

**Sampford Courtenay Environmental & Sustainability Sub-Committee of
Sampford Courtenay Parish Council**

SCENSUS MEETING MINUTES- Tues 22nd March 6.30 pm

Present – Cllrs J. Palmer, M. Wilson, P. Collins + M. Pratt and V. Matthews via Zoom

1. Welcome – Chair Cllr J. Palmer welcomed everyone and thanked them for their continued support.

2.. **Commemorative Tree for Tim Edwards** – MW will go and collect the tree from Bow Garden Centre and dig the hole at the Bug Hotel end of the Wild Flower Strip on the Village Green ready to plant on Saturday at the Village Green Tidy up.

3. In conjunction with **Great British Spring Clean** –

Sampford Courtenay Village Green Tidy Up – Sat 26th March

Volunteers have been asked to bring sand paper, wire brushes etc and possibly electric sanders to clean up the benches and picnic table, + gloves and masks. PC has a woodchipper if needed to clear any tiny branches left over from making the dead hedge.

4. **SCEnSus up-date at Open Meeting on 19th April** – Cllr Palmer agreed to give an update on the many SCEnSus achievements and plans for the future at the Open Meeting including explaining how the Chase Milton Wind Turbine annual grant can be used by SCEnSus for Environmental projects.

There will also be another chance to view the Recycled Plastic ideas from VM. Please come along and see how you can get involved.

5. **Other Dates** –

- Sat 23rd April – St George’s Day Teddy Bear’s Picnic and unveiling of Jubilee Bench and Picnic Tables.
Weather permitting a fun afternoon to bring your own teddy and picnic and enjoy some games and story telling.
- Sat 11th June – Himalayan Balsam Clearance – PC suggested we try and clear the stream from Frankland Bridge up to East Town Farm this year. Clerk will obtain permission from landowners.
It was also suggested that Clerk contact local scout/guide groups to see if they would like to be involved in this event.
- Sat 11th Sept Autumn Clean up

6. **Sampford Courtenay Station Adoption** – up-date – NWR Site visit planned in next few weeks; but the scheme has been agreed in principle by NWR. It has also received support from Enchanted Bed Company who have offered to make available a rainwater water butt to water the flower planters, which may also look like a real flower “bed”, courtesy of Enchanted Bed Company.

7. **Sale of Repurposed Riot Shields** – via Website and Facebook & Village Hall Plant Sale 21st May. All of the ex-police riot shields have been dismantled and will be made up into Garden cloches, (together with wood off-cuts from Enchanted Bed Company) for sale/pre-order at the Village Hall Plant Sale. Price £20 each. Flat packs can be collected ready to make up for your spring seedlings.

8. **Seasonal Suggestions** – Please keep an eye out for our Monthly Seasonal Suggestions in Roundabout and on our website. Lots of lovely ideas that each of us can try out to do our bit to help Climate Change and our local ecology.

9. [West Devon Consultation New Planning Policy](#) in light of Climate change. SCEnSus and SCPC will support any changes to Planning Policy that will incorporate measures that will help homeowners tackle climate change. Clerk to put together additional Climate Friendly Check list to go with SCPC Planning guidance.

10. **Return of the Plant Stall** – it was suggested that New Inn be asked if they would mind the Plant Stall being sited at the back of their car-park this year, for parishioners and visitors to share excess produce and plants for donations to SCEnSus funds.

11. **Funds currently available** - £ -95.37 - Suggestion to put forward to SCPC that £500 of this year's Chase Milton Wind Farm Grant be used to top up this EMR.

12. Date for Next meeting – Tues 3rd May 6.30 pm Village Hall.