

**Shotley Open Spaces  
Thursday 9th January 2020 Minutes  
Bristol Arms 13.30**

**Apologies: D Gent,**

**Attendees: G Pugh, G Richens, M Pugh, C de Boer, T L Randall, I Peters.,  
J.Leach, S Rolin, I Saunders.**

**1. Minutes of previous meeting:** Approved and Signed.

**2. Walking update:** Gary reported that our future Health Walks dates had already been submitted for April, May and June. In line with our usual practice they would be Rose/Bristol/Rose for that quarter. The names of lead walkers will be finalised nearer the time, as have those for the next quarter below. Ian Saunders has indicated a wish to undertake walk leader training. Gary will furnish him with details.

15 Jan.. Health Walk, Bristol 11.30, Casper/SOS team

19 Feb.. Health Walk, Rose, 11.30, Gary/SOS team

18 Mar. Health Walk, Bristol, 11.30, Geraint/SOS team

ALL on bus route 97.

Walking Festival:

12 May. Shotley Point Stroll, Bristol Arms, Geraint, Gary, 2.5 miles

15 May, Arthur Ransome Walk, Butt and Oyster, Gary, Geraint, Ian S  
(fish & chips) 6 miles

17 May, 2 Rivers Walk, ROSE, Jane, Gary (Soup & rolls), 5.5 miles

20 May, Submariners Walk, Ganges Museum, Tony, Gary (Tea, Coffee,

Biscuits at Church), 4.5 miles

24 May Sunday Orwell Lady Walk, 11.30 Marina, 2 Rivers walk 5.5 miles

14.30 Marina, Gary, Jane, Casper (Geraint Ipswich start?)

25 May, Farms and Rivers, Shipwreck, Ian, Geraint, Gary, 7.5 miles.

- 3. TAG:** Tue 11th Feb. Anthony Cullen studio 16.00. We need to think about SUFFOLK DAY in relation to our input. Shane, as usual, really supportive. Things to consider: Fathers Day, WAW/SOS Anniversary, Quiz, Hog Roast (any other suggestions or offers).
- 4. Maintenance:** There is a window for maintenance between now and the end of March. Tudor Close is a non urgent issue. We will try to refill steps up to the foreshore with crushed concret, or something similar,. Ian P and Gary will liaise to organise this.The Defib. Is on its way. Shotley Sailing Club has donated £250 towards the secure box and consumables.. David Wood has promised to match this. We have been guaranteed a portable one. The owner has insisted on paying for it to be serviced and new batteries being installed. I cannot source the secure storage box until I know the exact model.
- 5. Promotions:** (to replace MERCHANDISING as calendar sales will cease.Marian passed around an itemised breakdown of her costings this year and the profit was £869.53 after donation of 50 calendars to the residents of Spring Lodge and our sales outlets. Ideas for other ways of raising funds to enable our continued operations should be

sought before our March meeting.

**6. Treasurers Report:** Annual accounts had been circulated. Bank Balance £6912.78 at end of December.

**7. AOB:** Seminar 29/1/20 at Wherstead Park, usual suspects not available. (Anyone interested)? We need to ensure Face Book articles on our page are relevant. All members requested to police this. Adverts for other groups and news flashes with no relevance to SOS will be deleted. Funding has been sourced for a further 20,000 copies of the explorer guide have been funded. Many thanks to the generous donors.

**Meeting closed 15.50. Next meeting THURSDAY 12th March 13.30.**