

BHG Open Meeting Notes 19.12.24

Distribution: To all members and posted on website

Present:

Beki, Rory, Kim, Saara, Richard and Deena, Pauline

Matters Outstanding:

New advert in Forest bee as below

BH**Finance:**

Companies House confirmation statement of filed returns received, annual reminder added to calendar

Allotment membership paid £12 renewal due in April reminder added to calendar.

Chris Knott insurance premium paid, annual renewal reminder 5th december added to calendar.

Kim needs to register with the bank (currently using Richard's fob), Rory agreed to register as back up.

Report attached to be updated to include latest expenses and insurance renewal payments.

Kim may be moving to Scotland in the next few months, she will be able to continue as treasurer remotely, but the search for a replacement will be needed.

**KS/RD
KS****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

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

BH**Membership:**

Membership end of year renewals due in March, added to calendar.

New members joining now can pay monthly rate until March

Portion Updates:

Field:

Further visits from Sintori volunteers being encouraged by FVAV.

Agreed to prioritise works to secure lower small paddock enclosure; fencing repairs, guttering to lean to barn roof and paving slabs at entrance to alleviate wet ground conditions preventing goats using the shelter.

Beki and Tom doing proposal for replacement fruit trees

Goats:

Luna has sore foot, Beki is treating. Luna, Fern and Myrtle possibly pregnant.

Hay to be collected from Millers farm, new stack to be installed on pallets and under tarp in the old muck heap location. Both milking benches now installed in the parlour.

New muck pile being constructed at the maternity shelter.

Bees:

Agreed to carry over subs to next year and budget for 1 new colony (£200 approx).

Mark will post on Bee whatsapp group in January to set up strategy meeting to plan way forward. Works over the winter; preparation to relocate Richard's colony, consider installing windbreak along rear boundary fence behind hive layout and try one hive lower down the bank; prepare bait hives, post on FB at swarm season to say we can collect and accommodate any found.

BH/TD

Garden:

New beds progressing well; still harvesting some greens and leeks; polytunnel raised

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beds completed and broad beans sowed; plastic skin to be installed when the weather warms up sufficiently. Rory to ask his brother's advice re latest scaled back thoughts on retaining bank using sleepers and driven posts with a hedge along the top.

RD

Seed Swop:

Pauline has been to a couple of recent meetings preparing for seed swop date 22nd February 2025 12.30-3.30 at Yorkley community hall. Hall booked from 11am for preparation, any help appreciated in setting up tables. Any small packets including half opened for exchange, all can be purchased if you have nothing to swop. Tea and cake available.

Events / Fundraisers:

Carols with the goats Tuesday 24th December 4pm on the field and mince pies after
Wildwood Fringe Arts Fest in March. Proposed Sing for your supper with Kirsty and Nemia, details to be confirmed

Easter Egg Hunt 26th April Beki to confirm hall booking

AGM 31st May

BH

AOB:

Next meeting to discuss framework for applications to funding bids

Dates next open meetings: agreed Thursday evenings once a month

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 30th Jan 7.30pm @ Beki's

Working Parties:

Veg Garden 10-12 Saturdays

Field and orchard periodically as arranged