

BOPF Open Forum at Triodos Foundation

Thursday 20 August 2026, 10:30 - 12:30

Triodos Foundation venue, Lower Ground Floor, St George's Road, Bristol, BS1 5BE

MINUTES

Attendance	Trustees:, Shelley Lanchbury, Deputy Chair (SL), Helena Thompson, Treasurer (HT), Pat Foster (PF), David Jepson (DJ), Trish Mensah (TSM), Gloria Morris (GM), Lyn Porter (LP), Staff: Minutes: Yolanda Pot, Finance and Administration Manager; Ian Quaife, Director; Annali Grimes, NT Project Worker; Lauren Hinks, NT Project Support Worker. Attendance: 37 (Members: 30, Non-members: 7)
Apologies	Christina Stokes, Chair (CS), Joanne Goldsworthy (JG), Eileen Means (EM), Tara Mistry (TM), Nigel Varley (NV)
1.	Chair's Welcome , housekeeping and introductions. Shelley Lanchbury, Deputy Chair welcomed everyone.
2.	BOPF Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2026 were approved as a true and correct record. Proposer: Pat Foster, Seconder: Trish Mensah. There were no matters arising.
3.	BOPF Nature Together Workshop with Avon Wildlife Trust Annali Grimes and Lauren Hinks, BOPF Nature Together Project Workers Eloise Jenner, Community Ecologist, Avon Wildlife Trust Nature Permit, Natalie Watson, Nature Together Coordinator, BCC, Parks and Green Spaces Presentation What is a Nature Permit? A simple way for communities to: • Improve local green spaces owned by the council • Get permission quicker and more easily • Access advice and in-person support • Protect community projects from accidental damage or removal • Connect with funding, training and local support What Could a Nature Permit Enable? Raised beds for accessible gardening, projects bring different generations together, food growing spaces, sensory planting, nature walks and wellbeing activities. More Than a Permit The aim is to create one clear place to go for information, support and permission: How BOPF Has Shaped the Nature Permit So Far You told us: Keep it simple, make accessibility a priority, don't assume everyone is online, Use clear jargon-free language, ensure fair access across Bristol, support matters as much as permission, cost should not be a barrier, projects need to feel sustainable

	Annali covered the following: Nature Special Newsletter Nature Advisers BOPF Nature Together Project Values: • Improving physical health, mental health, and wellbeing • Creating opportunities for Connection: • Meeting people, sharing ideas, sharing food, building confidence • Support to build unity and understanding between communities • Tackling barriers to accessing green spaces, e.g. safety • Signposting to nature-based activities and projects • Passing knowledge between generations • Education and learning, including: Nature / ecology, Climate change, History / memories Roll & Stroll: Wildlife and Wellbeing Walks in and around Bristol. Future Walks: Ashton Court - Photography walk: Friday 9 October 2026 Sydney Gardens (Bath) - Sensory Walk: Friday 23 October 2026 Eloise, Avon Wildlife Trust Community Ecologist, asked the following questions. How has your street or neighbourhood changed during your lifetime? What species have you stopped seeing? What species do you wish you could see again? How has your street or neighbourhood changed during your lifetime? What species have you stopped seeing? What species do you wish you could see again?
4.	BOPF Project Work Update, Ian Quaife, BOPF Director Nature Together Project. Temple Quarter development. Music club. Work with David Jepson about older workers aged 50 –67. Next Death café: 22 Sept 2026 The Housing Action Group, is looking to refresh our housing survey from 2020. Next CAW: 16 Sept 2026. We will be creating a film on age and identity. I have been writing a paper called new digital exclusion - everything is becoming more complicated - QR codes, passwords, verification codes, traffic lights, etc. AGM 22 October 2026 here at Triodos Foundation.
5.	BREAK Coffee - There was a raffle just after the break
6.	BOPF Food Film - Lunch! A chat with older people, Presented by Ian Quaife, BOPF Director You can access our film on YouTube: (https://bopf.org.uk/our-work/lunch-a-conversation-with-older-people-about-food/) We are planning to screen the film to other groups. Comment1: You need good equipment to cook, like sharp knives and pans. Comment2: I don't need takeaways; I like to cook from start nice and fresh. Comment3: I think the film represents BOPF very well. i.e. older people contributing.
7.	BOPF OPEN FORUM
	Close Open Forum meeting - 12:30 hrs
Next Open Forum/AGM: Thursday 22 Oct 2026, 10:30 - 12:30 Venue address: Triodos Foundation venue, Lower Ground Floor, St George's Road, Bristol, BS1 5BE Signed by Deputy Chair: Shelley Lanchbury, Date:	