

SHARK Johnshaven

Meeting Held At the Ship Hotel, Johnshaven Sunday, 13th January, 2013

Present Rebecca Chambers, Sue Calder, Jim Mathers, Vera Fillingham,
Alyson and Neil Wilkie, Maureen & Niall Young

Apologies Walter Fillingham

Proposed Activities 2012:

- Further work on site is needed including our contribution to the road repairs. It was agreed that we need to cap our contribution to this because of recent flood damage, but it will be beneficial if we can have the site entrance tarred as part of the overall works for which we will require to pay the full cost. Need to discuss further with the other road owners. A quotation has been requested from Forsters Contractors, hopefully this will be presented at the next meeting.
- Insurance renewed with BTCV for public liability and tools insurance. The tractor will be insured with NFU and will continue to be stored at Millend Garage. Kenny was hoping to complete further compost turning and tractor has not yet been moved indoors at the Garage. Trailer needs to be taken to Brechin for servicing – this requires a volunteer with a towbar to be identified.
- The 2013 Calendar to be printed and distributed before April.
- Need to re-apply for SEPA Licence in February.
- In addition to the normal Beach Cleans it was proposed that an additional informal one is carried out on Saturday 19th January at 11am because of the storm, working northwards from the Narrows. There will be no skip and no recording of litter. It was also suggested that in general dog walkers and other interested parties could assist on an informal basis to help clear the Coastal Path.
- In relation to general clean-up activity, Niall Young noted the Community Council's involvement with Aberdeenshire Council and the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers regarding environmental improvements to the Village area, and that the BTCV in particular had offered assistance in improving the appearance of the compost site, e.g. in painting the container and rebuilding the wall. Niall will liaise on behalf of SHARK.
- Current volunteer numbers are 24, with 2 new participants replacing some lost from last year. There are 39 homes signed up for the composting collections so far this year.

Diary Dates:

January	RSPB Garden Birdwatch 26th/27th; register online at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch . Informal Beach Clean Saturday 19th 11am from the Narrows Northwards.
February	Gorse cutting on Railway Line
March	WWF Earth Hour; Collections to start; Beach Clean.
April	Keep Scotland Beautiful event with village clean up.
May	Yellow Fish environmental project.
June	Beach Clean.
July	Volunteer BBQ
August:	Bracken Bashing.

September Beach Clean; NEOS Cafe Days

November Compost collections end for the year.

December Last meeting of the year and Volunteer Christmas Celebration

No decision has yet been made on participation in the Johnshaven Fish Festival.

Rebecca closed the meeting and thanked those attending.

Next meeting : 10th March, 7 p.m. at the Ship.