



SANDWICH BAY BIRD OBSERVATORY TRUST
Restharrow Scrape Development Project



These verbatim comments are taken from cards completed during the guided walks activity on 18 and 19 October 2019.



The cards had the following printed at the top-

My thoughts about the Restharrow Scrape project so far:

- Brilliant! Well thought out and executed. Seeing the Scrape (new) from different perspectives. Could not miss this one off chance to explore. *Duncan*
- Quite marvelous, very well done without too much disturbance to the green areas *Anon*
- Having this view will give a much better appreciation of what is happening on the Scrape. I think it will be/ has been well spent. *Brian White*
- Fantastic project and results can't wait for it to mature. *Steve Reynaert*
- It's just brilliant. A lot of hard work that hopefully will in time get its just rewards in terms of breeding bird, migrants and flora. Well done. I am proud that our group was able to support you. *Brian Short RSPB Thanet local group*
- It's great. Did not realize how large the area was its going to be a great place to watch birds. *Anon*
- Get Sue Buckingham to monitor the flora on the new "earthworks". *Nicholas Douet*
- I was extremely impressed after months of talking, fundraising & planning, it was great to see the Scrape so far. IT IS WONDERFUL. *Lesley*
- Such a transformation of the old scrape. Really looking forward to it getting established. Can't wait to see what birds it will attract. *Glyn and Val Cork*
- Very impressive – a marvelous extension to an already very successful scrape. The natural wilding of the area will be very interesting to monitor. I can't wait to what new birds and opportunities it will bring. *Tessa Hinge*

- It is amazing. I feel very lucky to have been able to walk around the site to appreciate its size, the amount of work that has been involved and the vision for the future. I look forward to frequent visits to the new hide to see how the area develops and the variety of its visitors (birds!) A big thank you and congratulations to all involved. *Jan Wraith*
- The work done so far has far exceeded my expectations and has made me appreciate the potential of the site. It will be interesting to watch it "grow". Congratulations to all involved in the planning of this complex project and also to those involved in its implementation. A terrific effort by SBBOT and a fantastic addition to the Observatory. *William Wraith*
- What an amazing project. Such a great achievement and all credit to the Council and all those who have enabled this to come to fruition. Congratulations. *Penny Day*
- Scale of project so impressive! Congratulations to all concerned. Excellent input from Steffan and Ken today. *Sue B*
- Just had the guided walk and am very impressed by what I saw. Scale of it far more than I was expecting and good variety of habitats planned. Really looking forward to using it next year. *Bob Hinge*
- Excellent facility. Amazing increase in size of the Scrape. Looking forward to seeing it develop. *Anon*
- Many thanks for the opportunity to visit today. A lot of people have put in a substantial amount of work to make such excellent progress. Thank you. This looks to be an exciting project going forwards. Well done all. *Mike Clark*
- Very interesting guided walk this afternoon- many thanks for that. Congratulations to everyone who has been involved and worked so hard – a very worthwhile and exciting project. *John Tomlinson*
- Remarkable project – well done to all those who have contributed in so many different ways. *Clive Godderidge*
- An amazing achievement in such a short time. The detailed planning g has really paid off and its detail and thought has been superb. Can't wait for it to green up and fill up. Well done all. *Mary Rudge*
- Love the scale of it and the variety of habitat it can now encompass. I do worry that water levels may well drop heavily over the summer – but I don't have a solution! Fantastic stuff. The birds are going to love it. *Anon*
- I was really impressed with it. It's so much larger than I thought it would be. It was good to see water in it already and to see where the new hide will be situated. I will be very interested to watch how it develops – what happens on the gravel, how it greens over and the different birds that will use it, it has the potential to be brilliant! *June*
- Such a quick turnaround, brilliant planning and overcoming of obstacles etc. It looks great. Can't wait to sit in the new hide and enjoy. Congratulations. *Anon*
- Great work! Can see how even in a few weeks' time it will look different as the vegetation grows up and the water level changes. Can't wait to use the new hide once its installed. *Laraine Clark*
- A wonderful project and tremendous progress to date. Great to have the opportunity to see it at this early stage – really looking forward to see how it develops. It would be very good to keep a record of water levels (i.e., groundwater level) through the years. *Dave Casey*
- I am amazed how quickly so much work has been completed. It really looks impressive; it should be a wonderful asset for SBBOT membership and especially for all the birds! Many congratulations for all the hard work of the team working on the project. *Sarah Roantree*
- Excellent – so interesting. Many thanks to our guide Steffan, Ken and Bob. It will be fascinating to see it develop in the months to come. *Sue Smith*
- Wow It's fantastic. You have all done so well in seeing the project through talks of this 10-15 years ago. As a past Chair it is so brilliant to see work mature at last. Thank you all so much. *Patrick Old*
- Houdou! Massive, impressive big step for the nature in Kent. So cleverly thought. Just one word – wonderful. We are proud, proud and proud to have joined even a little, in fact too much little, for this project and want to continue. *Francois and Joelle*

- Massive changes in such a short time- looks like it will be extremely interesting in the future as it beds in and settles. A brilliant resource for the local area and obviously a lot of hard work has been done by the conservation team. *Lesley Smith*
- A massive achievement for the Observatory. To see the works was really special and I can't wait to see what wildlife is attracted to the Scrape in the near future. *Anon*
- It seems only yesterday that the appeal was started to raise funds for purchasing the Scrape and in less than 4 weeks it has been transformed. The vision is now realised and now the wait for birds and other wildlife to return (and breed) begins. It is an exciting project led by really passionate people at SBBOT. Well done so far and good luck with future developments. *Pam Worrall*
- Good results so far and looking forward to some great birds. *Anon*
- Good design, can't wait for the new hide to open and see what birds arrive. *Anon*
- I was so impressed with the size of the new Scrape and the impressive earthworks. I am really looking forward when all is finished. *Ian Brewin*
- Absolutely spectacular –what a great job, so impressed. Well done to everyone. Can't wait to sit in the hides. *Elly McLean*
- I am amazed. For a small organization to get this far is so impressive. *Ian Hunter*
- Very impressive! Will be interesting to see what it looks like once the water levels are up. Can't wait to see from the hides – marvelous!! *Kathy and Malcolm Johnson*
- I count myself very fortunate to have been asked to be a part of this project – it's been a wonderful experience and it seems to be gong very much in the right direction. *Roger J*
- I have loved the whole process of watching from afar the daily changes as the excavations have gone on and it was amazing to stand next to the new boundary ditch and see what we have produced between us – fund providers, planners and our wonderful contractors. Thanks to everyone who has donated of their time, energy, expertise or money to bring this to fruitionso far. Looking forward to sharing it more widely and deeply. *Sally Hunter*
- This will be a fabulous experience to walk out in all seasons. I look forward to seeing it mature over the years, and see all the wonderful birds which will visit this beautiful place. A great thank you to all who made this possible. *Shirley A Griffith*



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