

SusWoT MEETING

7:30pm, 27th August 2026, Post Office Tavern

Present

Alex Dunn, Liz Viggars, Richard Bennett, Fran Bragg, Jane Stott, Stephen Noreiko, Judith Sluglett, Pat Meek, Jill Kempshall

Apologies

Mike Crabbe

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

Previous Minutes

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REGULAR ITEMS

Litter and Keep It Clean

We need a leaflet to distribute as we litterpick in Henbury. Assuming we restart in October when we've finished with the river work we need a design for both (any?) wards. The delivery of leaflets to recruit litter pickers will start in October when the cleaning of the Trym is finished.

Ideally, as a trial, we will deliver leaflets as we deep clean streets. In Southmead for example some of the streets that do not have volunteers cleaning them will need cleaning again before they will be suitable for volunteers to keep clean. Next Team Southmead meeting is 29 September.

However we are learning and don't yet know what works best. We need to try recruiting as we clean.

Website mapping of litter round deep cleaning and volunteer allocation, Not urgent, October.

Quartet Report on Litterpicking in Southmead & Henbury and producing leaflets

This needs to be submitted before the next SusWoT meeting.

It would be good to help Liz with this as there is a fair bit to provide and the better the picture we can paint the more likely we are to get grants in future.

Team Southmead have produced a leaflet but not distributed it very effectively.

There are no leaflets in Henbury yet.

There are some recruits in Southmead and very few recruits in Henbury.

We haven't spent any money yet. We have £500 for expanding litter picking in open spaces in Southmead and Henbury. We could spend it on leaflets ourselves. Team Southmead have spent a small amount, but aren't working at the pace of the grant. We could buy some more pickers. We could inform them of what we have done with volunteers, that the project is progressing but hasn't reached the money spending phase.

Mapping

Liz has developed system for Henbury and Southmead.

Need to get WoT up to date too.

People in Southmead have come forward, but it is hard to contact a lot of people in the area. Reclean Southmead and deliver our own leaflets at the same time. Start in October. Use map to direct this process. This is then a system that can easily be used in other areas autonomously from SusWoT.

Litter picking do at Prince of Wales. Need to make sure they can all find each other.

Trout in the Trym - River Cleaning, Himalayan Balsam

Work on the Trym at the end of September with contractors

Is this a SusWoT issue or a Trout in the Trym issue or both?

Need we worry at all, perhaps just promote it to our usual volunteers?

BART grant for work from Combe Dingle to Shire including coppicing, hinge tree, rewiggling. Scheduled for last 2 weeks in September. We have volunteers available on Fridays - training to continue work on other parts of Trym. Connection via Peter Coleman-Smith.

£2m project to improve sewage situation in Trym. 2 large containment tanks to intercept storm flow. One under Canford Park, another under Quarry Park.

Tree planting. Decision by 4 September. Where? Amy Carter of Lloyds Bank planting large number of trees. By the Trym would be the obvious location. Some died in Sea Mills as it is too tidal. Parks Department will ultimately have to approve. Southmead Trym valley seems like a good location. Do we need some input from Southmead people for this?

John et al. have thoroughly destroyed all balsam in Blaise and it is all clear now. Mostly done by individuals working away. There is one plant on a cliff that is too dangerous to reach. The Royals is also clear.

Peter Coleman-Smith has been in touch with Theo Pike who is an expert in balsam clearance and suggests it can be cleared in 3 years. Wild Trout Trust - publicity. May point things out that we can do to improve even further.

Domestic Energy

Retrofit West are repeating their energy fair.

They are making a film. We overlooked an email about this (12 Aug) from Ben Dornan. Richard will reply.

Get Growing

Activities for an elderly living community. Falcondale/ Greystoke corner. Not really the right time of year to plant anything. They would also be interested in a talk like the WI talk that Alex did.

Library Garden and Community Garden

Chilli peppers have gone, so someone has taken them. Radishes are over, green beans are starting up. Cucumbers are doing well, also courgettes and tomatoes ripening slowly. There is now a lawn mower. It might be possible to saw through a down pipe to install a water butt. A compost bin would also be useful - there is a pile of cuttings now in a pile that is not organised. There are a lot of stones in the ground too which are removed as they are found.

Supper Club/ Meal Nights

Second Thursday - Restaurant

Thursday 10th September, Indian Kitchen

Tuesday - Pub

12 days after the restaurant night, usually 4th Tuesday

Tuesday 22nd September, White Lion

White Horse to be assessed for joining the rotation.

Events - Recent and Upcoming

Saturday 5th September, Village Show

We will need to put together a rota for our stall - we have a few volunteers for our own stall and should be fine.

We need to see who is available to help the organisers who seem to be short staffed. No-one has contacted us to volunteer, though they may have contacted the Show directly. We can do our usual help with clearing away.

There is no Peter to do his usual Trym water bowl, but he has given us some possible substitutes. (Dan Bruton has not replied as far as I can tell, to my request, I will investigate).

All the stuff the stall needs. Display boards and content, leaflets? Map of river cleaning. 2 laptops, one charging in a discreet location upstairs. Laminate posters we have. A5 leaflets, business cards. Competition? Guess the weight of the bag of rubbish.

Sunday 13th September, Harvest Supper

Is this all in hand what will we need to do to see that it is a success?

Do we have a plan/timetable that we can go through?

Do we know what is expected from SusWoT financially and people?

People to help. Jill. Jane.

Nice pictures of fruit and veg for decoration at the Harvest Supper. Could get some at the Village Show.

Saturday 15 May 2027 Community Fair

Andre Hart Wrote: We will be getting the planning off the ground in September hopefully on Monday evening on the 21st of September. It would be good to have a rep from Suswot engaged from the off. Are you or a colleague able to be with us?

Do let me know.

Many thanks,

Andre

I replied to say somebody would go. So we need somebody, or somebodies to go along. Liz.

14 Sept - Village Hall SGM, new constitution, supporter membership scheme. Alex.

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.

Future Direction of SusWoT

Charity and Administrative Matters

Latest Situation Regarding Email

Update from Fran

It basically works, can't tell if going into spam or people are just not reading it (or hiding that they've read it).

There are ways of improving your reputation on the internet.

Accounts

Still need someone to review the accounts for submission at the end of October. We have a few accountants in the membership that we can approach.

Still need to sort the card machine.

AOB

Date of Next Meeting

7:30pm, Thursday 24th September, Village Hall

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