

GLORIOUS COTSWOLDS GRASSLANDS STEERING GROUP

Summary: To inform the Executive Committee of the current priorities and progress of the Glorious Cotswolds Grasslands Steering Group

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Recommendation: That the Executive Committee notes the current progress and priorities of the group

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- Nick Bumford
- Nigel Colston
- Rebecca Charley
- Mark Connelly – lead officer
- Harvey Sherwood and Anna Field – project officers

PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Meeting held on 11 May, via Zoom.
- Project donors thanked for their support, including Guiting Manor Farm donating £4,500 – enabling the project to purchase a new trailer.
- Impact of Covid-19 is currently minimal but it could have an impact on seed harvesting, especially volunteer support.
- The Esmee Fairbairn Foundation (main funders) have offered additional support, which will be used to secure part-time support for 2½ months (mid-June to the end of August).
- Botanical surveys to start 15 May, following Covid-19 guidance.
- Business plan tenders have been discussed and a decision on preferred tender is imminent.
- A small grants scheme guidance, form, etc. has been discussed and endorsed with some amendments.
- Date of next meeting: 14 September, via Zoom.

SUPPORTING PAPERS

- None