

Meeting of the Bolton Conservation Volunteers held at Sweet Green Tavern  
on Wednesday 9 May 2018

**Present:** Rick Parker (RP) Colette Peachey (CP) Tom Bruce (TB) Caroline Bruce (CB) Lynn Entwistle (LE) Colin Mather (CMA) Paul Thompson (PT)

**Minutes:** Ok

1. RP & TB refurbished the tern raft at **Doffcocker** in time for nesting but will do the other one next year. There have been 13 terns sighted.
2. UU were discussing an email between the Anglers at **Rumworth** regarding fishing and they have agreed not to disturb nesting birds.
3. RP was invited to a **party** by Jean for Philip's 60<sup>th</sup> at the Beehive in Horwich and received a contribution to BCV for £165 which was brilliant. This may be spent at **Firwood School** who don't receive any funding for this sort of work. RP will inform Jean and Philip how it is spent. All agreed.
4. The money from **Tesco** - **£2,000** - will be spent on the wildlife garden at **Moses Gate Country Park** to improve habitats, lay hedges event etc. Raised beds were cleared for planting to benefit bees and butterflies. We will improve the area for an outdoor classroom and maybe have a celebration event - BCV festival; workshops etc. in September? We could do posters and arrange publicity to involve the community/families. Different tasks would be arranged and people could move around them. It is a possibility to extend to other groups? Workshops would include pond dipping, bug hunts, hurdle making, planting etc. Jane could do a dog training session and maybe bring Fred Dibnah's land rovers? A session on using tools maybe? Please forward names if you are interested in helping/ideas. We maybe could do a task beforehand in July to get ready.
5. The next task is at **Eatock** - footpath, hibernaculum for the toads & frogs etc.
6. RP would like to give a special commendation to **Martin** who helped with work at **Moses Gate** and was an absolutely brilliant digger!

**AOB:**

1. CB - The Awards for All **Lottery funding** has now come through. The project for 2018-2019 is called '**A Walk on the Wildside**' and will involve primary schools in Little Lever. The project will have a literacy focus using the book 'Small Creatures' as well as working in the wildlife garden at **Moses Gate Country Park** on various conservation tasks. This will take place in September 2018.  
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2. CB - We have been invited to join **The Conservation Volunteers Community Network** (£38) which is made up of groups like ours and includes benefits to members such as discounted insurance, free website, discounts for tools, trees etc.

Meeting closed at 8.34pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 13 June, 2018, 8:00 p.m. at the Sweet Green Tavern, Bolton.