

**Calne Without Parish Council Meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022**  
**Agenda item 11.**

**Calne Community Nature Reserve - request for funding for plaques.**

As you may know we had 76 responses to our CEE survey and the CEE WG are now busy acting on some of the responses and will be putting together a delivery plan to support their work.

In the survey we promoted the Calne Community Nature Reserve, which is a wildlife friendly initiative which aims to create a mosaic of green spaces pledged by households across the area.

<https://www.facebook.com/CalneCommunityNatureReserve> (link might not work as automatically signs up as me! but its on FB)

When we asked 'Would you like more information on this project?' 70% of respondents said YES!

In order to inspire and motivate others and promote the project we would like to request to commission Calne Men in Sheds to produce 100 plaques.

The plaques can be put up on fences and gate posts in households garden and we believe lead to greater community cohesion for this project.

Tim Havenith the inspiration behind Calne Community Nature Reserve has put together the design below and we have met with Men In Sheds to drill down on the practicalities. We chose Men in Sheds as they are a local charity and can make the plaques sustainably.

They would like a donation to cover their costs and labour. For example, each plaque will be take between 5-10 minutes to create and require 2 coats of weather proof varnish.

I suggest £250 - 300 as a donation. Tim is also writing a piece for inclusion in next month's editions of Inspire and Villagers and we can promote on FB page.

I am also hoping for Tim and I to attend local gardening groups including DH and Studley Gardening Group to promote the project.

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