



Newsletter 7: September 2023

- Anglers Country Park held a woodland wellbeing event on the 23 and 24 of September at which we had a stall.
- We held a positive and constructive meeting with a representative of Amaze Hotels (the new owners of Waterton Park Hotel).
- Our friends at Anglers Country Park have organised a Waterton Discovery walk led by David Mee. It's on Thursday 12th October at 11.00 AM. Tickets: Only £3 per person. Secure your spot by calling the Visitor Centre on 01924 860280 between 10 AM and 4 PM.
- 'Our Year' is Wakefield MDC's cultural offer in 2024. Look out for events that we are planning.
- Working for Walton (W4W) has donated the sum of £1500 to us. Thank you to all at W4W.
- A number of us had an excellent meeting with Emma Sharp (WMDC – their recently appointed Conservation Officer). She gave us advice on our listing options.
- We are in conversation with the University of Leeds regarding possible joint work and look forward to a site meeting in the near future.
- Charles Waterton was present at the Scarecrow festival together with a Cayman!
- It is planned to carry out a biodiversity survey of the area by the lock adjacent to the golf club.
- Our dialogue with Historic England continues. They have questioned our claim that the wall surrounds the 'first nature reserve in the world'. David Attenborough's view is that 'he knows of no other'.
- We continue to be most grateful for the support given by WMDC officers and Ward 5 Councillors, in particular Cllr Maureen Cummings.
- Currently the charity is seeking a proactive person to join our team as secretary, someone willing to take notes of our meetings, administer our email account and generally 'get involved'. Email us at friendsofwatertonswall@gmail.com for more details and an informal discussion.

As a charity we need members to hold the Trustees to account. Membership of the charity is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes. As a member you can share your views about how we are doing and have your say about what matters most to you by using your vote at our AGM. Membership is FREE. A membership form is attached to this newsletter. Please consider completing it and emailing to friendsofwatertonswall@gmail.com marked 'Membership' OR posting to The Friends of Waterton's Wall, % 6 Oaklands Croft,