

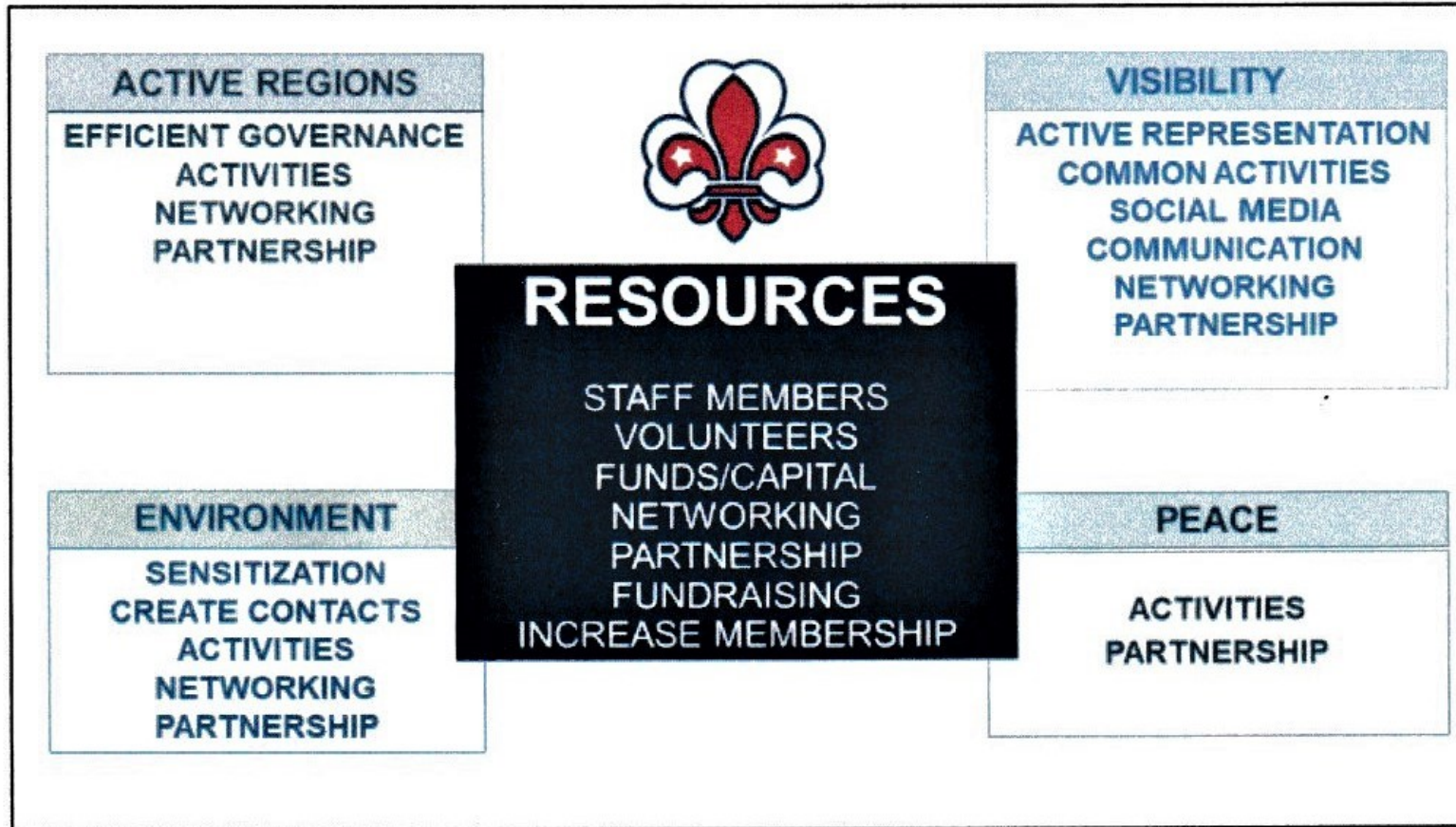
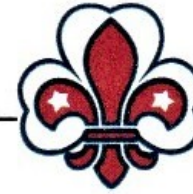


# **Baden-Powell Guild UK**

**Constituent Organisation**

**National Scout and Guide  
Fellowship UK**

**Environmental Projects  
Presentation 2022**



**Our interest started with the Action Plan presented at the World Conference in 2017. One of the modules concerned the Environment.**

**The contents of the ISGF**

**Action Plan 2018 – 2020**

**were shared with our**

**Baden-Powell Guild Members**



Great British Spring Clean &  
The B-P Guild of Great Britain



22<sup>nd</sup> March to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

As part of our aim of 'Service to the Community in which we live and work' and our Care for the Environment, the Baden Powell Guild are asking its members to join in with the **Great British Spring Clean**. Last year over 370,000 people joined forces to pick up litter and plastic from their local public places.



Pick that litter up son.  
Take it over there!  
I know you didn't drop it  
And I know that life's not fair!



It's always someone else's fault  
It's never ever me  
Here today, gone tomorrow  
Moved elsewhere for free

Create a team or just ask a friend to help you remove litter from the areas you care about Any day between **22<sup>nd</sup> March and 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. Spread the word ! Join in.

Select your day, record the area you visit, record the number of bags of litter you collect, take a photograph of your group and send these details to the National Guild Secretary: [allan.page@talk21.com](mailto:allan.page@talk21.com) Your involvement with this project supports the Guilds care for the environment and the community we live in.

The first flyer is sent out in January 2019 asking B-P Guild members to participate in the Great British Spring Clean.  
Stourbridge members respond and send a photo.





**An Explorer Scout Unit are given a donation to buy more hedging for a small plot they are turning into a Campcraft site.**



**Guild members also help with the planting, which is done in February 2020.**



In March 2020 trees were purchased and planted in a Scout Camp Site. They were all protected from the local wildlife to give them a good chance to grow.

In spring 2021 were given an update.

Trees on the East of the field Silver Birch & Roman Samson on the west. All other trees are Sisal Oak, 47 have taken and some are popping out of the tubes now.

In March 2020 the UK went into 'lockdown', we had to find ways to continue our meetings and work. As usual Guild members were inventive in filling their time and even raising funds.





**In the July edition of the Guild Newsletter it was reported that we were embracing technology and starting to meet online.**

**To start just a few members were able to join in, but gradually more and more members were able to see and speak to each other and then the following announcement:**

# **National Scout and Guide Fellowship Joint National Committee Annual General Meeting**

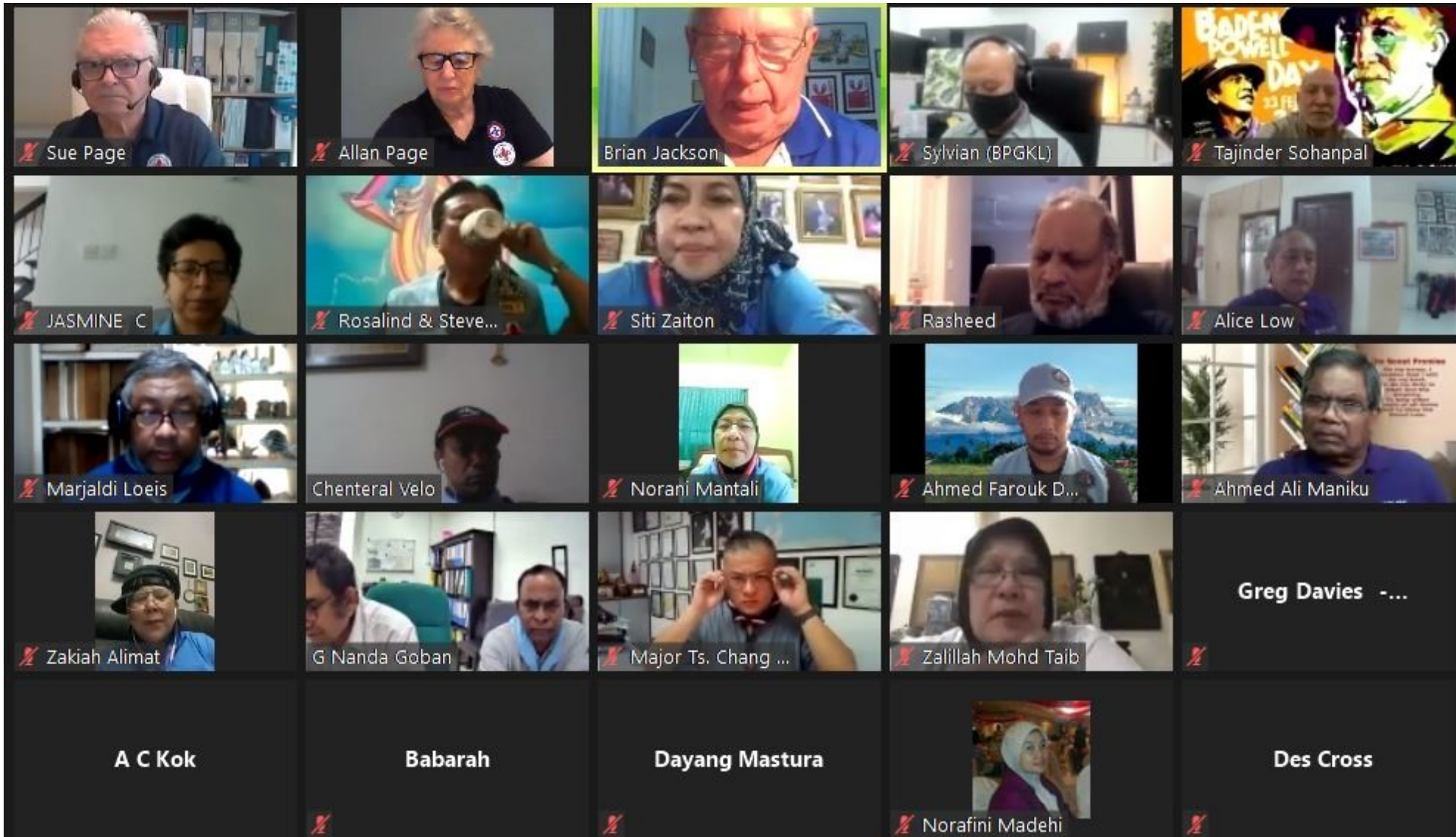
**This will take place online via Zoom at 7.30pm  
on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

All members are invited to attend as observers, please do so if you can, your representatives would appreciate your support. Here is the link for joining the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82270741910?pwd=dFVjRThtazhnUjFqZTh5eGY1YnpVQT09>

**The zoom link will open at 7.15pm.**





As ISGF members got more confident with the use of zoom technology we were invited and attended lots of international meetings, something that we would never have been able to do if we had to find the time and money to travel.

It had the added bonus of being environmentally kind.



**An Explorer Scout Unit needed Axes and Bow Saws, to clear a piece of land to practise Campcraft. A donation of £84 enabled them to also purchase frying pans so they could cook on the land they cleared.**



**In the Autumn of 2021 Baden-Powell Guild and Trefoil Guild members collaborated to provide new planters, made from recycled pallet wood, for a County Guide camp site.**

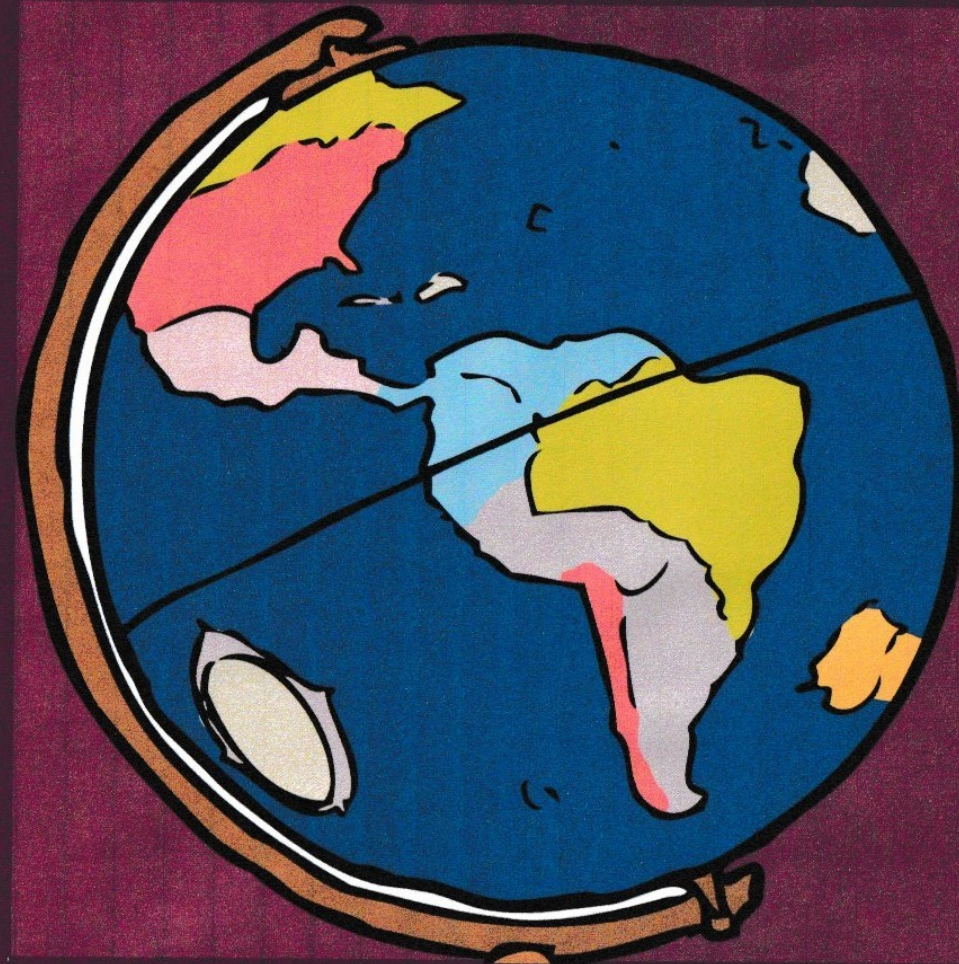
**Towards the end of 2021 it was decided that we would hold a Workshop on Climate Change and the Environment. This took place online, via Zoom on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

# Baden Powell Guild UK

Workshop  
on Environmental Issues  
&  
Energy Conservation  
Thursday 13th January 2022  
7.30 pm

*Please come with your thoughts and ideas on the environment and energy conservation*

Zoom link to follow



## Work shop Objectives:

to collect ideas from members on environmental, **energy saving** and sustainable activities.

A member who owns some woodland told us that 3 of the best trees to plant are Oak, Beech & Maple because they have a larger surface of leaves which generate more photosynthesis.



Other ideas were putting up insect boxes in the garden and planting flowers nearby from which bees could gather food.



**We were told, it was important to plant a variety of plants that flowered at different times of the year.**

**It was important to manage ‘wild flower’ areas to ensure they are not overrun by large weeds and grasses.**



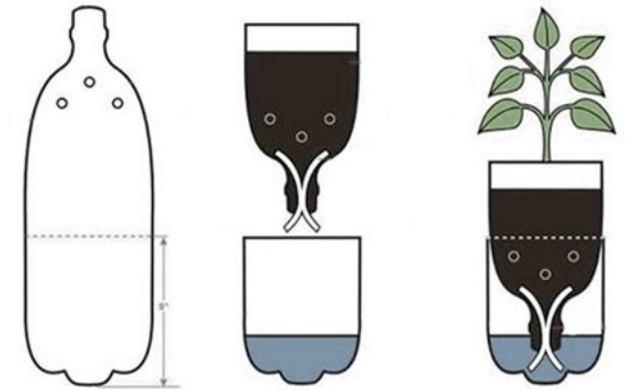
## Online Halloween Meeting

**Energy saving ideas ranged from, turning down heating, closing doors and turning off lights. It was felt that one of the most energy efficient things Guild members could do was to keep meeting online. This saved fuel in driving to meeting places, and heating and lighting those places. However since social interaction was also important when meetings did take place, that they should if possible be outdoors.**

The workshop then considered 'sustainable activities' with the theme:

# Re-use, Reduce, Recycle & Repair

Turning empty plastic bottles into plant pots.



Using refillable containers for hand washing liquid, which comes in re-cyclable packaging.





**Investing in a filter jug can save on buying bottled water, they now come with a refillable filter.**

**It is also now possible to recycle tetra plastics, (crisp packets) members could be encouraged to find their local place.**



**Many towns now have repair cafes, where items can be taken for repair.**



**Toilet rolls, cut in half can be used for seed generation to save on plastic pots.**

It is possible to use old wood to make small and simple compost bins.

These can be enriched by the introduction of worms and the website of the Soil Association: <https://www.soilassociation.org> has lots of advice and ideas.





It was decided that it would be a good idea to have a 'green project' in which all Baden-Powell Guild UK members could participate. This would be announced at the Annual General Meeting in April. The project would also set achievable goals for 2022.

**Our project for 2022 is to put in place and photograph 100 animal habitat boxes.**

**In each edition of the Guild Newsletter for 2022 at least half a page will be dedicated to photos of the animal habitat boxes and also more suggestions for **environmental**, **energy saving** and sustainable activities**

## Photos submitted so far


A mini nature reserve, trying to attract ground insects.



Insect box



A dove Cot

A heart shape is formed by four hands, each holding a portion of a globe of the Earth. The hands are positioned at the top, bottom, left, and right points of the heart. The globe shows various continents and oceans in shades of blue, green, and brown. The background is white.

The world is  
changed by your  
example not by  
your opinion.

-PAUL COELHO

**Finally we, the Baden-Powell Guild UK are not with you today in person.**

**We felt it was too much of a contradiction to hold a Workshop with an Environmental theme and then use some of the earths scarce resources to travel hundreds of miles.**

**We held our environment workshop, entirely online, no one had to travel to attend.**