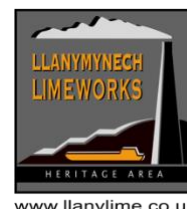


LLIMEYS & Shropshire Council Quarterly Meeting



Meeting Minutes

Date: 18 August 2026

Time: 10:00hrs

Venue: Stables Education Block, Llanymynech Limeworks

Members Present:

Ed Andrews (**EA**) – **Shropshire Council**

LIMEYS	Nature Group
Bob Cotter (BC)	Heather Dawson (HD)
Kevin Young (KY)	Nick Shenston (NS)
David Hurst (DH)	
Martyn Young (MY)	

Apologies:

Nick Thursfield, Geraldine Coles & David Blowers

1. Minutes of the last meeting:

The actions from the last meeting of 14th April 2026 were reviewed with the following notes:

Action 1.3: A date needs to be agreed for the work on the Draw Kilns to be carried out (Mike Simms). Needs to be included in our Autumn/Winter plan?

Action 1.4: **EA** to speak to Property Services to see if a new floor is a viable option.

Action 1.8: **HD** still speaking to relevant individuals/organisations for a solution.

Action 1.9: **HD** arranging for surveys to locate the ants' nests.

Action 1.10: November is the agreed date for clearing the pond, but as the pond is completely dry, **EA** will look at viability of carrying out the work earlier.

Action 1.11: Hedgerow management is in hand with some already done. **NS** is now the volunteer lead for this activity.

Action 2.1: **EA** asked to supply signage about which types of bicycles and where they are allowed in the Heritage Area.

2. Management Plan

Because of the large number of work activities identified in the management plan, it was agreed that a meeting would be held in September to discuss and plan the activities to take place through the Autumn/Winter period. See dates at the end of the minutes.

3. Risk Assessment revisions and reviews

EA showed a presentation which will now be shown annually to all volunteers. The presentation looks at the Health and Safety requirements as well as restrictions on what can be undertaken with and without Ranger presence. It also looks at the types of tools and equipment used, showing where certification/training is required. A copy of the presentation will be made available to all volunteers.

EA asked that all volunteers complete the "Volunteer Ranger Registration Form" copies of which were distributed at the meeting. Copies will also be available on the web site, together with the "Volunteer Ranger Agreement" and attached with these minutes.

4. Birmingham University

BC has been informed by Katriona Burns of Birmingham University that all of the Conservation of the Historic Environment courses have been cancelled due to lack of placements for graduates. We will not therefore receive any further bookings for the stables block unless the courses are reinstated.

5. Hoffmann Kiln

Property Services are in the process of procuring specialist external consultants to carry out investigations. It is anticipated that this phase (assuming budget approval) will go on well into the next calendar year.

The budget for the next phase is dependent on the investigation phase findings and it is not expected to be confirmed until 2027/2028 financial year.

It was agreed that we should keep our visitors informed of the ongoing situation through the web site and google maps.

Action BC

6. Tally House

Property Services have nearly completed the required discussions with Historic England and other parties. Formal approval is anticipated post summer and the works have been included in this year's maintenance programme, with a reserved budget. Subject to final approvals, we hope to see work carried out by the end of this year.

7. Wood Burner

EA has been informed that the spares for the repair of the wood burner will be in the region of £1,000, with the cost of labour additional.

An alternative is to replace it with a used/refurbished wood burner.

Action EA

8. Tool Store

The tool store is now kitted out with racking and hooks, so all tools have a place. Volunteers are asked to return all tools used, to the place they were taken from, to make it easier to locate and control our tools. The keys are held in the key safe in the stables block and anyone using the tool store is asked to return the keys to the safe.

9. AOB

HD stated that a Christmas festival is planned for the first weekend in December.

HD is planning a bug hunt and asked for suitable items that can be placed around the site for bugs to shelter under.

HD identified an area of the pathway in Llwyn Goch woods, near Black Bridge that has an awkward camber and might hinder those using buggies/wheelchairs.

BC noted the perennial issue of dog waste not being cleared by irresponsible dog owners.

BC noted that the toilet lights and water heater were still not working (Mike Simms is aware).

Date of Next Meeting:

Internal – 29 August 2026, 10:00AM

With Council - 02 September 2026, 10:00AM (TBC)

The meeting closed at 13:15hrs