

SusWoT MEETING

7:30pm, 25th June 2026, Village Hall

Present

Alex Dunn, Liz Viggars, Pat Meek, Jane Stott, Fran Bragg

Apologies

Richard Bennett, Bridget Niblett, Mike Crabbe, Jill Kempshall

To contact us about any items below, please email suswot2050@gmail.com.

Previous Minutes

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

REGULAR ITEMS

Domestic Energy

Energising Britain event, 6th July, 10-4, M-Shed. Get to go on electric ferry amongst other things. Maximum of 2 people per organisation. Alex and Jane would like to go to this.

Litter

Scout event has been postponed to 7:15, 8th July as the leader was ill. We have the materials planned from the last time.

We have completed serious litter picking in Southmead, 8 months x 30 bags. The Friday team will be moving to Henbury. There is a meeting on 30 June with Team Southmead. They need to circulate their leaflet and recruit local volunteers to keep it clean. The leaflet is not yet ready. We are paying for the leaflet but Team Southmead will arrange delivery. Southmead will be responsible for this work going forward, other than the Trym.

Henbury has one small team who have monthly sessions.

Trout in the Trym - River Cleaning, Himalayan Balsam

Balsam is almost completely gone. The Royals is clear. Nicky Hodges of Parks is running a Himalayan Balsam session tomorrow. A small amount had been identified for this event, but someone has pulled this out since then. However, due to the extreme heat, this session is likely to be cancelled.

Testing in the river suggests wildlife is improving.

There is concern about the proposed car park at Grace Garden School's proximity to the river. Peter Coleman-Smith is not too concerned.

There is a large scheme to install storm overflow tanks along the Trym.

Get Growing

We have taken around £600 for plants.

We are not going to participate in the Get Growing Trail as it is not fruitful in September and we are a long way from the next nearest garden.

Library Garden and Community Garden

The Community Garden is doing well. They have their new arch.

Alex has mowed the library garden and will feed it when the weather is suitable. Would SusWoT be prepared to provide a battery powered mower for the library, with two batteries (so one can be charging while the other is in use)? It would need cutting twice a week in summer to keep it tidy.

Supper Club/ Meal Nights

Second Thursday - Restaurant

Thursday 9th July - GoongNoi Thai

Tuesday - Pub

Tuesday 21st July - Duck

12 days after the restaurant night, usually 4th Tuesday

Events - Recent and Upcoming

Judith's People's Emergency Briefing film event went well and Alex spoke.

Harvest Supper

Sunday 13th September at the Scout Hut, Great Bockeridge

Liz has booked and paid for the hall.

We have a number of volunteers who will be interested in different things.

We should arrange a kick-off meeting to discuss what needs doing - Fran will invite the volunteers and make a preliminary list of tasks.

Proposed number of people - 80. This was limited by the size of the oven keeping roast potatoes hot.

Publicity

Do people have ideas for the monthly article in the Henleaze and Westbury Voice? We have 500 words and a picture. Deadline is either second or third Wednesday of the month.

July - Trym safari, Village Show. All normal activities continue throughout the summer.

August - need content by mid July. Keep It Clean special. Wildlife in the Trym. The meeting will be in the pub.

Ask about people to help with website.

Future Direction of SusWoT

Charity and Administrative Matters

Looking into using Email Octopus for mailing management. Mailerlite has reduced its free tier from 500 to 250 addresses, which is too few for us.

AOB

Date of Next Meeting

7:30pm, Thursday 30th July, Village Hall

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