



Newsletter – June 2020

Welcome to the sixth Beasley Back Dane Trust Newsletter¹.

We hope that you and your loved ones are well and acclimatising to the ‘new normal’. As I’m sure you are aware Back Dane continues to be closed and our Tuesday Club activities have ceased for the time being.

However, despite our operations being closed our volunteer Trustees continue to work on behalf of the charity on things like on-line training, building and garden maintenance, writing risk assessments for when we can resume operations and continuing work on priority setting for the charity going forward.

Our Facebook and Twitter pages are regularly updated with news and photos from the Back Dane Trust. We now have 340 people following the Back Dane Trust’s Facebook page.



John Foxcroft



John Foxcroft, the Back Dane Treasurer, sadly passed away on 2nd April following a severe brain haemorrhage. John established The Beasley Back Dane Trust in 1990 and chaired it from 1990 until 2018. John was a unique, caring, driven individual and one who, for over fifty years, doggedly pushed voluntary activity forward and helped so many as a result. We will all miss him.

Our thoughts are with his wife, Margaret and the family.

Annual General Meeting

The 2019 Annual Report was issued and, as no questions were raised regarding the document and accounts, it was agreed to not hold an AGM this year due to the special circumstances around Covid-19. The 2019 accounts have since been filed with the Charity Commission and Companies House.

The Back Dane Environment / Volunteering

Local volunteers planted over 250 shrubs and perennials in the sensory garden during the last week of April. Grass mowing, weed control and strimming continues with support from locals who can walk (or jog!) to the house.



Other locals have taken drone footage and other photos of the building and environment for us to use in advertising/ promotional material going forward.

Wildlife has been enjoying the peace and quiet. The pied flycatchers are back from migration, nesting in our boxes and there’s evidence of badgers, red deer, stoats and foxes on the Back Dane land.

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