

GREENER SHIPLEY WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES

22nd July 2025 4.00pm Knepp Estate Office

1. **Present:** Nancy Brock, Nia Cumber, Jason Emrich, Ian Miles, Nicky Neal-Smith, Judy Tuck.
2. **Apologies:** Bridget Huggett
3. **Minutes of meeting 10th June:** Agreed
4. **Matters Arising:** All matters on agenda
5. **AOB Items to be discussed under Item 15**
6. **Visits:**

Numbers offered and taken up for each visit had been about right and very positive feedback received. How to follow up and measure impacts of visits. Maybe a workshop on where to start in own gardens – do W2W have anyone who could run such an event? JE will follow up. There are also books and videos available on YouTube that we could promote.

Collate all interested parties now on Gmail into mailing list, send follow-up email promoting further GS activities and asking if any wish to become Friends of GS. NB to draft.
7. **Talks and Open House Events:**

Possible options discussed included: Conrad's House / Lucy Sheridan / BNG Field / Hextall's return visit / W2W / Retrofit tool and event seminar (next September) / Battery Site / Gavin's Green Drinks / Fete (to get involved in planning early 2026 to help make more sustainable) / Ford Recycling visit
8. **Hirundine update:**

24 new nest cups now in belfry at church completing phase 1 of project. 20 swifts have been seen there already and vicar has referenced them in services. It was pointed out that the birds need a nearby supply of mud to help them out in dry weather, so a factor to consider. Due to migrate soon. NB create Facebook post with Hirundine update.
9. **Church:**

Swift picnic and eco church . Given that the swifts will migrate soon, perhaps leave until next year. JT to follow up re. Eco church with the volunteer PCC member.
10. **Verges:**

Pippa – possible event and Matt Phelps. Discuss at next meeting
11. **Litter Picking Plans:**

IM meeting with DC to look at running another event around end Aug/Sept and

maybe follow up with BBQ. Church Close good site, invites to residents as well as previous participants, with more notice given. Could use toilet at Church Hall for small fee.

12. Coolham Playing Fields data:

NN-S had collated all the feedback and reported on areas of concern but added that even the most critical commentators had one or two positives to offer. There is a need to establish the wording of the covenant: it was sold to Shipley PC for use as a rec which translates as anything other than business or residential use. A need was also identified to reach out to the CVH Trustees and the Montessori owners. The probable outcome will be for a partial plan.

13. Phone Box Library @ Dragon's Green:

It was agreed that this was a better fit for the Community Hub and to pass back to them.

14. Refills at The Hub:

Jozef may be stepping back from his travelling refill service but will do a deal on products if the Hub wish to continue themselves. Maybe something Friends of GS could help with?

15. AOB:

JT stepping back from SPC work for a few months and JE to cover during that period.

16. Date and venue of next meeting:

Thursday 28th August at 4.00pm at Little Woodfords