

Friends of Berry Head
Meeting held on 17 October 2017 In the Visitor Centre

Present:

Chairman	
Alex Foley	Meeting Chairman
Peter Browne	
Helene Browne	
Tom Canham	
Margot Hill	
Stevie Tyrer	
Alex Rogers (Ranger)	
Pippa Williams	Minutes

Apologies: Tony Heard Mary Foulstone Michael Pollock
Joan Davies Noel Hughes

Alex Foley Agreed to take the Chair for this meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed

Site News

Grass Cutting in Progress.

New latches have been put on gates to contain the sheep

4 replacement posts placed in car park

Pot holes in the quarry road have been filled in.

Damage done by "The Tale" repaired.

New signs look good on both ends of Trust land.

E-mails have been received enquiring about volunteering

Most of the present group of Trainees will have left before Christmas.

Trevor Spratt

Members of the Friends are grateful for the work Trevor Spratt has put in on behalf of the Friends Group. Trevor resigned through lack of communication by The Trust, who seem to be unaware of

The Friends of Berry Head and the projects they have recently financed on their behalf.

Visits from Head Office executives are rare to both Berry Head and its Visitor Centre.

Defibrillator

Has now been set up and is situated on the wall of the café.

999 should be called in case of need.

Calendars

Selling well. Prizes for the photography, in the form of calendars have been sent out.

A sales push to be undertaken in November and December and added to the Trust Web Site.

It is hoped that sales at Cockington are going well and money from sales will be forthcoming.

8 calendars have been given away. Postage on a single calendar is £3.50.

Group Expenditure

Nothing has yet been heard on this subject from Noel. Money is available. The Friends are bringing in £1000 per year. Money can be provided for the improvement of the pond which has been neglected. Pond lining is 6m square and could be refurbished by volunteers. When finished it would be an idea for seats be placed around.

Friends Bank Account

There is money available to provide Wi Fi for the Trainees.

Tom suggested more benches on the headlands as there is demand for them.

£1000 has been spent on the Guillemot Camera.

Some of the steps on the Reserve become slippery in wet weather and can become dangerous.

It was proposed that the Friends could contribute toward some remedial work.

Volunteer Rota The Volunteer rota for weekly duties has many gaps. This means that the VC is left open and unmanned for several hours during the week. It is understood that there have been several enquiries from people interested in becoming volunteers.

Half term. VC volunteers will adhere to the weekly shift programme during the half term week at the end of October.

NEXT MEETING - date to be announced.