

LYMINGE ASSOCIATION ENVIRONMENTAL 'GREEN' MEETING

held at The Village Hall, Lyminge on Monday 9th July 2007

ADDENDUM REPORTS

Attendees at the meeting:

Adrian Wilcox
Sandra Bright
Vanessa Carr
John Carr
Ann Gallagher
Alan Kedge

Marian Chubb
Richard Chubb
Peter Mannering
Frances Davis
Rod Davis

Post Office Bus Stop Clean-up

Following the meeting of the 9 July 2007 a small party of volunteers spent a worthwhile hour cleaning up the weeds and detritus that had accumulated around the vicinity of the Post Office bus stop.

Ann Gallagher, Frances and Rod Davis and John Carr armed with waste sacks and garden tools showed that a few people, in a limited amount of time, could make a significant difference to the environment and especially the cleanliness of the village. Before I arrived the others, obviously very keen, had already cleared rubbish from the lower end of the car park.

I was able to take some pictures before everything was cleaned up then later I took some others to show the results.

Before	After
	

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 A photograph of a red telephone booth on a sidewalk. The booth is heavily stained with dark, irregular marks, particularly on the lower half. A small patch of weeds is growing at its base.	 A photograph of the same red telephone booth, now clean and bright red. The dark stains have been removed, and the weeds have been cleared away.
 A close-up photograph of the base of the red telephone booth. The red paint is heavily soiled with dark, greasy-looking marks. A small amount of grass is growing from the sidewalk.	 A close-up photograph of the same base of the red telephone booth. The red paint is now clean and vibrant. A grey metal bollard is visible in the foreground.
  Two photographs showing the red telephone booth in its original state. The top photo shows the booth from a distance on a sidewalk next to a road with a yellow curb. The bottom photo shows the booth from a different angle, with a white car partially visible on the left.	 A photograph showing the red telephone booth in its cleaned state, viewed from the same distance and angle as the 'Before' photos. The booth is now bright red and clean, and the surrounding area appears tidier.

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I would like to thank all the volunteers for their participation in this experiment. I think it goes to show that if we can organise other volunteer gangs to take up their gardening tools on prescribed dates throughout the village we will soon have the problem of rubbish and detritus under control.

Sign Boards

In respect of the sign boards around the lower car park, I have spoken to the committee of the Lyminge Historical Society, and they agree that relocating the Map Board to a better position where visitors and residents will be able to study the map without the encumbrance of cars, would be a good idea, if the Association wishes to arrange for the move.

Contacting Members

The point was raised that at the extraordinary meeting last year many people put down their names as willing to help on Association projects if asked. So far, the association's activities have been controlled and manned mainly from a small core of people many of whom are on the committee. In order that we do not alienate the people on the original list, I suggest that we send a letter or email to each explaining our lack of direct communication. We can also take the opportunity to ask them about their willingness to join in working parties to look after a small section of the village local to their residence.

Future Environmental Activities and Meetings

- 1) As stated in Adrian's excellent report, we need to organise a future full village meeting in the early autumn or if possible in the late summer. I suggest advertised this more fully as attendance at the July meeting was disappointing.
- 2) We also need to produce

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- a. a list of authorities/companies whom we need to contact,
- b. assign locating the actual officer/manager responsible in each of the organisations to members of a sub-committee.
- c. a set policy on how, when and what we are going to say. Some concerns at the meeting were voiced that if we approach the relevant bodies in an inappropriate manner they may well withdraw services/facilities in place of improving them.

To move this forward and assign responsibilities may I suggest we call a further earlier meeting of those present at the last meeting, as well as the usual committee members? I am willing to host the meeting - what do you think?

AOB

- 1) Following the clean up and in conversation with my fellow cleaners, I discovered that they would like use computers but were concerned over the technicalities. I suggested that I hold a series of brief introductory sessions to give basic instruction on how to carry out simple operations such as basic WP skills, photograph/digital image manipulation, emails and web browsing. I must emphasise that I do not see these as formal training but as brief guidelines of getting used to using a computer. I am happy to offer similar sessions to others provided I have the time.
- 2) The Lyminge History Society is in need of a permanent storage location for their archives. I intend to talk to the Village Hall Committee but meanwhile if anyone knows of a location that may be suitable please contact me.

Regards

John L Carr

18 July 2007