

RHSO (Rivers Heritage Site and Orchard)

Meeting 9/11/2021 7.30pm

23 Rowney Gardens, Sawbridgeworth

Present: Ruth, Eric (partial), Hazel, Dave Lanier and Nickie

Apologies: Adrienne, Geoff, Rob, Robinne

Purpose of Meeting: Catch up and discussion on Apple Day & initial planning of Wassail

Topic	Discussion/ decision	Action
Finance Report	Hazel reported that the account stands at £2845.92 of which £300 belongs to the gardens & allotments She is going to ask the Mayor to purchase apple juice for the tables at the Civic Dinner Hazel is also applying to E. Herts Lottery & then Nickie can mail the D group so that hopefully we can raise some more funds	Hazel Hazel / Nickie
Apple Day review	We discussed this years Apple Day and considering the weather decided it was really well attended. As a result we have: Laxton 227 bottles Mixed 620 bottles Total 847 We wanted to thank all the volunteers who helped and especially Adrienne for all the work she put in both before and after the event. Labels have been done by Wright & Co Estate agents for which we are really grateful and thank them We are not planning a labelling session	
Other juice sale opportunities	We will have a juice sale stall at Bell Street Car Park 9 – 1 9 – 10 Adrienne & Barrie 10 – 11 ? 11 – 12 Robinne & Nickie 12 – 1 Hazel & Dave	
Wassail Now Sat 22nd January	This is confirmed as Saturday 22 nd January We went through the checklist with the following actions: Ruth contacting Ukes of Hazard Ruth getting more battery lights Dave to ask Scouts for tables Lanier and Steve to do the Cider Eric insurance & fire dept Ruth ordering more cups Volunteers to set up at 3pm Lanier to do a savoury tray bake Nickie to do Sausage rolls (if has oven) otherwise Ruth Nickie to ask for volunteers as follows: Fire Marshalls, set up at 3pm & clear down at 7.30	Ruth Dave Lanier & Steve Eric Lanier Nickie Nickie

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1st aid	We discussed Robinnes offer to do first aid training and agreed it would be helpful & will look out for others going forward to ensure we always have people available at maintenance. We thanked Robinne & approved the cost	Adrienne
Maintenance	We read through Adriennes report & thanked her Action – target new volunteers for pruning at Feb maintenance	Nickie
Membranes	We had a discussion on what we should do about these & read the comprehensive comments by Rob & Adrienne. We made the decision to review this again in the spring with the aim of using a sustainable material in line with Sustainable Sawbridgeworth. In the meantime we will: 1. Identify the trees that are mature enough to have membranes removed 2. Explore materials we could use that are sustainable 3. Ask Geoff to explore with RHS the issue of nitrogen and tree bark	Geoff
AOB	None. We thanked Ruth & Eric for their hospitality	
	Meeting closed at 21.10	
Next meeting	By Zoom on 5 th January 7.30 – specifically to discuss Wassail	Nickie set up & invite D list