

## Staunton Country Park Key Officers Group Meeting

Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2012

Present:

Gordon Gardner – Park Manager  
Phil Halliwell – Area Team Leader - South  
Ian Limb – Portsmouth Water  
Jeff Crate – Havant Borough Council  
David Harris – Havant Borough Council

### Park Mangers Update

Gordon passed around the current figures for Staunton Membership. Staunton is currently 16.4% on last years figures and about 11.8% above budget.

Membership is approximately 29% up  
£84,221 – this year  
£65,000 – last year

Gordon has access to Hampshire Cultural Pass database which there is about 16,000 members which have not been contacted to re-new their membership. Gordon has been given permission to contact them.

### Onsite Projects

The Garden Team have cleared out the cactus house and are in the middle of making space to put in butterflies to give the visitors a longer experience within the Glass House.

New poly tunnel is in. Dave has put in a PID to have our own waste control bay to clear our vegetation and waste over on the Nursery Site. We have re-applied for the Green Flag award.

Kerry is looking for the correct pot of money to go towards to up keep of Gypsy Plain.  
**Action:** Gordon to contact Tracey Viney.

### New Attractions

New attractions have been planned for Staunton, the first being the outdoor play area going into the Barn. Which is due to started on March 19<sup>th</sup> and will be completed in time for the Easter Holidays.

Along with that we have the butterflies experience going into the Glass House, Wallaby Walk going into the deer paddock.

Kerry Bailey and Dave Paterson have put together a proposal to develop the Coach House in Leigh Park Gardens the first is to have toilets put in then to franchise out the whole area and then take a percentage of income which is taken. Idea's have been cycle hire and horse riding.

A suggestion was made of charging a small fee and taking a percentage and offering it out to local rural businesses.

The new Wildlife Zone will be opened for February half term but few weeks later there will be a big launch to open the site officially.

Catering – Lime went into administration at the end of last year. HC3S are currently onsite and there is talks of them running the Tea Rooms in future or it going in-house and Staunton running it. Talk are still ongoing.