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### *The Globe*

The next edition of The Globe is due out in early December. It's not too late to submit contributions.

This will be the last Globe until July 2023. The Trustees met last week to discuss how we can lighten our load as there are too few people being active in the Friends. One of the ways to do this is to reduce the Globes from three a year to two; Globes will now come out in July and December each year. Should more people volunteer for some of our voluntary positions, we can reconsider this.

To reiterate pleas for help posted in social media and in previous Globes, we are looking for volunteers with the following skills:

-  Fund raising for projects
-  Financial management
-  Project management
-  Secretarial skills
-  Publicity
-  Events
-  Education
-  Legal advice
-  Editing and designing publications, distribution
-  Web site management and content creator (including online payment systems)
-  YouTube and social media content creator
-  People to man our stalls at events
-  People to set up local groups in the gaps along the line (Newton Aycliffe area, Darlington, Goosepool to Eaglescliffe)
-  Archivists to work with The National Archives and other bodies to make national and local archives accessible online

### *Webmaster*

More second-hand books from the Holmes collection have been added to the web site and more are added each week. These could make lovely sustainable Christmas presents. There are now 98 products in stock on the web site ranging from membership and donation options, walks booklets, our own publications and second hand books.

Sales for this month up to the 27th November come to £108.20. Of this £20.20 has been raised from selling books that belonged to Peter Holmes, £33 for Globes, £17 for a complete set of Walks booklets, £15 for one Yarm Branch Book and £10 for a new membership and the rest is postage.

We have had two enquiries this month via the web site from Darlington Borough Council's Looked After Children Group re organising a fund raising walk along the S&DR and another from Bluefield Renewable Developments Ltd with regards to the proposed Solar Farm on land at Bluestone Farm, Low Lands and a public consultation event on December 7th at Lands Village Hall.

Please note that the contact phone number for the Friends on the web site has been changed.

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