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YOUR COMMITTEE

The committee is in need of your support.
Please read and take to heart the attached
letter – thank you.

Tsunami Relief

Thanks to your generous donations and purchases of raffle tickets we have been able to send £250.00 to **Action Village India**. This organisation works with disadvantaged people mainly in Tamil Nadu on the south coast of India, with wide experience in education, economic development for landless families and marginal farmers, and building community organisations. The funds we sent will enable two women to buy cows and join a dairy group, or buy a milk micro-cooler that will make it possible for a young person to start a small milk business.

We hope to be able to display an exhibition of photographs from the region soon.

Links: www.actionvillageindia.org.uk

Visitors on a summer night.

For a few nights last August, at about 11pm each night, a dormouse appeared on the seed feeder opposite our back door. Framed by trails of purple clematis, bright black eyes shining, rusty fur, cream tummy, and long furry tail. On the first night with the yard light on, I crept close, and watched from a couple of feet away. The dormouse, unfazed, continued to put its head right into the hole in the feeder and turn to sit and nibble, holding the seeds in minute pink paws. At the same moment a rustle close to my left and a badger appeared under an ivy arch. "I'm in a wildlife programme," I thought. The dormouse continued nibbling, the badger turned and ambled off, but returned later in the night to snuffle back and forth hoovering up any dropped seed. J.S.

Would you like to come to our talks and events

.....but find it hard to get there?

We would be happy to collect members so they can attend. If you are without transport, or simply don't like walking alone in the evening, phone Linda on 01297 678355, or Rachael on 01460 30525 and we will fetch you and take you home again. The talks usually end by 9 pm, and are well worth attending, covering a wide range of topics usually illustrated with slides. It's a good way of meeting people and catching up with the latest news from the Trust. Don't forget that all members are welcome to attend committee meetings too.

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Each member contributes in any way they can, some people have more time than others and we all have skills in different areas.

Between us we:

- plan and arrange our evening talks
- follow up on issues raised by members (about subjects such as footpaths, wild flower verges etc)
- write and deliver newsletters
- collect subscriptions
- arrange events such as the recent forum on climate change and alternative energy
- draw up and produce the collections of walks
- discuss new planning proposals in the parish and any potential implications for the environment
- consider ways of using funds raised by members – a recent purchase was the Bat Detector, and plans are afoot to involve the school closely in a local bat programme
- monitor the many trees planted by the Trust, consider new sites and arrange for planting of appropriate species to be carried out.

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