



Minutes of the GHGW meeting held on 12th January 2026 at 7.00 p.m. at The Methodist Church.

Present: Jo Hazlewood (JH), Simon Hooton (SH), Gerald Laws (GL), Matt Shenton (MS)

Apologies: John Ambrose (JA), Kathy Smith (KS), Rob Collett (RC), Mel Holmes (MH) Sarah Peck (SP), Suzanne Steer (SS), Brian Whale (BW)

1. **Matters/Actions** arising from the previous meetings not included in Agenda: - None
2. **Thermal Imaging Camera:** the date for borrowing the thermal imaging Camera has been confirmed as 4th – 10th March (to be returned on 10th). JH will circulate posters to the group before putting some around the village. EB and MS had agreed to carry out the surveys. A training video will be available. Publicise on the GHGW Facebook page.
3. **Stag beetle signage** – the sign has now been completed and is being paid for using the funds awarded to GHGW. SH will consult with JA and local residents for the best way to put it up. Investigate creating further information signs (i.e. swifts, bats, hedgehogs) in the future – grants could be available to fund additional signs.
4. **Bird Watching Weekend** – a launch to publicise the weekend took place outside the Methodist Church on 10th January 2026. There was some interest and a donation of £5 had been received which will go towards the cost of creating the bird feeders which were being given away. A poster reminding people of the dates of the bird watching weekend to be put up. It was agreed that it would be good to be able to share some findings on the facebook page.
5. **Updates (if any) on the following:**
 - Eco Church: RC was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following update: “Re Eco church: last action was clearing raked cut grass on 7th December from east side to west side. No meetings on January 4th or February 8th - possible working party to cut Church fields hedge TBC”
 - EV Charging Point – no progress on village hall EV– two charging points expected in Samford Close organised by SCC.
 - Storytelling for a Changing Planet – SH is considering next steps

- Peninsula Green Network event - on hold
- Report on Shifting Sounds event – took place organised by Holbrook Society – feedback was positive.

6. **Email query:** A question had been received from Jayne Jones (Stutton Eco Church), asking whether GHGW is holding a Green Day event in 2026. SH is offering a fundraising day for All Saints Church with stories and readings which will be linked to Earth Day on 18th April with tea and cakes. SH would contact the primary school to see if they would like to be involved – ideas were discussed of inviting children to write a nature story or to create a picture which could then be displayed in the Church during the event. Timing of the event to be decided. SH would be willing to do a similar event for St. Peter's Church Stutton and will liaise with Jayne Jones. SH would welcome any ideas from members of GHGW for the day.
7. **Any other business/ideas:** The date of the Fete this year will be 6th June – and the group were invited to provide some vegan/vegetarian food again. Another Dawn Chorus Walk was discussed, including the possibility that this could be followed by a hedgehog event on the Reade Field. It was agreed that the date for this should be after 6th June so that it could be publicised at the Fete.
8. **Date for next meeting: Monday 9th March 7 p.m. at the Methodist Chapel**