

Friends of Borsdane Wood and Rayner Park

Meeting 9/9/2026

Apologies – CJ, JM, CH

Present – OH, DH, LM, CM, BM, KS

- 1 Volunteers cannot leave litter bags collected near the cemetery gate bin due to the wall and bins being fenced off. They now leave them next to the bin near the top path entering Rayner Park for collection.
- 2 Council Workers can still empty the bin sited through the tunnel to Borsdane Wood.
- 3 JM from LWT has offered time for a monthly workparty. BM has emailed to ask for any Thursday morning , as there are more volunteers available then.
- 4 DH, CJ and BM to meet Adam Pennington from the council to discuss a work party in Rayner Park. The area where new trees were planted needs strimming. The group asked KS about suitable things for Planting. Bluebells, cowslips, wood anemone were some suggestions.
- 5 There's a possible delay to the felling of some trees in The wood due to the discovery of a bees nest.
- 6 Stanchions for the bin bags in the wood are on the Council list to be removed.
- 7 CH has contacted Castle Hill School about outdoor Education. The group will check correct paperwork is in place.

8 24th September is the next bat walk which is fully booked.

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- There are over 5,000 people accessing the facebook site. After discussion OH offered to make a sign saying no selling was to take place on this site.
- KS job title is now Asset Manager (Bio diversity) – FIO.
- The group appreciate the work of local residents who keep South Rayner and the car park in Danes Ave tidy.
- It was noted the Mountain Ash on South Rayner are looking really healthy and have improved this area.
- A fundraiser from 3 wishes in pink (a breast cancer charity) wants to do some fun raising in the spring using pink ducks. BM will ask Eric, Friend of PB if his amazing duck racing contraption could be used.
- Next meeting 14th October.