Swindon Branch Chairs Report

I would like to thank all our volunteers for such a busy February and March.

The work parties have been so busy and continue doing such great work! Please see the attached work party report, just brilliant.

The new and larger container has arrived at the compound and new steps up towards them, looking very smart! Luckily the colour was just so that it has saved us painting it.

Mouldon Hill - WRG have agreed dates to return to us at the end of September for further works. This is great news. A licence is being sort for a small container in the vicinity – the council are working on the agreement.

Swindon Borough Council has signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with us. This agreement means that a council member sits in on our meetings and we have a representative sit within meetings at SBC. This is a momentous move forward as it gives both sides clear guidance and opportunity to work together closely. This will also help us to plan the Eastern Villages and resolve hopefully the Oasis site, and much more!

Wroughton Parish Council have also agreed to sign an MOU and letter of support. We dip into that boundary line at East Wichel. The more parishes and councils that pledge support the better it helps our large funding bids for major projects.

In April we have a quiz night booked and currently we have many tables still to be booked!! See attached poster and please book or share.

2x bridge constructions are vastly taking shape beyond the H&W in Wichelstowe. The Badger's bridge is a road bridge that allows access beneath. The other bridge is the lift bridge that pedestrians will use to swop towpath sides.

The first photo shows the lift bridge. 2 & 3 is Badgers bridge.

Again, there is lots happening at HQ and we are always busy! As soon as something else is confirmed I will update the branch straight away.

Boat bookings are now back in full swing. The online booking system has a new payment system that is now up and running. The boat team need more volunteers to crew and be trained as skippers. It's a great opportunity!!

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday evening. Any apologies please email me.


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