

SHARK Johnshaven

Meeting Held At the Ship Hotel, Johnshaven Sunday 6th April 2014

Present: Rebecca Chambers, Sue Calder, Maureen and Niall Young, Alyson and Neil Wilkie, Vera and Walter Fillingham, Lilian and Alan Thorpe

1/ Tractor and Trailer – Tractor has been re-insured and re-licensed. Millend Garage has carried out a number of repairs but more remains to be done. The Trailer was taken to Brechin for servicing.

2/ Collections – Started successfully on 29th March. We currently have 21 volunteers on the list despite losing some this year. We are still looking for more! Rebecca will order 100 replacement green bags this week. Most of last year's members have signed up for collections but there are still a number outstanding – Sue provided a list for Rebecca to chase up. Benholm and Johnshaven Community Council have signed up on behalf of the new allotments behind the Masonic Hall.

3/ Compost Site – Container roof still needs to be primed and the leak fixed before painting. A site clean was carried out on 29th March but only 2 volunteers turned up. The Conservation Volunteers took compost for the planters at the Hardgate. We still have a considerable supply but there are a number of requests so the priority is now on doing some sieving.

4/ Events Held – We did a gorse bashing on the old Railway line on 16th February which was well attended. We had a stall at the Mill of Benholm Science Fair on 15th March which was well received. We had no fewer than 28 volunteers at the first Beach Clean in lovely spring weather on 16th March and trialled the new litter pickers – they will probably be more useful on the Village Clean-up. Niall agreed to put Rebecca's statistics from past Beach Cleans on the website.

5/ Planned Events – We will have our annual Village Clean in conjunction with Keep Scotland Beautiful on Sunday 13th April, meet at Beechgrove Garden for 2pm. Niall agreed to make up a poster for this.

6/ Terracycle – Rebecca described the Terracycle initiative which aims to maximise recycling of more difficult materials, and suggested it as something we could maybe get involved in. No decision was reached but we will put the information on the website for further consideration. See more at <http://www.terracycle.co.uk>

7/ Accounts – Sue reported the bank balance was £2232.47 and that 20 people have not yet signed up for 2014 collections.

8/ AOB – Rebecca drew our attention to the new Mammals recording scheme being supported by Aberdeenshire Council and invited members to contribute to it, via the North East Scotland Biological Records Centre. See more at <http://nesbrec.org.uk>

Next Meeting : Sunday 8th June at 7pm in the Ship.