



Poulshot Village Trust Annual General Meeting

9 May 2024

Chair's Report – Lucy Russell

Summary of Our Year

- Organised 23 events, activities and archive surgeries since 1 May 2023. Activities for younger members of the village continues to encourage their involvement with nature and the village itself.
- Events advertised in Poulshot Village News and Trust website, with bookings on Eventbrite.
- Archives site continues to have items added.



Activities

The activities this year have included:

- 50th Anniversary 'Alphabet Walk' and pizza
- Connecting with the Environment Conversation
- Medicine in Nature Walk (with Katherene Baldock and Simon Parkes)
- Pond Margin Tidy



Further Activities

The activities this year have been:

- Art in Autumn (with Jean Perrett)
- Pond Clean out
- Hibernaculam Build (Ashford Home for reptiles and amphibians)
- Great Spring Clean
- Seed Planting



Activities

Other activities this year have been:

- Stand at the Village Fete
- Care of the oak saplings – including replacement for one and an extra tree for the King's Coronation*
- Continuing hogweed control in Green Gardens
- Spring Tidy of Green Gardens

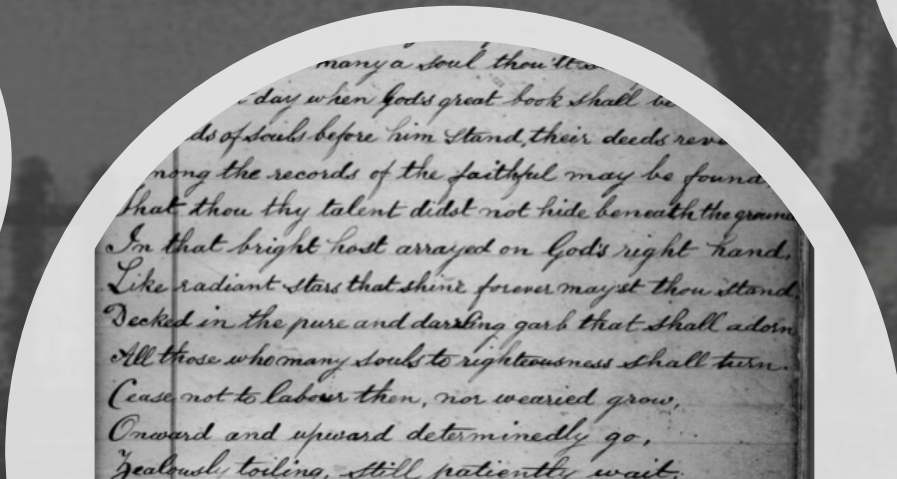
* Saplings from an oak tree on Higher Green Farm thanks to Barry Souden



Archive Activities

The archives this year have :

- Held regular surgeries to upload material
- Uploaded Hugh Leslie's School Diary
- Uploaded the Booklet of Thomas Boulter
- Transferring the physical archives to the site is a mammoth task and volunteers would be very welcome



Looking Forward

9th May

- 7:15pm Annual General Meeting – Village Hall and Online

11th May

- 10am-12pm Medicine in Nature Walk

June

- Wildflower Meadow Clearance
- Village Fete – Birdbox Building
- Plaque Planting



Looking Forward



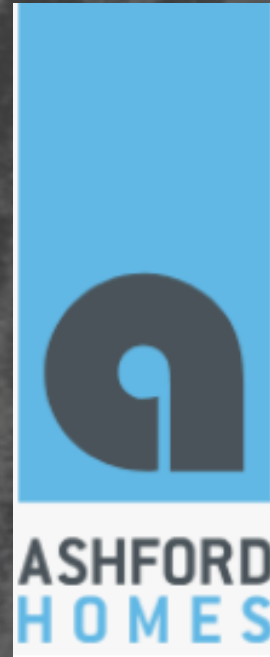
- Continue with events and activities as volunteer numbers allow.
- The Trust would like to improve access to the Queen's Jubilee Oak Tree Walk
 - By supporting Poulshot Parish Council in their discussions with Wiltshire Council to improve the lower part of the The Broadway
 - Placing the plaques that have been made – possible ceremony.
- Establish the wildflower meadow (if the ground is suitable)
 - Seeking grants from Wessex Water Environment Fund, Devizes Area Board, Wiltshire Community Foundation

Thanks for Support

- Poulshot Parish Council
- Poulshot Community Fund
- Townsend Barn Nursery
- Katherene Baldock and Simon Parkes
- Jean Perrett
- Ashford Homes
- Beechfield Reclamation Co



Parish Council



Poulshot Community Fund

[Grant Applications](#)

The purpose of the Poulshot Community Fund scheme is to promote community development in the parish by providing financial support for community organisations and projects for the benefit of residents, the intention being to improve the range of activities available within Poulshot (as defined by the borders of the Parish).



TOWNSEND BARN NURSERY

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