



Gatley Carrs Conservation Group Committee Meeting held at The Horse & Farrier, Gatley on 23rd January 2024

This committee meeting was convened in lieu of holding a public quarterly meeting. The topics for discussion were the new signage boards, the brainstorming of ideas to progress outstanding maintenance activities and how to encourage more volunteer support and options on which grant funding to target in the future.

Attendees: Jim Arkwright, Andy Day, Michelle Inwood, Lesley Larkin, Chris Mullin, Peter Owen

Apologies: Angela Bent, Emma Burrows, Chris Nield

Item:	Notes/Action:	Owner:
1	Green Flag Award: this has not been applied for this year predominantly due to the new signage not yet being in place and the leftover mess from the Network Rail work.	-
2	Bird Tables: It was agreed to purchase 3 new bird tables and posts to replace 3 that are seriously rotting.	PO
3	Signage: All committee members had previously had the opportunity via email to comment on the proposed format and content of the new signage boards. In addition to those comments, it was agreed that the contents of the individual boxes on the sign should be as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 box (semi-permanent) - Do You Want To See Your Photos On This Board, then send to GatleyCarrsCG@gmail.com - The best photos would be put on the board each month/qtr in at least 3 of the other boxes. • 1 box (semi-permanent) - Gatley Carrs Needs You highlighting the need for volunteers and how they can get involved. • 1 box (semi-permanent) - Membership details and How To Join • 1 box - Events • 1 box - Opening and Closing Times of gate 	PO/AD (+EB if poss)
3a	Signage: Order 2 lollipop type signs for the drive gate entrance showing the opening/closing times on one side and a "Thank You for Visiting" on the other.	PO
3b	Signage: Improve the standing area for the big signboard in the car park by covering with either gravel or bark.	AD/JA
4	Signage/Raising Awareness: Check interest from Gatley	AD

	Runners in holding an Alan Butler Memorial 5K run to coincide with the installation of the new signage boards.	
4a	Signage/Raising Awareness: Request local newspapers to report about the new signage being installed and hopefully the 5K memorial run.	PO/LL
5	Raising Awareness: Organise a lunchtime/afternoon event in the Horse & Farrier to advertise the Carrs and its need for volunteers.	PO
5a	Raising Awareness: Print copies of the “Gatley Carrs Needs You” as per the text on the signage boards and ask local shops/churches to display them.	LL (+EB if poss)
6	Events: Check in with Emma, Fiona and Liz to determine latest thoughts on running social events in the future.	LL
7	Grant Funding: As we would hope to be more successful with more defined tangible projects, it was agreed that we would submit two applications to the Manchester Airport Community Fund and/or to the Matthew Good Foundation. One to establish a stronger bird hide and the other for tools (as previously requested in the Green Space Fund application).	LL/PO
8	Next Meeting: The proposed date for the next meeting, ie the Annual General Meeting, is Wednesday 20 th March 2024.	All