

**Meeting of the Bolton Conservation Volunteers held at Sweet Green Tavern
on Wednesday 8 August 2018**

Present: Rick Parker (RP) Colette Peachey (CP) Tom Bruce (TB) Caroline Bruce (CB) Lynn Entwistle (LE) Colin Mather (CMA) Carol Astley (CA) Jane Arkwright (JA) Paul Thompson (PT)

Minutes: Ok

1. TB and CMA completed the ***Strimming training course***.
2. The last 2 tasks were hard - digging ponds and with the extra task thrown in.
3. RP suggested a ***night out to celebrate all our work*** and TB suggested a pub crawl around Horwich on 25 August. Meeting at bus station in Bolton at 11.30am.
4. Next task has changed to ***Doffcocker*** instead of Rumworth as the farmer has not yet cut the hay in the field we need to pass through. RP will keep the anglers posted as to when we will be at Rumworth.
5. Not much weeding is needed on the island at ***Doffcocker*** due to the weather. TB will be putting a perch on the tern raft to give the youngsters somewhere to rest as we seem to be losing birds. This will be monitored next year to see if it works. Also we may make willow withies which RP will teach how to do.
6. ***Walling for the Woodland Trust*** - site to be advised. There will be 2 trainers - Paul and Ben which will be funded by BCV (1 on 1 tuition?). TB suggested scrapping the walling competition as not many people enter and maybe the walls would be better if people not rushing whilst competing.
7. ***Bolton Wildfest 23 September***. There is a notice in the wildlife garden and we will get a banner for the gate (CB) 2 weeks before. Contact Bolton News? CMA to put on facebook. RP got food etc for bird hide. It was suggested that the children go round to each task before being rewarded with cooking popcorn? LE to do popcorn. Janet to organise children? Kath Martin is sponsoring this event and will be asked to open it.

AOB:

- 1 CMA - we need to check that the ***text messages*** are getting through to everyone. CB & LE to check lists.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 12 September 8:00 p.m. at the Sweet Green Tavern, Bolton.