

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

23RD MAY 2023

ANNUAL REPORT FROM VISION 4 WROUGHTON

Last year, 2022, saw more of a return to normal for Vision 4 Wroughton. We held the Duck Race in May 2022, and distributed £1600 to local children's groups. This was the first event we had held since the Covid 19 lockdown and, happily, it was as well-supported as normal. This year's Duck Race was held on May 1st and it raised even more money than last year. We are able to distribute £1800 to local children's groups. Applications from 10 groups have been received and the committee will be deciding shortly how the funds will be divided amongst these worthy groups.

It was decided by the committee that we would take a break from holding the Advent Calendar Trail in December 2022. We are planning to revamp this event to make it easier for entrants to follow the guidelines. This event, which raises money to enable Vision 4 Wroughton to continue its activities, had been held for four years prior to this, including the Covid 19 years, as it was an event that could be undertaken while social distancing. It is intended that it will return this coming December with a new format.

The New Year's Day walk on 1st January 2023 was one of the most successful that we have held. This is another fund raising event for Vision 4 Wroughton and the proceeds are split between Vision 4 Wroughton and Wroughton Girlguiding, who provide the refreshments.

2022 saw the 10th anniversary of Willow-Brook Gardens. The gardens continue to be maintained by a small but dedicated team of volunteers, which meets on Wednesday mornings throughout the Spring, Summer and Autumn to keep the beds in good condition. We were unable to hold an event to celebrate the anniversary in 2022, for various reasons; however, we are planning a small celebration on 23rd September 2023. This will involve display boards and some garden-themed children's activities.

Vision 4 Wroughton is also involved in the maintenance of Ashen Copse. A working Group was held last summer when volunteers cleared paths and undertook a general tidy up.

Vision 4 Wroughton is also involved in issues that affect the community. We continue to work with Wroughton Parish Council and one of the issues that we have traditionally been involved with is the issue of footpaths. This is now being taken forward by an independent working group with a Vision 4 Wroughton representative on the committee. Our archive of material relating to footpaths is in the process of being handed over to the working group.

Having lost five of our committee in the space of 18 months over the Covid 19 period, we are very sad to see that three other key, longstanding members of the committee, Brian Philips, Pete Wilcox and Sue Sawyer, are stepping down from the committee this year. They have made a considerable contribution to Vision 4 Wroughton over the years it has been in

existence and the rest of the committee is very grateful for everything that they have done. Our committee is now quite depleted and we are keen to recruit more people who are keen to progress the initiatives and events that we are involved with. Without more support, it is possible that Vision 4 Wroughton may not be able to continue.