



Lowick Green Management Group

Registered Charity No:- 1161934

Chairmans report November 2022 – November 2023

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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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.

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.

Richard Ellwood, Chair.

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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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