

Friends of Summer's Field

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 30 November 2024

Structure and Governance

Friends of Summer's Field (FOSF) was originally set up as a Charitable Company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 29 November 2011 and registered as a charity by The Charity Commission. In August 2022, an application was accepted by The Charity Commission to convert the Charitable Company to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). FOSF is governed by a Constitution based on the "Association Model" provided by The Charity Commission.

Charity registration number 1151689

Registered Office Granary Court, Church Road, Doynton, Bristol BS30 5SU

Trustees as at 30th November 2024:

Mrs L Williams

Mr P Drayton

Mrs C Wakefield-Wylde

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Objectives and Public Benefit

- (1) The preservation and conservation for the public benefit of the flora and fauna of Summer's Field Community Orchard and wildflower meadow
- (2) To provide Summer's Field Community Orchard and wildflower meadow as a facility for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the benefit of the inhabitants of Doynton and the surrounding area in the interests of social welfare, and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

FOSF Activities

In line with our objectives, Friends of Summer's Field carried out the following activities during the year under review :-

- Regular work parties to maintain the orchard and wildflower meadow as a facility for recreation as well as to foster the environment and to encourage wildlife.
- Harvesting and producing apple juice from the orchard crop.
- Organising a cream tea to help foster good community relations, as well as to raise funds for the maintenance of the orchard.
- Organising a function in the village hall to raise awareness of the orchard and to raise funds for the maintenance of the orchard.
- Organising an annual Wassail to raise awareness of, and to continue with, the ancient customs associated with local orchards.
- Installation of a mini pond to encourage wildlife into the orchard.

- Progress has been made on three information boards, funded by the Coronation Fund, to explain the flora and fauna of the orchard. It is hoped that they will be installed in Summer 2025.

Financial Summary

At the end of the 2023-24 Financial Year FOSF held a cash balance of **£5,995.98**.

Income of **£4,416** was derived as follows :-

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| Donations | £ 840 |
| Fundraising Activities | £1,624 |
| Apple Juice | £ 701 |
| Open Gardens | £ 951 |
| Other | £ 300 |

Expenditure of **£2,713** was incurred on the following :-

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| Rent | £ 550 |
| Insurance | £ 204 |
| Orchard Maintenance | £ 229 |
| Costs related to fundraising | £1,730 |

FOSF has no outstanding debts at 30th November 2024

The Financial Statements for the period 1st December 2023 to 30th November 2024 are attached.

Future Plans

1. To continue to develop Summer's Field Community Orchard in order to preserve and conserve the flora and fauna.
2. To hold a Cream Tea in the orchard as a popular community event, as well as to help raise funds for maintenance of the orchard.
3. To hold a wassail in January to promote the ancient customs of local orchards.
4. To continue to harvest our crop in order to produce fruit juice.
5. To raise the profile of Summer's Field within the community, in order to ensure continued support and funding, and to encourage more volunteers to assist in work parties.
6. To hold an Autumn Feast and barn dance on Saturday 14th October.
7. To establish links with other community orchards with a view to sharing ideas.
8. To make educational links to other organisations e.g. schools, to promote Forest School activities for the children, using the orchard as a teaching resource..
9. To instal a kestrel box in one of the larger trees in the orchard.

Ron Ritchie

Chair – Friends of Summer's Field

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT - 1st Dec 2023 to 30th Nov 2024

| | | <u>Year ended</u> <u>30th Nov 2024</u> | |
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| INCOME | | | |
| Donations | DHHM | £15000 | |
| | Our Small Farm | £10000 | |
| | Sundry Donations | £59000 | £84000 |
| Fundraising | Rectory Open Garden Teas | £95135 | |
| | Cream Tea | £5852 | |
| | Apple Juice Sales | £70070 | |
| | Autumn Feast - Ticket Sales | £109500 | |
| | Autumn Feast - Bar Sales | £47030 | £327587 |
| Other income | Refund - Bottling Costs | £30000 | £30000 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | | £4 415 87 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Administration | Insurance | -£20403 | |
| | Rent | -£55000 | -£75403 |
| Maintenance | Mower Repair | -£6494 | |
| | Mini Pond | -£7200 | |
| | Gate Posts | -£9224 | -£22918 |
| Cost of Fundraising | Expenses for Cream Tea | -£2384 | |
| | Autumn Feast - Village Hall Rent | -£9000 | |
| | Autumn Feast - Food | -£28759 | |
| | Autumn Feast - Drink | -£41854 | |
| | Autumn Feast - Band | -£30000 | |
| | Apple Juice - Bottling | -£60954 | -£172951 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | | -£2 712 72 |
| NET INCOME / EXPENDITURE | | | £1 703 15 |

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Funds at start of reporting period | £4 292 83 |
| Funds at end of reporting period | £5 995 98 |

Signed by Trustee:.



Signature

 PAUL DRAYTON
 Print Name

 27/01/2025
 Date