

LOWICK GREEN MANAGEMENT GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1161934

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-06-01

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(1) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISH OF LOWICK AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS(2) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.

Activities: 1. Provide a recreational space for village residents and visitors.2. Manage a small conservation area of woodland / wetland / wild flower area.3. Maintain the appearance of the village.4. Provide local information in a disused telephone kiosk.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE PARISH OF LOWICK AND THE SURROUNDING AREA
- Cumbria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-11-05	£4,594	£3,421	-	-
2024-11-05	£1,504	£1,569	-	-
2023-11-05	£1,383	£1,039	-	-
2022-11-05	£2,024	£1,693	-	-
2021-11-05	£1,754	£955	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RICHARD HUDSON ELLWOOD	Chair	2015-11-17
Christopher Harrison		2019-10-10
Robert Dove		2015-11-17
SIMON WALKER		2015-11-17

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Chairmans report November 2024 – November 2025

The Green remains in good condition, unfortunately the closure on the A5084 has resulted in considerable damage to the verges which we will not be able to repair until spring.

Drainage. The Green continues to become ever wetter in the centre. Drainage on The Green has been shortlisted as a community project supported by the A595 Improvement scheme. I carried out a site visit with Dave Newton of Storey Contractors, who assessed the job as being suitable for them. However, the final decision lies with the awards committee. Many thanks to Graham Sanderson for alerting me to this offer. Hopefully “clearing existing drains” does not qualify as a “work on common land”

Two events have been held on The Green this year. Both featured the UVHS one with recorded music, the other featuring the UVHS Little Big Band. Again, The Green has been well used by children learning to ride bikes and playing football.

John Black and myself cleared a fallen willow trunk and several large fallen branches which had rooted back into the ground. This proved to be quite an effort, chainsaws and a couple of hydraulic jacks were involved. Once the trunks were removed, I hand dug about 6 meters of drainage trench. This was backfilled with a length of 75mm slotted plastic drain donated by Chris Harrison and ½ ton of chippings. This has considerably reduced flooding in this area. The drained area has been sown with wildflower seeds and produced quite a good showing in late summer, we hope for a repeat in the coming year.

Two Hawthorn trees, a crab-apple tree, a yew tree and three juniper bushes have been planted on the land in front of Hopefield Cottages. These are all low growing and will not affect the view from The Cottages or Hopefield House. Four passes to clear Himalayan Balsam have been made in this area and we finally seem to be winning. Cumbria Wildlife Trust Duddon Support Group helped greatly with this task, in return Peter Jewell, Graham & Sue Nichols, Chris Guest and myself assisted clearance on CWT land. I suspect others from the village will have also helped, please accept my thanks.

As agreed at the last AGM I applied to the Hadfield Trust for funds to improve the area in front of Hopefield Cottages. This involved Erecting a hut on site to store tools and materials. The project hit a major problem which will make maintaining the area much more difficult. The hut which would have been key to storing equipment to look after it hit planning issues.

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There was a hut sited on the area from 1948. We removed what little remains there was, and improved the foundation for the new hut thinking that this was a simple replacement. About a month after the new hut was installed, someone who does not live in the village complained anonymously to the LDNPA Planning department about it. It was found that because we had completely removed the existing building, a new planning permission was required and the new hut and its foundation must be removed or enforcement action would be taken against us. We removed the hut and foundation and put the hut into storage. I looked at applying for planning permission, the LDNPA would not consider retrospective permission and offered to provide written guidance for £800 +VAT. I declined this offer and I consulted with cheaper experts. We concluded that because the hut was on common land the LDNP could not determine the application and it would have to go to the Planning Inspectorate. Talking to someone who has already been involved in this process the estimated legal fees would have been £4000 to £5000, more than twice the value of the project. At this point we concluded that it was beyond our means to proceed. Many members of the village community were extremely upset about the approach of the LDNPA to a simple hut for community benefit and the effort and funding they had given for the project; especially as the same approach had been applied to a nearby bus shelter. We have now sold on the hut at a considerable loss. As I feel responsible for the whole affair, I have personally made up the deficit of the value of the hut. For transparency of accounting, I have done this via the LGMG accounts.

Ali Harrison has asked me to apply for a grant to replace the allotment fencing which is in poor condition. I checked the status of the allotments with Svetlana Bainbridge, the Commons Registration officer for W&F Council. She could not tell me the date when they were fenced in, but no complaints have ever been received. Oral tradition has it that that tenancies were given to soldiers returning from the war for a peppercorn rent. Whether this was in 1919 or 1945 is not clear, but the minutes of The Lowick Village Hall Fund records their existence in 1947. The allotments are still part of Lowick Common and, as such, both the fence and all the structures are illegal and we could be forced to remove them on a single complaint. Quality fencing along the edge of the A5084 would greatly improve the appearance of the village. We need to tread carefully here I have received a number of informal comments about the growing number of structures and we do not want to end up removing fencing and repaying another grant in the event of a formal complaint.

I attended the K-B walk presentation where The Group received an award for £400. This is especially welcome as it is a donation rather than a grant and can be used for revenue expenditure rather than a specific project. Special thanks to Simon for making the application.

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The annual cut of the wildflower areas was carried out in October; this has become progressively easier as we get the brambles and willow shoots under control.

Once again, we face a possible decline in our membership as both Rob & Judith and Simon & Tracey are planning to leave Lowick. Last year we appealed for new members, I asked several people, but only Bianca Hanlon agreed to join. We welcome Bianca and her considerable professional ecological knowledge.

Richard Ellwood, Chair.

Breakdown of Income and Payments

Income	£		Payments	£
Friends	144.00		Insurance	176.20
K2B	350.00		Shed	1489.99
Parish Council	360.00		Shed base	600.00
Village Hall Committee	200.00		Tree posts	236.97
Donations	140.00		Seeds	20.99
Rathbone Grant	2000.00		Grass cutting	850.00
Shed Sale	1400.00		Bank charges	45.50
Total	4594.00		Total	3421.95

2025	£		2024	£
Balance from 2024	4268.35		Balance from 2023	4334.12
Add Total Income	4594.00		Total Income	1504.00
	8862.35			5838.12
Less Total Payments	3421.95		Less Total Payments	1569.77
	5440.40			4268.35

Summary.	£
Balance Nov 2024	4268.35
Income 24/25	4594.00
Total	8862.35
Less payments	3421.95
Carried Fwds	5440.40

- After the £1400.00 has been refunded to The Hadfield Trust, we will start the new year with £4040.40 leaving us with a shortfall of **£227.95**.

Lowick Green Management Group Accounts November 2024 – November 2025

Balance Brought Forward					£4268.35
	Income	£	Payments	£	£
11.11.24	Friends Nichols	12.00			4280.35
29.11.24	Keswick2Barrow	350.00			4630.35
29.11.24			Bank Charges	5.00	4625.35
06.12.24			Insurance	176.20	4449.15
10.12.24	Friends Nichols	12.00			4461.15
23.12.24	Rathbone inv. mgmt	2000.00			6461.15
29.12.24			Bank Charges	5.40	6455.75
09.01.25	Friends Nichols	12.00			6467.75
29.01.25			Bank Charges	5.00	6472.75
08.02.25			R. Ellwood - Posts	238.97	6223.78
10.02.25	Friends Nichols	12.00			6235.78
20.02.25	P Crowe. Chipper Hire	60.00			6295.78
01.03.25			Bank Charges	5.00	6290.78
10.03.25	Friends Nichols	12.00			6302.78
11.03.25			Ben. Shed base	600.00	5702.78
12.03.25	Donation. C. Thornley	80.00			5782.78
24.03.25			www.shedstore	1489.99	4292.79
29.03.25			Bank Charges	5.00	4287.79
10.04.25	Friends Nichols	12.00			4299.79
15.04.25			Boston Green Seeds	20.99	4278.80
29.04.25			Bank Charges	5.00	4273.80
12.05.25	Friends Nichols	12.00			4285.80
14.05.25			JMH Services - grass	200.00	4085.80
29.05.25			Bank Charges	5.00	4080.80
10.06.25	Friends Nichols	12.00			4092.80
29.06.25			Bank Charges	5.00	4087.80
01.07.25			JMH Services - grass	250.00	3837.80
07.07.25	Parish council grant	360.00			4197.80
10.07.25	Friends Nichols	12.00			4209.80
21.07.25	R.Ellwood - shed	1400.00			5609.80
25.07.25			Bank Charge	5.00	5604.80
11.08.25	Friends Nichols	12.00			5616.80
27.08.25	Village Hall grant	200.00			5816.80
08.09.25			JMH Services	300.00	5516.80
10.10.25	Friends Nichols	12.00			5528.80
29.10.25			Bank Charge	00.40	5528.40
25.10.25	Friends Nichols	12.00			5540.40
28.10.25			Grass Cutting	100.00	5440.40
	Total	4268.35			3421.95
08.11.25	Balance				5440.40

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The Green remains in good condition, there has been some traffic damage due to the very wet summer making the ground soft. Littering has been minimal and no more nitrous oxide chargers have been found.

No events have been held on The Green this year probably due to a very poor summer, but the green has been well used by children learning to ride bikes and playing football.

Grass cutting has been very expensive this year at £1100 as opposed to £700 last year. This is solely due to the wet summer being ideal for grass growth. I have had to cut my sections much more this year often more frequently than once a week. Unless you keep pace with the growth it becomes seriously difficult.

No more wild flower seeds or bulbs have been planted this year, conservation has concentrated on repairing storm damage to existing trees and planting new ones. Seven new trees have been planted. An Alder, two Aspens, a Sweet Chestnut, A Large Leafed Lime, an Alder Buckthorn and a Field Maple. All have taken, and the alder and aspens are doing especially well as they are well suited to the wet conditions. Planting was carried out by John Black, Rob Dove, Chris Harrison and Graham & Sue Nichol. Planting and erecting protection from deer was quite a task as the ground is very stony, cobbles up to 10" diameter had to be removed. The Walnut tree planted two years ago has finally started to thrive after a very slow start.

As agreed at the last meeting work has commenced to clear the fallen willow trees. Once this is completed, we will plant something to replace them. If anyone has any thoughts on what they would like please let me know.

This year a serious effort has been made to control the Himalayan Balsam which has invaded the land in front of Hopefield cottages. In order to control the bracken, brambles and nettles to allow access and I cut the area twice using a special scrub blade on a large brushcutter. Members of The Group, and six volunteers from Cumbria Wildlife Trust Duddon Support Group pulled balsam on three occasions. A total of 1900 balsam plants were pulled on our section and the CWT section to the west of the stream. We also assisted CWT working parties with balsam control on their land to the south of the A5092. This work was coordinated by Scott Petrek the CWT reserve manager for Lowick Common.

As agreed at the last meeting, we hope to improve the land in front of Hopefield cottages by clearing unwanted vegetation and planting some juniper bushes. I have cut a path along the field wall and cleared our side of the stream. A number of people have commented on how nice this area now is.

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Clearing and maintaining this area will not be easy. To help matters I applied to The Hadfield trust in September for funding to provide a hut so that the large mower can be stored here for regular use. It is currently stored in poor conditions too far from the point of use and is deteriorating. We also intend to build a small wooden bridge to allow the mower to be taken across the stream and make crossing easier for walkers. My application was successful and we received £2063 towards the works and a friend contributed £250 making a total of £2313. We will discuss the way forward at the December meeting.

Ali Harrison, Anna Guest and Katy Jones, have taken over as controllers of the allotments, though my contact is usually with Ali. I received a complaint about the general state of the allotments, especially about the large "compost heap" with nettles leaning across the track across The Green. Ali has made arrangements for Ben Thompson and John Sutcliffe to remove the heap; she has also asked me to make a grant application to replace the fencing once she has three quotes. I will first try Bay Wind who have provided funding to other local charities.

I carried out the autumn cut of the wildflower areas myself in October. Sorry if anyone felt left out, but the autumn has been so wet that it was impossible to organise anything properly. I managed it in a couple of six hour days with the rain starting again just as I finished. I have ceased cutting the verge on the east side of the A5092; with ever increasing and aggressive traffic, bottles thrown from cars and deep ruts caused by heavy vehicles leaving the road it has just become too difficult and dangerous.

The seat in front of the Old Police House has been sanded off and given two coats of oil-based stain.

The rotting Parish Council Notice Board next to the telephone box was replaced early in the year with an aluminium one. The parish council paid for the board which was ordered by and installed by The Group. The installation team was John Black, Rob Dove, Chris Harrison and myself. The Group paid for the installation materials.

We need some new, preferable younger members, I will petition a few people to see if I can get them to attend the AGM. Although it is only once a year we need some fit people to assist with the autumn clear up. We also need a succession plan for ageing trustees.

Full details of donations and expenditure is given in the accounts but briefly we have received: -
£200 from the Lowick Village Hall Fund, a letter of thanks was sent.
£350 was received from Lowick Parish Council.
£350 from the K-B walk, thanks to Simon for the application.
£200 was made by hiring out the large mower.

Richard Ellwood, Chair.

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Lowick Green Management Group Annual General Meeting December 10th 2024

Financial Report

Income

- The Tai Chi donation has stopped, partly due to the poor weather and partly because using the grass at the side of the Hall is more convenient for the group.
- We have lost a couple of our Friends donations, due to relocation, but thanks to a regular donation from Mr & Mrs Nichols and a very generous donation from another of our members, our Friends donations have increased.
- The Annual Grants from the Keswick to Barrow Walk, Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee are vital in keeping us solvent.
- We had a welcome payment for the hire of our heavy duty grass cutter
- The allotment rent has not been paid this year yet, although only £1 is not really significant!

Payments

- The Annual Insurance went down - amazingly!
- We spent more on grass cutting this year owing to the early spring and mild, wet summer, to ensure that the Green always looks good.
- The bank charges stayed the same
- Richard bought posts to support the newly planted trees on the Green which were bought as a gift by one of our members. The trees were planted by members of the Committee and Friends, so particular thanks to all those who gave up their time to help.

Also, thanks to all the committee members and volunteers for their work on the Green this year, and thanks to Martin for his vigilance and knowing when to cut the Green.

Income and Payments Breakdown					
Income	2023	2024	Payments	2023	2024
Friends	£232.00	£394.00	Grass Cutting	£700.00	£1100.00
Tai Chi Donations	£240.00		Insurance	£230.68	£176.20
Keswick to Barrow	£350.00	£350.00	R Ellwood - Posts	£47.52	£232.77
Village Hall Committee Grant	£200.00	£200.00			
Parish Council Grant	£360.00	£360.00			
Allotment rent	£001.00				
Mower hire		£200.00	HSBC Bank Charges	£60.80	£60.80
	£1383.00	£1504.00		£1039.00	£1569.77
Excess	+ £344.00				-£65.77

Comparison between 2023 and 2024		
	2023	2024
Brought Forward	£3990.12	£4334.12
Income this financial year	£1383.00	£1504.00
Payments this financial year	£1039.00	£1569.77
Difference	+ £344.00	- £65.77
Carried Forward	£4334.12	£4268.35

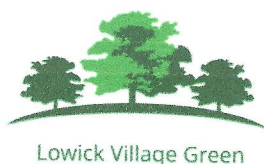
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Balance Brought Forward					4334.12
	Income		Payments		
10.11.23	Friends Nichols	12.00			4346.12
21.11.23	K2B	350.00			4696.12
25.11.23			JMH Services	50.00	4646.12
29.11.23			Bank Charge	5.00	4641.12
11.12.23	Friends Nichols	12.00			4653.12
20.12.23			Insurance	176.20	4476.92
29.12.23			Bank Charge	5.00	4471.92
10.01.24	Friends Nichols	12.00			4483.92
29.01.24			Bank Charge	5.40	4478.52
08.02.24	Friends Nichols	12.00			4490.52
29.02.24			Bank Charge	5.00	4485.52
11.03.24	Friends Nichols	12.00			4497.52
29.03.24			Bank Charge	5.00	4492.52
09.04.24			R.Ellwood – Posts	232.77	4259.75
10.04.24	Friends Nichols	12.00			4271.75
29.04.24			Bank Charge	5.00	4266.75
10.05.24	Friends Nichols	12.00			4278.75
17.05.24			JMH Services	250.00	4028.75
29.05.24			Bank Charge	5.00	4023.75
10.06.24	Friends Nichols	12.00			4035.75
29.06.24			Bank Charge	5.00	4030.75
08.07.24	PC Grant	360.00			4390.75
10.07.24	Friends Nichols	12.00			4402.75
19.07.24	Village Hall Grant	200.00			4602.75
24.07.24			JMH Services	400.00	4202.75
24.07.24	P Crow – Mower hire	200.00			4402.75
29.07.24			Bank Charge	5.00	4397.75
12.08.24	Friends Nichols	12.00			4409.75
28.08.24	Friends Yates	250.00			4659.75
29.08.24			Bank Charge	5.40	4654.35
08.09.24			JMH Services	250.00	4404.35
10.09.24	Friends Nichols	12.00			4416.35
29.09.24			Bank Charge	5.00	4411.35
10.10.24	Friends Nichols	12.00			4423.35
19.10.24			JMH Services	150.00	4273.35
29.10.24			Bank Charge	5.00	4268.35
Carried Forward. Balance at 8th November 2024					4268.35

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The Green remains in good condition with much minimal traffic damage in the last winter period. Traffic damage in the last two years has been much less than in previous years; hopefully a sign of more respect from passing vehicles. New posts to protect the corner of "The Triangle" from traffic were installed in May to replace the original ones which had rotted. Longer posts were used this time to give better visibility to traffic. Littering remains minimal and limited to a few paper cups and a few nitrous oxide chargers, one of which caused £40 of damage to a mower.

An event to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III was held on The Green on Sunday 7th May. Music was provided by Richard & Tammi Butler; the weather was good and the event was a success. During the event, the Mountain Indicator in memory of Helen Ellwood was unveiled by Sheena Jackson and Roz Fox. A base for the indicator was kindly constructed by Chris Harrison, the installation has received general approval.

The wild flower seeds sown on the bare ground where wind damaged trees were removed have been very successful this summer with a splendid display just above the well. A 5ft tall teasle appeared and was the subject of some discussion.

We have an issue with Himalayan Balsam in the rough area in front of Hopefield Cottages. We have received some criticism from Cumbria Wildlife Trust Duddon Support Group for allowing this to happen, as they fear it may stray onto the reserve. John Black and Myself spent a day, along with some CWT volunteers removing it in June. Even with a lot of hard work we were only able to remove about 1/3 of the total and were exhausted at the end of our efforts. This is a difficult problem as the ground is very rough and unpleasant to work in due to nettles and brambles. Himalayan Balsam is a proscribed weed, and it is a criminal offence to allow it to spread "*Under the provisions made within Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, it is an offence to plant or cause Himalayan balsam (Impatiens glandulifera) to grow in the wild.*" If pulled plants are taken offsite they must be transported as hazardous waste to a licensed disposal site. We need a plan for this area.

Sue Hotchkiss has resigned as chair / secretary of the allotments, and has been unable to find anyone to take over the role. She has handed the position back to LGMG. Although administration of the allotments is not arduous, my feeling is that the duty should be held by one of the allotment holders rather than LGMG. We need to discuss a way forward.

Whilst the spring was dry, most of the summer has been very wet and we were unable to carry out the autumn cut of the rough areas without causing excessive ground damage as most of this area has been either very wet or under standing water since the end of September. Progress on willow tree removal has also been slow for the same reason. We need to agree what trees we should plant in place of the removed willow.

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RM Ellwood 30 Nov 2023

The phone box is looking good after it's repaint last year. Some of the books inside have been there for some time and have suffered from the damp. I will clear anything not fit for further use in the new year. If you see a book you would like, please take it now.

The Parish Council notice board next to the telephone box has been in poor condition for some time. It finally collapsed at the end of October leaving the contents strewn on the ground; with their permission I took the sad remains to Ulverston Recycling Centre. I have ordered a metal replacement from a local supplier and volunteered to erect it. The invoice will go directly to Lowick Parish Council for payment.

We need some new, preferable younger members. Two trustees have died in the past two years, and some of our Friends have left the village. Although it is only once a year we need some fit people to assist with the autumn clear up. We also need a succession plan for ageing trustees.

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RM Ellwood 30 Nov 2023

Lowick Green Management Group AGM 12th December 2023

Financial Report November 2022 to November 2023

Brought Forward 8 th November 2022	£3990.12
Balance Carried Forward 8 th November 2023	£4334.12
Income this financial year	£1383.00
Payments this financial year	£1039.00
Excess	£344.00

Income Breakdown		Payments Breakdown	
Friends	£232.00	Grass Cutting	£700.00
Tai Chi Donations	£240.00	Insurance	£230.68
Keswick to Barrow	£350.00	R Ellwood - Posts	£47.52
Village Hall Committee Grant	£200.00	HSBC Bank Charges	£60.80
Parish Council Grant	£360.00		
Allotment rent	£001.00		
	£1383.00		£1039.00
Excess	£344.00		

The excess of £344.00 is comparable with last year's excess of £330.27, so we have maintained our balance this year.

Thanks go to the Friends of the Green, the Tai Chi Group, the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee and the Keswick to Barrow walk whose contributions are all essential for the upkeep of the Green.

Our main expenditure is the grass cutting which keeps the Green looking in good condition for its use as a Community Amenity as well as a haven for wildlife and is done regularly by Martin Hawcard at a very reasonable rate, so thanks go to him too.

Latest News

We have been awarded £350 from this year's Keswick to Barrow, so thanks to Simon for submitting the bid.

The insurance premium is less for next year which is good news.

Judith Dove (Treasurer)

R Ellwood 30 Nov 2024

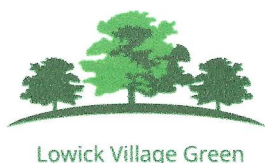
LOWICK GREEN MANAGEMENT GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12th DECEMBER 2023

FINANCIAL REPORT - NOVEMBER 8th 2022 TO NOVEMBER 8th 2023

Date	Income		Payments		Balance
08.11.22	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD				3990.12
10.11.22	Tai Chi Donation	10.00			4000.12
10.11.22	Friends Nichols	10.00			4010.12
25.11.22	Keswick2Barrow	350.00			4360.12
29.11.22			HSBC Bank Charge	5.00	4355.12
30.11.22			Insurance	230.68	4124.44
02.12.22	Tai Chi Donation	10.00			4134.44
12.12.23	Friends Nichols	10.00			4144.44
06.01.23			Bank Charge	5.40	4139.04
06.01.23	Tai Chi Donation	10.00			4149.04
10.01.23	Friends Nichols	10.00			4159.04
29.01.23			Bank Charge	5.00	4154.04
08.02.23	Tai Chi Donation	30.00			4184.04
10.02.23	Friends Nichols	10.00			4194.04
01.03.23	Friends John Black	100.00			4294.04
02.03.23			Bank Charge	5.00	4289.04
10.03.23	Friends Nichols	10.00			4299.04
29.03.23	TaiChi Donation	50.00			4349.04
29.03.23			Bank Charge	5.00	4344.04
11.04.23	Friends Nichols	10.00			4354.04
14.04.23	Tai Chi Donation	25.00			4379.04
29.04.23			Bank Charge	5.00	4374.04
30.04.23			Richard Ellwood	47.52	4326.52
10.05.23	Friends Nichols	12.00			4338.52
19.05.23	Tai Chi Donation	15.00			4353.52
29.05.23			Bank Charge	5.00	4348.52
12.06.23	Friends Nichols	12.00			4360.52
15.06.23			JMH Services	300.00	4060.52
23.06.23	Tai Chi Donation	30.00			4090.52
27.06.23	Village Hall Committee	200.00			4290.52
29.06.23			Bank Charge	5.00	4285.52
05.07.23	Parish Council Grant	360.00			4645.52
10.07.23	Friends Nichols	12.00			4657.52
21.07.23	Tai Chi Donation	20.00			4677.52
29.07.23			Bank Charge	5.40	4672.12
04.08.23	Tai Chi Donation	10.00			4682.12
10.08.23	Friends Nichols	12.00			4694.12
29.08.23			Bank Charge	5.00	4689.12
11.09.23	Friends Nichols	12.00			4701.12
29.09.23			Bank Charge	5.00	4696.12
05.10.23			JMH Services	400.00	4269.12
06.10.23	Tai Chi Donation	30.00			3426.12
10.10.23	Friends Nichols	12.00			4338.12
29.10.23			Bank Charge	5.00	4333.12
02.11.23	Allotment Rent	1.00			4334.12
08.11.23	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD				4334.12

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Lowick Green Management Group

Registered Charity No:- 1161934

Chairmans report November 2021 – November 2022

The Green remains in good condition with much less traffic damage during the last winter. There has been no repeat of the littering incidents experienced at the height of the covid outbreak.

Due to Covid no organised fundraising events have been held, a socially distanced event was carried out with UVHS Swing Band to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This was not specifically a fund-raising event, but any donations were split between The Green & The UVHS Swing band. The Green continues to be used by residents, visitors and the local Tai Chi Group; who have again made contribution to funds.

Drainage has remained much better after the work carried out by Lowick Young farmers detailed in last year's report.

Storm Arwen blew down five trees on The Green. LGMG Members and Friends cut up three trees and re-erected a willow and a silver birch using a fork lift truck. Unfortunately, the willow blew over again a couple of months later and had to be cut up by a group member. Ben Thompson removed and disposed of the stumps of two of the fallen trees using an excavator; he did this work free of charge. £250 (donated by a member) of wild flower seeds were sown in the large bare areas left by the removal of tree stumps; the sowing was too late for a good display this year, but we look forward to next year. Three new trees were planted to replace losses, A European Cherry (*Prunus Aviens*); A Bird Cherry (*Prunus Padus*) and a European Walnut (*Juglans Regia*). All trees are UK native species, and have been fenced off to prevent damage by deer. The trees were paid for from the will of Helen Ellwood. The willow tree in front of Hopefield Cottages was cut down in June, as agreed with the parish council. A rowan tree to replace it will be planted during the coming winter. The three oak trees which were grown from acorns by local children and planted three years ago, have grown well. Additional protection from damage by deer has been erected around one of them.

£200 was received from the Lowick Village Hall Fund, a letter of thanks was sent.

£360 was received from Lowick Parish Council.

Full details of income and expenditure are given in the Treasurer's Report.

The phone box has been repainted by a contractor, the repaint was paid for by a gift in the will of Helen Ellwood. It is a good professional job.

Sadly, Helen Ellwood one of the founder trustees died in February this year. Helen will be sadly missed for her contribution to fieldwork and editorial scrutiny of group documents. Helen left an allowance in her will to replace trees, provide wildflower seeds, repaint the phone box and provide a mountain indicator. All except the mountain indicator are complete.

Richard Ellwood, Chair.

Chairman:- Richard Ellwood; Secretary:- Tracey Walker; Treasurer:- Judith Dove

30-Nov-22

Lowick Green Management Group

Financial Report November 2022

Income Nov 21-Nov 22	£2024.05
Outgoings Nov 21-Nov22	£1693.78
Excess in 2022	£330.27
Brought forward from 2021	£3659.85
Balance in Bank Nov 2022	£3990.12

Income Breakdown		Outgoings Breakdown	
Friends	£210.00	Grass Cutting	£850.00
Tai Chi Donations	£297.00	Insurance	£220.98
Jubilee Collection	£191.05	Telephone box painting	£567.00
		HSBC Bank Charges	£55.80
Grants:			
Village Hall	£200.00		
Parish Council	£360.00		
Parish Council Tree Grant	£165.00		
Helen Ellwood Bequest	£600.00		
Allotment rent	£001.00		
	£2024.05		£1693.78

As we can see from the above, we have an excess of £330.27 in this financial year, helped greatly by the contributions from the Tai Chi group which helped us to just about break even. The group use the Green for their session on a Friday when it's not actually raining. The hardy souls go out in all weathers apart from pouring rain! As the Green is for the use of the community, they are not obliged to contribute but they are happy to do so.

Thanks also go to the Friends of the Green, whose contribution is very valuable. The Grants from the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee are essential for our upkeep, so thanks go to them.

The main expenditure is the grass cutting, which we may have to think about. The necessary insurance is a reasonable amount.

The telephone box painting was paid for out of the very generous bequest from Helen, who specifically asked for it to be used for this purpose.

Judith Dove (Treasurer)



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Lowick Green Management Group Accounts 21 st November 2021 – 21 st November 2022					
Date	Income	Amount	Outgoings	Amount	Balance
21.11.21	Brought Forwards				3659.85
30.11.21			JMH Services	150.00	3509.85
03.12.21	Tai Chi Donation	13.00			3522.85
09.12.21	Cheque 100031	220.98			3301.87
10.12.21	Friends Nichols	10.00			3311.87
17.12.21	Tai Chi Donation	13.00			3324.87
29.12.21			HSBC charge	5.00	3319.87
10.01.22	Friends Nichols	10.00			3329.87
29.01.22			HSBC charge	5.40	3324.47
04.02.22	Tai Chi Donation	31.00			3355.47
10.02.22	Friends Nichols	10.00			3365.47
01.03.22	Friend John Black	100.00			3465.47
01.03.22			HSBC bank charge	5.00	3460.47
04.03.22	Tai Chi Donation	30.00			3490.47
10.03.22	Friends Nichols	10.00			3500.47
29.03.22			HSBC bank charge	5.00	
01.04.22	Tai Chi Donation	30.00			3525.47
11.04.22	Friends Nichols	10.00			3535.47
29.04.22			HSBC bank charge	5.00	3530.47
10.05.22	Friends Nichols	10.00			3540.47
13.05.22	Tai Chi Donation	40.00			3580.47
29.05.22			HSBC bank charge	5.00	3575.47
06.05.22	R Ellwood Jubilee Collection	191.05			3766.52
10.06.22	Friends Nichols	10.00			3776.52
17.06.22	Tai Chi Donation	10.00			3786.52
21.06.22	Village Hall Donation	200.00			3986.52
29.06.22			HSBC bank charge	5.00	3981.52
05.07.22	Parish Council Grant	360.00			4341.52
11.07.22	Friends Nichols	10.00			4351.52
22.07.22	Parish Council Tree Grant	165.00			4516.52
29.07.22			HSBC Bank charge	5.40	4511.12
29.07.22	Tai Chi donation	15.00			4526.12
04.08.22			JMH Services	450.00	4076.12
10.08.22	Friends Nichols	10.00			4086.12
26.08.22	Tai Chi Donation	50.00			4136.12
29.08.22			HSBC Bank Charges	5.00	4131.12
02.09.22	Thai Chi Donation	20.00			4151.12
12.09.22	Friends Nichols	10.00			4161.12
29.09.22			HSBC Bank Charges	5.00	4156.12
07.10.22	Thai Chi Donation	45.00			4201.12
10.10.22	Friend Nichols	10.00			4211.12
29.10.22			HSBC Bank Charges	5.00	4206.12
01.11.22	Allotment Rent	1.00			4207.12
05.11.22	Lee Logan Ltd (phone box)			567.00	3640.12
05.11.22	R Ellwood (Helen Will).	600.00			4240.12
06.11.22			JMH Services	250.00	3990.12
10.11.22	Friends Nichols	10.00			4000.12
18.11.22	Tai Chi Donation	10.00			4010.12
21.11.22	Balance				4010.12

R Ellwood 30-Nov-22.

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Lowick Green Management Group

Registered Charity No:- 1161934

Trustees report April November 2020 - November 2021.

The Green remains in good condition. Due to Covid no organised fundraising events have been held, but The Green continues to be used by residents, visitors and the local Tai Chi Group; who have very kindly made contributions to the funds.

Considerable flooding was experienced in the woodland area over the winter; the most likely cause is damage to drains in this area by the large collapsed willow tree. The fallen branches are re-rooting and the tree is spreading into the wildflower area. Lowick Young Farmers eased the flooding by digging some surface channels and did a really good job, but a permanent solution will eventually be required. A letter of thanks was sent. A request in writing has been received from a number of residents of Hopefield cottages to remove a willow tree which is blocking their view. The request has been agreed with the parish council and we hope to remove the tree over the winter. Another less obtrusive tree, probably a rowan will be planted in its place. Two mature birch trees and a willow tree were blown down during Storm Arwen.

Once again some of our usual funding streams were not available due to Covid, but a grant of £150 from the SLDC rewilding fund was spent on daffodil bulbs and wild flower seeds. The seeds germinated well and there was a good showing of Corncockle, Poppies and Yellow Rattle, we await the appearance of more daffodils in spring. £200 was received from the Lowick Village Hall Fund, a letter of thanks was sent.

Sadly, one of our trustees died during the year, we will miss Mike Child and his lively contributions to the group. Two friends have left The Friends Group, Kate and Paul Chamberlain have left the village, once again their wise council and contributions will be missed.

Both the phone box door, which was damaged by Storm Arwen, and the bus stop sign, which was hit by a van were repaired by a group member. There have been no repeats of the littering and other nuisances experienced last year, our local district councillor Ian Wharton is to be thanked for raising this issue across the National Park.

Because of Covid constraints the AGM was again held virtually by email. Minutes will be issued with this report once it is approved.

Chairman:- Richard Ellwood; Secretary:- Tracey Walker; Treasurer:- Judith Dove

Routine revalidation of our Bank Account details has been carried out with HSBC. This has been a long process requiring considerable time and effort from the treasurer, chairman and other trustees

Richard Ellwood, Chair.

Lowick Green Management Group Financial Report **November 2021**

Since the last AGM, there hadn't been a great deal of activity financially. Our income has come from our usual grants from the Parish Council (two this year as last year's was late) and the Village Green Committee and the support of our 'Friends', for which we are very grateful. Many thanks also go to Tai Chi group for their generous donations. They used the Green for their weekly sessions during lockdown and found that as Tai Chi was originally conceived as being an outside activity in natural surroundings, the Green was an ideal space, and as a result even though lockdown is over they are continuing to use it, weather permitting!

Our outgoings consisted of our grass cutting and Insurance as every year plus a small amount for bulb purchase. We haven't had much opportunity for wider upkeep or development of the Green over the past 18 months, although our thanks go to Richard for keeping his eye on the Green and doing work on things that needed to be done, but we may have to spend a little more of the balance of £3659.85 in the coming year. Thanks again to the Friends and the Tai Chi group.

Below is a summary of the accounts, anyone wishing to see the full balance sheet, email me at dovejm@hotmail.com and I'll send you one.

Judith

Summary 1

Income			Expenses	
Grants		£1070.00	Grass Cutting	£600.00
Friends		£360.00	Insurance	£205.67
Tai Chi Group		£323.00	Bulbs	£150.00
Allotment Rent		£1.00		
TOTAL		£1754.00	TOTAL	£955.67

Summary 2

			Bank Balance	
Income	£1754.00		End Balance	£3659.85
Expenses	£955.67		Start Balance	£2861.52
Difference	£798.33		Difference	£798.33

Lowick Green Management Group Accounts 10 th November 2020 – 10 th November 2021					
Date	Income	Amount	Outgoings	Amount	Balance
10.11.20	Friends Nichols	10.00			2861.52
16.11.20	Friends Chamberlain	10.00			2871.52
10.12.20	Friends Nichols	10.00			2881.52
11.12.20			Insurance	205.67	2675.85
15.12.20	Friends Chamberlain	10.00			2685.85
11.01.	Friends Nichols	10.00			2695.85

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15.01. 21	Friends Chamberlain	10.00			2705.85
18.01. 21	Donation Lowick PC	225.00			2930.85
22.01. 21	Donation Lowick PC	135.00			3065.85
10.02. 21	Friends Nichols	10.00			3075.85
15.02. 21	Friends Chamberlain	10.00			3085.85
01.03. 21	Friends John Black	100.00			3185.85
05.03. 21	SLDC Creditors	150.00			3335.85
08.03. 21			R. Ellwood- Bulbs	150.00	3185.85
10.04. 21	Friends Nichols	10.00			3195.85
12.04. 21	Friends Nichols	10.00			3205.85
10.05. 21	Friends Nichols	10.00			3215.85
18.05 21			JMH Services	200.00	3015.85
10.06. 21	Friends Nichols	10.00			3025.85
25.06. 21	Tai Chi Donation	140.00			3165.85
02.07. 21	Tai Chi Donation	39.00			3204.85
12.07. 21	Friends Nichols	10.00			3214.85
23.07. 21	V Hall Committee Grant	200.00			3414.85
03.08. 21			JMH Services	200.00	3214.85
10.08. 21	Friends Nichols	10.00			3224.85
20.08. 21	Tai Chi Donation	52.00			3276.85
10.09. 21	Friends Nichols	10.00			3286.85
11.09. 21			JMH Services	200.00	3086.85
17.09. 21	Parish Council Grant	360.00			3446.85
17.09. 21	Tai Chi Donation	39.00			3485.85
02.10. 21	Tai Chi Donation	39.00			3485.85
12.10. 21	Donation Sue Thompson	100.00			3625.85
27.10. 21	Allotment rent	1.00			3626.85
06.11. 21	Tai Chi Donation	13.00			3649.85
10.11.	Friends Nichols	10.00			3659.85

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		1754.00		955.67	