

REG Newsletter. June 2022

Hello Everyone,

In May we had our litter picking sessions, though numbers were down a bit. Twelve people collected 14 bags. I have sent the dates for litter picking until November via email.

On Saturday May 20th, our Big Clean for the Queen was not as well supported as we'd hoped, but we gave the two bus shelters in Simonstone a really good wash and brush up. They look so much cleaner and tidier. Most of the milestones have also been washed, and one member spent nearly 8 hours cleaning all the street gutters on Kirkstall Avenue, the top section of Fountains Avenue and Sawley Avenue. Altogether, 12 people spent 27 hours improving our built environment.

Himalayan Balsam 'bashing' has started again, last Thursday. It will continue on Thursday evenings for now, 6.30pm at Read Hall Lodge Wood. Last year we had some good turn-outs, so let's keep it up and try and eradicate this invader from at least some parts of Read and Simonstone. Jeff Brown, husband of Sue who is on the committee, has very kindly volunteered to lead some of these sessions because I have family commitments through most of June. If you have any queries, please email our new REG email address, and someone will get back to you. Jeff is hoping to get both the Police Cadets and the Fire Brigade Cadets to come along and help fairly soon, which will be fantastic!

Our small team of gardeners are still working hard, usually on Thursday mornings. We've been given some bags of good top soil, and could do with some more. Let us know via email if you have some you want to get rid of. Thanks.

Has anyone seen a Hedgehog this year? Please let us know if you have.

Our leaflet to promote REG is in the final stages of preparation. We will need more people to do some deliveries through letter boxes. If you can help, even a little, please drop an email to readstoneinfo@gmail.com (our new email address).

Here are some things happening in June, not all REG-associated, but you might be interested:

Friday, 3rd June: extended coffee morning at the Con Club. They're doing a lunch, with a quiz and entertainment. I think you need to inform Marie Hacking, for numbers - Duncan.marie@talktalk.net

(4th June - Talent Show at Village Hall - has been cancelled)

Sunday, 5th June: garden party at the Vicarage from 2 - 5pm. Tea and buns, face painting, stalls, games, zip wire - no, sorry, I made that one up! They had someone in to take a tree down recently and the vicar returned home to find that they were cutting down the wrong one!

The Cricket Club have something on over the weekend, but I don't have details. Things for families I think.

9th - 12th June: Litter picking. Please let me know if you are going to do your usual route, and especially how much you collected and how long you were out.

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10th June at St John's school - weeding of raised beds, awarding of prize for best hedgehog picture and hopefully giving them a hedgehog house and wildlife camera, paid from our Lottery award.

16th June - World Refill Day! To help reduce single-use plastic

18th and 19th June - Addingham Environment Group - Environment Weekend. Go and see all the wonderful projects they're involved with. Check their website for details.

27th June - Pollinator count at St John's school

8th July - We've pencilled in a REG open meeting at the Village Hall Hub. With visiting speaker, possibly about butterflies. Dependent on availability of both speaker and venue. To be confirmed.

13th July - St Peter's pollinator count.

I think that about wraps it up for this month. Just a reminder, our new email address is readstoneinfo@gmail.com

Thank you.

Penny Galpin