

BHG Open Meeting Notes 05.09.24

Distribution: To all members and posted on website

Present:

Beki, Becky, Deena, Tom, Cat, Pauline

Matters Outstanding:

Google drive - need to update permissions to ensure only authorised users can update. Folder structure also needs to be set up within google drive.

Smoothie bike - Beki to investigate whether Yorkley mend and repair would be interested in making a bike for the community. Cat to try the man who does up bikes for the hospice.

Agreed to renew raffle licence

Monies from Easter Egg hunt on Zettle to be sorted; Becky to check Zettle/summup Kim not seeing income. Beki to check income from pumpkin day with Beth Fordham on youth club summup

Add Saara to Blakeney Growers Facebook admin

Kim to ask Penny about any funding available for employing fencing contractor to install new boundary fence with Paddock House

BJ

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KS**

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Finance:

No report

Communications and Marketing:

Agreed new advert in Forest Bee with pics:

“Community smallholding share the work and rewards. Goats , bees, and vegetable garden. New members all ages very welcome £9 per household/year. See website for contact, application form, and current details.”

www.blakeneyhillgrowers.org.uk

1/8 A5 page £28

¼ A5 page £47

They may give us a discount as before, Beki to do advert graphics.

Autumn edition deadline is missed but get ready for next edition, Pauline to check timing

**BH
PW**

Membership:

No report

Portion Updates:

Goats:

New female British goat kid arriving soon, Nutmeg to join Bristol Street Goats, eartags to be done. The new kid will need protecting from Luna initially, could move Luna to keep Myrtle company.

Lyra settled in to milking now and giving 1.5 ltrs daily.

All goats are looking very well on natural worming. Spending too much time in the paddock so put into main field area for the day and close paddock gate following miking and feeding.

Recent visit from Ribena factory outing very successful, bracken rolling completed and some fencing repairs done.

Bees:

Richard has one colony for bhg to be moved at the appropriate time. Mark's report to follow.

Garden:

Weeding is keeping bracken at bay; currently harvesting courgettes, lettuce, tomatoes and chard. Sowing beetroot, garlic to be planted next month.

BH

MM

Pallets have been sourced for construction of compost bays; small poytunnel construction next month.

Apple and Pumpkin Day

12th October set up 10am doors open 12- 4pm Blakeney Youth Club

Advertising:

Beki to do flyer this week: laminate 2 larger ones for each school gate; print 50 A5 copies for post office, shop, and surgery counters and notice boards; post on Blakeney Residents and BHG fb pages.

BH

Cider sales:

Will need licence Beki to check feasibility with James

BH

Food:

Soup; Cat has slow cooker; muffins/buns to make with children

CB

Pumpkin carving; freezer bags for taking the scooped out flesh home

Chutneys; Kim making beforehand, any others?

KS

Fermentation; Beki to ask Michele if she wants to do a demo again

BH

Juicing; Eric has repaired the kit and is donating a scratter, will also bring some fruit and juice to sell. Washing fruit, and pasteurizing Beki will ask James.

EH

BH

Note: Beki has set up a whatsapp group BHG apple day 2024 to continue the event organizing contact her to be added if you want to join in

ALL

Events / Fundraisers:

Apple and Pumpkin Day Saturday 12th October Blakeney Youth Club

Carols with the goats and mince pies after Sunday 24th December 4pm on the field

AOB:

None

Dates next open meetings: agreed Thursday evenings once a month

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 10th Oct 7.30pm @ Beki's

Working Parties:

Goat field 8.30-10.30am Saturdays to be resumed through the winter

Veg Garden 10-12 Saturdays