

SHARK Johnshaven

Meeting held at the Ship Hotel, Johnshaven Sunday 20th November 2016

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

Apologies Alan Thorpe

1/ Collections – Now completed for the year, thanks to all who took part including our new volunteers. Niall will discuss storage and servicing of the tractor and trailer with Jim at Millend Garage.

2/ New Members– It was agreed we would hold membership fees at the same level for 2017. Discussed how best to recruit more members, with suggestions including bonus to existing members for recommending others. There are quite a lot of bags in the village not held by members and it would be helpful if we could get some of them back. Ideas welcome!

3/ Compost Site – The container door has now been repaired and repainted. The container living roof was successfully created and is now flourishing. Thanks to those who helped on what was a fun occasion.

4/ NEOS Cafe – The cafe was again a success, with a total of £598 taken on the 2 days (11th and 17th September) before expenses.

5/ Clean-up Events – The Beach Clean on 18th September was well attended with 34 volunteers including 2 MSPs! 15 bags of rubbish were filled.

6/ Mill of Benholm Open Day - We attended this on 20th August but didn't attract very much interest from visitors, perhaps due to location of the stand.

7/ Volunteer Barbecue- This was held on 21st August at Skerryvore and was enjoyed by those who attended. Thanks to Maureen and Niall for hosting.

8/ Flower Display- The replacement boat is at the compost site but no date is yet planned for installation. Agreed that early March would be best for us.

9/ Accounts – The current balance was not available at the meeting.

10/ (Post-) Christmas Party - This will be on Saturday 7th January in the Ship.

11/ AOCB - Sue asked if anyone could help store the Johnshaven Reusable Bags. Anyone who can help please let her know. Niall raised the issue of compost-making, as it isn't working very well in the present situation due to the large amounts of vegetation growing around the compost and causing seeds to be scattered, also the difficulty of turning due to the lack of a wall behind the compost. Agreed we should consider what to do to improve this for 2017.

Next Meeting : AGM on Sunday 29th January 2017 at 7pm in the Ship.