



## **Friends of Rising Sun Country Park (FRSCP)**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th December 2025**

**Present:** Claire Partleton (Chair), Amanda Williams (Secretary) , Eric Styan (Treasurer), Jan Casson, Janet Weatherburn, Pam Davis, Elaine Elliott (NTC), Chris Tallack (NTC), Brandon Mason ( NTC).

**Apologies:**, Keith Taylor, Vivien Fenn-Webber, Stephen Gibbinson (NTC), Janet Chapman (Rising Sun Neighbours) , Ian Hogg.

After the apologies were noted, the Minutes of the November meeting were accepted as a true record.

The committee welcomed Brandon , the new Countryside Centre technician to his 1st meeting.

**1 Rubbing Plaques :** Ongoing. Stephen , Elaine and Claire have agreed the location in the Centre grounds for the invertebrate . Claire has updated the map. FRSCP will now purchase the necessary posts and fixing materials and erect the plaques. Claire will collate information for the trail information board and for the invertebrate trail leaflet and continue consulting with Stephen and Elaine on the project. ( Sept AP2).

**2. Tree Planting:** 1st session has been completed. Another session is still needed. Ongoing action ( Nov AP1)

**3. Public Liability Insurance:** Ongoing . Janet C has not yet made contact with or received quotes from insurance companies. ( Oct AP5)

**4. Plaque for front beds :** NTC reps saw no reason why FRSCP could not erect a small plaque near the newly refurbished flower beds with the FRSCP logo to explain that the beds were funded and planted by the Friends. Claire will seek formal approval from Stephen and will paint the plaque , possibly on recycled wood. (Nov AP6)



**5. Heritage research sub group:** Group agreed. The group will start in the new year.  
Action closed

**6. Duck Food sale sign:** Claire will look at painting a sign on wood to go on the table.

**7. FRSCP Notice Board :** The Cafe will take a section of the notice board. The Friends Group will revamp their section of the board by displaying a poster of that month's calendar with a reminder to submit photos on Facebook.

**8. Website development:** Still work in progress. Claire will add the new heritage information. The number of hits to the website is increasing. Web address is : [e-voice.org.uk/friendsrscp](http://e-voice.org.uk/friendsrscp)

**9. Threads in the Ground Heritage .** Claire has made contact with the Heritage Footprint Project. The Heritage Footprint Project is one of Threads in the Grounds projects and is about communities exploring their coal mining heritage. Threads in the Ground is a UK-based climate/heritage charity using art, food, and community action to explore climate futures and coal history. Waiting for more details before we decide if it is something we want to contribute to.

**10. Plan:** All items needing action have been covered in the meeting. Amanda asked if the new monthly process for capturing calendar photos is working. It was confirmed that it is working well.

**11. Finance -** £145.51 in cash. £4161.12 in the bank.

Only 3 Calendars remain in the Cafe although still some for sale in the Bakery.

FRSCP still have 6 bird boxes to sell. There is the possibility of selling them in January as part of the Garden Bird Watch or February in Bird Box week.

## **12. NTC update**

Footfall at the Christmas Fair was 600. Positive feedback has been received.

The Butterfly gates have been removed from the wagonway entrance to be re-galvanised. They will be 30 years old next year.

## **13. Forthcoming Events**

- Litter Pick 26th Jan
- Nature Walk. Until Public Liabilities Insurance in place the walks will be for volunteers only. Considering changing the day to a Monday



- New Year Plant Hunt . A citizen science project run by the Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland. Recording any wild and naturalised plants that are in flower. Weather depending FRSCP will record findings on 2nd Jan

#### **14. AOB**

- Janet W suggested using the "sharing table" to share items such as seedlings that people might have at home.
- Elaine on behalf of the park team thanked the volunteers for all their hard work throughout the year and provided the volunteers with a voucher for a free drink and scone.

**Next Meeting: 8th Jan Countryside Centre, RSCP.**