

Fox Corner Community Wildlife Area Association

AGM on Monday 8 April at 7.30

Chairman's Report

It is great to be welcoming you all to our AGM. Thank you for coming and thank you for your unfailing support which was so v much in evidence last year as we launched our Boardwalk Appeal. And today we are taking the opportunity to celebrate with you on the completion of such an amazing project! At the beginning of last year, we were feeling somewhat daunted by the size of the £30k target. Little did we know what outstanding results we would achieve!

We really had the best team to spread the word led by Peter Morley, our fundraising officer and Heather Coverly, our PR officer. We targeted both large and small donors so that everyone felt involved. Starting with our annual newsletter to members, we then sent round an appeal flier to every house in Pirbright in the March Perinews plus to local residents in Bagshot Rd and Perry Hill. Alongside this, Peter Morley was doing sterling work in making applications to bigger funders. We are so grateful for his persistence and expertise and we do not underestimate the amount of work needed to get significant environmental grants from the National Lottery Fund and Your Fund Surrey plus good donations from Pirbright Parish Council and the Pirbright Institute! Heather Coverly, our PR Officer, contributed greatly in the raising of our profile supported by our energetic Secretary, Barbara Carr. And then there was you, our wonderful members, who gave so generously - it has been a heartwarming experience for the Management Committee to feel that our work in developing and maintaining the Wildlife Area has been recognised and supported.

When it came to finding a good contractor to construct the new boardwalk, we needed to look no further than our very own home grown local expertise and we are so grateful to Steve Hull as our skilful contractor and supporter who gave so generously of his time ably assisted by Nigel Emmerson. The design and construction are outstanding! The official opening in October by Cllr Keith Witham was accompanied by a last-minute deluge of rain but our enthusiasm was undimmed and the photos showed the colourful halo of umbrellas as we celebrated! The boardwalk has shown its durability in surviving total submersion in the recent storms and weeks of heavy rain....

Apart from this 'big ticket' item, we cannot forget that there are 14 acres to look after and we have also been delighted with the laying of the hedge on the Green Lane boundary which has been so effective in opening up and enhancing this corner. There are still a few of us who remember the first laying of this hedge very many years ago... As ever, we are indebted to our site manager Nigel Emmerson who continues to keep a watchful eye on all aspects of the Wildlife Area and organises the Management Committee members plus his wonderful team of volunteers from Network Rail to undertake a myriad of essential maintenance tasks including keeping the green path network mown and ready for our many visitors. In the summer we had an amazing volunteer day with around 70 staff members from Allianz Insurance in Guildford who worked in shifts to tackle ditches and

Fox Corner Community Wildlife Area Association

Financial Report for 2023

INCOME

Donation Not Gift Aided	£998.89
Donations Gift Aided (GA not claimed)	£7,616.00
Donations (Gift Aid Claimed Through CAF)	£1,765.40
Gift Aid - CAF, HMRC	£411.01
Bank Interest	£322.50
Grants for Boardwalk Project	£20,650.00
Easy Fundraising & Guildford Lottery	£147.45
Total Income	£31,911.25

EXPENDITURE

AGM & Admin	£103.85
Bank Charges	£60.00
Insurance	£404.45
Namesco (Internet Service Provider)	£133.20
Secretarial Expenses (2 years)	£186.49
Mowing Expenses	£269.14
Boardwalk Project	£32,977.32
Materials Site Maintenance	£181.50
Work Party Exps	£141.80
Tree & Ground Work	£1,200.00
Total Expenditure	£35,657.75

INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE **-£3,746.50**

Honorary Treasurer
Bruce Acton

Signed

R Bruce Acton

Date

14-Apr-24

Honorary Independent Examiner

I have examined the accounts and records of the Fox Corner Community Wildlife Area Association and certify that the Income and Expenditure Accounts above are correct and in accordance with the documents produced and explanations received.

Pasquale Cipullo

Signed

P. Cipullo

Date

14-Apr-24

Independent Examiner's Report

To the committee and members of the: Fox Corner Community Wildlife Area Association

I report on the accounts of the association for the year ended 2023, which are set out on the attached 2 pages.

Respective responsibilities of officers and examiners.

The club's constitution states that the club is responsible for the preparation of accounts and that an independent examination of the accounts is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts to ensure that they have been prepared in accordance with general accounting principles.
- state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

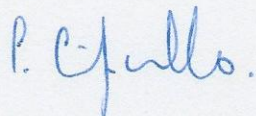
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the club and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as officers concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the club.have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature:



Print Name: Pasquale Cipullo

Date: 14 April 2024