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Through The Chair

Welcome to our 118th newsletter and 30 years of the RVCG. Roger Kite kept a paper copy of every newsletter and so we have a mine of information that I can share with you in future newsletters. As a start to our celebrations, I have included a copy of the very first RVCG newsletter ever produced on a typewriter. It's interesting that the original aims of the group are still valid 30 years later however, some of the issues mentioned are also still issues today. Membership was also just £1 for adults and 50p for children which has hardly changed as its still only £3 for the whole household.

The new committee are hellishly busy getting our new website up to speed, updating documents and information, and planning for a Rivelin Park sculpture trail and a Heritage Open day in September. Although this might sound quite onerous, it's actually quite enjoyable being part of a creative and forward-thinking team that hope to help improve the Rivelin experience for its visitors and local residents. The RVCG has enormous support from its membership and local authorities. The improvement of people's well-being and the prevention of the decline of wildlife is high on the political agenda and the RVCG is in a great position to do just that in our little corner of Britain. If you would like to help try and make a difference, then please contact the chairperson.

Graham Appleby
RVCG Chairman

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Membership

For those who have still to pay their membership, Paypal is now working again so the simplest payment method is via our website at <http://rivelinvalley.org.uk/join.php>. Cost remains the same at £3 per household. As of the end of May, the RVCG has received £1040 in donations from new and existing members. This is very kind of you, and we will put this money to good use in our future plans for Rivelin Valley improvements.

RVCG AGM 2021

Thank you to all those who joined our AGM over Zoom back in April. Thank you to Sue Shaw for taking the minutes. I know Zoom is not for everyone, but neither can everyone get to our meetings at the local Church. The RVCG continues to have enormous support from its committee and members, but we do need to fill our vacancies to maintain the momentum and achieve our goals. We still have a vibrant committee who give so much of their time and effort to meet the new challenges that the RVCG faces.

If you would like to join the RVCG committee even for just one year to give it a try, then please contact myself, Graham Appleby to discuss.

The specific current vacancies are:

Group Secretary
Newsletter Editor

Chairman – I remain in the role for the

moment but would like to handover to someone so that I can concentrate on a different role such as managing the Task Team.

I am pleased to welcome Sue Morton who has volunteered to assist Derek Hastings with the monitoring of planning applications. I have recently put them in touch with each other and hopeful they will get on well together and keep a close eye on plans and building work in the Rivelin Valley.



Keith Kendall

It was Keith Kendall's final meeting as he stepped down from the committee and from his role as Task Team leader as his fitness is not what it used to be. Keith is so embroiled in the RVCG it's going to take a while to unpick. I have learned a lot from Keith and hope that we remain life-long friends. I recently presented Keith with a stainless-steel pie server made by Carrs of Sheffield and set in a rather smart wooden box. We all send Keith our best wishes.



Stainless steel pie server made by Carrs Sheffield

We had a couple of guest speakers – (as taken from the minutes of the AGM.)

Danny Hodgson of SRWT gave an update on the Sheffield Lakeland Landscape project (SLLP). Includes habitat restoration work, woodland management, new nature reserve at Midhope Reservoir, supporting local groups such as RVCG. 'Working with Water' and natural flood management projects – mostly working with farmers. Goshawks bred successfully last year. Work at Lodge Moor POW camp, packhorse routes and bridleways, work on paths at Redmires.

The Chairman asked about an extension to SLLP – Danny confirmed that the project has an extra four months – now running to Feb 2022 so we have more time to spend our funds. SLLP tractor would be available for hire should we need it.

Chris Baines congratulated the group on its 30 years and on engaging with new ideas – necessary for moving forward. He will talk to Greg Shaw about adding more material to the Rivelin Valley Artists web pages. Could we make more of these paintings available for people to easily see as they walk along the valley? Importance of nature in the valley has been highlighted in the last 12 months of Covid – ties in with experience of the artists coming out of WW1 returning to the valley and finding solace in nature. Rivelin has been an inspiration for people for a long time – it's a special place, important for generations – important to carry on the good work.

Thank you to all the committee for their contributions for this event and for plucking up the courage to speak live over Zoom. We would have made something special of this event, being our 30th anniversary but alas, Covid prevented that. We hope to get back to normal as soon as possible and have the Task Team back in action. We plan to celebrate our 30th Anniversary during the planned Heritage Open Day on 19th Sep when hopefully we will be offering guided walks and we may have our first item of the proposed sculpture trail. More about that in the coming weeks.

Graham Appleby

Website

During the AGM, Greg Shaw provided a pre-recorded presentation of the new RVCG website that has now been launched using the same address www.rivelinvalley.org.uk Most of the old website has been transferred across and the committee are helping bring all the content up to date which is a considerable task, and which will evolve over time. Please take a look at the new website and send us your comments. Many thanks to Greg Shaw for his hard work in making the transition run smoothly.

RVCG Logo

Greg found that the current RVCG logo quality was not quite good enough for the website. This had been copied and re-copied over a number of years and was looking a bit moth eaten. Mark Bateman took on the challenge of producing a new version of the logo and I can tell you, out of all the documents we are reviewing, this was the hardest nut to crack. During the creation of the RVCG in 1991, the dipper was chosen as its logo. The version of the logo you are familiar with, depicts a dipper standing on the edge of a weir and first appeared on the front of RVCG newsletter no.17 in August 1995.



I really like this logo for its simplicity and didn't want to stray too far from the original. So after some considerable discussion, we have decided on this:



It now includes the name of the group and we have added a splash of colour. Hope you approve.

RVCG Email Change

Another important function that Keith Kendall managed was the RVCG main incoming email: rvcg@supanet.com. As Keith no longer wants this administrative role, we have had to change this address to rivelin.valley@gmail.com

The use of gmail is much more flexible and not tied to the one computer or person. The RVCG can redirect this email to any individual so that we shouldn't need to change the email address again should the RVCG personnel change. The email address came with the website and so is controlled by Greg Shaw. For the moment, and until we get a new Group Secretary, the group emails will be directed to myself, Graham Appleby as Chairman.

RVCG Documents Review

The RVCG hold a number of key documents which describe the ethics of the group and how we work together with respect, honesty and integrity. As we are entering a new era, some of these documents have had a major overhaul and will be reviewed annually to ensure they are fit for purpose and in line with current legislation.

The documents are:

Constitution – describes the purpose of the group and its committee.

GDPR – explains who holds your personal data and how it is managed securely.

Safeguarding – describes how the RVCG will strive to protect young and vulnerable people.

These documents will be available on the new website once the review is completed.

New Members Pack

Also, up for review, is the new members pack which is sent to all new members joining the RVCG. Our Membership Secretary, Graham Roe, flags new members to Margaret Townrow who then posts out the package. This has hardly changed in 30 years and so we are working to update the contents of the pack to bring it right up to date along with everything else. Thank you to Margaret Townrow who has carried out this function very responsibly for many years.

Sue Shaw News

Lodge Moor camp at Redmires

I mentioned in last Newsletter that the Sheffield Lakeland Landscape Partnership (SLLP) has been working at the Lodge Moor Prisoner of War camp at Redmires plantation. The SLLP community archaeologist Alex has made a video explaining about the history of the camp.

<https://www.facebook.com/SheffieldLakeland/videos/450682086236726/>

Recently some damage was done to some of the camp remains during recent tree thinning work being carried out by Sheffield City Council. SCC has given assurance that the disturbance will be rectified. A site visit and recommendations were made by the South Yorkshire Archaeology Service and further remedial work will take place later this year.

<https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/heritage-and-retro/heritage/heartbreak-as-historic-lodge-moor-prisoner-of-war-camp-damaged-by-sheffield-council-forestry-work-3218450>

New cycle routes

Five new cycle routes have been set up by the Steel Valley Project to show off the best of the Sheffield Lakeland Area (<https://steelvalleyproject.org/cycle-routes/>). The routes are relatively easy going, although they do take in some fairly tough hills, and range in distance from 5 miles to 14 miles in length. They include two that take in parts of the Rivelin Valley. A 7.5 mile route that starts at Rivelin café, heads up the Loxley Valley, over Stannington, down to cross the Rivelin near Rails Road, then up to Crosspool and back via Bolehill Road (<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34074481>).

Also a 13.8 mile route from Redmires, over Stanage, to Burbage, Fox House and back via Ringinglow (<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34133975>).

Free entry to Sheffield museums

There has been a change in the management of Sheffield museums. Since April 1 2021, Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust and Museums Sheffield merged in a new unified charitable trust responsible for operating Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, Kelham Island Museum, Shepherd Wheel, Graves Art Gallery, Millennium Gallery and Weston Park Museum. There is now free entry at all of these attractions – all well worth a visit.

Stan Shaw RIP

Stan Shaw, the last of Sheffield's 'Little Mesters', died in February 2021. He had a workshop at Kelham Island Museum, where he still worked until shortly before his death. There was local and national media coverage including a tribute from Sheffield Assay Office (<https://www.assayoffice.co.uk/news/tributes-paid-to-sheffields-great-knife-designer-and-maker>), an obituary in The Guardian (<https://www.assayoffice.co.uk/news/tributes-paid-to-sheffields-great-knife-designer-and-maker>) and a profile on the BBC Radio 4 obituary programme 'Last Word':

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000t03t>

Snippets from the meeting of Sheffield Waterways Strategy Group, April 2021.

Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust (SRWT) has started a 'working with water' project, which involves working with farmers and landowners such as Yorkshire Water on using 'nature-based solutions' such as leaky dams and scrapes to help hold water in the catchment. They will be undertaking work over the next two winters on a demonstration project in the Limb Valley, which they subsequently want to translate into other catchments.

The Environment Agency is also involved with work in the whole of the Don catchment looking at ways to reduce flood risk and improve climate resilience using 'nature-based solutions', including things like peatland restoration and reconnecting floodplains. This project will be carried out over the next 10 years.

Protecting Sheffield from Flooding: The flood defence works on the River Loxley (Malin Bridge to the Don confluence) are on track to be completed during this calendar year. Funding has been confirmed for flood defence project developments on the Sheaf and Porter over the next 18 months, including investigations into feasibility for a flood storage area at Endcliffe Park, and other survey work. The proposed Roscoe flood storage area is still 'on the back burner', and may still be needed as part of building future resilience to flood risk. There has been no progress on exploring the use of reservoir storage for flood risk management in the Upper Don catchment.

Tree fern fossil found in Rivelin

Sandra Hughes posted on the 'Wonderful Walkley' Facebook page about a tree fern fossil she found in Rivelin in January 2021.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10159298426743641&set=gm.3321760234600486>

Comments suggested that others have been found in and around Rivelin too and "there is apparently a whole forest of them under the clay of the allotments leading down from Crosspool and then over to Middlewood hospital". We would love to hear from you if you have found one of these fossils in Rivelin.

Rivelin Valley fabrics

Has anyone come across the Rivelin Valley Fabric Collection by Beth Janine? Apparently they were "inspired by childhood trips to the Rivelin Valley Nature Park, where we would walk along the river banks spotting Herons fishing or the colourful flash of a kingfisher, or paddle in the shallows turning over stones in search of elusive frogs and sticklebacks." I couldn't find much more detail, but if you'd like to take a look at some of the designs, several places have the fabrics in stock, for example:

<https://www.cottonpatch.co.uk/acatalog/Rivelin-Valley-Fabric-Collection-Bethan-Janine-Dashwood-Studio.html>

<https://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk/fabric/dashwood-rivelin-valley-collection>

Sue Shaw



Redmires POW Camp

A while ago, I came across a snippet of information about the Redmires POW Camp and seeing as Sue Shaw has mentioned it in her text, I thought I would include it. Unfortunately, I didn't capture the authors details but needless to say I have done no more than copy and paste. The article is based on this picture which appears to have been taken from inside a vehicle and the photographers reflection can just be seen.



The land behind was called Redmires camp during World War 1 and it housed the City Battalion. The camp was unused between the two World Wars when it then became a P.O.W camp. Not sure when the pub was built. There was a racecourse up there, must have some connection to that ?
Named as the Sportsman on the 1893 OS map at [Old Maps](#)

The 1850's map on the same site is too small scale to be certain but I think the building is already there, but unlabelled. To me it looks like a farmhouse.

..and I should say that it is marked as a beerhouse in 1893 (as is the Three Merry Lads)

Sheffield Independent
22 Apr 1882

INFRINGEMENTS OF THE LICENSING ACT.--

...*Henry Swift*, landlord of the Sportsman Inn, Redmires road, was charged with having sold intoxicating liquor, and with having kept his house open during prohibited hours, on the night of the 8th inst. -- A fine of £2 and the costs were imposed.

Sheffield Daily Telegraph
18 Sep 1869

[applications for new or renewed licenses] SHEFFIELD BREWSTER SESSIONS

...
Thomas Greaves, Sportsman Inn, Redmires-road.
A conviction was proved against him.--
Granted

(The Independent says "Had been once fined,-- Granted with a caution")

On 6 Oct 1867 10 men broke windows of the Sportsman's Inn having been refused drink. They were convicted and fined. (Thomas Greaves, landlord)

1871 census return: "Thomas Greaves, age 28, farmer of 14 acres and beerhouse keeper" at Lodge Moor.

The following link will take you to a page telling you about the Sheffield Cenotaph. [Sheffield War Memorial, 25m to the south of City Hall, Non Civil Parish - 1271299 | Historic England](#)

Thank you to our 2021 Speakers who volunteered at short notice

During our Covid lockdown period at the beginning of 2021, I arranged for our usual monthly presentations to be delivered via Zoom. This seems to have been quite successful according to excellent feedback.

Tuesday Jan 12th

Nick Duggan – *'The wonders of the world's largest tool and metalwork collection - The Hawley Collection'*.

The story of the Hawley Collection is absolutely astonishing, and right on our doorstep at Kelham Island. We may be able to arrange some 'behind the scenes' visits later this year.

Tuesday Feb 9th

Nick Duggan – *'The Rise and Fall of Walker and Hall who claimed to be the largest cutlery firm in the World'*

We rarely have the same speaker two months running but Nick is very enthusiastic and had this second presentation ready to deliver. Again, astonishing information about a cutlery firm right in the centre of Sheffield.

The RVCG has sent a donation to the Hawley Collection for each of Nick's talks.

Tuesday Mar 9th



Chris Baines – *'Bringing back wildlife'*
Chris described some of the main reasons for our loss of wildlife and what could be done to help reverse the decline. Enormously entertaining and very well presented. Chris has been thanked for again giving his time *FOC*.

Graham Appleby

The Recorder

At last, after a couple of weeks of sunshine, it really does look like Spring. The early blossoms got damaged by the frost, but many have recovered and are looking beautiful. My aquilegia and new shoots on the roses were also damaged by the frost, which has never happened before. Hopefully, they will recover and just flower a little later. The daffodils and tulips have been glorious as have the dandelions. My Mother-in-law always said they were at their best on St George's Day, 23rd April, and that was certainly the case this year. They brightened up every bit of spare ground with their dazzling colour. Whether you agree or not, if you look carefully at a fully open dandelion, they are as beautiful as any flower in the garden. They are also excellent for the early insects. I keep a few plants in the garden and deadhead them to prolong flowering for as long as possible. I think they should be appreciated more (forget about the 'w' word). Hay Fever has been a problem with some people sneezing who normally are not affected, including me. Already there are several fires on moors as everywhere is so dry, when at this time of year, it used to be much wetter. Ground nesting birds will be in serious trouble. Whatever happened to April showers? It has been the coldest April since the early 1880's with only 5% of the usual rainfall. Blue Tits have been working through the apple trees and broom for insects and grubs, no need to spray them. I have had several queen Wasps in the house searching for nesting sites. They have amazing markings. I always catch them in a suitable container and put them outside as they, like many insects, are in decline, and they perform a useful job in the garden eating aphids.

The moth recording season started in March, but it has been too cold for many moths and our first record was on the 4th April with two moths. We have had a few more since including Early Grey, Brindled Pug and Hebrew Character. We have to put the moth trap out on a Friday which, unfortunately, did not coincide with the lovely warm few days at the end of March. The 30th was the warmest March day since 1968. There was a noticeable increase in the number of insects about and we had Small Tortoiseshell, Peacock, 7 spot Ladybirds and Bumble Bees in the garden. On the 18th April, at 7.10pm, Roger Kite phoned to say there was a Red Kite flying over. We rushed outside and saw

this beautiful bird slowly flying over the house from the valley and towards Crosspool. Did anyone else see it? We went for a walk to Jackey's Wood on 24th April to see the bluebells, which were not fully out. We saw one Holly Blue, several male and female Orange Tips and Speckled Wood butterflies and Chiffchaffs which were everywhere. We also heard a Woodpecker drumming in Clough Wood.

The Crosspool Tawny is back after an absence of about two weeks. Perhaps it got fed up with all the attention and wanted a bit of peace and quiet. I think there are plenty of mice around for it to eat. My neighbour, Chris Allen, regularly gets Wood Mice on her trail camera overnight, and even had one nibbling sunflower seeds when it had snowed. On 26th April, at about 10.30am, I noticed something scuttling in the grass beneath the bird feeder station. It was a fat Wood Mouse which I watched for a couple of minutes before it vanished back into the stone wall. It was lucky that one of the numerous cats in the neighbourhood was not around.

I hope you have been enjoying your exercise walks in the area. Some areas have been inundated with people and the paths are well worn. Now the lockdown has been relaxed perhaps numbers will ease as people get back into their usual routine. Many people acquired dogs for companionship during the pandemic. I hope they are not discarded when no longer required. We have had some reports by people worried about dogs disturbing wildlife in the valley. Owners are throwing balls and sticks into the river for their pets to retrieve. Great for the dogs but devastating for the wildlife. There is also some very worrying research on the health of our rivers. Untreated water was released into rivers over 400,000 times according to a recent Panorama programme. Also the medicine dogs are given to treat fleas is polluting the rivers and killing the invertebrates that the Dippers feed on. Dippers nest close to the river and may not breed successfully if they are distressed. You may know that the gate to Clough Farm stables is closed. During the first lockdown up to 500 people a day were walking through the yard. Four horses were injured due to the action of unruly dogs. The Countryside Code guidance is that dogs should be kept on a short lead at lambing time and during the bird breeding season (1 Mar -31 July) to avoid disturbing ground-nesting birds. People have a responsibility to protect the countryside and make sure their

actions do no harm and they leave no trace of their visit. I suspect this does not apply to council contractors who are busy at this moment cutting down numerous dead or diseased trees in the valley. The work was not scheduled for the nesting period but the pandemic has caused this unfortunate delay. As any woodpecker will tell you, standing dead wood is a very important invertebrate habitat, and one has to hope that the contractors are aware of this and will leave plenty.

It is that time of year when migrants are leaving and arriving in the U.K. Please keep a look out and let me know when you see them. Let me know what is happening in your own nature reserve. It is up to us, who already love nature, to do our best to assist wildlife by welcoming it into our gardens. The rewards and benefits to our wellbeing are immeasurable.

Thank you for your records:-

Sally Turnbull S10 – 13.2.21, 9.30am, 10 Swans flying high towards the N.E.

Probably Bewicks flying back to the Arctic tundra.

Sue Shaw S6 – 5-9.2.21 - 6 Canada Geese on Havelock dam; 9.2.21 – Pied Wagtail near café; 26.2.21 – Dipper feeding in river near Holme Head site; 2.3.21 – 1 pair Mandarin on Havelock Dam; 15.3.21 – 4 male, 1 female Tufted Ducks on Havelock Dam.

Neil Porter S6 – 2 Curlew in field west of Rails Road; 8.2.21 – 2 pairs Goosander on Wolf Wheel; 31.1.21 – Great Spotted Woodpecker in garden; 13.4.21 – male Brambling in full breeding plumage in garden, also 4 Siskins, and for the first time in 13 years a Collared Dove; 3.4.21 – first Chiffchaff in the garden and first Swallow on Rivelin Dam on the 4th April. Has anyone else seen a Collared Dove lately? I used to have a pair visit the garden regularly but have not seen one for some time.

Gerry Bennet S10 – 10.4.21 – In garden – Siskins, Bullfinches, Long-tailed Tits, Song Thrush bullied out of bird bath by male Blackbird. Coal Tit nesting in drystone wall. Great Tit nesting in bird box and Dunnock nesting in privet hedge. Noticed unhealthy volume of Magpies around garden targeting birds in hedge. I have also noticed more Magpies hanging around lately.

Gillian Drinkwater S10 – 25.2.21 – first sighting of about 10 croaking frogs that laid one dense mound of spawn.

Kathleen Helliwell had a 'nature moment' when she was down the valley at the end of February. She was only 4 feet (1.5 metres) away from a Heron which was in the river. The Heron dipped its head and caught a large fish. After plenty of wriggling it

flipped the fish and swallowed it whole. There was a large lump in the Heron's neck which only moved after several gulps of water. Unfortunately, as is often the case, Kathleen did not have a camera with her, but she could hardly wait to get home to tell her husband about her wonderful experience. Kathleen must have kept extremely still whilst watching the Heron.

Roger Kite S10 – 14.3.21 - first frogspawn in his pond; 30.3.21 – Carver Fields – 12 Tortoiseshell butterflies; 22 Spot Ladybird. This was the warmest March day since 1968. This brought out the early blossoms that were then damaged by the frost which were to come.

Mark Bateman S6 – 10.3.21 – very excited to see the Hedgehog back in their garden as they were worried when their neighbour found the remains of an eaten one the previous autumn. (Fox or Badger?) Anyone else seen a Hedgehog or have they all migrated to Stannington? (The weather always looks better there, but Loxley Valley seems to get a lot of rain). 19.3.21 – Barn Owl hunting on fields near Tofts Lane. Mark says it was lovely to watch as so quiet in flight. He sent a fantastic photo which you will be able to see on our new website.

24.3.21 – Tawny Owl perched on barn of Parks Farm where it was seen last year.

20.3.21 – first frog in pond.

Mike Dyson S6 - regularly sees Buzzards over the valley, and watched one being mobbed by a crow for a long time. They are now a common sight over the valley and even if you do not see them, you may hear their cries, which sounds a bit like pee-yow (a bit catlike!).

Bob Townrow S10 – 10.3.21 – frogs appeared in pond. Bob says the earliest they have appeared is 21.2.19 and the latest 16.3.16. It was very mild on 21.2.19 and I noted a temperature of 10.2° C at 9am on that day.

Graham Appleby S10 – 5.4.21 – sudden appearance of starlings in the garden and a rare visit by a Bullfinch the week before. The birds are not using the new squirrel-proof bird feeder yet. It often does take birds a while to get used to something new or different.

Philip Walshaw S10 – 16.3.21 – first frogspawn in pond. Philip is going to breed some tadpoles in a small container again this year as he had quite a few froglets successfully mature last year. You may remember he has Dragonflies in his pond and the nymphs are voracious predators of tadpoles.

Joan Buckland
28.4.21

Rivelin Valley Conservation Group

News Letter 1 22.9.91

On the 12 September 1991 a public meeting was arranged by PC Williams, one of our Community Policemen with a view to starting a group to protect our local environment. Many of us have been increasingly concerned about some of the activities in the area and it was felt that a group such as this would encourage people to walk and enjoy this beautiful countryside and that a knock on effect would be to discourage these activities which have put many of us off walking the area. Our primary concern, however, is to preserve and maintain the valley and its wildlife.

Aims of the group

Our long term aim is, as stated above, to preserve and maintain Rivelin Valley, its wildlife and environment and it is our hope that we will encourage membership from the whole of the valley and surrounding areas.

In the short term it is our goal to clear the path between Hagg Lane and Long Lane and to encourage use of this path. NACRO workers will begin clearance work on 23 September 1991 and will be there for two weeks after which time this path should be easily passable.

We also hope to clear the wood below Long Lane which is very over grown and it is hoped that we will be able to form a new path and/or bridleway through this wood. No formal plans have been made and we hope you will join the discussion that such a plan will generate.

Some work has already started. The Venture Scouts have begun clearing debris from the river and the Council have cleared rubbish illegally dumped on Long Lane and the nearby allotments.

If rubbish is dumped on a public highway the council now have a duty to clear it. The number to ring is 734421 (Cleansing Dept)

Working Party

At the public meeting several volunteers agreed to act as a stand in "committee" or Working Party until we can draw up a proper constitution and elect a committee more formally. They are as follows:

Chairman	Roger Kite
Secretary	Carolyn Brundy
	Mary Brazil
Treasurer	Margaret Sanderson
Press Officer	Les Harris
Publicity	Jane Garth
Site Organiser	Scott Blanks
	Brian Titterton
	Keith Parkin
	Frank Brazil
	Mark Wooton

We have had one meeting to date and will be holding another on Tuesday 24 September at Stephen Hill Church.

Forthcoming Events

Parents and childrens walk
Tuesday 8th October 11.30am

Meet at the top of Hagg Lane. Bring a picnic.

We will walk along the newly cleared path a little way, have our picnic and then walk back to Hagg Lane. The path should be clear enough for push chairs but may be a little rugged under foot or wheel!

Litter Pick

Scott Blanks and the Venture Scouts are hoping to fix a date for this in either late October or early November. Watch this space or contact him if you are interested.

Well thats for starters. This winter we plan to hold evening lectures and slide shows, more guided walks both midweek and at weekends and possibly some evening and night rambles as well.

If you have any suggestions please make them and if you are interested in joining this new group contact anyone on the above list or fill in a form today.

Membership £1.00 for adults 50p for children.

Thank you for coming today.

JB