

RHSO (Rivers Heritage Site and Orchard)

Meeting 17/11/2025 7.30pm

23 Rowney Gardens, Sawbridgeworth

Present: Ruth Buckmaster (chairperson), Adrienne Richardson, Colin Gill, Elizabeth Waugh, Lanier Pole, Nickie Hancock

Apologies: Eric Buckmaster, Hazel Mead

Purpose of Meeting: Wassail Planning and washup on Apple Day.

Topic	Discussion/ decision	Action
Welcome	It was decided unlikely we'd get through all items so these will be carried forward	
Julie Cleijne – One Health	Carried forward	
Finance	Hazel confirmed we had over £2k in the account, all going well	
Apple Day wash up	<p>Everyone agreed the day had gone really well, it was very windy and cold, so people didn't stay around & cakes were left. A good number of apples were picked but as the laxtons were small it resulted in less bottles juiced The apple tent worked well & we may not need a gazebo for next year Still missing 2 high vis jackets A discussion on the date for next year resulted in the agreement that we should consider a week earlier e.g. last Saturday in September but keep decision open as usual. We also discussed a potential Plum day & various options like selling plums, giving them away etc but the thought was that this year was exceptional & may not be repeated. Colin to look into insurance implications (Nickie to send) Labels – we had a good discussion on the potential new labels & agreed to adding a small 1725 date, we also discussed what we could do about no batch number Colin will check with Audley End We think we need to have Farm pressed by Cam Valley & postcode They cost us £2.40 a bottle – discussion about pricing – no decision Adrienne talked about her discussions with Gayle Conclusion was that we have some issues about lack of clarity on invoice so no traceability if problem, apples should have been put in cold storage but owing to the huge amount they had to manage this didn't happen so we have less juice. Our bottles should have been green but are clear Adrienne will follow up with Tim at Cam Valley</p>	<p>Colin / Nickie</p> <p>Colin</p> <p>Adrienne</p>
Wassail	<p>On separate plan Date agreed as 17th January</p>	

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	Music agreed to be by Leventhorpe School – Elizabeth to progress Hazel to tell Steve & Lanier what she has to be collected Adrienne needs someone to help her with the mulling on the day Geoff will need to brief someone else about what he does Colin to pick up Monique in the evening Ruth to buy 6 torches	Elizabeth Hazel Colin Ruth
AGM	Scheduled for 18 th March 7.30 Ruth to book library	Ruth
Next meeting	Tuesday, 9 th December, 2025 7.30 – on Zoom	Nickie
Next Gen mtg	Tuesday 10 th February 2026	

Meeting closed 21.50