

Action Points from an Open Discussion
 following the Fifth AGM of the
Scythe Association of Britain and Ireland
 13th June 2015 Chair: Mark Allery

<i>No.</i>	<i>Item & brief summary of discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	Promotion of the scythe Can SABI pursue a major project to promote the scythe? This might be a money raising project, or include an element of money raising. A project could be a 'charity' event, a filmed activity or an activity including a celebrity to generate publicity.	Winter meeting – discuss five proposals, with a view to taking forward one of them after that.
2	Falci Blades Simon Fairlie (SF) asked for feedback on the ten Falci blades (from Italy) that he had distributed for trial use. There were mixed results, including some bad experiences. Some people rate them highly, such as Marshall Roberts in Australia. SF said that someone other than the Scythe Shop might market the Falci blades.	SF – ask Marshall Roberts to write an article for Windrow.
3	Scythe sales in Britain SABI might be involved in some way with sales and distribution of continental scythes.	SF & Scythe Shop distributors – hold a discussion about the future of scythe sales.
4	Scythe teaching A conference was proposed for scythe teachers, to discuss various aspects of teaching. Some time in the winter would be the best time for this.	Richard Brown – consult with Steve Tomlin about further details.
5	Windrow How can the amount of content for Windrow be boosted? and more issues be produced than the usual two a year. Summer is a busy time for those involved, so a late summer issue is difficult to produce.	SF – to seek an additional editor.
6	Bregenzer whetstones Bregenzer will soon cease to be available. The alternative fine (rather than the extra fine Roszutec) stones are Mailander and Pyrreanean, though these are more expensive.	SF – stock the Scythe Shop with Mailanders as the main fine stone.
7	Green Scythe Fair – filming by the BBC There was a discussion of whether any of the film footage shot over this weekend would be available. It was considered unlikely but..	..SF – to make enquiries on the following day.
8	Green Scythe Fair – restoring grass The grass is not best suited to competitions. The nature of the soil is an over-riding factor. Alternative spaces for the event were discussed. The grass would be better if the event was held about a week earlier, but the second Sunday in June is established.	SF & Green Scythe Fair Committee – continue to consider options