

Cllr Talbot Report October 2021

Community Resilience Workshop 25th September.

This was a really interesting and informative day. Excellently chaired and organised by our very own Diana Conyers.

As we will be discussing this later and Diana has already sent a report I don't need to add anything, apart from a thank you to her, on all the hard work!

Environment and Sustainability forum 30th September.

This meeting was all about Planting and Restoration, and it's importance for biodiversity and carbon capture..

There were 4 speakers, covering Sea Grass restoration, Hedgerows, Tree planting and Forestry. The speakers were Dr Richard Unsworth from Swansea university, Tom Murphy, a well known local expert in Hedgerows, Tony Gillingham (tree planting IOW Council), and Matthew Woodcock, the South East's Forestry expert.

All of them spoke of the devastating loss of all these habitats, and what is being done to try to restore them.

Not only is the loss affecting biodiversity, but contributes to flooding, air quality and global warming.

Replanting hedges, trees and restoring seagrass, restores habitat, helps pollination, pest control and ultimately food for livestock and US.

All areas, benefit from community engagement , various grants and collaboration.

There is a vast amount to do, and little money for enforcement, but the message was, get involved, stay positive and lobby for more to be done to protect the natural world.

WCFA

I was unable to attend this meeting earlier in the week, but after enquiring, have been told there was nothing to report to Parish council, apart from the sad news of the sudden death of Peter Trail, who was the mooring's expert, and lived on the far side of the creek. He will be greatly missed.

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