

**Management Meeting Report**  
**16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Bishop Mascall Centre Ludlow**

Chairmans Report:

1. Most of you will be aware of the works planned that would usually be carried out over winter months and although these works have not been carried out they are still in our minds.
2. The weather as usual is the main reason and any attempts to get machinery onto the site would cause more damage
3. The recent storms brought down a couple of dead trees and these have been cleared in the main and the debris removed.
4. My thanks go to Brian for his help in clearing these and despite the damage caused to his truck by slipping on the muddy surface it was a job well done.
5. My thanks also go to Gwynfor for collecting the damaged bench and taking it away for repair it is much appreciated.

6. Thanks also go to Jayne for her very concerted efforts to bring Gallows Bank to the attention of the public through the Facebook page and regular updates.
7. Looking forward to the long term of the Gallows Bank as you know I have been involved over the years with many planning applications
8. It is now a requirement of every planning application to produce a Biodiversity Net Gain Report (BNG) to show that the approved plans will give an overall 10% increase in biodiversity for the site which proves almost impossible.
9. As a result each application that fails to demonstrate a net gain must purchase credits from other sources and it is possible that Gallows Bank could become a donor.
10. The cost of getting the land registered with Natural England is very expensive and a recent application submitted by me shows the costs to be several thousands of pounds and should the committee be interested in following this up then before anything gets done we must decide on where the funding is coming from. Our current bank balance will

not allow this. But if it can be achieved the monetary benefits are enormous.

11. In the meantime however I think we should all hope for some better weather this year to allow our planned works to go further ahead,