

Meeting of the Bolton Conservation Volunteers held at Sweet Green Tavern
on Wednesday 11 December 2019

Present: Rick Parker (RP) Colette Peachey (CP) Tom Bruce (TB) Colin Mather (CMa) Lynn Entwistle (LE) Paul Thompson (PT) Jane Arkwright (JA) Evelyn Egan (EE)

Minutes: OK

Matters Arising: RP met Janet at Queen's Park who said they may be getting lottery funding; if so, we will get 2 tasks there.

1. Task Program: -

29 Dec. - continue clearing out the stream in Great Lever (task swop with Jumbles)

10 - 12 Jan. - Anderton Centre residential - lots of work around the grounds.

26 Jan. Jumbles - hedge laying and pond work.

Rest of program is as on the website. Christmas Buffet on 18 January 2020; if you have completed 5 tasks you get a free meal; names to RP. February task is with the Woodland Trust. Hedge laying competition 23rd Feb at Blackleach and 6 March is at Ouzel's nest.

2. RP has done a mini task with TB putting in an artificial **Kingfisher nest at Doffcocker** which is a box and pipe which is filled with soil. There were 5 volunteers who did other jobs as well; RP worked on erosion control barrier and the cockleshell bed was weeded.
3. The task at the **Unitarian** site was very good and thanks to them for the lovely meal provided. The ponds were cleaned out; 27 volunteers.
4. At **Moses Gate** RP did some training with the Duke of Edinburgh volunteers. There were lots of different stations with some great work completed; 23 volunteers. TB is to ask about some tree felling which we feel is necessary.
5. **Bury** are having their hedge laying competition at **Hollins** again on 1 March. RP will be placing the stakes and Noelle judging as usual. RP will ask if the young volunteers would like a separate competition.
6. **Anderton Centre** - RP met with Paul the groundsman to discuss what work needs doing. Unblocking the ditches, stone path extension, top wood management (TB to trim) etc. The willow that was planted last year - some has taken and some not due to the wet ground. It's a possibility that we may plant Hazel and do some walling.

AOB:

1. TB discussed changing the **logo** again before we get more T shirts. Mark (designer) has done some samples which were passed around.
2. TB had spoken to Hugo who had seen our calendar and who would like to contribute some photographs.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 8 2020 at 8:00 p.m. at the Sweet Green Tavern, Bolton.