

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

SCENSUS MEETING MINUTES - Tues 10th May 7.00 pm at the Village Hall or via Zoom

Present – Cllr M Wilson, M. Pratt and via Zoom V. Matthews & NWR Maedoc Ellis

Apologies – Cllr P Collins & Cllr J. Palmer

1. Welcome by Cllr Wilson in absence of Cllr J. Palmer

2.. NWR Safety Briefing re Adoption of SC Station – Maedoc Ellis gave those present the NWR Safety Briefing to enable the completion of SCEnSus Adoption of Sampford Courtenay Station in order to keep it tidy and welcoming by the planting of seasonal and perennial plants. M. Pratt is now authorised to give Safety Briefing to any other volunteers or members of working parties. (Copies of the Certificates and Risk Assessments are posted on the Parish Website)

M.Pratt to also email Maedoc Ellis with details of the proposed design and costs of a Heritage Information Board for the Station – he may be able to source some funding towards this.

3. 14th May – 10am – Clean Up and Planting at SC Station – POSTPONED – another date will have to be arranged once the Adoption Certificates have been signed and arrangements for safe access to the platform has been arranged.

As we were unsuccessful in getting a grant from Wild About Devon – therefore it was agreed that some of the SCEnSus funds to be used to buy compost and plants + appeal for spare plants to be placed on Plant Stall when it is returned to the New Inn Car Park.

4. Plant Sale – Village Hall Sat 21st May 10.30 am – V. Matthews will be selling her plants in aid of Roof-Ups, but M. Wilson could also be there to sell Riot Shield Cloches in aid of SCEnSus funds.

5. Other Dates –

- Sat 11th June – Himalayan Balsam Clearance; Clerk to update Risk Assessment sheets detailing danger from Hemlock Water Dropwort <https://www.wildfooduk.com/edible-wild-plants/hemlock-water-dropwort/>
- Sat 11th Sept Autumn Clean up

6. Seasonal Challenges – (as previously circulated by VM) were agreed.

7. Return of the Plant Stall to New Inn Car Park – some minor repairs are required and help to lift it when date arranged for its return.

8. Choice of Trees to plant at Red Post – MP has received a list of Highway’s “approved trees” for planting by the memorial bench at Red Post. This will be circulated for discussion at the next meeting.

9. Funds currently available - £404.63.

10. Date for Next meeting – Tues 7th June 6.30 pm