



Poulshot Village Trust Annual General Meeting

17 May 2023

Chair's Report

Summary of Our Year

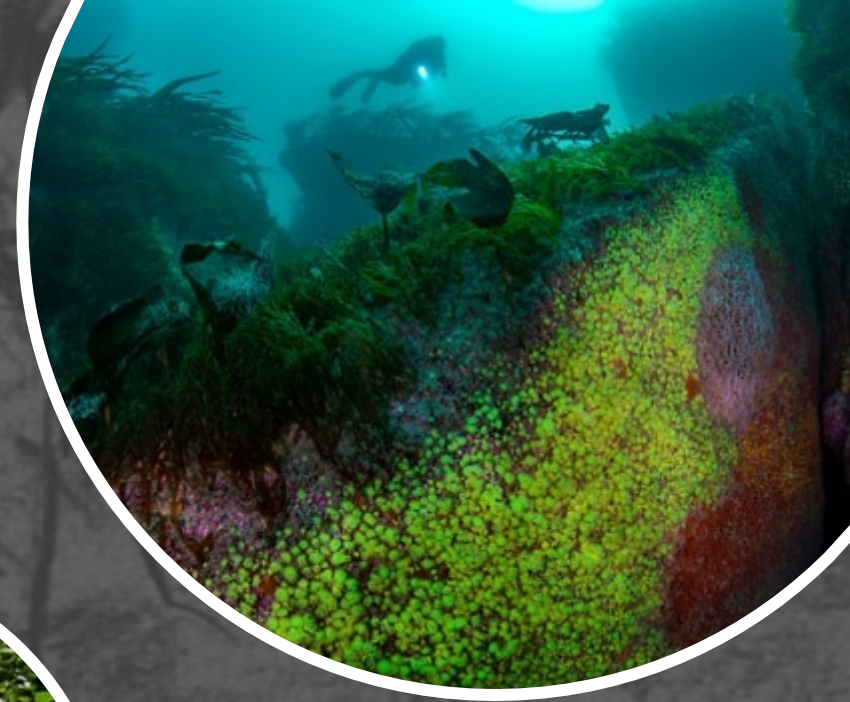
- The Trust has organised 27 events, activities and meetings since 1 April 2022. The focus on activities for younger members of the village continues to encourage their involvement with nature and the village itself.
- Grants totally £5500 have been secured.
- The membership currently stands at 50.
- Events, activities and meetings are advertised on the Trust website, with bookings on Eventbrite.
- Poulshot Village Archives site continues to have items added.



Events

The evening talks this year have been:

- Calne River Warriors
- Wessex Water
- Underwater Photography
- Wildflowers
- Topiary
- Born Free Foundation



Activities

The activities this year have been:

- Let Them Grow – seed planting
- Great British Spring Clean Up
- Tot and Pushchair Village Walk
- Poulshot Stroll and I-spy
- Bug House Build
- Art in Autumn (with Jean Perrett)



Activities (Continued)

The activities this year have been:

- Ponds Clean Up
- Green Gardens Hedge Cutting
- Bat Box Build
- Oak Tree Walk Planting
- Sunflower Planting and Rock Painting



Other Activities

Other activities this year have been:

- Stand at Worton and Marston Garden Event
- Stand at the Village Fete
- Supported the Queen's Jubilee Activities
- Obtaining a grant for, and commissioned, an ecologist's report on the best way to maintain the ponds and Green Gardens understorey
- Trialling hogweed control in Green Gardens



Archive Activity

The archives this year have :

- Held monthly surgeries to upload material
- Uploaded material from 8 people in the village
- Uploaded the Book of Trees
- Uploaded a record of the Bell restoration at St Peter's
- Uploaded Study of the Green 1972
- Transferring the physical archives to the site is a mammoth task and volunteers would be very welcome



Looking Forward

50th anniversary of the Trust 10 May 2023

- Marking the jubilee on Saturday 13 May 2023:
 - 1030 Annual General Meeting
 - 1045-1300 Alphabet Walk with Stuart 'Wildman' Mabbutt
 - 1300 Pizzas available (pre-order)
 - 1830 Connection Conversation
with Stuart Mabbutt and William Mankelow



Looking Forward



- Continue with events and activities as volunteer numbers allow.
- The Trust would like to improve all weather access to the Queen's Jubilee Oak Tree Walk
 - The Trust will seek support from Poulshot Parish and Wiltshire Council
 - It may seek grants to fund the project from Devizes Area Board and others
- The Trust intends to ask previous members and donors if it can recover Gift Aid from past donations and subscriptions

Thanks for Support

- Poulshot Community Fund
- Wessex Water Environment Fund
- Wiltshire Community Foundation
- Beechfield Reclamation Co
- RJT Groundworks Services Limited
- Coppards Plant Hire Limited
- Grist Environmental
- Jean Perrett
- Townend Barn Nursery
- Roses Ironmongers
- Wilko
- Iceland



Trust Resume



- Trust is operating under the approved 2011 constitution
 - A copy is lodged with the Charity Commission
- Under this Constitution the Trust is led by an Executive Committee of 4 elected members who are also the registered trustees
 - Chair – Lucy Russell
 - Vice Chair – Geoff Collett
 - Treasurer – Jon Martin
 - Secretary – Chris Henwood
- The purposes of the Trust are to:
 - To stimulate public interest in the Parish of Poulshot
 - To promote high standards of planning and architecture in the Parish
 - To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest or rural amenity in the Parish

Trust Resume



- Trust offers family or individual membership, £10 or £5 respectively
 - Currently, 50 memberships have been registered
 - The Trust is registered for Gift Aid
- Events and Activities
 - Events are typically talks and membership meetings
 - Activities are typically focused on maintenance or development of parish features or amenities
 - All events and activities are insured
- The Trust is an interest/volunteer organisation
 - What the Trust can achieve without paying for others to help is limited to the skills of its members and the numbers that volunteer of any activities
 - The Trust cannot therefore take on any responsibilities that lie outside its constitution or its members abilities and willingness to support activities