



# VOLUNTEERING -Keeping In Touch

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Dear Volunteers,

As you know, we have not been able to access the Environment Centre for our regular working parties during August, apart from short checks and monitoring. There has been a further delay to the necessary groundworks that we hope will be sorted as soon as possible. We will, however, go ahead with our working parties on Sunday and Monday but please be aware that it might be that drains cannot be used therefore the toilets will be out of action with no alternative facilities for the Sunday working party. This session might finish a little earlier. On the Monday the toilets in The Ark building will be available to us.

AGM – just to let you know that this is to be held at the Centre on the evening of Tuesday 24 September commencing at 7.30. It is a meeting and a requirement by the Charity Commission, primarily for members and supporters. You would be most welcome to attend but voting is open to members only. This is an opportunity for you to meet our trustees, find out more about how we operate and have questions answered.

We have two remaining Drop-In Sessions for the local community – this Sunday 1 September and the last being Saturday 21 September - maybe times to bring along your friends or families for a quiet introduction to the reserve? We apologise if you came along for the planned 17 August Drop-In that had to be cancelled.

Our Bat Event on 14 September is now fully booked by early birds! We have to limit our numbers so please do not just turn up. If there is enough demand for us to run another we can try and organise that, so let us know if you are interested. If you have booked, you should have received an email for the final arrangements. Please let me know if this did not arrive.

Our next Open Afternoon will be on Sunday 22 September and if you could help on the day or bake a cake please see below.

## **HELP NEEDED PLEASE:**

**SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER** - Could anyone bake a cake? On the day, we will need folks between 1 pm (set up) and 5 pm (close down). Gill Jenkins and Jenny Arnold are kindly organising this event. If you could spare a couple of hours – or the whole shift – please send an email to the normal address but with the subject line “For attention of Gill and Jenny”.

## **RESERVE MAINTENANCE WORKING PARTY INFORMATION**

**Sunday** 1 September 10 to 12.30. This is also a Drop In Session. We suspect that there will be much cutting back of vegetation as we have not been on site for the past month. Please remember insect repellent and sun lotion.

**Monday** volunteering every Monday. If you are interested in getting involved with these sessions, it is best to come along at 2 on your first visit and helpful if you could let us know you are coming too.

Welcome to a new volunteer, Robert. Thank you for getting involved.

With best wishes

Sue Bird – Volunteer Support Team