

ROOLEY MOOR NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1165601

Details

Other names RMNF

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-02-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE HIGH STANDARDS OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE IN OR AFFECTING THE AREA OF BENEFIT.2. TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, NATURAL HISTORY, CULTURE AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT.3. TO SECURE THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FEATURES OR AREAS OF HISTORIC OR PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ESTABLISH A NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM FOR THE AREA OF BENEFIT TO PROMOTE AND OR IMPROVE THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING OF THE AREA

Activities: Promote high standards of planning and architecture. Secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features or areas of historic or public interest.Educate the public in the geography, history, natural history, culture and architecture of our area.Establish a neighbourhood forum to promote and or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of our area

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Rochdale

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£1,501	£1,748	-	-
2024-08-31	£1,244	£759	-	-
2023-08-31	£18	£158	-	-
2022-08-31	£1,005	£3,615	-	-
2021-08-31	£6,885	£12,677	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MR Andrew Meek	Chair	2016-10-06
ALAN RAWSTERNE		2015-09-17
Alan Billingsley		2026-01-30
JOHN NEWCOMBE		2016-02-16
MS Frances Healey		2016-10-06
Nigel John Morrell		2019-11-21
Stuart Davies		2021-11-17
Susan Neilson		2026-01-30

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Legal & Administrative Information

Status

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Structure

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Andy Meek – Trustee & Chair

John Newcombe – Trustee & Treasurer

Alan Rawsterne - Trustee & Secretary

Frances Healey – Trustee

Nigel Morrell – Trustee

Reverend Morley Morgan - Trustee

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Reports from Trustees and Officers of the Forum

Structure, Governance and Management

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It is the duty of each Trustee:

- a) To exercise his or her powers and to perform his or her functions as a Trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO; and
- b) To exercise, in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to:
 - i. any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and
 - ii. if he or she acts as a charity Trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

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In February this year Cecile Biant resigned as RMNF Honorary Vice President, so that she able concentrate on her other priorities. This year Andy Meek, Nigel Morrell and Alan Rawsterne will resign as Trustees at the 2025 Annual General Meeting, and they all wish to be considered for re-election.

Forum Objects

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Accounting Policy, Income & Funds Structure

Income arises from restricted funds (grants), unrestricted donations and recovered Gift Aid.

Expenditure is recognised when an invoice is received, or payment made.

There are no tangible fixed assets.

The Reserves Policy of Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum CIO is to hold reserves from unrestricted funds to cover our known annual liabilities (such as insurance, hire of meeting rooms, website costs, etc.). £400 has been proposed to cover these costs. The reserves policy will be reviewed at each Annual General Meeting.

Achievements & Performance

This year's financial transactions are not significant, but we've not been dormant, and we continue to explore opportunities to help us deliver our charitable objectives.

Off road vehicles - Operation Dragster continues as a combined initiative between Greater Manchester Police, Lancashire Police, West Yorkshire Police, United Utilities, and many local volunteers. The objective of Operation Dragster to reduce the growing volume of illegal off-road activity in and around our area that is so badly damaging the moorland, attracting fly tipping and other types of antisocial behaviour, has been severely undermined by the insistence of Cubico Sustainable Investments to use Catley Lane Head and the Mary Towneley Loop National Trail Bridleway as an access route to erect a meteorological mast at Top of Leach - more of that later. Following the repair of the barrier and gate on the bridleway at the Rooley Moor Road / Knacks Lane junction, it was vandalised again a few weeks after its reinstatement and is now beyond economical repair. Unfortunately, legitimate users of the moorland remain at risk through reckless behaviour and / or threats of violence from illegal off roaders. We are grateful to all involved in Operation Dragster, although it's disappointing to note that the number of illegal motorised vehicles being reported accessing the moor seems to be increasing.

The "Norden, Bamford and Heywood Bridleways Association" (NBHBA) Section 38 application to the Secretary of State went to inquiry to seek permission and the Endenfield Road fence was approved with conditions. We believe those conditions have been implemented and the Section 38 case is completed and closed.

Moorland Restoration - Our commitment to preserving our upland moorlands from onerous development and aggressive misuse is constant, ongoing, and worthwhile. The forum trustees are disappointed to note a recent application from Cubico Sustainable Investments for the development of a wind farm that includes Rooley Moor.

Planning - The trustees resolutely support the forum's primary objective, to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the Neighbourhood Area. We remain committed to preserving the Conservation Area's, Green Belt and Common Land in and around the Neighbourhood Area, which includes the habitations and surrounding landscapes.

The trustees have carefully considered the role of local planning and how Planning Officers work with and on behalf the local communities they are tasked to serve. The forum continues to try and be actively engaged in specific areas of direct concern and monitors weekly planning applications that are lodged with the Council.

The forum trustees have submitted a response to the Regulation 18 Notice of intention to update the Rochdale Local Plan and Call for Sites.

Scout Moor II Wind Farm - The proposed Scout Moor II Wind Farm has been a major area of focus for RMNF over the past year, particularly given its potential impact on the moorland landscape, heritage assets, and the wider setting of the Cotton Famine Road and Rooley Moor.

A new planning application for the scheme is now live and has been formally submitted to both Rossendale Borough Council and Rochdale Borough Council. RMNF is monitoring both applications closely and trying to engage with each Local Planning Authority to ensure that community concerns and heritage considerations are fully represented.

The Forum's position remains opposed to any development on Scout Moor and that the applicant must robustly address:

- Noise and the unacceptable risks to health and of rendering homes uninhabitable due to Wind Turbine Acoustic Pollution (WTAP).
- The cumulative landscape and visual impact on the South Pennine uplands, including key viewpoints from Rooley Moor and the Mary Towneley Loop.
- The potential harm to the historic environment, particularly the Cotton Famine Road.
- The ecological sensitivity of the peatland habitats and the implications for carbon storage, water management, and biodiversity.
- The need for transparent and participatory decision-making processes.

Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone - The Government has formally ruled out a charging Clean Air Zone in Greater Manchester. Instead, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority will deliver an investment-led Clean Air Plan focused on cleaner buses, taxi upgrades, and traffic-flow improvements. Whilst we consider this matter to be closed, we will continue to monitor the process.

Catley Lane Head Conservation Area - We are pleased to report that a permanent CCTV installation has been provided to help reduce antisocial behaviour in the area. We continue to pursue the following initiatives:

- Reinstatement of a bus service to the village, and
- Traffic calming measures either side of the village.

Social media - We are asking organisations and the public not to advertise on our sites. However, the forum trustees are happy to allow appropriate content from “not for profit” organisations that will help people.

We continue to work with other organisations and are pleased to be members of **Macc**, a charity whose purpose is quite simply the city of Manchester. They encourage, support, and help to develop voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to allow local people to have a real influence over the places and communities in which they live.

We also continue with our membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and the Lancashire Local History Federation, the official co-ordinating body for local history in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Lancashire and Greater Manchester Local Lists – Our nominations for the Cotton Famine Road and the Royal Ordinance Factory, Healey Hall have still not been processed for inclusion and we note as of December 2024 both websites are temporarily closed to the public.

We continue to make our heritage trail leaflets freely available throughout the borough so people can take exercise and enjoy the wide-open spaces of the surrounding moorland.

Cotton Famine Road Project - Our work with History in Action CIC and writer Mick Martin to commission a community arts project to meet our education object came to nothing. Unfortunately, our aim to create and undertake a community arts project was not considered a suitable application for National Lottery Heritage Funding.

Governance

Policies and Procedures – We have reviewed and maintained our Safeguarding policy and procedure.

Public Liability Insurance (PLI) - Has been renewed to allow forum meetings, activities, and events to continue.

Health & Safety - There are no issues to report.

Trustee training – There has been no training.

Grants & funding – There have been no grants, however we have collected donations on behalf of the Friends of the Moorland and the Say No to Scout Moor 2 group in support of their position to oppose the Scout Moor 2 Wind Farm planning application.

Can you help?

- **Heritage Open Day's (HOD)** – The Trustees would like to explore how we can involve the area in future HOD events.
- **Want to be a RMNF Trustee?** - We are looking for new Trustees to join RMNF - Trustees are responsible for controlling the charity's management and administration. They are responsible for ensuring our charity's income and property is used only for the purposes set out in our governing document and for no other purpose. Trustees have a responsibility to act reasonably and prudently in all matters relating to the charity and they have a responsibility to act in the best interests of the charity.

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Year End: 31-Aug-25

	2024/25 Restricted	2024/25 Restricted	2024/25 Restricted	2024/25 Restricted	2024/25 Unrestrict ed	2024/25 Total
	Adj £	DQAG £	ORMM £	SN2 £	£	£
Opening Balance B/F from Summary 2023-24	-1	967	2,292	0	389	3,646
INCOME						
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donations In	0	0	0	1,501	0	1,501
Total Income	0	0	0	1,501	0	1,501
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Consultant Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Donations Out	0	0	0	0	0	0
Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	-270	0	-270
Projects	0	0	-1,194	0	0	-1,194
In Bloom	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc Expenses	0	0	0	0	-44	-44
Total Expenditure	0	-240	-1,194	-270	-44	-1,748
Closing Balance	-1	727	1,098	1,231	345	3,399

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The RMNF trustees supported the "Norden, Bamford and Heywood Bridleways Association" (NBHBA) submission of a Section 38 application to the Secretary of State to seek permission for the Endenfield Road fence to remain in place. An inquiry took place and the S38 application was approved with conditions that now need implementing.

Moorland Restoration - Our commitment to preserving our upland moorlands from onerous development and aggressive misuse is constant, ongoing, and worthwhile. The forum trustees are disappointed to note a recent proposal for the development of a wind farm that includes Rooley Moor. More information about the wind farm proposal is required for the RMNF trustees to determine the position of the forum regarding this matter.

Planning - The trustees resolutely support the forum's primary objective, to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the Neighbourhood Area. We remain committed to preserving Green Belt and Common Land in and around the Neighbourhood Area, which includes the habitations and surrounding landscapes.

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The forum trustees have submitted a response to the Regulation 18 Notice of intention to update the Rochdale Local Plan and Call for Sites.

Prickshaw and Broadley Fold Conservation Area. The **Spring Mill** development has become a lost cause with no progress being made with Rossendale Council or the developer regarding the concerns raised about the potential adverse effects of this development. Unfortunately, the impact of this development on the neighbouring nature reserve and conservation area will soon be realised and any serious consequences of development on inadequately remediated contaminated land may not become apparent for many years.

Turner Brothers Asbestos (TBA) – The TBA site needs to be made safe. Currently there are no planning applications for the TBA site. In its current undisturbed state, the TBA site presents a reduced public health risk. However, buildings on the site are deteriorating and there are issues with riverbank erosion releasing asbestos into the environment. In a worst-case scenario, any asbestos released from the TBA site could be carried as air bourn particles across our area, the effect of which on residents might only be realised many years later.

We continue to seek assurance should a planning application be approved that the appropriate agencies will be on site to ensure compliance to process and to ensure everything is done to reduce risk. If something were to go wrong, we'd expect those agencies to secure an immediate response to any disaster recovery scenario.

To support a 'safety first' approach in dealing with the TBA site, we continue to suggest:

- Land at the TBA site to be registered as contaminated (to ensure the application of appropriate legislation)
- A Health Impact Assessment to be included as part of an Environmental Impact Assessment (to scale the potential risk).
- The site is made secure to protect the public (reference videos on social media site, riverbank erosion exposing asbestos, etc.)
- The remediators / developers have a company structure that clearly defines corporate responsibility that can't disappear (to provide accountability into the future), and
- The provision of adequate Public Liability Insurance that takes account of the time taken for asbestos related diseases to manifest themselves (in the event of anyone developing an asbestos related illness at any time in the future that can be attributed to the remediation / development of TBA).

We've also suggested a 'Working Party' chaired by an influential person (such as a local MP) that includes all the relevant people from the various agencies / organisations (Council, EA, HSE, NHS, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Residents, etc.) should be created to form a forum where

issues of concern can be discussed. Effectively, an 'Inquiry' before rather than after an incident.

We still await feedback from our suggestions and will let you know when we know more.

Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone - The Clean Air Plan is currently under review and the current proposals do NOT include a charging Clean Air Zone. We await with interest the outcome of these proposals.

Catley Lane Head Conservation Area - We continue to pursue the following initiatives:

- Reinstatement of a bus service to the village,
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Social media - We usually ask organisations and the public not to advertise but given the current situation with high energy costs and the potential financial hardships that people might suffer the forum trustees are happy to allow content that will help people and local businesses.

We continue to work with other organisations – Unfortunately, **South Pennines Park** ceased to exist from the beginning of 2024. After reviewing the organisation's position and the shifting landscape they operate in their Board felt they could not continue.

Our work with **Mid Pennine Arts** to deliver the closing stages of the Spodden Vally Revealed (SVR) project for those elements that are within the RMNF neighbourhood area came to nothing. We looked at opportunities to promote the Limers Gate Trail and Healey Dell, and have not been able to take this forward.

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Cotton Famine Road Project - Our work with **History in Action CIC** and Mick Martin, writer for stage, television and radio, to commission a community arts project to meet our education object came to nothing. Unfortunately, our aim to create and undertake a community arts project for Rochdale honouring the men and women who sacrificed everything for principle on The Cotton Famine Road during the Lancashire Cotton Famine (1861–65) was not considered a suitable application for National Lottery Heritage Funding.

Governance

Policies and Procedures – We have reviewed and maintained our Safeguarding policy and procedure.

Public Liability Insurance (PLI) - Has been renewed to allow forum meetings, activities, and events to continue.

Health & Safety - There are no issues to report.

Trustee training – There has been no training.

Grants & funding – £1,194 was received from ward funds for the repair of the barrier and gate on the bridleway at Rooley Mor Road, which was vandalised. Unfortunately, the barrier was vandalised again a few weeks after its reinstatement and is now probably beyond economical repair.

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INCOME					
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	1,194	0	1,194
Projects	0	0	0	0	0
Donations In	0	0	0	50	50
Total Income	0	0	1,194	50	1,244
EXPENDITURE					
Consultant Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0	0	0
Room Hire	0	0	0	0	0
Website	0	-144	0	0	-144
Insurance	0	-157	0	0	-157
Donations Out	0	0	0	0	0
Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0
Projects	0	0	-414	0	-414
In Bloom	0	0	0	0	0
Misc Expenses	0	0	0	-44	-44
Total Expenditure	0	-301	-414	-44	-759
Closing Balance	-1	967	2,292	389	3,646

Reconciliation of Accounts 2023/24 To Bank Statement

	Co-Op
Opening Balance 01/09/23	£3,161.43
Receipts Reported	£1,244.00
Expenditure Reported	-£759.01
Closing Balance 31/8/24 Reported	£3,646.42
Balance at Bank 31/8/24	3,646.42

Transaction date	Bank reference	Customer reference	Account number	Type of payment	Amount	Running Balance (£)
14/09/2023	44684461	Zurich Insurance	892996579304800	Standing Order	-£157.00	£3,004.43
14/09/2023	Section 38 Expense	Gillian Morrell	892996579304800	Standing Order	-£414.01	£2,590.42
17/10/2023	4521501391880000	000000 CREDIT	892996579304800	Own Account Credit	£50.00	£2,640.42
22/12/2023	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRI	LANCASHIRE LOCAL H	892996579304800	Standing Order	-£8.00	£2,632.42
23/02/2024	22751	CAMPAIGN TO PROTEC	892996579304800	Direct Debit	-£36.00	£2,596.42
13/03/2024	2021322	ROCHDALE BC	892996579304800	BACS Credit	£1,194.00	£3,790.42
31/05/2024	WEBSITE HOST	MIMICA LIMITED	892996579304800	Standing Order	-£144.00	£3,646.42

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Nigel Morrell – Trustee

Reverend Morley Morgan - Trustee

Stuart Davies – Trustee

Councillor Peter Winkler

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Independent Examiner

This year we will not seek independent examination due to the low number of transactions. Please note, our accounts are open to anyone who has a legitimate reason to review them.

Reports from Trustees and Officers of the Forum

Structure, Governance and Management

Trustees manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO. In exercising their powers and duties, charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

It is the duty of each Trustee:

- a) To exercise his or her powers and to perform his or her functions as a Trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO; and
- b) To exercise, in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to:
 - i. any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and
 - ii. if he or she acts as a charity Trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

Members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

There are no paid employees of the CIO and the value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into financial reporting.

Including Trustees and Officers there are currently 42 members of the CIO with voting rights. This is one more than last year, and it is worth noting we have seen membership of the forum Facebook page grow to 1,100 members. We have also seen an increased number of people registering on the Forum website, which currently stands at 63, the majority of whom have no voting rights.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

Following on from our last Annual General Meeting and the boundary changes that moved our neighbourhood area in to the Norden Ward, we were pleased to welcome Councillor Peter Winkler as a trustee.

At every Annual General Meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity Trustees retire from office. If the number of charity Trustees is not three, or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity Trustee, he or she shall retire. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment.

Any vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the Annual General Meeting and the members or the charity Trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity Trustee, whether in place of a charity Trustee who has retired or been removed, or as an additional charity Trustee, provided that the limit of 12 charity Trustees is not exceeded.

This year Frances Healey and Morley Morgan will resign as Trustees at the 2023 Annual General Meeting, and they both wish to be considered for re-election.

Forum Objects

The CIO is established for the public benefit without distinction of ability, sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions for the following purposes in the Area of Benefit known as Rooley Moor, which shall hereinafter be referred to as the Neighbourhood.

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1. To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the Area of Benefit.
2. To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history, culture and architecture of the Area of Benefit.
3. To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features or areas of historic or public interest in the Area of Benefit.

In furtherance of the above objects but not otherwise the Trustees shall have the power to establish a Neighbourhood Forum for the Area of Benefit to promote and or improve the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the area.

Accounting Policy, Income & Funds Structure

Income arises from restricted funds (grants), unrestricted donations and recovered Gift Aid.

Expenditure is recognised when an invoice is received, or payment made.

There are no tangible fixed assets.

The Reserves Policy of Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum CIO is to hold reserves from unrestricted funds to cover our known annual liabilities (such as insurance, hire of meeting rooms, website costs, etc.). £400 has been proposed to cover these costs. The reserves policy will be reviewed at each Annual General Meeting.

Achievements & Performance

This year's financial transactions are not significant, but we've not been dormant, we've been exploring several opportunities to help us deliver our charitable objectives.

Off road vehicles - Operation Dragster continues as a combined initiative between Greater Manchester Police, Lancashire Police, United Utilities, and many local volunteers. We are grateful to all involved; although it's disappointing to note increasing numbers of illegal motorised vehicles are targeting the moorland in and around our area. The objective of Operation Dragster is to reduce the growing volume of illegal off-road activity in and around our area that is so badly damaging the moorland, attracting fly tipping and other types of antisocial behaviour, and on some occasions putting legitimate users of the moorland at risk through reckless behaviour and / or threats of violence.

Various stakeholders with an interest in protecting the moorland formed an "Off-road Mitigation Group" to identify opportunities that might support Operation Dragster and law enforcement. It is disappointing to report one of the former stakeholders continues to retrospectively find fault with various installations along Edenfield Road that are intended to support law enforcement activities without hindering equestrian activities. A new equestrian group, the "Norden, Bamford and Heywood Bridleways Association" (NBHBA) engaged with the British Horse Society (BHS) to evaluate and agree equestrian safety requirements and retrospective submit a Section 38 application to the Secretary of State to seek permission for the Endenfield Road fence to remain in place. We await the outcome of the S38 application,

which if approved will require the implementation of BHS recommendations. If the application fails, the fence will have to be removed.

Moorland Restoration - Our commitment to preserving our upland moorlands from onerous development and aggressive misuse is constant, ongoing, and worthwhile. The forum trustees have sought assurance from the Planning Offices at Rochdale and Rossendale that they will acknowledge and engage with the peatland protection scheme and afford the areas of Scout and Rooley Moors special protection. Throughout this year several of the forum trustees met with members of the Lancashire Peat Partnership (LPP) to evaluate the possibility of restoring an area of Rooley Moor known as “Red Pits”. This involved researching the rights of common for common land unit number CL163, which has approximately 29 properties registered with rights of common that can be exercised. The summary of all these rights include:

Sheep	Head of cattle	Horses	Geese
6,977	365	33	25

We determined CL163 has an area of 368 hectares of which Red Pits is a 47-hectare area (12%) located at the northern tip of CL163, north of Ding Quarry and adjacent to the northern border with Lancashire. This area is also designated, “Drinking Water Safeguard Zone (Surface Water)”.

We then had to review the Peatland Code and Wilder Carbon incentives to estimate the potential financial yield for the sequestration of Carbon through peat.

After discussions with members of the **West Pennine Commoners Association** we concluded rewetting moorland could possibly have a detrimental effect on sheep grazing. The Wilder Carbon incentive is likely to provide the best financial outcome. However, it seems the financial yield of the Red Pits area from the sale of carbon credits is likely to be too small to satisfy the landowner and those commoners who might trade their “Rights of Common” for financial recompense. We have decided to hold any further investigation into this matter in abeyance to see how carbon funding develops.

Planning - The trustees resolutely support the forum's primary objective, to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the Neighbourhood Area. We remain committed to preserving Green Belt and Common Land in and around the Neighbourhood Area, which includes the habitations and surrounding landscapes.

The trustees have carefully considered the role of local planning and how Planning Officers work with and on behalf the local communities they are tasked to serve. The forum continues to be actively engaged in specific areas of direct concern and monitor weekly planning applications that are lodged with the Council.

We have asked for our forum to be included as a consultee in the development of Rochdale Councils “Local Plan” and we have decided NOT to seek Rochdale Councils re-designation of the neighbourhood area and forum given our concerns regarding the relevance of neighbourhood planning to the planning process.

Prickshaw and Broadley Fold Conservation Area. The **Spring Mill** development has become a lost cause with no progress being made with Rossendale Council or the developer regarding the concerns raised about the potential adverse effects of this development. Unfortunately, the impact of this development on the neighbouring nature reserve and conservation area will soon be realised and any serious consequences of development on inadequately

remediated contaminated land may not become apparent for many years. Our lessons learned from the Spring Mill experience are that Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) seemingly have no responsibility for the Health and Safety of residents who are put at risk by the developments they approve. LPAs rely on self-regulation and other inadequately resourced agencies (HSE, EA, Police, Fire, Ambulance, NHS etc.) to deal with these matters. It is also disappointing to note that residents bordering new developments are expected to put up with any inconvenience caused (dust, noise, site traffic, out of hours operations, etc.), whilst still being required to pay Council tax. We respectfully suggest the local and national planning function is not fit for purpose, the forum trustees have found little evidence to refute this opinion and struggle to see how Neighbourhood Planning in its current form can have any positive impact on planning issues.

Turner Brothers Asbestos (TBA) – The TBA site needs to be made safe. Currently there are no planning applications for the TBA site. In its current undisturbed state, the TBA site presents a reduced public health risk. However, buildings on the site are deteriorating and there are issues with riverbank erosion releasing asbestos into the environment. In a worst-case scenario, any asbestos released from the TBA site could be carried as air bourn particles across our area, the effect of which on residents might only be realised many years later.

We're seeking assurance should a planning application be approved that the appropriate agencies are on site to ensure compliance to process and to ensure everything is done to reduce risk. If something were to go wrong, we'd expect those agencies to secure an immediate response to any disaster recovery scenario.

To support a 'safety first' approach in dealing with the TBA site, we continue to suggested to our MP's and Councillors that:

- Land at the TBA site to be registered as contaminated (to ensure the application of appropriate legislation)
- A Health Impact Assessment to be included as part of an Environmental Impact Assessment (to scale the potential risk).
- The site is made secure to protect the public (reference videos on social media site, riverbank erosion exposing asbestos, etc.)
- The remediators / developers to have a company structure that clearly defines corporate responsibility that can't disappear (to provide accountability into the future), and
- The provision of adequate Public Liability Insurance that takes account of the time taken for asbestos related diseases to manifest themselves (in the event of anyone developing an asbestos related illness at any time in the future that can be attributed to the remediation / development of TBA) .

We've also suggested a 'Working Party' chaired by an influential person (such as a local MP) that includes all the relevant people from the various agencies / organisations (Council, EA, HSE, NHS, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Residents, etc.) should be created to form a forum where issues of concern can be discussed. Effectively, and 'Inquiry' before rather than after an incident.

We still await feedback from our suggestions and will let you know when we know more.

Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone - We await with interest the new proposals intended to take this initiative forward.

Catley Lane Head Conservation Area - We continue to pursue the following initiatives:

- Reinstatement of a bus service to the village,
- Traffic calming measures either side of the village and
- CCTV to reduce antisocial behaviour.

Social media - We usually ask organisations and the public not to advertise but given the current situation with high energy costs and the potential financial hardships that people might suffer the forum trustees are happy to allow content that will help people and local businesses.

We continue to work with other organisations – Unfortunately, **South Pennines Park** have announced they will be closing at the beginning of 2024. After reviewing the organisation's position and the shifting landscape they operate in their Board felt they could not continue.

Our forum continues to work with **Mid Pennine Arts** to deliver the closing stages of the Spodden Vally Revealed (SVR) project for those elements that are within the RMNF neighbourhood area. Together with the **West Pennine Commoners Association** we looked at opportunities to promote the Limers Gate Trail and Healey Dell, which we have not been able to take this forward.

We are pleased to be members of **Macc**, a charity whose purpose is quite simply the city of Manchester. They encourage, support, and help to develop voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to allow local people to have a real influence over the places and communities in which they live. We also continue with our membership of the **Lancashire Local History Federation**, the official co-ordinating body for local history in the County Palatine of Lancaster.

Lancashire and Greater Manchester Local Lists – Our nominations for the Cotton Famine Road and the Royal Ordinance Factory, Healey Hall have still not been processed for inclusion.

We continue to make our heritage trail leaflets freely available throughout the borough so people can take exercise and enjoy the wide-open spaces of the surrounding moorland.

Cotton Famine Road Project - We are working with **History in Action CIC** and Mick Martin, writer for stage, television and radio, to commission a community arts project that will meet our education object. The aim is to help create and undertake a community arts project for Rochdale honouring the men and women who sacrificed everything for principle on The Cotton Famine Road during the Lancashire Cotton Famine (1861–65).

Governance

Policies and Procedures – We have reviewed and maintained our Safeguarding policy and procedure.

Public Liability Insurance (PLI) - Has been renewed to allow forum meetings, activities, and events to continue.

Health & Safety - There are no issues to report.

Trustee training – Alan Rawsterne has attended a trustee training session with Macc.

Grants & funding – A small donation has been received due to the closure of Amazon Smile.

Can you help?

- **Heritage Open Day's (HOD)** – The Trustees would like to explore how we can involve the area in future HOD events.
- **Want to be a RMNF Trustee?** - We are looking for new Trustees to join RMNF - Trustees are responsible for controlling the charity's management and administration. They are responsible for ensuring our charity's income and property is used only for the purposes set out in our governing document and for no other purpose. Trustees have a responsibility to act reasonably and prudently in all matters relating to the charity and they have a responsibility to act in the best interests of the charity.

Please contact the Forum Secretary (email: info@RMNF.org.uk) if you have any ideas you would like to share or if you would like to get more involved.

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Accounts

Year End: 31-Aug-23

	2022/23 Restricted Adj £	2022/23 Restricted DQAG £	2022/23 Restricted ORMM £	2022/23 Unrestricted £	2022/23 Total £
Opening Balance B/F from Summary 2021-22	-1	1382	1512	408	3301
					0
<u>INCOME</u>					0
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Projects	0	0	0	0	0
Donations In	0	0	0	18	18
Total Income	0	0	0	18	18
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
Consultant Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0	0	0
Room Hire	0	0	0	0	0
Website	0	-114	0	0	-114
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0
Donations Out	0	0	0	0	0
Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0
Projects	0	0	0	0	0
In Bloom	0	0	0	0	0
Misc Expenses	0	0	0	-44	-44
Total Expenditure	0	-114	0	-44	-158
Closing Balance	-1	1,268	1,512	383	3,161

Reconciliation of Accounts 2022/23 To Bank Statement

	Paypal	Co-Op	Total
Opening Balance 01/09/22	£0	£3,301	£3,301
Receipts Reported	£0	£18	£18
Expenditure Reported	£0	-£158	-£158
Closing Balance 31/8/23 Reported	£0	£3,161	£3,161
Balance at Bank 31/8/23	0	3,161	3,161

Date	Bank Reference	Customer Reference	Transaction Descriptic	Amount (£)	Running Balance (£)
09/01/2023	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRI	LANCASHIRE LOCAL H	Standing Order	-8.00	£3,293
24/01/2023	22751	CAMPAIGN TO PROTEC	Direct Debit	-60.00	£3,233
10/03/2023	REFUND MEMBERSHIP	CAMPAIGN TO PROTEC	Faster Payment	24.00	£3,257
24/04/2023	4587734585639390	AMAZON EUROPE CORE	BACS Credit	5.00	£3,262
19/05/2023	4575355439644580	AMAZON EUROPE CORE	BACS Credit	13.41	£3,275
22/05/2023	Invoice 00310	MIMICA LIMITED	Standing Order	-114.00	£3,161

ROOLEY MOOR NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1165601

Accounts

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum (RMNF)

Legal & Administrative Information

Status

Our organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Charity Commission Registered Number 1165601

Structure

David Olusoga - Honorary President

Cecile Biant – Honorary Vice President

Andy Meek – Trustee & Chair

John Newcombe – Trustee & Treasurer

Alan Rawsterne - Trustee & Secretary

Frances Healey – Trustee

Nigel Morrell – Trustee

Reverend Morley Morgan - Trustee

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Independent Examiner

Last year we asked the Treasurer of the Friend of Rochdale Town Hall (FoRTH) to verify and sign off our accounts.

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Reports from Trustees and Officers of the Forum

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Including Trustees and Officers there are currently 41 members of the CIO with voting rights. This is no more than last year, although it is worth noting we have seen membership of the forum Facebook page grow from 768 members last year to the current total of 968 members. We have also seen an increased number of people registering on the Forum website, which has increased from 52 and currently stands at 61, the majority of whom have no voting rights.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

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This year Andy Meek, Alan Rawsterne and Nigel Morrell will resign as Trustees at the 2022 Annual General Meeting, and they all wish to be considered for re-election. Following on from the recent boundary changes our neighbourhood area has been included in the Norden Ward and we welcome the interest from Councillor Peter Winkler who would like to become a forum trustee.

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Achievements & Performance

Compared to other charities the impact of the pandemic on the forum has been minimal. We've not been dormant but have found different ways to deliver our charitable objectives.

We continue to make our heritage trail leaflets freely available throughout the borough so people can take exercise and enjoy the wide-open spaces of the surrounding moorland.

Social media

We usually ask organisations and the public not to advertise but given the current situation with high energy costs and the potential financial hardships that people might suffer the forum trustees are happy to allow content that will help people and local businesses.

Catley Lane Head Conservation Area

We continue to pursue the following initiatives:

- Reinstatement of a bus service to the village
- Traffic calming measures either side of the village
- CCTV to reduce antisocial behaviour

Prickshaw and Broadley Fold Conservation Area

A horse friendly step through gate has been installed on Prickshaw Lane. Unfortunately, expenditure increased significantly to rectify issues that were identified retrospectively.

Planning

The trustees resolutely support the forum's primary objective, to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the Neighbourhood Area. We remain committed to

preserving Green Belt and Common Land in and around the Neighbourhood Area, which includes the habitations and surrounding landscapes.

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We have asked to be included in the development of Rochdale Councils “Local Plan” and we are seeking guidance regarding re-designation of the area forum given our concerns regarding the relevance of neighbourhood planning to the planning process.

Spring Mill - No progress has been made with Rossendale Council or the developer regarding the concerns raised about this development. Any serious consequences of development on inadequately remediated contaminated land may not become apparent for many years and lessons must be learned from the Spring Mill experience. There is a growing body of opinion that the local and national planning function is not fit for purpose. Unfortunately, the forum trustees have found little evidence to refute this opinion and struggle to see how Neighbourhood Planning in its current form can have a positive significant impact on planning issues.

Turner Brothers Asbestos (TBA) – Currently there are no planning applications for the TBA site. In its current undisturbed state, the TBA site presents a reduced public health risk. We appreciate buildings on the site are deteriorating and there are issues with riverbank erosion releasing asbestos into the environment and we accept the TBA site needs to be made safe.

If Rochdale Council were to approve a planning application for TBA, they appear to have no responsibility for the Health and Safety of residents who are put at risk by any remediation / development work. The Council effectively rely on other agencies to respond to critical issues, which we know can result in desk-based assessments that have no positive outcomes.

The normal development process is reliant on self-regulation. However, given the complexity of the TBA site if something were to go wrong there is no going back and having the external agencies (HSE, EA, Police, Fire, Ambulance, NHS etc.) respond after the event is too late.

In a worse case scenario, any asbestos released from the TBA site could be carried across our area, the effect of which on residents might only be realised many years later.

We’re seeking assurance should a planning application be approved that the appropriate agencies are on site to ensure compliance to process and to ensure everything is done to reduce risk. If something were to go wrong, we’d expect those agencies to secure an immediate response to any disaster recovery scenario.

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We've also suggested a 'Working Party' chaired by an influential person (such as a local MP) that includes all the relevant people from the various agencies / organisations (Council, EA, HSE, NHS, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Residents, etc.) should be created to form a forum where issues of concern can be discussed. Effectively, and 'Inquiry' before rather than after an incident.

We await feedback from our suggestions and will let you know when we know more.

Moorland Restoration

Our commitment to preserving our upland moorlands from onerous development and aggressive misuse is constant, ongoing and worthwhile. We welcome and support the initiative announced by Government on 27th August 2021 that funding of £50M will be provided for peat protection, building on its pledge to restore 35,000 hectares of peatland to prevent some 9 million tonnes of CO2 release in a significant contribution to combatting the impacts of climate change. The forum must do what it can to promote and expand this initiative. Peat Mapping exercises on Scout Moor have disclosed significant areas of deep peat and the forum is pleased to acknowledge that Rossendale Local Planning Authority have pledged not to allow any onerous development which would disturb areas of deep peat. The forum has sought assurance from the Planning Offices at Rochdale and Rossendale that they will acknowledge and engage with the peatland protection scheme and afford the areas of Scout and Rooley Moors special protection. Such an assurance would build on the excellent work undertaken jointly by the community with the public, Police, local MP's & Councillors, landowners, businesses, Rochdale Ramblers, Rossendale & Pendle Mountain Rescue Team, Peak and Northern Footpaths Society, National Trail Officers for Natural England, community groups such as Prickshaw & Broadley Fold Neighbourhood Watch and the equestrian community, in the ongoing serious threat posed by illegal off-road bikes and quads which continue to ravage our moorlands.

Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone

We await with interest the new proposals intended to take this initiative forward.

Off road vehicles

Operation Dragster is a combined initiative between Greater Manchester Police, Lancashire Police, United Utilities, and many volunteers to reduce illegal off-road activity in and around our area. We are grateful to all involved in; however, it seems after many months of reduced activity, illegal motorised vehicles are once again targeting the moorland in and around our area.

It is also disappointing to report one of the "Off-road Mitigation Project" stakeholders has retrospectively found fault with various installations along Edenfield Road that are intended to support equestrian activities. Unfortunately, this stakeholder has positioned themselves as having no responsibility for their contribution to the project and has approached many other stakeholders to express their frustration. Due to concerns about potential reputational damage to the forum and other stakeholder organisations the RMNF trustees invited the British Horse Society (BHS) to mediate and to ensure equestrian safety is a priority ahead of any other issues. We expect to have the BHS recommendations in the new year, at which point we will collectively consider how best to proceed.

We continue to work with other organisations

Mid Pennine Arts and the West Pennine Commoners Association - The forum is actively working with these organisations to develop projects in the areas of Lancashire that border with the RMNF neighbourhood area. Together we are looking at opportunities to promote the Limers Gate Trail and Healey Dell.

South Pennines Park - We are pleased to note the following entry in the Draft Strategy Consultation document, under Heritage Assets in section 3.3.32. **Importance:**

- Of particular significance is the Cotton Famine Road on Rooley Moor above Rochdale, which has links to the American Civil War.

Lancashire and Greater Manchester Local Lists – We have nominated the Cotton Famine Road and the Royal Ordinance Factory, Healey Hall for inclusion.

Rochdale Connections Trust (RCT) – Members of our forum have joined a steering group to support the RCT “Heritage Matters” project.

Governance

Policies and Procedures – We are reviewing and updating our Safeguarding policy and procedure.

Public Liability Insurance (PLI) - Has been reinstated to allow forum meetings, activities and events to recommence.

Health & Safety - There are no issues to report.

Trustee training - There has been none this year.

Grants & funding - United Utilities contributed £1K towards the “Off Road Mitigation Project”.

Can you help

- **Heritage Open Day’s (HOD)** – The Trustees would like to explore how we can involve the area in future HOD events.
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	PCC	DQAG	Asda	HLF 17	TSJNF	ORMM		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Opening Balance B/F from Summary 2020-21	32	1,382	176	368	0	3,500	454	5,911
								0
<u>INCOME</u>								0
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects	0	0	-12	-368	0	0	381	0
Donations In	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	5	1,005
Total Income	0	0	-12	-368	0	1,000	386	1,005
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>								
Consultant Costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Room Hire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Website	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	-314	-314
Donations Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects	0	0	0	0	0	-2,988	-71	-3,059
In Bloom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc Expenses	-32	0	-164	0	0	0	-47	-242
Total Expenditure	-32	0	-164	0	0	-2,988	-432	-3,615
Closing Balance	-0	1,382	0	0	0	1,512	408	3,301

Reconciliation of Accounts 2021/22 To Bank Statement

	Paypal	Co-Op	Total
Opening Balance 01/09/21	£0	£5,911	£5,911
Receipts Reported	£0	£1,005	£1,005
Expenditure Reported	£0	-£3,615	-£3,615
Closing Balance 31/8/22 Reported	£0	£3,301	£3,301
Balance at Bank 31/8/22	0	3,301	3,301

No	Date	Bank Reference	Transaction Description	Customer Reference	Amount (-£)	Running Balance (-£)
1	27/09/2021	44684461	Standing Order	Zurich Insurance	-157.00	5,754.34
2	29/09/2021	SI-109394	Standing Order	GR8 SPORT LTD	-195.62	5,558.72
3	07/10/2021	RMNF-041021-01	Standing Order	Mok Enterprises Lt	-71.20	5,487.52
4	18/10/2021	2928	Commission	FEES	-2.50	5,485.02
5	25/10/2021	Inv No. 920	Standing Order	Norden Agricultral	-2,988.00	2,497.02
6	01/11/2021	4.45E+15	Own Account Credit	000000 CREDIT	1,000.00	3,497.02
7	20/12/2021	Rooley Moor Forum	Standing Order	LANCASHIRE LOCAL H	-8.00	3,489.02
8	21/01/2022	22751	Direct Debit	CAMPAIGN TO PROTEC	-36.00	3,453.02
9	09/05/2022	4.43995E+15	BACS Credit	AMAZON EUROPE CORE	5.00	3,458.02
10	31/08/2022	44684461	Standing Order	Zurich Insurance	-157.00	3,301.02

ROOLEY MOOR NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1165601

Accounts

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum (RMNF)

Legal & Administrative Information

Status

Our organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Charity Commission Registered Number 1165601

Structure

David Olusoga - Honorary President

Cecile Biant – Honorary Vice President

Andy Meek – Trustee & Chair

John Newcombe – Trustee & Treasurer

Alan Rawsterne - Trustee & Secretary

Frances Healey – Trustee

Councillor Wendy Cocks – Trustee

Philip Massey – Trustee

Nigel Morrell – Trustee

Registered Office

Owd House

Fern Hill Lane

Rochdale OL12 6BW

Bankers

The Co-operative Bank

P.O. Box 250

Delf House

Southway

Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

Independent Examiner

Last year we asked the Treasurer of the Friend of Rochdale Town Hall (FoRTH) to verify and sign off our accounts.

Reports from Trustees and Officers of the Forum

Structure, Governance and Management

Trustees manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO. In exercising their powers and duties, charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission.

It is the duty of each Trustee:

- a) To exercise his or her powers and to perform his or her functions as a Trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO; and
- b) To exercise, in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to:
 - i. any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and
 - ii. if he or she acts as a charity Trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

Members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

There are no paid employees of the CIO and the value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into financial reporting.

Including Trustees and Officers there are currently 41 members of the CIO with voting rights. This is on more than last year, although it is worth noting we have seen the membership of the Forum Facebook page grow from a pre-pandemic 150 members to the current total of 768 members. We have also seen an increased number of people registering on the Forum website, which currently stands at 52 people with no voting rights.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

At every subsequent Annual General Meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity Trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity Trustees is not three, or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity Trustee, he or she shall retire.

Any vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the Annual General Meeting and the members or the charity Trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity Trustee, whether in place of a charity Trustee who has retired or been removed, or as an additional charity Trustee, provided that the limit of 12 charity Trustees is not exceeded.

This year Councillor Wendy Cocks and Councillor Philip Massey will resign as Trustees at the 2021 Annual General Meeting. John Newcombe is standing down as Trustee and wishes to be considered for re-election.

Thanks go to all of our Trustees, in particular to Wendy and Phil for their contribution to Forum activities. We are please both Wendy and Phil will continue as members of the Forum.

Forum Objects

The CIO is established for the public benefit without distinction of ability, sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions for the following purposes in the Area of Benefit known as Rooley Moor, which shall hereinafter be referred to as the Neighbourhood

The objects of the CIO are:

1. To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the Area of Benefit.
2. To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history, culture and architecture of the Area of Benefit.
3. To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features or areas of historic or public interest in the Area of Benefit.

In furtherance of the above objects but not otherwise the Trustees shall have the power to establish a Neighbourhood Forum for the Area of Benefit to promote and or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area.

Accounting Policy, Income & Funds Structure

Income arises from restricted funds (grants), unrestricted donations and recovered Gift Aid.

Expenditure is recognised when an invoice is received, or payment made.

There are no tangible fixed assets.

The Reserves Policy of Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum CIO is to hold reserves from unrestricted funds to cover our known annual liabilities (such as insurance, hire of meeting rooms, website costs, etc.). £400 has been proposed to cover these costs. The reserves policy will be reviewed at each Annual General Meeting.

Achievements & Performance

Covid-19 has had a continued effect on 2020/21 but compared to other charities the impact of the pandemic on RMNF has been minimal. We've not been dormant, but we have had to find different ways to deliver our charitable objectives. The Trustees took the decision to allow advertising on our social media sites, we usually ask organisations and the public not to advertise, but given the situation brought about by the Covid-19 crisis the Forum Trustees were happy to allow content that helped people stay safe. We made our heritage trail leaflets freely available throughout the borough so people can take exercise and enjoy the wide open spaces of the surrounding moorland.

September 2020

Spring Mill. A number of Trustees and Forum members met with the Gleesons management team to discuss if the new bridleway will be in place before the development starts. We asked them to review and advise requirements for sheep and cattle to safely pass through the site and advise site access arrangements to ensure no unauthorised access to Prickshaw & Broadley Fold Conservation Area. We asked for (but didn't receive) an introduction and meeting with the site manager. We also asked Gleesons to investigate and advise if materials that are sensitive to the integration of Spring Mill with Prickshaw & Broadley Fold Conservation Area and Healey Dell Nature Reserve boundaries could be used and if a "Virtual Reality" look at the site could be provided.

November 2020

Due to the public health emergency this year's Annual General Meeting consisted of the minimum statutory business and all voting was by proxy. Members were asked to instruct the Chair to cast their vote. Or, if they wished they could leave the choice to the chair.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

- To receive the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting
- To approve the 2019/20 accounts and reserves policy
- To approve the reports from Trustees and Officers of the Forum
- To appoint Fran Healey as a Trustee of the Forum

- Andy Meek to continue as Chair, John Newcombe to continue as Treasurer and Alan Rawsterne to continue as Secretary
- Invite David Olusoga to continue as our Honorary President for another three-year term
- To seek re-designation of the Neighbourhood Area for a further 5 years

December 2020

The Trustees held a meeting to discuss

- Spring Mill Development
- GMP Off Road Initiative
- Neighbourhood Planning
- GMSF, and
- AOB.

Catley Carols was held via Zoom

Other Issues

The Trustees resolutely support The Forum's primary objective, to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the Area of Benefit. We remain committed to preserving our Area's primary valuable asset - the natural land within the Designated Area, the habitations within the Designated Area and the surrounding landscapes which directly affect or are affected by the Designated Area.

Over the course of the past year, the Forum has been actively engaged in two specific areas of direct concern, both of which have caused the Trustees to carefully consider the role of local planning and the way responsible Planning Officers work with, on behalf of and for the local communities they are tasked to serve.

1. Moorland Restoration

Our commitment to preserving our upland moorlands from onerous development and aggressive misuse is constant, ongoing and worthwhile. We welcome and support the initiative announced by Government on 27th August that funding of £50M will be provided for peat protection, building on its pledge to restore 35,000 hectares of peatland to prevent some 9 million tonnes of CO2 release in a significant contribution to combatting the impacts of climate change. The Forum must do what it can to promote and expand this initiative. Peat Mapping exercises on Scout Moor have disclosed significant areas of deep peat and the Forum is pleased to acknowledge that Rossendale Local Planning Authority have pledged not to allow any onerous development which would disturb areas of deep peat. It is ironic that much of the existing Scout Moor Wind Farm would not have been permitted because of its devastating effect on the peatland on which it is sited. The Forum seeks assurances from the Planning Offices at Rochdale and Rossendale that acknowledge and engage with the peatland protection scheme and afford the areas of Scout and Rooley Moors special protection. Such an assurance would build on the excellent work undertaken jointly by the community with the public, Police, local MP's & Councillors, landowners, businesses, Rochdale Ramblers, Rossendale & Pendle Mountain Rescue Team, Peak and Northern Footpaths Society, National Trail Officers for Natural England, community groups such as Prickshaw & Broadley Fold Neighbourhood Watch and the equestrian community through the Rochdale & Bury Bridleway Association, in the ongoing serious threat posed by illegal off-road bikes and quads which continue to ravage our moorlands.

2. Spring Mill Development

The consent of the Gleeson housing development at Spring Mill is an area of concern for the Forum Trustees. Whilst the development sits just outside our Designated Area, the effect on the Area of Benefit is significant, ongoing and, in the views of the Trustees, exposes some serious flaws in the Planning Process locally and nationally. The western edge of the site is barely 500 metres from the Prickshaw and Broadley Fold Conservation Area within the Rochdale boundary yet there was no consultation by Gleeson with residents or with the farming community. 200 objections on sound planning grounds were lodged by concerned residents and there was no local support for the development. The site is confirmed by specialist consultants, Eastwood and Partners (acting for Gleesons) to be highly contaminated with every toxin, alphabetically, from Arsenic to Zinc and is believed by many to be unfit for residential development. The Forum believes that the Rossendale Local Planning Authority has failed significantly at every stage of the development. Consultation was ineffective or absent, the views of the public were ignored, site remediation measures were, and still are, inadequately monitored, there is no meaningful dialogue with concerned residents and there is no effective compliance to mitigate the effects of toxic waste entering nearby residences. Windborne contamination extends the area of direct concern to public footpaths bordering Healey Dell Nature Reserve and to habitations on the eastern edge of the Rochdale boundary. Whilst this is primarily an area of significant concern locally, we would urge Local Planning Authorities to consider very carefully any application for development on contaminated land. We believe that the current practice of assuming that the planning process will lead to adequate remediation is simply not acceptable. Any serious consequences of development on inadequately remediated contaminated land may not become apparent for several years and lessons must be learned from the Spring Mill experience. There is a growing body of evidence (National Association of Local Councils, the reaction of many organisations and individuals to the proposed Government planning white paper, Grenfell, BBC investigative journalism, etc.) that the local and national planning function is not fit for purpose. Unfortunately, the Forum Trustees have found little evidence to refute this evidence and struggle to see how Neighbourhood Planning in its current form can have a positive significant impact on planning issues.

Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone

Following on from the public consultation the recommendations to amend the Greater Manchester Clean Air Proposals have been approved and the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) is anticipated to launch on 30 May 2022.

Members of our Forum recognised the potential adverse impact the initial CAZ proposals would have on leisure activities in the area and have been actively working with other organisations, in particular the equestrian community, to have these proposals amended.

Over a period of time, we have written to the DVLA, the Department for Transport, the Undersecretary of State for Transport, Transport for Greater Manchester, every MP in Greater Manchester and the MP's in the areas bordering Greater Manchester, as well as our local Councillors to propose noncompliant vehicles registered as Private Heavy Good Vehicles (HGVs), including Horseboxes, Motorhomes, Heritage Vehicles, etc. be eligible for a discounted rate to enter the CAZ.

The original proposal was a daily charge of £100 for all HGVs entering the CAZ. Ahead of the consultation the daily HGV charge was reduced to £60 and we provided evidence to the consultation to demonstrate Private HGV numbers were very small, the impact on pollution was limited and these vehicles were unlikely to regularly enter the CAZ, but when they did a

£60 charge would adversely impact leisure activities and any associated businesses (Pony Club events, holidays, heritage vehicle rallies, etc.).

The HGV charge was then amended to a £10 daily charge for noncompliant Private HGVs to enter the CAZ, but a £60 charge would be applied for the same type of vehicles if the vehicle was registered outside Greater Manchester – we argued this was postcode discrimination.

Thankfully along with other organisations our representations to the consultation were noted and have made a difference. The outcome of the consultation resulted in a proposal that all vehicles classified under the Private HGV tax class would be eligible for a discounted charge of £10 per day and this proposal has been accepted.

Off Road Motorbikes

Following on from our update in May 2021 (see: <https://www.rmnf.org.uk/protecting-the-moors-around-rochdale/>) we are pleased to report that whilst progress has been slow, due to the impact of Covid-19 and a shortage of raw materials, the work completed thus far has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of illegal off-road incidents reported to the Police. The general feedback from members of the public, farmers, residents and user-groups has been very positive too. In certain locations you can already see damaged flora is recovering.

The expected completion date of the project is September when two more gates and a horse friendly vehicle barrier should be installed, subject to availability of materials.

From the outset of this project, we knew we weren't going to stop all unauthorised motorised vehicles accessing the moorland, but through a process of education (see the BBC North West news item:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rooleymoornighbourhoodforum/posts/1812930962213775/>) and reducing the number of opportunities to get motorised vehicles on to the moors, we seem to be left with a hard core of illegal off-roaders who simply don't care about the adverse effect they are having on people, the environment and upland farming.

Fortunately, our project is providing support to Greater Manchester and Lancashire Police enforcement activities and generally speaking, the once silent majority of the public are now vocal in letting offenders know they are not welcome.

As noted above in the "Moorland Restoration" section, we have seen a great pulling together of the community who have contributed to the project by providing information and taking positive action to reduce these illegal off-road activities.

Lancashire Police have introduced a "Rural Task Force", which is operating to great effect. The facilities management company for Scout Moor Wind Farm has had approval from their client to install two large gates on turbine service tracks. These gates will help enforcement activities by reducing the number of access and egress points to the moors for motorised vehicles. Marshalls Quarry in Edenfield has taken a number of actions to reduce moorland access and egress points for motorised vehicles. United Utilities are taking action to repair walls, fences, styles and gates that have been damaged to facilitate access for motorised vehicles to the moors via their land. The Lord of the Manor of Rochdale has given permission and provided financial support to inhibit illegal access to their land. Local Members of Parliament are helping RMNF approach companies in the rural area to get involved. Local Councillors and the Rights of Way Officers in Rochdale, Whitworth and Rossendale are looking at the possibility of introducing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) to further protect our moorland by making penalties for these illegal activities commensurate with the crime.

Looking to the future RMNF is actively working with the West Pennine Commoners Association to try and help them implement similar “off-road mitigation measures” in their area of Lancashire, which borders with the RMNF neighbourhood area.

Places for Everyone (PfE)

The Trustees consider the proposed consultation to be too complex and onerous to be effective in representing the views of residents.

South Pennines Park Draft Strategy Consultation

Forum Trustees are currently engaged with this consultation and are pleased to note the following entry in the Draft Strategy Consultation document, under Heritage Assets in section 3.3.32. **Importance:**

- Of particular significance is the Cotton Famine Road on Rooley Moor above Rochdale, which has links to the American Civil War

We continue to support other Neighbourhood Forums

Thornham St John's Neighbourhood Forum was awarded a grant to pursue their neighbourhood plan. Their Forum does not have a bank account and they asked our Forum to act as banker. We had a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) in place to deal with financial transactions on their behalf and we currently hold no money (£0) for them with all expenditure accounted for.

Public Liability Insurance (PLI)

The Trustees decided to protect Forum funds during the pandemic by taking an insurance holiday whilst no activities are allowed due to Covid-19 restrictions. This decision is under review and PLI will be reinstated as soon as Forum activities commence.

Health & Safety

There are no issues to report.

Trustee Training

There has been none this year.

Grants & Funding

The Trustees have agreed to fund the repair of the Prickshaw & Broadley Fold sign that has been vandalised for a second time, the anticipated cost is approximately £100. There's £3,500 for Off Road Mitigation Measures (ORMM) reserved to pay for the horse friendly gate to be installed on Prickshaw Lane sometime in September.

Can you help

- **Heritage Open Day's (HOD)** – The Trustees would like to explore how we can involve the area in future HOD events.
- **Want to be a RMNF Trustee?** - We are looking for new Trustees to join RMNF - Trustees are responsible for controlling the charity's management and administration. They are responsible for ensuring our charity's income and property is used only for the purposes set out in our governing document and for no other purpose. Trustees have a responsibility to act reasonably and prudently in all matters relating to the charity and they have a responsibility to act in the best interests of the charity.

Please contact the Forum Secretary (email: info@RMNF.org.uk) if you have any ideas you would like to share or if you would like to get more involved.

Reconciliation of Accounts 2020/21 To Bank Statement

Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Accounts

Year End: 31-Aug-21

	2020/21	2020/21	2020/21	2020/21	2020/21	2020/21	2020/21	2020/21	2020/21
	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	PCC	DQAG	Asda	HLF 17	TSJNF	ORMM			
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Opening Balance B/F from Summary 2019-20	32	1,382	176	368	8,670	0	1,077	11,704	0
INCOME									
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	(2,370)	0	0	(2,370)	0
Projects	0	0	0	0	0	9,250	0	9,250	0
Donations In	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0
Total Income	0	0	0	0	(2,370)	9,250	5	6,885	0
EXPENDITURE									
Consultant Costs	0	0	0	0	(6,300)	0	0	(6,300)	0
Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Room Hire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Website	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donations Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	(627)	(627)	0
Printing & Stationery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projects	0	0	0	0	0	(5,750)	0	(5,750)	0
In Bloom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	0	0	0	0	(6,300)	(5,750)	(627)	(12,677)	0
Closing Balance	32	1,382	176	368	0	3,500	454	5,911	

Reconciliation of Accounts 2020/21 To Bank Statement

	Paypal	Co-Op	Total
Opening Balance 01/09/20	£50	£11,654	£11,704
Receipts Reported	£0	£6,885	£6,885
Expenditure Reported	£0	-£12,677	-£12,677
Closing Balance 31/8/21 Reported	£0	£5,862	£5,911
Balance at Bank 31/8/21	0	5,911	5,911
Check	0	£50 represents the movement from Paypal to the Co-Op Bank	

No	Date	Bank Reference	Transaction Description	Customer Reference	Amount (-£)	Running Balance (-£)
1	10/12/2020	MEMBERSHIP 75032	Standing Order	OPEN SPACES SOCIET	-45	11,658.61
2	10/12/2020	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRI	Standing Order	LANCASHIRE LOCAL H	-8	11,650.61
3	22/12/2020	4.4186E+15	Own Account Credit	000000 CREDIT	3,000.00	14,650.61
4	21/01/2021	22751	First Direct Debit	CAMPAIGN TO PROTEC	-36	14,614.61
5	25/01/2021	RBBA CONTRIBUTION	Faster Payment	MORRELL GA-GCHQ	250	14,864.61
6	27/01/2021	21012233641CF	BACS Credit	CAF21012233641CF	2,000.00	16,864.61
7	09/02/2021	4.4235E+15	Own Account Credit	000000 CREDIT	3,500.00	20,364.61
8	08/03/2021	Inv 8006822489	Standing Order	Rochdale BC Genera	-5,750.00	14,614.61
9	22/03/2021	UVE 0793-21	Transfer	Urban Vision Enter	-6,300.00	8,314.61
10	13/05/2021	NPG-11605	Transfer	GROUNDWORK UK	-2,370.00	5,944.61
11	24/05/2021	6.86695E+15	BACS Credit	AMAZON EUROPE CORE	5	5,949.61
12	22/06/2021	Planting	Standing Order	HELEN MOORE	-38.27	5,911.34

Independent examination of accounts 06-10-21

I consider that the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood accounts have been properly prepared and give a true & fair view of the group's finances for the year ending 31-8-21

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