

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

**SCENSUS MEETING MINUTES** - Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June 22 6.30 pm at the Village Hall or via Zoom

Present – M Pratt, M. Wilson, P. Collins, J. Palmer & V. Matthews via Zoom

1. Welcome – Chair J. Palmer welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Arrangements for this year's Himalayan Balsam Clean Up 11<sup>th</sup> June is to meet at 10am in New Inn Car Park; volunteers are asked to read the Risk Assessment on the Website here <https://www.sampfordcourtenay-pc.gov.uk/node/744> prior to arriving to save time, and to wear the appropriate footwear and PPE. This year each group will carry a two-way radio for extra safety.
3. SC Station Tidy up and Planting – M.Wilson, M.Pratt & B. Robertson carried out the pre-liminary tidy-up at the station, and planted some bedding that remained after the Plant Sale. They also hung Jubilee Flags and Bunting. The plan is to re-assess planting in the Autumn.
4. Other Dates – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Sept Autumn Clean up. However, parishioners are encouraged to keep their “own-patch” of the parish free from litter etc while out walking throughout the summer. Thank you.
5. Seasonal Challenges were agreed. M.Pratt agreed that her contact details could be used beneath these articles in Roundabout.
6. Return of the Plant Stall to New Inn Car Park – M Wilson will be re-vamping the Plant Stall before its return to the New Inn Car Park. Date to be advertised. Parishioners will then be able to donate/buy spare plants and produce from their gardens. It is also hoped to add a “swop” board where parishioners can add any “nearly new” items they no longer need with contact details.
7. Choice of Trees to plant at Red Post – it was agreed that SCEnSus should research cost and planting times/conditions for a Crab Apple tree to possibly be planted there in the Autumn.
8. SCEnSus wanted to make parishioners aware that Co-op in Hatherleigh and Okehampton have Soft plastics collection points where you can re-cycle your crisp packets and bread wrappers etc.
9. Notices/signs – it was suggested that SCEnSus look into obtaining some signs to mark areas where we have planted wild flower seed or trees etc to

try and prevent contractors and other well-meaning parishioners from strimming them off before they have had chance to seed.

10. It was suggested that the focus of the Autumn Open Meeting should be “Re-cycling” with perhaps a demonstration/talk on how to use our Re-cycling bins correctly and what happens to it after it has been collected.
11. <https://www.devonlnp.org.uk/events/upcoming-events/> Devon Local Nature Partnership website. There are some interesting talks on this website. However, tickets have to be arranged through Eventbrite, and sometimes the 3<sup>rd</sup> party organising the talk do not forward the joining details. However, by signing up for the event you are given access to the recording of the talk that you can watch in your own time.
12. Nearly New Fashion Show – SCEnSus would like to hold a “Fashion Show” evening at which you can donate your “Nearly New” to be “modelled” and sold off as a 50/50 deal, or straight swop. More details later. Contact M. Pratt if you are interested in “modelling” or helping out with the evening.
13. Item for the next meeting is possible landscaping of the Village Green, beneath the cobbled path to provide better wheeled access and a flat surface for the picnic tables and benches.
14. Funds currently available - £404.63.
15. Date for Next meeting Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 6.30pm