also buy in some onions, shallots, garlic to sell too. **Liz** to ask David if he wants to sell honey.

We need to promote on WhatsApp groups (**Bridget** - Abbey Road, **Richard** - Priory, **Liz** - Downs Cote). Liz has collected leaflets and posters for distribution.

### Library Garden and Community Garden

Tomatoes and courgettes growing well in the library garden. Kathryn Rendell has offered to help with the Community Garden.

### **Supper Club/ Meal Nights**

#### Second Thursday - Restaurant

Thursday 11th September - Thai

#### Tuesday - Pub (12 days after restaurant night, usually 4th Tuesday)

Tuesday 23rd September - Mucky Duck

**Liz** to speak to the Mouse - to see if their ability/willingness to hold a Tuesday meal night has changed.

### **Green Libraries Week**

**Jill** waiting to hear back from library about possible tie-ins

### **Sustainable Holidays** - not discussed

### **Publicity** - not discussed

### **Phone Apps** - not discussed

### **Future Direction of SusWoT** - not discussed

### **AOB**

Bridget is editor of the Parish magazine - would like to promote upcoming events. Needs 6 weeks notice. Events are one-liners - also happy to put in articles about eg litterpicking. Goes to doctor's surgery, library etc

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 25th September

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