

Friends of Oakfrith Wood

Chair's report 15th July 2025

It has been another good year for the charity. Financially our income has exceeded our expenditure again and we have received another generous donation from the Scarecrow Festival of £1500 for which we are very grateful.

Both the Tuesday and the Saturday groups have worked hard to clear storm damage, continue the thinning programme and keep the paths open so that the wood can be used safely by the public. Both groups have attracted new recruits.

We have continued to make benches, one of which now sits in the garden of the Royal Oak in Easterton and that is largely due to the hard work and expertise of Nigel Field for which we are very grateful. We have cut more oak planks with the help of Adam Reed and they are currently seasoning and will be used to satisfy existing orders and enquiries.

In September we fired the charcoal burner and produced some 27 bags of charcoal which we have sold through the village shop, within the village and elsewhere. Thanks go to the crew who helped to pack the burner and bag the resulting charcoal and to Steph Szakalo who produced the excellent logo for the bags.

In November Urchfont School provided the workforce to plant the oak saplings, which had been temporarily in the school grounds, into space is made for them in the Millennium Wood and they still prosper.

Bob Organ continues to look after the bird boxes, producing an annual report as to their state and use and repairing and replacing those where necessary. We are very grateful to him for this important work for the life of the wood.

Nick Pritchard continues to produce monthly articles for the Redhorn News which is so important in educating the public, raising the profile the charity in the village and adding to our prosperity.

We have had two resignations from the trustees. Simon Bell who was also our treasurer resigned at the beginning of the year and Nigel Field has kindly and bravely stepped in as trustee and treasurer. Thanks go to Simon for at last sorting out our bank account and our gratitude to Nigel for taking this on. Peter Winkley, one of our longest standing trustees, has also recently resigned for personal family reasons and great thanks go to him for all that he has done as a trustee and his work in the wood over many years.

Finally I would like to thank all of the trustees for their continued work and support and in particular Steve Russell for his continuing advice and support. We are all delighted to see his recovery to health and hope that that continues into the future.

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Accounts for Period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

		£	£	£
Income	Savings account interest			155.45
	Chain saw sales			0.00
	Donations			15.00
	Grants			1,045.00
	Sundry, Bench and Charcoal sales			1,630.00
	Bird Plot Rent			180.00
	Firewood Sales - public			3,465.00
	Firewood sales - volunteers			700.00
				7,190.45
Expenditure	Trustee & General Insurance			432.02
	Fuel and oil			293.61
	Safety Equipment			46.37
	Chainsaw R and R (less £1529.50 for #E1)			36.26
	Vehicles Tax and Insurance			1,343.80
	Vehicles maintenance			500.10
	Materials & tools			0.00
	Training			0.00
	Tree surgery at high level			1,200.00
	less UPC grant			
	Printing and stationery			3.05
	Catering			36.40
	Sundry and Bench costs			486.75
				4,378.36
	Trading surplus			2,812.09
Depreciation	Quad			122.39
	Trailer			28.24
	Truck			45.75
	Chain saws (incl. one off correction of £0.16)			1,008.42
				1,204.80
	Operating surplus			1,607.29
	Add surplus brought forward			21,900.00
	Accumulated surplus			23,507.29
Represented by				
	Cash in bank			21,067.67
	Quad	Cost	3,900.00	
		Less depreciation	2,798.52	1,101.48
	Trailer	Cost	900.00	
		Less depreciation	645.81	254.19
	Toyota	Initial value	2,000.00	
		less depreciation	1,588.22	411.78
	Chainsaws	Cost	3,372.50	
		less depreciation	2,700.33	672.17
				2,439.62
				23,507.29

I have examined the documents made available to me and find Signed: *CHH* (Cillian Hill)
them to be correct

Date: 30th June 2025