

## **Sustainable Morchard Meeting 9th July 2025**

Present: Paul Tu, Paul Ti, Bunk, Sheila, Steve W, Toni, Frances

**Fayre Day 2nd August** Bunk to bring our banner, Frances the board. Bird and butterfly ID charts to sell for £2. Steve W has provided list of achievements for the boards, photos of ponds created. Theme of stand: the importance of water in the garden, Frances to provide bird bath, mini pond and print off how to guide. Bunk and Paul Tu to be on the stand with relief provided by Chris T and Wendy.

**Village Meeting.** Idea to make each table focusing on a particular area eg. Food/ biodiversity/transport with the hope that it will generate new initiatives and encouraging more people interested in making them happen. Steve W has updated: hall booked for 20th September 2-4 and put notice in August MM. August meeting this year to finalise details.

**Flower and Produce** SM to judge "Nod to Nature" entry probably 7/8th August. Children's entry - build a bug hotel with a book token as the prize. Frances to buy. Also adult garden entry. SM to judge entries in situ. Bunk and Paul Tu. Frances to ask Kevin K.

**Autumn speaker** Otters – Coming to a River Near You talk by Stephen Powles Monday 6th October 2025. Bunk to contact SP for any promotional photos to do poster for September MM. Frances to put forthcoming diary entry in MM.

**Finances** Steve W reported a healthy balance of £815.94.

**5m x 5m area at Greenaway** Steve W has got the go-ahead after liaising with MDCC for a small plot of land at Greenaway to plant fruit trees on it/creating a meadow. Agreed a dwarf stock eating apple tree, budget of £50 allocated. Toni asked that any underground electricity or water pipes were investigated before digging!

**Playing Fields** Toni has identified possible planting for pollinators sites at the playing fields after new play equipment has been erected. SM agreed to support in terms of planting time and funding. Comfrey, creeping Rosemary and marjoram thought to be suitable. Plant as plugs. Robert Moore at Lydcott May be able to source.

**Signs** for Herb garden and playing field meadow area, Frances to liaise with Graeme.

**Apple Day** usually 1st Saturday of October.

**AOB** Toni - Lindfield Farm on Morchard Road is a Care Opportunities site and Kevin Cousins who runs it said we can visit any time.

**AOB** Sheila - has been liaising with Hannah Bancroft (new school head) about providing some input to the school Eco Club in September.

Date of next meeting August 13th at Steve Watson's house. 7.30.