Minutes Friends of Witchampton Meeting

Monday 9th November 2026 - 7pm

Present

Sarah Graham (Co-chair), Sophie Pollock (Secretary), Laura Collie, Stephanie Walbridge

In Attendance

Mrs Fairman (online), Mrs Jenkinson

Apologies

Sofie Garwood

Christmas craft fair – Friday 4th December

We have the hall from for set up and take down 2pm - 6pm
Fair starts at 3pm-5pm

Volunteers

Sarah G
Emmas Grandma
Olivia T
Rose's Granny
Sofie
Ellie
Zoe
Hayley F
Sophie P
Little Owls - Katie
Little Owls

Baking

Sophie P
Kirstie
Tai
Donna
Laura C
Catherine
Kirsty

Stalls:

Stall	Content	Volunteer
Tea and cake	Tea, mulled wine, coffee, cakes and bakes	Olivia Rose's Granny
Craft Stall		Hayley F
Craft Stall		Ellie
Craft Stall		Katie (little owls)
Craft Stall		
Pocket money sale	Pre wrapped children's/women's/men's	Sophie Sarah G
Water/wine game	How's the best and easiest way to play this? Ask for Wines to be donated	
Children's games		Emma's Grandma

Calling of the winning raffle tickets

Children to pick out the winners 10minutes before and list given to Mrs Fairman to help run faster

Spiritual Reflection Area

David and Jane from Community Gardens are going to come to help transform the top of the field by the 3 trees into a wonderful quiet space for the children to be able to use during playtimes.

A pathway of approx 100metres to be dug out, posts of around 3ft and decking planks will be used to create an edging around the path and bark to be laid on the pathway itself.
Some seating areas are to be made within this area, as well as 2 willow sculpture pods for the children to be able to go in and out of.
On the outside of the pathway hugel beds or possibly just planting beds will be made to grow flowers/plants.
The pole to have sensory materials around them.

This project is to commence around January with March being the aim for it to be finished.
The digging out of the track and putting in the posts are the first port of call. Estimated to take a day. Then the timbers to be cut to size and attached to the posts, estimated to take another day to do this.
Stephanie Walbridge (husband) has the equipment and expertise for this job.

Cost

The cost for this from David is around £1500, we hope to reduce this cost by the donation of time from school parents and community, the equipment and time from Steph's husband, the potential donation of bark, and a workforce of around 6 people to help lay the timber, this will help keep this cost down massively.

The Willow sculptures £360 for a session with Nina - we hope to hold a separate fundraising where people can come along to learn how it's done.

The PTA is funding this upfront with the hope that we can reimburse some of the out goings by entering into the Waitrose coin drop.
Luke Graham is already on the case of sending an application for this.