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To achieve our aims we will need more people to become involved please come along to the next meeting of the committee on 16th August at 7.30pm in the hall.

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