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## List of detailed actions since the last MPP Report (March 2018)

### 1. Management work

- Completed the Earnley Parish report, printed, published and a results event hosted for the Parish.
- Money received from WSCC OW for levels work to be carried out across Selsey Parishes (to be held by Selsey Forum).
- Applied for WSCC OW money for a large project in Sidlesham (£15,000).
- Ordinary watercourse consent applied for culvert replacement work in Sidlesham
- Another grant put into WSCC OW to pay for double pipes at Church Farm Lane, Sidlesham.
- Dry coir rolls deployed across the area to 8 sites to improve biodiversity.
- Article for MWHG Spring / Summer newsletter.
- Continual updating of the Activity plan
- Continual gathering of feedback forms and comments after every talk/presentation
- Planned BioBlitz of a site in Selsey to encourage local engagement
- Planned litter pick in Chichester along the Rover Lavant to encourage local engagement
- Meeting with new landowner to gain access for improvement work on land
- Meeting with WSCC Highways to discuss improvement at a site
- Contacted a new landowner and have an appointment for a meeting about future environment work on the land he manages.
- Sending in regular work photos for Facebook, blog and website

#### 1.1 Talks

- 17 April 2018 – Chichester Harbour Conservancy
- 27 April 2018 – Woodcraft School
- 17 May 2018 - FLOW presentation to the Selsey Professional Women's Group

#### 1.2 Training delivered

- 10 March 2018 – Leadership training
- 14 April 2018 – Hedge and Dormouse training
- 28 April 2018 – Water vole ecology and surveying

#### 1.3 Meetings

- 09 April 2018 – Selsey Flood Group meeting
- 10 April 2018 - SWISh meeting
- 18 April 2018 - RSPB/EA meeting about natural flood management work
- 16 May 2018 – Landowner meeting in Ham
- 30 May 2018 - Litter pick along the river Lavant

#### 1.4 Other

- 04 March 2018 – working party involving residents in a new Parish (Hunston) and the Chichester Conservation Volunteers.

#### 1.5 Mink monitoring

- MWHG volunteers continue with the wider MP monitoring
- The RSPB volunteers / MWHG volunteers continue monitoring PHNR and Medmerry and submitting reports.
- A possible mink footprint seen at Medmerry early May and therefore 2 rafts were deployed with traps.



## 1.6 Project Work

- Sidlesham ditch surveys are being carried out by the Field Officer and volunteers.
- There has been a large recruitment drive for volunteers and then training has been rolled out to get them out and surveying ditches and get involved.
- Species surveying is now underway at numerous sites and will continue through the summer.
- Bioblitz at numerous new sites planned before physical improvement work takes place in the winter.

## 2. Engagement work – CE Officer

- Working on preparation and promotion for the BioBlitz, including designing flyers, writing invitations to schools and volunteer groups and writing pieces for media.
- Organizing and delivering beach clean with Nature's Way and follow-up promotion on blog and in local press.
- Planning photo competition with Nikki and Gina, hammering out T&C's, discussing business sponsors and promotion.
- Work on promoting our 20th year celebrations, primarily trying to gather top achievements from key people in MWHG to include in a celebration poster (idea now shelved until a later newsletter due to limited response). Also researching some merchandise, we can get printed with logo and give away at events.
- Writing and/or formatting blogs and press submissions for website and local media on winter work completed and upcoming summer events and walks.
- Reviewed volunteer film and gathered feedback from key people in MWHG. Liaising over re-filming of heritage work.
- Interviewed new trustee and 2 volunteers and wrote-up two separate articles for summer newsletter.
- Some work on design and editing of new generic MWHG leaflet.

## 3. Project work - Field Officer

### Sidlesham Ditch Surveying

- Have been busy training up new volunteers for ditch surveying and have 3 volunteers ready to start in Selsey. Have approx. 11 volunteers surveying Sidlesham ditches. We are roughly 60-70% through the parish.
- New volunteer recruited through the Selsey Flood Action Group.
- Various meetings have taken place with land owners about drainage opportunities on their land. We roughly have 25 new pond/ditch opportunities for Sidlesham and more will filter through in the next few months.

### Habitat improvements

- Coir roles have been installed on 8 sites and planted up with plug plant wetland species. All trees have been planted as from March 2018.

### Surveying

- Have drafted a two-month plan for surveying sites over the summer covering 11 sites, and this will include weekly bat surveys. We will be surveying roughly two days a week.
- Have tagged 100 trees at West Itchenor. Need to survey approx. 200-300 more trees. This will be valuable data for a new 5-year site management plan.
- Will survey the trees at the Birdham and Cakeham sites.

### Hunston Pond Group

- A new volunteer from Hunston and has become very active with the group.

### Other items

- Leaflet boxes have been ordered and these will be advertising MWHG work around sites with public access at three sites initially. Hopefully this will invite more volunteers to come along to our work parties.
- More dates are set for work with Seaford College and an event planned for the 5<sup>th</sup> July when they have an enrichment day.

## **5. Project statistics**

Volunteer hours to date	<b>3143</b>	
Number of ditches surveyed	<b>537+</b>	
Number of hedgerows surveyed	<b>250+</b>	
Landowners helped	<b>14</b>	
Public information events	<b>6</b>	
Number of training events	<b>8</b>	
Number of ponds/wetlands improved	<b>15</b>	
New volunteers engaged	<b>2</b>	

## **6. FLOW work sessions in the last period**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No of vols</b>
17-Mar-18	St Marys Church Hall, Church Farm Lane, Sidlesham	Leadership Training Course	10
21-Mar-18	The Wad, West Wittering	Coir roll installation	6
23-Mar-18	Tile Barn Lane, East Wittering	Hedge filling	3
29-Mar-18	Sparrow Cottage, Earnley	Stakes and binders, coir roll installation, hedge planting	3
30-Mar-18	Selsey Parish	Creation of chestnut stakes	1
05-Apr-18	5 sites (Hale farm x 2, Regency House, Keynor House, Malthouse cottages)	Coir rolls installation	5
13-Apr-18	Sparrow Cottage	Stakes and binders, hedge planting and tidying up	6
14-Apr-18	St Marys Church Hall, Church Farm Lane, Sidlesham	Training on Hedges and Dormice	10
20-Apr-18	Spire Cottage, Hunston	Removal of Reed Mace	5
21-Apr-18	The Wad, West Wittering	Removal of sycamore seedlings	7



Date	Location	Activity	No of vols
23-Apr-18	West Itchenor Pond	Tree Tagging	6
24-Apr-18	Cakeham Manor Estate	Species surveying	4
25-Apr-18	Southend Farm container and Almodington container	Tools inventory and maintenance	3
27-Apr-18	St Marys Church Hall, Church Farm Lane, Sidlesham	Water vole training and surveying	9
28-Apr-18	St Marys Church Hall, Church Farm Lane, Sidlesham	Water vole training and surveying	6
16-May-18	Birdham	Bioblitz	4
16-May-18	Birdham	Bat survey	1
17-May-18	Hunston Pond	Surveying birds, butterflies and reptiles	4
18-May-18	Cakeham Manor	Surveying birds, butterflies and reptiles	4
18-May-18	West Itchenor Pond	Surveying birds, butterflies and reptiles	4
23-May-18	Stubcroft Farm and Hilton Business Park	Surveying birds, butterflies and reptiles	4
23-May-18	Hilton Business Park	Bat survey	4
25-May-18	Tile Barn Lane, East Wittering	Surveying birds, butterflies and reptiles	4
25-May-18	Spinney Pond	Surveying birds, butterflies and reptiles	4
31-May-18	Hunston Ponds	Bioblitz and regular birds/butterflies and reptile tins	3
01-Jun-18	Sparrow Cottage.	Wild flower seeding	4

## 7. Non-cash contributions

### i Volunteer hours

Dates	Volunteer hours	Value
17 Mar 18 – 28 April 18	15 work sessions = 342.5 hours	
	Total value this period	£2397.5
	For the project to date	<b>£24539.25</b>

### ii Mink monitoring hours to date

Mink monitoring volunteers	Hours	Value
MWHG + RSPB sites	342.75 hours	£6,855

### iii Non-cash contributions this reporting period

Item	Value
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Traffic Management System 3 days Balfour Beatty	£935
Waived cost of 3 structure consent applications (Arun District Council)	£150

**Funding gained from different sources**

Date	Grant	Source	Amount	Spend area
May 2018		West Itchenor PC	£1000	Unspecified

**8. Sites of habitat improvement winter 2017/2018**



**10. Future Diary Dates**

- 07 June 2018 - EA Natural Flood Processes Conference
- 10 June 2018 – Wildflower ID training
- 13 June 2018 - BioBlitz at Manor Green Park
- 22 June 2018 – Trip to Botany Bay – volunteer trip to say thank you of for hard work

**11. Future work dates**

Future planned Species surveying sessions		
Date	Site	Work
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Cakeham Manor	Surveying birds, butterflies and reptiles
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> June	West Itchenor Pond.	Surveying birds, butterflies and reptiles

Future planned Species surveying sessions		
6 - June -18	West Itchenor Pond.	Bat surveying
8 - June -18	Stubcroft Farm and Hilton Business Park	Surveying birds, butterflies and reptiles
14 - June -18	Tile Barn Lane, East Wittering	Surveying birds, butterflies and reptiles
14 - June -18	Hale Farm	Surveying birds, butterflies and reptiles
15 - June -18	Cakeham Manor	Surveying birds, butterflies and reptiles.
15 - June -18	West Itchenor Pond	Surveying birds and butterflies/reptiles and tree tagging
20 - June -18	Birdham	BioBlitz
20 - June -18	Hunston Pond	Species surveying for birds, Butterflies and Reptiles
20 - June -18	Hunston Pond	Bat survey
03 - July -18	The Elms, Easton Lane/Ham Road junction, Sidlesham	Bioblitz and bat walk

## 12. Training dates

Training		
Date	Venue	Training
13 June 2018	Selsey Centre	iRecord Training
2018	TBA	Using Social Media