

# FRIENDS OF GEDLING COUNTRY PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1167205

## Details

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**Other names** FGCP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-05-19

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PURPOSE OF THE CIO IS THE ENHANCEMENT, PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF GEDLING COUNTRY PARK FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE SUCH FACILITIES TO HELP WITH THE USE, APPRECIATION OR EDUCATION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND TO ASSIST WITH THE CONSERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE THEREIN.

**Activities:** The purpose of the Friends of Gedling Country Park is the enhancement, preservation and protection of Gedling Country Park for the whole community by providing or assisting in the provision of equipment or facilities and to provide such facilities to help with the use, appreciation or education of the general public and to assist with the conservation and encouragement of wildlife therein.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Nottinghamshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£12,302	£13,608	-	-
2023-12-31	£18,301	£12,184	-	-
2022-12-31	£3,905	£4,989	-	-
2021-12-31	£4,280	£9,309	-	-
2020-12-31	£2,158	£4,005	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>TERRY LOCK</b>	Chair	2017-01-23
BRIAN OSBORNE		2025-06-10
Chris Edwards		2024-06-11
Chris Snelson		2025-06-10
Daniel Green		2019-01-21
David Marson		2025-07-10
Elaine Shelton		2020-02-03
Helen Aplin		2018-01-22
JENNY FILLINGHAM		2018-01-22
Jules Handford		2023-05-04
LYNNE TAYLOR		2018-01-22
Louise Cardwell		2024-06-11
MR ROD FILLIINGHAM		2018-01-22
Mike Dunne		2024-06-11
NICK BENEDEK		2017-01-23
Philip Briggs		2024-06-11
TONY KEYWORD		2016-01-25

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# Friends of Gedling Country Park

## Chair's Report for 2025 AGM

### June 2025

10 years have passed since the Park opened on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and I am delighted to say that we are still going strong and looking forward to what the future may bring.

To all our members and supporters I should like to thank you on behalf of the trustees for your continuing support over the past year. We are still recovering from the impact of Covid on members and volunteers but I am pleased to see a slow increase in our volunteer numbers.

This year we are back at All-Hallows church and give our grateful thanks to the church for allowing us to make use of it.

Holding the AGM in June seems to suit people and so I believe that we will keep to this month for the foreseeable future.

This report is briefer than I would have hoped but it still reflects our determination to support Gedling Country Park through the activities of the Friends.

We have still maintained contact with Gedling Council staff and have had regular meetings with them, via the Rangers, to help with suggestions as to what work could be done and to offer advice and support. Without the support and liaison with the Rangers the work would, frankly, be impossible.

The work carried out by the Rangers, Rob and Michael has been successful, with our help, in maintaining the Park environment during the year. Equally we are glad to see Michael back after his long illness and our thanks to Rob for shouldering the extra heavy load of work by himself.

Thanks must also go to those volunteers who have helped not only on Sundays but also helped the Rangers during the week. Without their help the park would be in a sorry state.

In August 2023 we held, with the support of Gedling Council, an Environment Day on the park and despite the weather forecast it proved highly successful. We now are planning for another Environment Day so please save the date Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September in your diaries and come along to what we hope will be an annual event.

We have now used all the remaining funds from the donations raised through Aviva and Save Our Wild Isles community support. This has allowed us to increase the diversity of plants across the park

Our next big fundraiser is being coordinated by Tony (all donations welcome!!!) and we are looking to raise approximately £10,000 to allow us to open up the existing rough path through the glades and to make it more accessible to users with pushchairs, buggies and mobility aids. This will require us to lay some gravel and coverings to provide a decent pathway. Anyone who has any ideas and would be able to help on this please contact Tony Keyworth or myself.

# Friends of Gedling Country Park

We are seeing signs of a new growth in interest in supporting us, our Sunday sessions have shown a slight increase in numbers, we have had some successful corporate volunteers days So if you know of any company that would like to support us in this way please ask them to get in touch at:

**FGCPCHAIR@GMAIL.COM**

To those members who have stayed loyally with us I offer my thanks and appreciation for your support. Please continue and encourage friends to join us.

My personal thanks go out to my fellow trustees who have put up with my emails and calls over the last year. The Treasurer's Report contains details of those individuals, groups and companies who have supported us financially over the last year and I add my thanks for their support. We have had some new trustees join us during the previous year and they have provided welcome input and experience at our meetings.

Last September (2014) saw us pass our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday and we had a very pleasant day chatting to old and new friends and raising some funds, something we always need to keep doing.

Finally, a mention of thanks to the Gedling Lottery which through the purchase of tickets by users and by nominating us has helped by raising funds on a regular basis.

So, let's look forward to 2025/6 and see how the park continues to develop

In the Meantime:

Take Care, Stay Well and Stay Safe.

Terry Lock, Chairman, Friends of Gedling Country Park

April 2025

# Friends of Gedling Country Park

Finally a gentle  
reminder from  
October 2014





## Treasurer's Report – December 2024

The Friends of Gedling Country Park was formed on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and this report is for our tenth financial year for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. We are a UK registered charity number: 1167205.

### Key Events

As in previous years, the overall financial position of the charity is very good, with the receipt of some significant donations, and membership income at a good level. Thanks must therefore be given to every member who has paid their fee this year and to every other person or organisation who has donated to us.

Each member who joins us or renews their membership has the option to confirm that they are a UK taxpayer, which enables us to claim gift aid on their membership fee. Many members have chosen to do so, and we hope that this continues and would encourage all others to do the same if they can please.

The five year membership option that we introduced in 2023 continues to save 20% compared to annual membership (costing just £20 per individual or £40 per family for up to two adults plus children under 16). This represents great value compared to the annual individual and family memberships of £5 and £10 respectively. Just over half of our new members and renewals have chosen the five year membership option, which has the obvious benefit of providing a greater immediate income, but we also should recognise that this income must be spent wisely over multiple years to ensure that we cover our ongoing overheads. It also means that all of those people who choose five year membership last year will of course not need to renew this year. The total income from membership fees has actually fallen to £585 in 2024 compared to £1,661 in 2023 but is not unusually low compared to all of our previous years, where one year membership was the only option. I shall of course continue to monitor this each year.

We had two exciting projects running during 2024 as follows:

#### 1. **Woodland Diversification Project**

In 2023, we made successful applications to the Aviva Crowdfunding Project and the associated Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund (sponsored by the WWF, RSPB and Aviva). During 2024, we continued to plant hundreds of diverse trees in various locations across the park (predominantly within or adjoining the existing woodland areas). This was with the considerable help of Gedling Borough Council and its Park Rangers, for which we are truly grateful.

#### 2. **Queen's Canopy Project**

2024 saw this project really take off, with an additional £9,844 of funding received, in addition to the £650 in 2023. This will result in the installation of new benches, artwork and additional trees and flowers in the Queen's Canopy woodland area during 2025. The funding comprised of a grant from the Nottinghamshire County Council Communities Fund of £5,000, a donation from the Co-Op Local Community Fund of £3,844 and £1,000 from Gedling Borough Council.

In September, we held a tenth anniversary event for the Friends of Gedling Country Park and were able to sell a decent crop of our home grown honey for the first time in two years raising £142.

Gedling Gala is usually held nearby to the country park as a summer festival with lots of exciting events and stalls. The Friends of Gedling Country Park appreciate the opportunity to participate in this great local event and this year greatly welcome the £500 donation made by Gedling Gala to our cause. More information is available



at <https://www.gedling-gala.org.uk/welcome/>, including on how you can volunteer to help run the gala each year.

The Gedling Borough Council run 'Gedling Lotto' (<https://www.gedlinglotto.co.uk/>), continues to raise money for good causes, including for the Friends of Gedling Country Park and many other local community groups and charities. Those who play the Gedling Lotto can choose their good cause and a big thank you goes out to those who have chosen us. In 2024, we received donations totalling £627, which is a valuable contribution to our charity.

When we attend events such as the Gedling Gala, we can now take contactless payments for those who wish to join or renew their membership, purchase cards or honey from us, or make a donation.

A special mention for Mrs Charles, who donated her £250 long service award for 15 years at Specsavers to the Friends. Thank you!

A donation of £25 was kindly provided by Long Eaton Natural History Society. Please go and see their interesting activities at <https://www.facebook.com/lensnaturalhistory/>.

Here is the complete list of people and organisations who have generously supported the Friends this year (in alphabetical order):

- Co-Op Local Community Fund
- Gedling Borough Council
- Gedling Gala
- Gedling Lotto
- Long Eaton Natural History Society
- Mr R Wilson
- Mrs P Charles
- Mrs S Payne
- Nottinghamshire County Council Communities Fund
- Nottingham City Council Catering Services (who operates Cafe 1899 in the park and offers a 10% discount for all FGCP members)

### Income Received

The income received for the period from January 2024 to December 2024 was as follows:

Category	Amount	Description
<b>Donations and Grants</b>	£11,378	Donations and grants from the various people and organisations listed above.
<b>Membership Fees</b>	£585	Membership fees taken for individual and family memberships (£300 of five year memberships and £285 of annual).
<b>Fund Raising Events</b>	£197	Cash from the AGM 2023 Raffle, Gedling Gala sales of cards, Nature Walks, and the tombola and cake sales at our tenth anniversary event
<b>Honey Sales</b>	£142	Sales of honey from bees lovingly cared for in the park by the Friends
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£12,302</b>	



## Expenditure

For the same period, expenditure was as follows:

	Amount	Description
<b>Queen's Canopy Project</b>	£8,200	Transfer of funding to Gedling Borough Council to pay for Queen's Canopy benches, artwork and trees to be installed during 2025
<b>Plants/Trees/Seeds</b>	£4,092	Second tranche of the Woodland Diversification Project expenditure (paid to GBC to benefit from existing supplier agreements, with hundreds of diverse trees now planted). In addition, the direct purchase of 2x Pinus Sylvestris trees, 1x Hedera Helix Hiberni shrub and 30x Willow cuttings.
<b>Insurance</b>	£468	Provision of public liability and volunteer personal accident insurance (also providing trustee, finance, libel and slander protection).
<b>Marketing, Communications and Web</b>	£329	Web site hosting, hire of room for the AGM, new membership forms, raffle tickets, and printing costs.
<b>Grounds Maintenance/Development</b>	£234	New notice board and associated fixtures and fittings.
<b>Finance Charges</b>	£140	Bank service charges from Unity Bank, transaction fees from PayPal and Information Commissioner's Office Data Protection Registration Annual Fee.
<b>Honey Making Costs</b>	£90	Purchase of jars for honey and BBKA membership fee
<b>Fund Raising Costs</b>	£55	Volunteer event drinks.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£13,608</b>	

## Bank Reconciliation

The opening balance as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 was £9,183.46 (comprising of £8,861.77 held at Unity bank, £321.69 held with PayPal, and no cash holdings).

Total income for 2024 was £12,302.27 and total expenditure was £13,608.10.

The closing balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 was £7,877.63 (comprising of £6,855.69 held at Unity bank, £1,017.94 held with PayPal, and £4.00 of cash holdings).

**Nick Benedek, Treasurer, Friends of Gedling Country Park**  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

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# Chair's Report for 2024 AGM

June 2024

To all our members and supporters, I should like to thank you on behalf of the trustees for your continuing support over the past year. They have not been the best for activities, but we have persevered and have, we hope, achieved some good successes in leaving behind troubled times.

I would also like to welcome you all to our AGM at this fantastic venue – All-Hallows church and to give our grateful thanks to the church for allowing us to make use of it.

We have continued moving the AGM to what we hope is a more suitable time of the year and would hope that members can take advantage of the light evenings to enjoy the park before or after the AGM.

This report is briefer than I would have hoped but it still reflects our determination to support Gedling Country Park through the activities of the Friends.

We have still maintained contact with Gedling Council staff and have had regular meetings with them, via the Rangers, to help with suggestions as to what work could be done and to offer advice and support.

The work carried out by the Rangers, Rob and Michael has been successful, with our help, in maintaining the Park environment during the year.

Thanks, must also go to those volunteers who have helped not only on Sundays but also helped the rangers during the week. Without their help the park would be in a sorry state.

In August 2023 we held, with the support of Gedling Council, an Environment Day on the park and despite the weather forecast it proved highly successful. Sadly, the council have not followed our recommendation to make this a regular event but there is something planned for September.

During the year we had a major fundraising effort funded by donations raised through The Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund which is organised by World Wildlife Fund, the RSPB and Aviva Insurance. The Friends of Gedling Country Park was sent a certificate of thanks for “protecting and restoring nature in our area and helping to bring UK nature back to life” We think this is something that we can be very proud of. The Trustees extend their thanks to everyone who donated and with the help of our volunteers and the Park Rangers over one thousand trees have been planted to diversify the woodlands and other areas for generations to come. This initiative raised over £14,000 and approx. £10,000 has already been used to purchase new trees, bushes, ferns, and woodland flowers. The remainder will be used in the autumn to allow us to finish this major replenishment programme.

We have seen appalling weather over the last year and the central lagoon has seriously overflowed on several occasions. Thanks to the efforts of Tony Keyworth and

the Rangers we now appear to have resolved the problems and so should be better placed in the next winter.

We are seeing signs of a new growth in interest in supporting us, our Sunday sessions have shown a slight increase in numbers, we have had some successful corporate volunteers days So if you know of any company that would like to support us in this way please ask them to get in touch.

We now have an additional notice board, attached to the side of our container and we are using this for updating information about any events and volunteer sessions. Sadly, some people found it amusing to smash the plastic and this has now been replaced with a much stronger sheet. The other notice board, by the car park has also been damaged and we have managed to repair this.

To those members who have stayed loyally with us I offer my thanks and appreciation for your support. Please continue and encourage friends to join us.

My personal thanks go out to my fellow trustees who have put up with my emails and calls over the last year. We only managed to start normal monthly meetings in the Autumn. The Treasurer's Report contains details of those individuals, groups and companies who have supported us financially over the last year and I add my thanks for their support.

This year we will say farewell to Brian Osbourne, who is standing down as a trustee, but will still act as our main environmental lead. Brian is also the main contact for our bees and if anyone would like to become involved with bee keeping, please contact us.

This year we have four new members come forward to stand as trustees and their help is greatly appreciated. This helps to ease the load on our existing trustees, but we still need others, so if anyone is interested can they please email me on **FGCPCHAIR@GMAIL.COM**

We also reach a major milestone in the coming year. The friend's group will have been going for 10 years in September and the park will have been open for 10 years in March 2025.

Finally, a mention of thanks to the Gedling Lottery which through the purchase of tickets by users and by nominating us has helped by raising funds on a regular basis.

So, let's look forward to 2024/5 and see how the park continues to develop In the Meantime:  
Take Care, Stay Well and Stay Safe.

Terry Lock  
Chairman  
Friends of Gedling Country Park



## Treasurer's Report – December 2023

The Friends of Gedling Country Park was formed on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and this report is for our ninth financial year for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. We are a UK registered charity number: 1167205.

### Key Events

The overall financial position of the charity is very good, with membership income more than doubling and the receipt of some significant donations, including via crowdfunding (more details below). Thanks must therefore be given to every member who has paid their fee this year and to every other person or organisation who has donated to us.

Each member who joins us or renews their membership has the option to confirm that they are a UK taxpayer, which enables us to claim gift aid on their membership fee. Many members have chosen to do so, and we hope that this continues and would encourage all others to do the same if they can please.

The new five year membership saves 20% compared to annual membership (costing just £20 per individual or £40 per family for up to two adults plus children under 16). This represents great value compared to the annual individual and family memberships of £5 and £10 respectively. More than half of our new members and renewals have chosen the five year membership option, resulting in a more than doubling of our membership fee income this year. This has the obvious benefit of providing a greater immediate income, but we also should recognise that this income must be spent wisely over multiple years to ensure that we cover our ongoing overheads.

The most significant activity for us in 2023 was our Woodland Diversification Project where we made successful applications to the Aviva Crowdfunding Project and the associated Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund (sponsored by the WWF, RSPB and Aviva). Our application was to plant over the next few years thousands of new native trees from many diverse species, to compliment and eventually replace the silver birch trees, which make up most of the woodland in the park, and which will eventually die. Hundreds of people generously donated to the crowdfund via the Neighbourly Fund along with Crowdfunder and Mangopay. This was supplemented with generous donations from Aviva and the Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund, giving us a total of £13,773. We committed expenditure of £9,450 in 2023 with hundreds of diverse trees now planted in various locations across the park (predominantly within or adjoining the existing woodland areas).

We were also successful in 2023 with our application to the Co-Op Local Community Fund for the installation of one or more benches in the Queen's Canopy woodland area. This funding will be donated to us in 2024, but in the meantime in 2023, Gedling Borough Council Councillors J Hollingsworth, L Pearson, D Brocklebank, M Payne, R Strong, R Allan and M Walsh, together donated £650 towards the Queen's Canopy, for which we are immensely grateful. In addition, Councillor M Payne also donated £250 to support further improvements in Gedling Country Park.

The Gedling Borough Council run 'Gedling Lotto' (<https://www.gedlinglotto.co.uk/>), continues to raise money for good causes, including for the Friends of Gedling Country Park and many other local community groups and charities. Those who play the Gedling Lotto can choose their good cause and a big thank you goes out to those who have chosen us. In 2023, we received donations totalling £760 which is a valuable contribution to our charity.



Seeds of Change via the Neighbourly Fund kindly awarded us a donation of £400 to contribute towards the creation of wildlife scrapes (as they did on 2022).

Cadent also via the Neighbourly Fund kindly awarded us a donation of £200 towards the installation of Woodpecker Nesting Boxes.

Following on from their kind donation in 2022, The Rotary Club of Mapperley and Arnold funded the planting of more Sorbus Acuparia 'Sheerwater Seedling' trees within the park (£400). Please see <https://www.rotary-mapperleyarnold.org.uk/> for a list of their activities and the good causes they support.

And following on from 2022, Netherfield and District WI kindly donated another £75 to plant additional trees in the WI area of the park. Their Facebook page provides a useful update on their many worthy activities: <https://www.facebook.com/NETHERFIELDWI/>

A donation was kindly provided by Carlton Rotary Club of £35 from the sale of their Christmas cards. Please see <https://carltonrotary.co.uk/> for a list of their activities and the good causes they support.

Here is the complete list of organisations who have generously supported the Group this year (in alphabetical order):

- Amazon Smile
- Aviva Crowdfunding Project and Save Our Wild Isles Community Fund (paid via Neighbourly Fund along with Crowdfunder and Mangopay)
- Cadent
- Carlton Rotary Club
- Gedling Borough Council and Councillors J Hollingsworth, L Pearson, D Brocklebank, M Payne, R Strong, R Allan and M Walsh
- Gedling Lotto
- Netherfield and District WI
- Nottingham City Council Catering Services (who operates Cafe 1899 in the park and offers a 10% discount for all FGCP members)
- Seeds of Change
- The Rotary Club of Mapperley and Arnold

### Income Received

The income received for the period from January 2023 to December 2023 was as follows:

Category	Amount	Description
<b>Donations</b>	£16,574	Donations from the various organisations listed above.
<b>Membership Fees</b>	£1,661	Membership fees taken for individual and family memberships (£1,293 of five year memberships and £368 of annual).
<b>Fund Raising Events</b>	£66	Cash from Nature Walks and AGM 2022 Raffle.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£18,301</b>	



## Expenditure

For the same period, expenditure was as follows:

	Amount	Description
<b>Plants/Trees/Seeds</b>	£9,450	First tranche of the Woodland Diversification Project expenditure (paid to GBC to benefit from existing supplier agreements, with hundreds of diverse trees now planted). In addition, the direct purchase of 100x black poplar trees, 2x holly trees, wildflower seeds and primroses.
<b>Marketing, Communications and Web</b>	£1,206	Printing of tree trail leaflets (x1000), web site hosting, new membership cards, stamps, and printing costs for membership forms.
<b>Grounds Maintenance/Development</b>	£825	Installation of duck tubes and woodpecker boxes. Installation of Bentonite to seal Eastern Lagoon. New storage container lock and keys.
<b>Insurance</b>	£427	Provision of public liability and volunteer personal accident insurance (also providing trustee, finance, libel and slander protection).
<b>Finance Charges</b>	£160	Bank service charges from Unity Bank, transaction fees from PayPal and Information Commissioner's Office Data Protection Registration Annual Fee.
<b>Fund Raising Costs</b>	£76	Men-in-Sheds notice board and volunteer event drinks.
<b>Forums and Event Attendance</b>	£30	Annual membership to the Greenwood Forum.
<b>Equipment</b>	£10	Purchase of garden fork for volunteer sessions.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£12,184</b>	

## Bank Reconciliation

The opening balance as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 was £3,066.47 (comprising of £2,109.02 held at Unity bank, £685.85 held with PayPal, £271.60 income not yet cleared at the bank, and no cash holdings).

Total income for 2023 was £18,301.24 and total expenditure was £12,184.25.

The closing balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 was £9,183.46 (comprising of £8,861.77 held at Unity bank, £321.69 held with PayPal, and no cash holdings).

**Nick Benedek, Treasurer, Friends of Gedling Country Park**  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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# Friends of Gedling Country Park

## Chair's Report for 2023 AGM

### May 2023

To all our members and supporters, I should like to thank you on behalf of the trustees for your continuing support over the past year. They have not been the best for activities, but we have persevered and have, we hope, achieved some good successes in leaving behind troubled times.

We have continued moving the AGM to what we hope is a more suitable time of the year and would hope that members can take advantage of the light evenings to enjoy the park before or after the AGM.

This report is briefer than I would have hoped but it still reflects our determination to support Gedling Country Park through the activities of the Friends.

2022 and the start of 2023 has seen us finally start to move out of the shadow of COVID and that coupled with last year's high temperatures has had a lasting effect on the park. We have suffered from loss of volunteer help during COVID and the lagoons in the park suffered, in some cases badly, from lack of water and damage to the base layers.

We have still maintained contact with Gedling Council staff and have had regular meetings with them to help with suggestions as to what work could be done and to offer advice and support.

The work carried out by the Rangers, Rob and Michael has been successful, with our help, in maintaining the Park environment during this troubled year and without their efforts, especially during the summer we would have lost a substantial number of trees.

Thanks must also go to those volunteers who have helped not only on Sundays but also helped the rangers during the week. Without their help the park would be in a sorry state.

We are planning, with the full support and in partnership with Gedling Borough Council, to hold, what we hope will become a regular Event, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August. This will highlight environmental groups and also local groups who are, like ourselves actively looking for volunteers. If you are aware of any groups who might be interested please contact me at:

**FGCPCHAIR@GMAIL.COM**

The event will focus on environmental issues and concerns of which everyone is aware, the impact of Global warming and how we can all help, in any small way, to tackle the problems.

Our thanks go to all those groups who have supported us over the last year and I want to personally thank Mapperley Rotary who have helped us in providing the funding to purchase the trees in the area between the two car-parks.

We are also carrying out a major fundraising initiative in the coming weeks and my fellow trustee, Tony Keyworth, will explain more about that at the AGM.

# Friends of Gedling Country Park

A further thanks go to Carlton Rotary club who produced post cards using photographs supplied by Phillip Orme. Philip's regular photos have helped keep the Park alive in people's minds even when they have not been able to get there in person. Then in turn they have inspired many others to post photographs on the Facebook page

However, we are seeing signs of a new growth in interest in supporting us, our Sunday sessions have shown a slight increase in numbers, we have had one very successful corporate volunteers day with 2 more already lined up. So if you know of any company that would like to support us in this way please ask them to get in touch.

In the last year we introduced a new longer term membership offer and we have seen a good take up of this.

The completion of Gedling access road has finally provided improved access and so more people are aware of the park, indeed we have spoken to people who travel here from outside Nottinghamshire to enjoy the views and scenery available.

To those members who have stayed loyally with us I offer my thanks and appreciation for your support. Please continue and encourage friends to join us.

My personal thanks go out to my fellow trustees who have put up with my emails and calls over the last year. We only managed to start normal monthly meetings in the Autumn. The Treasurer's Report contains details of those individuals, groups and companies who have supported us financially over the last year and I add my thanks for their support.

I do have an appeal to our members, who may be interested, for new trustees. This year we have 2 new members come forward to stand as trustees and the help is greatly appreciated. But we still need others, so if anyone is interested can they please email me on

**FGCPCHAIR@GMAIL.COM**

Finally, a mention of thanks to the Gedling Lottery which through the purchase of tickets by users and by nominating us has helped by raising funds on a regular basis.

So, let's look forward to 2023/4 and see how the park continues to develop

In the meantime:

Take Care, Stay Well and Stay Safe.

Terry Lock, Chairman, Friends of Gedling Country Park

May 24<sup>th</sup> 2023



## Treasurer's Report – December 2022

The Friends of Gedling Country Park was formed on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and this report is for our eighth financial year for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. We are a UK registered charity number: 1167205.

### Key Events

The overall financial position of the charity remains healthy and membership income and donations have held up well. Thanks, must therefore be given to every member who has paid their fee this year and to every other person or organisation who has donated to us.

Each member who joins us or renews their membership has the option to confirm that they are a UK taxpayer, which enables us to claim gift aid on their membership fee. Many members have chosen to do so, and we hope that this continues and would encourage all others to do the same if they can please.

Commencing from October 2022, we introduced a new five year membership, which saves 20% compared to annual membership (costing just £20 per individual or £40 per family for up to two adults plus children under 16). This represents great value compared to the annual individual and family memberships of £5 and £10 respectively. Since then, almost half of new members and renewals have chosen the 5 year membership option. This has the obvious benefit of providing a greater immediate income, but we also should recognise that this income must be spent wisely over multiple years to ensure that we cover our ongoing overheads.

The Gedling Borough Council run 'Gedling Lotto' (<https://www.gedlinglotto.co.uk/>), continues to raise money for good causes, including for the Friends of Gedling Country Park and many other local community groups and charities. Those who play the Gedling Lotto can choose their good cause and a big thank you goes out to those who have chosen us. In 2022, we received donations totalling £788 which is a valuable contribution to our charity.

The new Gedling Access Road (GAR) runs parallel to the park and opened in 2022. We worked closely with Via East Midlands who managed the project, and with Balfour Beatty, the principal contractor, to ensure that the impact on the park was minimised and careful thought was given to the landscaping of the borders between the two. Via East Midlands also provided us with a £568 donation to contribute towards us improving the two lagoons closest to the GAR, including to create a nesting island surrounded by a deep channel to keep predators away. Balfour Beatty generously donated the land drain piping and stone we needed.

Councillor Pat Bosworth of Gedling Borough Council provided us with a donation of £450 to help us purchase additional beehives for the park.

The Neighbourly Fund kindly awarded us a donation of £400 to help us improve the wildlife scrapes in the park, one of which is shown in this photo:



The Rotary Club of Mapperley and Arnold funded the planting of three *Sorbus acuparia* 'Sheerwater Seedling' trees within the park (£375) to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Please see <https://www.rotary-mapperleyarnold.org.uk/> for a list of their activities and the good causes they support.



Netherfield and District WI donated £100 to plant additional trees in the WI area of the park, also to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Their Facebook page provides a useful update on their many worthy activities: <https://www.facebook.com/NETHERFIELDWI/>

A donation was kindly provided by Carlton Rotary Club of £313 from the sale of their Christmas cards. Please see <https://carltonrotary.co.uk/> for a list of their activities and the good causes they support.

Here is the complete list of organisations who have generously supported the Group this year (in alphabetical order):

- Amazon Smile
- Balfour Beatty
- Carlton Rotary Club
- Gedling Borough Council
- Gedling Lotto
- Neighbourly Fund
- Netherfield and District WI
- Nottingham City Council Catering Services (who operates Cafe 1899 in the park and offers a 10% discount for all FGCP members)
- Nottinghamshire Country Link Club
- The Rotary Club of Mapperley and Arnold
- Via East Midlands

### Income Received

The income received for the period from January 2022 to December 2022 was as follows:

Category	Amount	Description
<b>Donations</b>	£3,055	Donations from the various organisations listed above.
<b>Membership Fees</b>	£760	Membership fees taken for individual and family memberships (£280 of 5 year memberships and £480 of annual).
<b>Honey Sales</b>	£54	Sale of honey produced in Gedling Country Park.
<b>Fund Raising Events</b>	£36	Raffle income from 2022 AGM.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,905</b>	

### Expenditure

For the same period, expenditure was as follows:

	Amount	Description
<b>Grounds Maintenance/Development</b>	£3,082	Implementation of lagoon sand martin nests and nesting rafts. Provision of digger services to create 'scrapes' within the park for wildlife enhancement and to protect the lagoon nesting island. Installation of a woodland seat and arches for hornbeam trees in the Miner's Memorial Garden. Raising of the outlet weir for the central lagoon.



<b>Plants/Trees/Seeds</b>	£710	Purchase of trees for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and purchase of various shrubs and wildflower seeds.
<b>Insurance</b>	£440	Provision of public liability and volunteer personal accident insurance (also providing trustee, finance, libel and slander protection).
<b>Honey Making Costs</b>	£273	Purchase of additional beehives and frames.
<b>Marketing, Communications and Web</b>	£243	Printing of wildlife walk and survey forms, web site hosting, new membership cards, stamps, and printing costs for membership forms. Annual membership to the Greenwood Forum.
<b>Finance Charges</b>	£135	Bank service charges from Unity Bank, transaction fees from PayPal and Information Commissioner's Office Data Protection Registration Annual Fee.
<b>Equipment</b>	£63	Purchase of buckets and hand trowels for volunteer sessions.
<b>Fund Raising Costs</b>	£43	Volunteer session drinks.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,989</b>	

### Bank Reconciliation

The opening balance as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 was £4,149.91 (comprising of £3,610.17 held at Unity bank, £374.74 held with PayPal, £135.00 income not yet cleared at the bank, and £30.00 of cash holdings).

Total income for 2021 was £3,905.54 and total expenditure was £4,988.98.

The closing balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 was £3,066.47 (comprising of £2,109.02 held at Unity bank, £685.85 held with PayPal, £271.60 income not yet cleared at the bank, and no cash holdings).

**Nick Benedek, Treasurer, Friends of Gedling Country Park**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**FRIENDS OF GEDLING COUNTRY PARK**

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# Friends of Gedling Country Park

## Chair's Report for 2022 AGM

### January 2022

To all our members and supporters I should like to thank you on behalf of the trustees for your continuing support over the past years. They have not been the best for activities but we have persevered and have, we hope, achieved some good successes in these troubled times.

You will also note that we have decided to move the date of the AGM to later in the year (MARCH). This is so that it is lighter in the evenings and the attendees can enjoy the park after the AGM is over.

This report is briefer than I would have hoped but it still reflects our determination to support Gedling Country Park through the activities of the Friends.

Following on from the awful 2020, 2021 has been a year in which we have had only partial time available to work on the park as a result of the ongoing Covid pandemic. We have still maintained contact with Gedling Council staff and have had regular meetings with them to help with suggestions as to what work could be done and to offer advice and support.

The work carried out by the Rangers, Rob and Michael has been successful in helping to maintain the Park environment during this troubled year and without their efforts, especially during the summer we would have lost a substantial number of trees.

Thanks must also go to those volunteers who have helped not only on Sundays but also helped the rangers during the week. Without their help the park would be in a sorry state.

Sadly Cafe1899 has also suffered badly during lock-downs but our grateful thanks go to their staff for what they have been able to do under the limiting restrictions.

I am also delighted that we finally were able to complete the Tree Trail in 2021 and the full details are available via the QR codes on the signs which direct you to more detailed information on the website.

Once again the impact of Covid on the work has seriously delayed our plans but when we have been able to work it has been successful.

We have completed a considerable amount of coppicing in the glades area by the Butterfly walk and it is our hope that in the future we can upgrade the path through the glades and make it more accessible to all.

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The overflow and new drainage in the central lagoon is now fully in place and together with the reed clearance by the council make it a more attractive site for wildlife.

We also used some of funds, which included support from VIA and Balfour Beatty to start work on the lower lagoon island. This will, hopefully, be completed by the autumn this year. We have also been able to complete some new wildlife scrapes on the east side of the solar farm which we have wanted to install for some time. Further wildlife scrapes and improvements in terms of additional scrapes and small ponds are planned for other areas of the park.

Plans have been developed by the Friends for a Sand Martins nesting site by the lower lagoons and this is being taken forward by the Council and we hope to have more news in early 2022 on progress. It is hoped that this will be supported by funding from Severn Trent as part of their Community support scheme.

Our grateful thanks also go to our local Co-ops and their members for the incredible support, over the past few years we have had support from the Gedling village store and the Mapperley area stores and this has allowed us to complete projects and fund the Tree Trail.

My personal thanks go out to my fellow trustees who have put up with my emails and calls over the last year. We only managed to start normal monthly meetings in the Autumn. The Treasurer's Report contains details of those individuals, groups and companies who have supported us financially over the last year and I add my thanks for their support.

A further thanks go to Carlton Rotary club who produced Christmas cards using photographs supplied by Phillip Orme - our FFP - "Fantastic Friends Photographer". Philip's regular photos have helped keep the Park alive in people's minds even when they have not been able to get there in person. Then in turn they have inspired many others.

To those members who have stayed loyally with us I offer my thanks and appreciation for your support. Please continue and encourage friends to join us.

I do have an appeal to our members, who may be interested, for new trustees, sadly this year Rick Wilson has had to stand down due to ill health and we are looking for new trustees, so if anyone is interested can they please email me on **[chair@gedlingcountrypark.org.uk](mailto:chair@gedlingcountrypark.org.uk)**

On Social Media our Facebook page continues to be popular and had over 3800 hits from users on the 29th December. We have had to delete some users during the year for posting inappropriate content but this is far outweighed by the positive use from supporters.

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Finally a mention of thanks to the Gedling Lottery which through the purchase of tickets by users and by nominating us has helped by raising funds on a regular basis.

So let's look forward to 2022 and hopefully, at some point, we can all return to normal activities.

In the Meantime:

***Take Care, Stay Well and Stay Safe.***

**Terry Lock, Chairman, Friends of Gedling Country Park**

10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Terry Lock', written in a cursive style. The signature is contained within a light grey rectangular box.



## Treasurer's Report – December 2021

The Friends of Gedling Country Park was formed on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and this report is for our seventh financial year for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. We are a UK registered charity number: 1167205.

### Key Events

As in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has during 2021 had a significant impact upon the activities of the Friends of Gedling Country Park including its income and its expenditure, both of which have been reduced compared to previous years. Despite this, the overall financial position of the charity remains healthy and membership income and donations have held up well. Thanks, must therefore be given to every member who has paid their annual fee this year and to every other person or organisation who has donated to us. The pandemic lockdown has resulted in extensive use of Gedling Country Park by our members and the wider public, who have all come to appreciate the benefits of this wonderful nature reserve.

Each member who joins us or renews their membership has the option to confirm that they are a UK taxpayer, which enables us to claim gift aid on their membership fee. Many members have chosen to do so, and we hope that this continues and would encourage all others to do the same if they can please.

The generous donations made from the Co-op Local Community Fund of over £7,000 in 2019 and an additional grant of £1,000 received this year from Gedling Borough Council have allowed us to implement a new British Native Tree Trail and artwork in the country park, which we believe is one of the largest in the UK. As well as over 70 native trees planted in the park, we have also included helpful labels and QR codes on the posts near to each tree that direct users to informative pages on our web sites for each specimen of tree (please see <https://www.gedlingcountrypark.org.uk/british-native-tree-trail.html> for a map and links to these pages).

The Gedling Borough Council run 'Gedling Lotto' (<https://www.gedlinglotto.co.uk/>), continues to raise money for good causes, including for the Friends of Gedling Country Park and many other local community groups and charities. Those who play the Gedling Lotto can choose their good cause and a big thank you goes out to those who have chosen us. In 2021, we received donations totalling £859 which is a valuable contribution to our charity.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> July we held an awareness event in Gedling Country Park thanks to a generous grant of £1,000 provided by Virgin Media O2 from their Together Fund, which was created to lend a hand to local charities that bring a sense of community spirit, belonging and togetherness throughout the UK. Our event run with the help of the Gedling Park Rangers was a great opportunity to promote the park and our activities to the public – and the participation of the Burton Joyce Community Brass Band certainly helped to draw in the crowds.

Amazon runs its 'Amazon Smile' service, which donates a proportion of any sales to accredited charities, including ourselves. As with the Gedling Lotto, individuals can confirm the charity they would like to receive donations. For those of you who shop with Amazon, please go to [https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/search/ref=smi\\_se\\_cyc\\_srch\\_stsr?orig=&category=all&query=Friends+of+Gedling+Country+Park](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/gp/chpf/search/ref=smi_se_cyc_srch_stsr?orig=&category=all&query=Friends+of+Gedling+Country+Park) to select us as your good cause - and thank you to anybody who has already done so (or indeed chosen any other charity). It's early days, but this year we received a total £26 from Amazon Smile.

A donation was kindly provided by Carlton Rotary Club of £250 from the sale of their 2021 calendars. Please see <https://carltonrotary.co.uk/> for a list of their activities and the good causes they support.



Here is the complete list of organisations who have generously supported the Group this year (in alphabetical order):

- Amazon Smile
- Carlton Rotary Club
- Gedling Borough Council
- Gedling Lotto
- Nottingham City Council Catering Services (who operates Cafe 1899 in the park and offers a 10% discount for all FGCP members)
- Virgin Media O2

And here is the list of individuals who have generously supported the Group this year (in alphabetical order):

- B&A Douglas
- E&A Gorski
- A Keyworth
- D Moore
- VB Thompson

### Income Received

The income received for the period from January 2021 to December 2021 was as follows:

Category	Amount	Description
<b>Grants</b>	£2,000	£1,000 from Gedling Borough Council to support the implementation of the British Native Tree Trail and £1,000 from Virgin Media O2 to fund the awareness event held on 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2021.
<b>Donations</b>	£1,680	Donations from various individuals and organisations listed above as well as members of the public at our 4 <sup>th</sup> July awareness event.
<b>Membership Fees</b>	£600	Membership fees taken for individual and family memberships.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,280</b>	

### Expenditure

For the same period, expenditure was as follows:

	Amount	Description
<b>Grounds Maintenance/Development</b>	£7,260	Implementation of the British Native Tree Trail (purchase and installation of posts, signage and wooden artwork), maintenance of the lagoon nesting rafts, provision of digger services to create 'scrapes' within the park for wildlife enhancement and to protect the lagoon nesting island.
<b>Marketing, Communications and Web</b>	£755	Printing of British Native Tree Trail booklets, web site hosting, new membership cards, stamps and printing costs for membership forms.



<b>Fund Raising and Volunteer Days</b>	£642	Costs associated with the 4 <sup>th</sup> July awareness event (keyrings, bird seed, posters and photos) and the tree trail launch event, including sanitiser and refreshments.
<b>Insurance</b>	£434	Provision of public liability and volunteer personal accident insurance (also providing trustee, finance, libel and slander protection).
<b>Finance Charges</b>	£146	Bank service charges from Unity Bank, transaction fees from PayPal and Information Commissioner's Office Data Protection Registration Annual Fee.
<b>Plants/Trees/Seeds</b>	£72	Purchase of some replacement trees for the British Native Tree Trail.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£9,309</b>	

### Bank Reconciliation

The opening balance as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 was £9,178.44 (comprising of £8,429.94 held at Unity bank, £663.50 held with PayPal, £85.00 income not yet cleared at the bank, and no cash holdings).

Total income for 2021 was £4,280.37 and total expenditure was £9,308.90.

The closing balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 was £4,149.91 (comprising of £3,610.17 held at Unity bank, £374.74 held with PayPal, £135.00 income not yet cleared at the bank, and £30.00 of cash holdings).

**Nick Benedek, Treasurer, Friends of Gedling Country Park  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

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## Chairman's Report for 2020 AGM

January 2021

Let me start by apologising for the delay in issuing this report, but I was hopeful that we may have been able to make some positive comments regarding 2021 but sadly the current Covid situation makes it look unlikely for some months to come.

This report is briefer than I would have hoped but it still reflects our determination to support Gedling Country Park through the activities of the Friends.

2020 has been a year in which we have had to halt all of our major activities as a result of the ongoing Covid pandemic. This has meant that from March 2020 we have not been able to carry out any organised volunteer activities within the park. We have still maintained contact with Gedling Council staff and have had regular meetings with them to help with suggestions as to what work could be done and to offer advice and support.

The work carried out by the Rangers, Rob and Michael has been successful in helping to maintain the Park environment during this troubled year and without their efforts, especially during the summer we would have lost a substantial number of trees.

Luckily we had managed to complete the Bee enclosure work in 2019 and so we had some colonies established for 2020, although we could not expand these further as we had hoped to. But with the support of the Council we have been able to ensure that the existing colonies have been maintained and we will hope to expand them in 2021.

Also we were able to continue with the planning of the Tree Trail and this is slowly nearing completion. Once again the impact of Covid on the work has seriously delayed this and we are hopeful that we will complete it and let the public enjoy it in 2021. This will be, as far as we are aware, a unique feature that no other park has, certainly in the East Midlands.

The Council completed the new car park and this together with the two viewing platforms and the completion of the outside area for Cafe1899 added to the attractions available. Sadly the cafe has also suffered badly during lockdowns but our grateful thanks go to their staff for what they have been able to do under the limiting restrictions. We would have held the AGM in Cafe1899 after last year's successful event but sadly this has been overtaken by Covid requirements.

We have been involved in discussions with the council with regard to their volunteer policy and how it impacts on our activities. To ensure that the members and volunteers of the Friends group are correctly represented we have taken legal advice on our position as a charitable entity.

Equally we, the Friends, continue with our policy of supporting the fact that no non-native species of plants are planted by us on the park. We would encourage other local groups and Councils to support similar initiatives to help protect our own native plants and trees.



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We have continued, as far as possible, to work on the lower lagoons and have managed to provide additional floating nesting islands in both lagoons. Equally we have worked with a local company to develop a better weir and drainage for the central lagoon, but the completion of this has been, like many projects, delayed by Covid.

Plans have been developed by the Friends for a Sand Martins nesting site by the lower lagoons and this is being taken forward by the Council and we hope to have more news in early 2021 on progress. It is hoped that this will be supported by funding from Severn Trent as part of their environmental support

Our grateful thanks also go to our local Co-ops and their members for the incredible support, over the past few years we have had support from the Gedling village store and the Mapperley area stores and this has allowed us to complete projects and fund the Tree Trail.

My personal thanks go out to my fellow trustees who have put up with my emails and calls over the last year (we have not had a face-to-face meeting since March). The treasurers report contains details of those individuals, groups and companies who have supported us financially over the last year and I add my thanks for their support.

A further thanks go to Carlton Rotary club who produced a calendar using photographs supplied by Phillip Orme – our FFP - "*Fantastic Friends Photographer*". Philips daily photos have helped keep the park alive in peoples minds even when they have not been able to get there in person. Then in turn they have inspired many others and I cannot remember ever seeing so many excellent images of the park in previous years. 2020 has certainly set a high standard for photography in the Park and I am sure that 2021 will see a similar high standard.

There has been one project that has suffered badly and that is the Art Competition, we have already had to delay it by a year and it sadly looks like we may have to delay it further until the Covid situation is resolved. - We will let people know of the decision on this as and when we decide.

To those members who have stayed loyally with us I offer my thanks and appreciation for your support. Please continue and encourage friends to join us.

On Social Media we have now over 4200 followers on our Friends Page

So lets look forward to 2021 and hopefully, at some point, we an all return to normal activities.

In the Meantime:

***Take Care, Stay Well and Stay Safe.***

**Terry Lock, Chairman, Friends of Gedling Country Park**





## Treasurer's Report – December 2020

The Friends of Gedling Country Park was formed on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and this report is for our sixth financial year for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. We are a UK registered charity number: 1167205.

### Key Events

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact upon the activities of the Friends of Gedling Country Park including its income and its expenditure, both of which have been significantly reduced compared to previous years. Despite this, the overall financial position of the charity remains healthy and membership income has held up well. Thanks must therefore be given to every member who has paid their annual fee this year and to every other person or organisation who has donated to us. The pandemic lockdown has resulted in extensive use of Gedling Country Park by our members and the wider public, who have all come to appreciate the benefits of this wonderful nature reserve.

Each member who joins us or renews their membership has the option to confirm that they are a UK taxpayer, which enables us to claim gift aid on their membership fee. Many members have chosen to do so and as a result, we were able to claim from HMRC a total of £340 for the past 3 years of membership fees (comprising of £840 received this year, £1,005 in 2019 and £765 in 2018).

The generous donations made from the Co-op Local Community Fund in 2019 are intended to be used to implement a new nature 'Tree Trail' and artwork in the country park, provide new educational booklets and for contributing towards the cost of other landscaping improvements and planting. We had planned to have completed this during 2020, but progress has unfortunately been slow because of the pandemic, although we have been able to purchase the tree trail posts and some initial trees.

Gedling Borough Council has this year set-up the Gedling Lotto (<https://www.gedlinglotto.co.uk/>), which is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes, including for the Friends of Gedling Country Park and many other local community groups and charities. Those who play the Gedling Lotto can choose their good cause and a big thank you goes out to those who have chosen us. So far, we have received donations of £159.

We also kindly received a grant from Gedling Borough Council of £522 to allow us to produce a further print run of the educational Nature Trial booklet, once the current stocks run low.

Here is the list of organisations who have generously supported the Group this year (in alphabetical order):

- Gedling Borough Council and its Councillors
- Gedling Lotto
- Nottingham City Council Catering Services (who operates Cafe 1899 in the park and offers a 10% discount for all FGCP members)

And here is the list of individuals who have generously supported the Group this year (in alphabetical order):

- Councillor Julie Najuk
- R Douglas
- E&A Gorski
- D Moore



## Income Received

The income received for the period from January 2020 to December 2020 (including the aforementioned donations and memberships) was as follows:

Category	Amount	Description
<b>Membership Fees</b>	£840	Membership fees taken for individual and family memberships.
<b>HMRC Gift Aid</b>	£340	Gif aid claimed from HMRC for the past 3 years of membership fees.
<b>Grants</b>	£522	£522 from Gedling Borough Council for the Nature Trail education booklets.
<b>Donations</b>	£404	Donations from various individuals and organisations listed above.
<b>Fund Raising Events</b>	£52	Monies raised from the wildlife walks we were able to hold in the park from January to March (before the COVID-19 pandemic), and the 2020 AGM raffle.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,158</b>	

## Expenditure

For the same period, expenditure was as follows:

	Amount	Description
<b>Grounds Maintenance/Development</b>	£2,266	Purchase of 25x tree trail posts and installation materials, installation of new kingfisher nests and maintenance of the lagoon nesting rafts.
<b>Legal Advice</b>	£900	Procurement of legal advice in relation to health and safety, volunteer policies and data protection for FGCP as a separate legal entity (a charitable incorporated organisation) and how this relates to Gedling Borough Council's volunteer and data protection policies.
<b>Insurance</b>	£428	Provision of public liability and volunteer personal accident insurance (also providing trustee, finance, libel and slander protection).
<b>Marketing, Communications and Web</b>	£203	Web site hosting, new membership cards, stamps and printing costs for membership forms, park history booklets and art competition photos.
<b>Finance Charges</b>	£111	Bank service charges from Unity Bank and transaction fees from PayPal.
<b>Plants/Trees/Seeds</b>	£86	Purchase of some initial trees for the tree trail and native primrose flowers.
<b>Fund Raising and Volunteer Days</b>	£11	Costs associated with the fund raising events and volunteer days, including refreshments.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,005</b>	



### Bank Reconciliation

The opening balance as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 was £11,025.33 (comprising of £10,732.08 held at Unity bank, £293.25 held with PayPal, and no cash holdings).

Total income for 2020 was £2,158.48 and total expenditure was £4,005.37.

The closing balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 was £9,178.44 (comprising of £8,429.94 held at Unity bank, £663.50 held with PayPal, £85.00 income not yet cleared at the bank, and no cash holdings).

**Nick Benedek, Treasurer, Friends of Gedling Country Park**  
**31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**