

# UGBOROUGH SUSTAINABLE SATURDAYS

## AGM

**Held on Saturday 4th November 2023  
in Ugborough Village Hall**

*Present:*

Committee - Val Holman (Secretary), Juliet Collis (Treasurer), Graham Gilbert (Social Media/Marketing), Yvonne Angear (Posters & Banners), Christine Matthews (Kitchen Rota)

*Others present:*

Ton Holway, Angela Hickman, Chris Weaving, Jenny Weaving, Kay Hart, Phil Hart, Anne Holway, Sarah Scanlon, Mike Holman

*Apologies:*

There were no apologies

**Val (Secretary)** welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave the following report:

Welcome to the 10th AGM of Ugborough Sustainable Saturdays. Thank you for staying for the meeting. We have had a good year with stallholder takings up, cafe takings up and the hall hire staying the same. This upward trend has allowed us to keep the cost of the stalls the same and increase the amount of takings before paying a fee to £15. So sales under £15 means no charge for attending - but you still get a free coffee from the cafe!

We celebrated 10 years of USS in July. It was a lovely morning with lots of people attending, and a fantastic community atmosphere. Here's to the next 10 years!

USS is a "Not for profit" organisation and this allows us to plough money back into the community. This year we have made donations to the village Newsletter, the Garden Show, and the RDA in memory of Maureen or Pasty Mo as we affectionately called her, who died recently; and a thank you present to Kate Brampton for her many years of involvement in USS.

We are actively encouraging youngsters to 'have a go' at selling their craft wares. We have also enjoyed having Daisy helping, she has been volunteering for her Duke of Edinburgh's award, and latterly Angelie who has been doing voluntary service as part of her school's requirements.

USS is always happy to allow charity fundraisers to have a free stall at a USS morning. This year we have helped the Westcountry Rivers Trust, young Twm and his friend who made and sold milkshakes for a hospice in Wales, and the Poppy Appeal. We would like to see more people taking up this offer, so if you know someone who might benefit from being here please ask them to get in touch.

As always we extend a huge thank you to our loyal bank of volunteers, including Jane and Henry who help set up the hall each USS morning; Annie and Chris who take it in turns to set up the kitchen; and Anne, Jennie, Chis and Phil who run the cafe. Thanks also to the

volunteer cake maker and coffee servers who ran the cafe during the summer months, and also to those who cooked, served and cleared up after the lunch. Thanks also to Tom Holway who has checked over the accounts.

Big thanks goes to the Committee for their constant commitment to the cause - Juliet, Yvonne, Graham and Chris. Well done team!

Looking ahead we are planning on offering free mince pies available for everyone on the run up to Christmas. The date for that is 16th December.

### **Juliet (Treasurer) gave the following report:**

Juliet explained her report and answered questions about the figures. Tom Holway has kindly looked over the accounts and is happy with them. Juliet said it was important to USS to give back to the community and we this year we have supported the village Newsletter, and given a donation to the Garden Show. There were also two gifts given, one to Kate Brampton who left the village and gave many years service to USS, and the other to Annie, a kitchen volunteer, who got married. Juliet was congratulated on her excellent report and set of accounts, and we thank her for her hard work.

The report is attached.

The accounts were accepted as presented, proposed by Mike Holman and seconded by Sarah Scanlon

### **Election of the Committee:**

The present committee are happy to continue in their roles (see above), and the role of Chairperson remains empty. Sarah Scanlon is happy to be 'on call' if required at any time. The committee were elected en bloc, proposed by Jenny Wearing and seconded by Angela Hickman.

### **Any Other Business:**

- We are actively trying to encourage youngsters to participate in USS, either as stallholders or as volunteers, and it is good to see the initiative is working with three young people selling their artwork and craftwork today
- Today we trialled a new layout by placing the cafe tables down the middle of the hall. It was very successful and we will continue to do this as it gives more selling space around the outside of the hall
- It was suggested we provide a board so sellers and crafters could attach their contact details to it for easy access to the public. Val will be purchasing a suitable board.
- The committee were given a round of applause for their work in keeping USS going.

The meeting closed at 12:45