

# Volunteer Times

Hello from the attic, thanks to all who were able to come to the meeting last month. Yummy pizza all round!

One thing that come up during the meeting was that there are lots of changes happening on the reserve but not everyone knows what's happening and why. In response to this for the next few months I'll get information from Tom and Rob about what's been happening and include this in the *Volunteer Times*.

## Work on the Reserve



**Handrails:** As you can see the Wednesday Team have been working hard (and drinking tea) to replace handrails on the Reserve. The new look rope handrails is in order to comply with regulations regarding size for handrails, to reduce maintenance and to make them safe.

**Coppicing:** The new coppicing pattern is to improve the habitat for dormice. Achieved by creating wider sections that increase light to the floor, providing wildlife corridors between sections and provide hedging to discourage dogs and people.

Great work, well done team!

## Sustainability pledge



### 'Our BIG commitment'

We talked a little bit at the meeting about how changes to our education offer has been feeding into some of the volunteer support at the Centre. One of those areas is the Centre's sustainability Pledge, 'Our BIG Commitment' (see attached). You might see more information about this around the Centre. Moving forward we hope to look at how we can feed into this BIG commitment as a volunteer group potentially with a team who can put forward ideas for Sustainable changes to make.

Interested? Get in touch!

## Farewell to Hamel

I'm sorry to say that things didn't work out with Hamel (our Outdoor Education Volunteer). She said a HUGE thank you to everyone for being so welcoming. I wished her the very best of luck with her next adventure from us all.

We have been lucky enough to recruit a new person called Alasdair who has previously volunteered at FSC Amersham,. He'll join us in early July and will mostly support with events. We'll also have a new Volunteer Beach Warden, Kayley Knight. She'll join us at the end of July and will be supporting mostly on the Beach Trailer.

## Beach Activity Trailer



Thank you all so much for your support prepping up the trailer and over half term. Hannah and I really could not have done it without you! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

## FSC Slapton T-shirts



Let me know if you are in need of a branded t-shirt – I have ordered lots more so we have more sizes and colours (blue ones!).

## Estate Team Support



Some help is need whilst Rob is clearing the gutters around the buildings, creating notice boards in the workshop, new work benches in workshop, creating shelving...

If you think you might be interested in helping out get in touch [rob.sl@field-studies-council.org](mailto:rob.sl@field-studies-council.org)

## Trip to Living Coasts



## Wednesday 21 June

It's that time of year to get out and about for a jolly day out! We have a trip booked to living coasts (did the title and picture give it away?). We will arrange a packed lunch from the Centre (please let me know of any dietary requirements) but you may like to bring a flask (drinks are available to buy there).



**Leaving the Centre at 10.30am**

**Leaving Torquay approx. 2.30pm**

Let me know ASAP (by the latest Wednesday 14 June) as I'll need to confirm numbers.

If you need me for anything, please get in touch. [lizzy.sl@field-studies-council.org](mailto:lizzy.sl@field-studies-council.org) or 580 466/ 07734781374.