

Charmouth Environment Group

Notes of meeting held on 30th July 2024

Present: Jane Bremner (Chair), Julie Leah, Katy Tunstall, Andrew Lightfoot

Apologies: Sam Webber, Ivor Clist

- 1. Charmouth in Bloom:** Jane and Julie reported on the tour with the judge from South West in Bloom on 25th July. Heavy rain made conditions difficult but there was a very positive response from the various community groups invited to participate and follow up notes had been sent to the judge. It was agreed to recommend that the Parish Council make small donations to the library and residents of St Andrews House. Thank you notes were to be posted on facebook. For next year, it was agreed to speak with the Gardening Club to consider whether some local competition could be linked in with the village show.
- 2. Work programme:** the work programme devised in 2021 was reviewed with good progress noted on virtually all aspects. Julie agreed to update the work programme with revisions including:
 - Improved pre- and post-planting maintenance for trees and bulbs;
 - Revised mowing regime;
 - Staining planters on Lower Sea Lane to create a more cohesive image;
 - More effective recycling at the foreshore;
 - Actions to be developed on energy and transport;
 - Improved communications with other community groups and representatives in the community.
- 3. Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme (CTAP):** recent circulation of a community consultation survey was noted as was the rather limited information on any specifics. Any queries should be addressed to ctap-dorset@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

4. **River Char:** a public event was planned for 7th August. A grant for £2,000 had been accessed which would enable repeat of the Dragon Festival in 2025.
5. **Environment Exchange:** it was agreed to promote these informal gatherings at the Bank House Café on 12th October, 9th November and 14th December at 10am. Jane offered to produce a poster.
6. **Notes of the meeting held on 4th June:** all actions completed. The new information plaques at the foreshore and Lower Sea Lane had attracted positive comments. It was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council's Playing Field and Foreshore Committees that similar plaques be commissioned for the playing field and near the ant hills above West Green.
7. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 1st October at 7pm.

ACTION POINTS

Jane: speak with Ivor,

Thank you note re Charmouth in Bloom judging

Donations to library and St Andrews House residents

Contact Gardening Club

Poster for Environment Exchange

Julie: revise work programme

Contact school re plaque for the bulbs on the external verge

Review recycling arrangements

Playing Field Committee: consider commissioning an information plaque for the playing field

Foreshore Committee: consider commissioning information plaque for the ant hill area

All: attend Environment Exchanges!