

News & Views from SI Stourbridge & District – Oct 2025

Grateful thanks to all who attended our Afternoon Tea in August, we had the most amazing time! The weather was perfect, the hospitality wonderful and the food great. Thanks to generosity of our hosts and our members we were able to donate £1,000 to Black Country Foodbank, plus smaller donations to Lend With Care and Lunch on the Run ... our meal helping to feed and train others.



We were happy to present the cheque to Keeley from the Foodbank at a most enjoyable meal at our local Nepalese restaurant, Khattris, she was quite overwhelmed!

Just so that you don't think all we do is eat in SI Stourbridge, here is a picture of us on a walk around Fenspool nature reserve guided by Su Roxburgh, to see a local sculptor's giant Great Crested Newt! It is the work of Luke Perry who has approached our club to discuss the possibility of working together on a project.

The walk was great but we were saddened by the amount of litter in the area. One of our members later returned to do a litter pick with her grandchildren! Well done Elizabeth.





We ate in one of the distinctive roundhouses, had an update from the project leader, Lloyd, and a tour of the site.

Sorry but we are back to food! A bring and share picnic at Riverside house an exciting regeneration project which we have supported in various ways over the past few years.



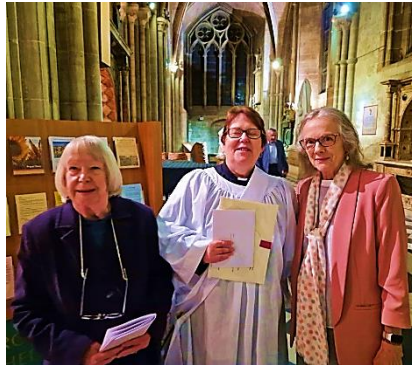
We are grateful to Lloyd and his team for their warm welcome whenever we visit.



Also displayed, Jane's art quilt inspired by Hidden domestic abuse and with quotes from women in refuge locally.

The club was well represented at our regional meeting in September and pleased to hear from President Ruth and very excited to be joint winners of the Programme Action award presentation with our work From Waste to Wellness in our local women's refuges. Also excellent sales on our craft stall for Kerala Partnership charity – thank you!

We would like to share our congratulations for our member Sue Haywood who was ordained a deacon at Worcester Cathedral on 28th September 2025. A group of members attended to celebrate this wonderful occasion with her and we are looking forward to her ordination as a priest in June 2026, She's an excellent club secretary too!



With friendship and best wishes from us all at SI Stourbridge and district.