

THE FRIENDS OF GLEDHOW VALLEY WOODS

England & Wales · Charity number 1169599

Details

Other names FGVW

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-10-11

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

Contact

Address 83 Gledhow Park Avenue
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: (1) TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA KNOWN AS GLEDHOW VALLEY WOODS IN NORTH LEEDS ("THE WOODS") FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR BY:(A) PROTECTING THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE WOODS;(B) MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE WOODS AND FACILITIES WITHIN THE WOODS, SUCH AS PATHS AND SEATING; (C) PROMOTING BIODIVERSITY IN THE WOODS; (D) INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION OF THE WOODS AND THEIR CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT, AND REFLECTING THE OPINIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE WIDER COMMUNITY IN RELATION TO THE WOODS; (E) ACTING TO PREVENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE WOODS WHERE SUCH DEVELOPMENT MAY BE CONSIDERED DAMAGING THE WOODS, ITS FLORA AND FAUNA OR ITS VALUE AS A COMMUNITY AMENITY; AND(F) WORKING WITH OTHER GROUPS THAT HAVE AN INTEREST IN, CONTROL OVER OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WOODS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTS OF FGVW, INCLUDING RELEVANT PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND OTHER LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS; AND (2) TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITIES WHICH IN THE REASONABLE OPINION OF THE TRUSTEES ARE CONDUCIVE, ANCILLARY OR INCIDENTAL TO ANY OF THE ABOVE.

Activities: The Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods aim to protect, enhance and conserve Gledhow Valley Woods. We want to make the woods the best they can be for wildlife with good access for all the users of the

woods. We hold monthly action mornings to carry out tasks such as building and maintaining footpaths, wild flower meadow management, bulb planting and litter picking.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leeds City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£25,511	£53,002	-	-
2023-12-31	£58,804	£41,973	-	-
2022-12-31	£17,437	£9,538	-	-
2021-12-31	£6,379	£18,277	-	-
2020-12-31	£713	£4,832	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David John Lumb		2025-12-04
David Owen Miles		2025-12-04
Hazel Gregory		2025-12-04
Simon Martin Conyers		2025-12-04
Steven Jones-Blackett		2017-03-24

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Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ending

31st December 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

From: 01/01/2024

To: 31/12/2024

Charity's full name *Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods*

Registered Charity number **1169599**

Objectives and activities

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

- a) FGVW have continued to work with the main landowners, Leeds City Council and the Wades Charity to implement the management plan and remove litter and fly tips.
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- g) The Trustees, Steering group and any project teams liaise with various public bodies, including the main landowners the Wades Charity and Leeds City Council. We are in regular contact with council sectors, Parks and Countryside, Forestry, Land Drainage and Flood Risk Management.
- h) FGVW also consults with outside bodies, including Yorkshire Water, the Woodland Trust, The River Stewardship Company, Groundwork UK.
- i) The FGVW also have ongoing community engagement programmes linking with local primary schools, arts organisations, TCV, a local community centre and numerous other community groups.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

The FGVW trustees are pleased to report on another year of progress. 2024 saw the conclusion of a major project to address the silting up of Gledhow lake.

The £130,000 project was made possible thanks to various grant providers, with over half the money provided by Veolia.

The project aimed to manage the flow of silt into Gledhow lake through contouring, altering the flow of the two entry channels, planting of appropriate wetland plants and measures to prevent silt from entering the beck and lake directly. The bulk of the work was completed in 2023 and finished in 2024.

Many thanks to David Miles for steering the project from idea to fruition to completion. FGVW finished in the top 2 for the prestigious Ashden award, as a result of the success of this project.

The monthly action mornings have been well attended and volunteers have undertaken tasks such as dead hedge maintenance, the planting of more hedges along the sides of the woodland, pond clearing, wild flower planting and the annual cutting and raking of David Miles continued to lead the Citizen Science project to monitor water quality, using volunteers to take samples for analysis. The results should help us to understand and hopefully to improve the water quality. After more than the usual number of trees falling dramatically in 2023, the Council Woodlands Officer Lucy Clarke has marked up failing trees with a view to felling in 2025. This action is very welcome as it also creates new habitats as well as making the woodland safer.

FGVW once again attended the Chapel Allerton Arts Festival and we opened the Bath House for one of the Heritage Open Weekends. Thanks to the generosity of Wendy Jones Blackett Ltd in donating discontinued greetings cards, we were able to raise funds at these events. Thanks to all the volunteers for manning the FGVW stall. Also another thank you to WJB Ltd for printing small runs of FGVW Christmas cards at a competitive price. They have proved to be extremely popular and thanks to Steve Jones Blackett for his work in producing these cards.

We still face challenges in trying to manage the woodland. Japanese Knotweed is still with us, despite being on the Leeds City council knotweed map for many years. It still flourishes in places where we had hoped for its eradication. The large area of Bamboo that has spread alarmingly over the last 20 years has been the subject of a standalone project to address this in 2024/25. The Project involved eradication of bamboo where possible and spraying of other areas, along with removal of some trees. The result has been a new open area, with a pond and will hopefully provide much improved biodiversity.

Overall, 2024 was a year of maintenance of existing assets, such as paths, hedges and meadows, along with the Bamboo project. A hearty thank you to all the folk that enable FGVW to function. Adam and Carol Bull for their website and secretarial work, Adrian Coltman and Theresa Williams for enabling the action mornings to take place successfully and safely, Adrian Coltman and Mike Brown and David Lumb for their maintenance work and to Claire Johnson and Emily Wilde for making scrumptious action morning refreshments.

The trustees would like to finish this report by placing on record our grateful thanks to thank Mervyn and Joan Clayton and Trevor and Diane Kitto for their sterling work for FGVW over many years. You will be missed.

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The majority of the restricted funds were spent this year, leaving a balance of £1,019. A small surplus was made on the general reserves increasing them slightly to £14,666.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

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Reasons for holding zero reserves

N/A

Funds materially in deficit

None

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

None

Structure, governance and management**Description of the charity's trusts****Type of governing document** Constitution**How the charity is constituted** CIO

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees Trustees must be drawn from the membership of the CIO

Other names the charity is known by FGWW

Charity's principal address 83, Gledhow Park Avenue
Leeds

Yorkshire
Postcode LS7 4JL

Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Martin Calvert	Chair		
Steve Jones-Blackett	Treasurer		
Naomi Watts-Kitto			
Adrian Coltman	Secretary		

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Karen Wood ACMA	Outsource Accounting Services & IE's 2 Galligap Lane Osbalwick, York YO10 3NR
Bankers	HSBC UK Bank PLC	PO Box 105 33 Park Row, Leeds LS1 1LD

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature *MartinPCalvert*

Full Name Martin Calvert
Position Chair
Date 18th April 2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods

I report on the accounts of: **Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods**
for the period ended: **31st December 2024** which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Karen Wood (ACMA)

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Osbalwick
York YO10 3NR

17/06/2025

Date:

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods
(CIO Number:1169599)

Receipts & payments accounts for the year ending:	31st December 2024
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants received	-	21,587	21,587	57,500
Donations	600	200	800	338
Events	111	-	111	886
Merchandise sales	2,008	-	2,008	50
Member subscriptions	5	-	5	30
Awards	1,000	-	1,000	-
Total receipts	3,724	21,787	25,511	58,804
Payments				
Groundwork, trees & grass cutting	-	43,354	43,354	38,025
Workshops , events & exhibitions	133	4,461	4,594	66
Signage & information	-	-	-	700
Bat boxes	-	2,450	2,450	-
Water test kits & analysis	-	691	691	-
Materials & action mornings	36	-	36	337
Tools & equipment	60	168	228	1,911
Insurance , subs & licence fees	470	-	470	432
Administration costs	50	-	50	-
Volunteer expenses	120	35	155	-
Merchandise costs	308	-	308	84
Website, advertising & publicity	-	269	269	50
Independent examination	330	-	330	300
Bank charges	67	-	67	68
Total payments	1,574	51,428	53,002	41,973
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,150	(29,641)	(27,491)	16,831
Transfer between funds	318	(318)	-	-
Balance brought forward	12,198	30,978	43,176	26,345
Balance carried forward	14,666	1,019	15,685	43,176

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Statement of assets and liabilities at:		31st December 2024		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
Assets	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current bank account	13,664	1,019	14,683	42,678
Petty cash	1,002	-	1,002	498
	14,666	1,019	15,685	43,176
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
Liabilities	£	£	£	£
Independent examination fee	350	-	350	330
	350	-	350	330

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Notes to the accounts for the period ended:

31st December 2023

1. Basis of accounts

The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Restricted income funds

Fund name	Purpose
Lakes/ Wetland Phase 2	Groundwork to prepare the Phase 2 plans
Lakes / Wetland Phase 3	Groundwork to prepare the Phase 3 plans
Thriving Communities	Funding to be used in conjunction with volunteer-based input in Gledhow Valley associated with Bushcraft Session for vulnerable men.
NHLF	Funding for the physical work used to create the wetland beds/ponds along Gledhow Valley.
Postcode Lottery	Funding for improvements to water quality in Gledhow Beck,
West Yorkshire Bat Group Conservation	Funding to purchase Bat Boxes.
Climate Action Leeds	Funding for the closure of Gledhow Valley Road and Green Fair to be held Sunday July 14th 2024.
Water monitoring	Ongoing community project to monitor the water quality of Gledhow Beck
Tree Council	Branching Out grant for purchase of trees
LCC Inner NE Leeds Community Committee	Leeds City Council Wellbeing fund

	Balance b/fwd £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers btw funds £	Balance c/fwd £
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	12,198	2,724	1,574	318	13,666
Designated for lake/wetland planting	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
	<u>12,198</u>	<u>3,724</u>	<u>1,574</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>14,666</u>
Restricted Funds					
Lakes/ Wetland Phase 2	2,193	-	2,193	-	-
Wades	4,514	-	4,514	-	-
Yorkshire Water	<u>6,707</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,707</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Lakes / Wetland Phase 3					
Wades	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Yorkshire Water	-	6,307	6,307	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>11,307</u>	<u>11,307</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Thriving Communities					
Space2 Leeds	<u>1,538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80</u>
NHLF	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Postcode Lottery	<u>14,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>594</u>
West Yorkshire Bat Group Conservation	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50</u>
Climate Action Leeds					

Community Foundation	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,682</u>	<u>(318)</u>	<u>-</u>
Water monitoring					
Voluntary Action Leeds	283	-	283	-	-
ChangeX	150	-	150	-	-
Donation	-	200	-	-	200
	<u>433</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200</u>
Tree Council	<u>-</u>	<u>2,780</u>	<u>2,780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
LCC Inner NE Leeds Community Committee	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,905</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>30,978</u>	<u>21,787</u>	<u>51,428</u>	<u>(318)</u>	<u>1,019</u>
Total Funds	<u>43,176</u>	<u>25,511</u>	<u>53,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,685</u>

The underspend of funds from Climate Action Leeds of £318 was transferred to general funds to contribute towards the Action Mornings at Gledhow Valley Wopds.

Approval of accounts for the year ended:

31st December 2024

The report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held on:

12.06.2025

Date



Signed for and on behalf of the trustees

13.06.2025

Date

Steven Jones-Blackett

Print name

Treasurer

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

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All the Trustees have paid regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. We take it into account in our decision making. We have not had cause to depart from the guidance.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Contribution made by volunteers: Our volunteers make us one of the leading Friends groups in Leeds. The average number of volunteers attending action mornings is well over 30. For the period of this report, we had 10 action mornings in 2021. We limited the attendance for social distancing reasons, but still came out with a healthy average of 33 for 2021. There are many others contributing throughout the year, not just at action mornings. There is much preparatory and extra work to do, along with meetings and the social media team are always active. Thanks to Adam and Carol Bull, Steve Jones-Blackett, David Miles, Stephen Tyndale-Biscoe, Mervyn and Joan Clayton and Trevor and Diane Kitto for their extra contributions.

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There were a couple of disappointing events in 2022. The tree that fell across the lake, nearly destroying the FGVW built jetty, should have been dealt with before it fell as Leeds City Council Forestry received various warnings about its perilous state, but failed to act in time. LCC will be repairing the jetty and surrounding area early in 2023. The other incident involved persons unknown removing a section of newly installed wooden railings protecting the public from a steep drop next to a section of raised footpath. Incidents like this are thankfully rare in the Woods and replacement metal railings were installed by FGVW volunteers. Thanks to Mervyn Clayton for leading the engineering team. Local Co-op stores once again chose FGVW to be a beneficiary of their Community Fund. This is a fantastic help to our work and we are very grateful to the Co-op for their support. The year ended with a thank you event for volunteers in the Three Hulats. A very satisfying year for FGVW. Thank you to all the volunteers who make it all possible

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

A slight deficit in unrestricted funds has meant unrestricted reserves have decreased this year. Restricted funding has been secured for a lot of projects.

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None

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Martin Calvert	Chair		
Steve Jones-Blackett	Treasurer		
Naomi Watts-Kitto			
Adrian Coltman	Secretary		

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Karen Wood ACMA	Outsource Accounting Services & IE's Hiscox Building, Peasholme Green York YO1 7PR
Bankers	HSBC UK Bank PLC	PO Box 105 33 Park Row, Leeds LS1 1LD

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Calvert', written in a cursive style.

Full Name

Martin Calvert

Position

Chair

Date

29.05.2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods

I report on the accounts of: **Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods**
for the period ended: **31st December 2023** which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Karen Wood (ACMA)

Outsource independent examination
service
The Hiscox Building
Peasholme Green
York YO1 7PR

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Date:

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods
(CIO Number:1169599)

Receipts & payments accounts for the year ending:	31st December 2023
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants received	-	57,500	57,500	9,132
Donations	338	-	338	5,236
Events	886	-	886	-
Merchandise sales	50	-	50	2,759
Member subscriptions	30	-	30	290
Bank interest	-	-	-	20
Total receipts	1,304	57,500	58,804	17,437
Payments				
Groundwork, tree & grass cutting	2,231	35,794	38,025	1,773
Workshops , events & exhibitions	66	-	66	4,057
Signage & information	-	700	700	-
Carol's bench	-	-	-	290
Defibulator	-	-	-	935
Materials & action mornings	337	-	337	745
Tools & equipment	1,044	867	1,911	802
Insurance , subs & licence fees	432	-	432	413
Administration costs	-	-	-	10
Merchandise costs	84	-	84	84
Website, advertising & publicity	50	-	50	50
Independent examination	300	-	300	300
Bank charges	68	-	68	79
Total payments	4,612	37,361	41,973	9,538
 Net of receipts/(payments)	 (3,308)	 20,139	 16,831	 7,899
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Balance brought forward	15,506	10,839	26,345	18,446
Balance carried forward	12,198	30,978	43,176	26,345

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods
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Statement of assets and liabilities at:		31st December 2023		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current bank account	11,700	30,978	42,678	25,782
Petty cash	498	-	498	563
	12,198	30,978	43,176	26,345
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Liabilities				
Independent examination fee	330	-	330	300
	330	-	330	300

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods
(CIO Number:1169599)

Notes to the accounts for the period ended:

31st December 2023

1. Basis of accounts

The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Restricted income funds

Fund name	Purpose
Lakes Phase 1	Gledhow lake improvement works
Lakes Phase 2	Groundwork to prepare the Phase 2 plans
Thriving Communities	Funding to be used in conjunction with volunteer-based input in Gledhow Valley associated with Bushcraft Session for vulnerable men.
NHLF	Funding for the physical work used to create the wetland beds/ponds along Gledhow Valley.
Postcode Lottery	Funding for improvements to water quality in Gledhow Beck,
Yorkshire Water	Contribution to phase 2
Climate Action Leeds	Funding for the closure of Gledhow Valley Road and Green Fair to be held Sunday July 14th 2024.
Water monitoring	Ongoing community project to monitor the water quality of Gledhow Beck

	Balance b/fwd £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers btw £	Balance c/fwd £
Unrestricted Funds	15,506	1,304	4,612	-	12,198
Restricted Funds					
Lakes Phase 1					
Martin Wills Wildlife Trust	596	-	596	-	-
Coop Community Grant	5,847	-	5,847	-	-
	6,443	-	6,443	-	-
Lakes Phase 2					
Wades	3,000	5,000	5,807	-	2,193
Thriving Communities					
Space2 Leeds	1,396	1,200	1,058	-	1,538
NHLF	-	10,000	7,500	0	2,500
Postcode Lottery	-	25,000	10,200	-	14,800
Yorkshire Water	-	10,000	5,486	-	4,514
Climate Action Leeds					
Community Foundation	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Water monitoring					
Voluntary Action Leeds	-	800	517	-	283
ChangeX	-	500	350	-	150
	-	1,300	867	-	433
Total Restricted Funds	10,839	57,500	37,361	-	30,978
Total Funds	26,345	58,804	41,973	-	43,176

The report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held on:

14.05.2024

Date



Signed for and on behalf of the trustees

29.05.2024

Date

Steven Jones-Blackett

Print name

Treasurer

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

THE FRIENDS OF GLEDHOW VALLEY WOODS

England & Wales - Charity number 1169599

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Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods

(CIO Number:1169599)

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Trustees' Annual Report

From: 01/01/2022

To: 31/12/2022

Charity's full name *Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods*

Registered Charity number **1169599**

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

- (a) FGVW have continued to work with the main land owners, Leeds City Council and the Wades Charity to implement the management plan and remove the increasing amount of litter and fly tips.
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All the Trustees have paid regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. We take it into account in our decision making. We have not had cause to depart from the guidance.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Contribution made by volunteers: Our volunteers make us one of the leading Friends groups in Leeds. The average number of volunteers attending action mornings is well over 30. For the period of this report, we had 10 action mornings in 2021. We limited the attendance for social distancing reasons, but still came out with a healthy average of 33 for 2021.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

The FGVW Trustees are pleased to report on a year of consolidation and progress. Much of the work of the charity involves maintaining assets of the charity, most of which have been created by the Friends over the last 26 years. Namely the network of footpaths, sets of steps, the hedgerows and the meadows. Work at the monthly action mornings has included repairing path edges, topping up paths with fresh stone, inspecting and repairing steps. One set of steps off Gledhow Lane were completely refurbished in 2022. The numerous varying lengths of hedgerows have been protected from being out competed and their growth encouraged to become valuable wildlife corridors. The 6 meadows, all created by FGVW, need 3 months of intensive cutting and raking to enable them to continue to flourish. Our new mower and even newer hay rake attachment have proved their worth, especially in the larger meadows. We also did some wild flower plug planting and rotivated a section of Beck Pasture followed by re-seeding with a suitable mix of wild flower seed. 8 new hay rakes were well received by the volunteers. Besides the maintenance of our assets, other action morning work included planting new hedgerows, along with tree whips and bushes in various parts of the woodland. The Bath house railings were prepared and primed for painting and a further bench installed. In between action mornings, FGVW held an event to celebrate the conclusion of the HLF project to improve Gledhow Lake. Thanks to David Miles, Jill Darlington and Adrian Coltman for organising such a lovely event at the lakeside in April. The very successful HLF project has now concluded, with the final tranche of funding being paid to FGVW funds. Thanks to David Miles for steering the project from beginning to end. The Bath House was opened as part of the National Heritage Open Weekend events and we welcomed over 200 visitors keen to see inside the building and sample the refreshments. Thanks to all the volunteers for running the event and special thanks to Diane Kitto for providing the marvellous array of cakes. Beck Pasture was once again opened to the public on the National Meadows open day and our visitors were able to see the variety of wild flowers thriving in this ancient pasture. The stall at the Chapel Allerton Festival was a great success financially and through engagement with many of the folk that visit Gledhow Woods. Thanks to all the stall helpers and to Wendy Jones Blackett Ltd for providing greetings cards for us to sell to raise funds.

There were a couple of disappointing events in 2022. The tree that fell across the lake, nearly destroying the FGVW built jetty, should have been dealt with before it fell as Leeds City Council Forestry received various warnings about its perilous state, but failed to act in time. LCC will be repairing the jetty and surrounding area early in 2023. The other incident involved persons unknown removing a section of newly installed wooden railings protecting the public from a steep drop next to a section of raised footpath. Incidents like this are thankfully rare in the Woods and replacement metal railings were installed by FGVW volunteers. Thanks to Mervyn Clayton for leading the engineering team. Local Co-op stores once again chose FGVW to be a beneficiary of their Community Fund. This is a fantastic help to our work and we are very grateful to the Co-op for their support. The year ended with a thank you event for volunteers in the Three Hulats. A very satisfying year for FGVW. Thank you to all the volunteers who make it all possible

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

The purpose of the Reserves Policy for FGVW is to ensure stability of the ongoing operations of the charity. Reserves are intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as a sudden increase in expenses, one-time unbudgeted expenses, unanticipated loss in funding or uninsured losses. The reserves may also be used for one-time, non-recurring expenses that will build long-term capacity, such as investment in infrastructure.

Reserves are not intended to replace a permanent loss of funds or eliminate an ongoing budget gap. It is the intention of FGVW for reserves to be used and replenished within a short period of time. The Reserves Policy will be implemented in concert with other governance and financial policies of FGVW and is intended to support the goals and strategies determined by the Trustees.

The target Minimum Operating reserve has been set at £1000, being equal to one years insurance premium and likely legal fees to deal with any transfer of the land asset on winding up. At this stage, the charity does not have set or predictable operating expenses and financial commitments which need to be accounted for in the Operating Reserve.

An additional sum will be held as part of the Operating reserve to account for costs incurred should a major event such as the Fun day be cancelled. This will be calculated as the average costs of the three preceeding Fun days.

Reasons for holding zero reserves

N/A

Funds materially in deficit

None

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

None

Structure, governance and management**Description of the charity's trusts****Type of governing document** Constitution**How the charity is constituted** CIO

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees Trustees must be drawn from the membership of the CIO

Other names the charity is known by FGVW

Charity's principal address 83, Gledhow Park Avenue
Leeds

Yorkshire

Postcode LS7 4JL

Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Martin Calvert	Chair		
Steve Jones-Blackett	Treasurer		
Naomi Watts-Kitto			
Adrian Coltman	Secretary		

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Karen Wood ACMA	Outsource Accounting Services & IE's Hiscox Building, Peasholme Green York YO1 7PR
Bankers	HSBC UK Bank PLC	PO Box 105 33 Park Row, Leeds LS1 1LD

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature

Martin Calvert

Full Name

Martin Calvert

Position

Chair

Date

24th April 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods

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Karen Wood (ACMA)
Outsource independent examination
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The Hiscox Building
Peasholme Green
York YO1 7PR

27/04/2023

Date:

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods
(CIO Number:1169599)

Receipts & payments accounts for the year ending:	31st December 2022
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants received	935	8,197	9,132	2,450
Donations	4,301	935	5,236	1,766
Events	-	-	-	1,225
Merchandise sales	2,759	-	2,759	720
Member subscriptions	290	-	290	185
Bank interest	20	-	20	33
Total receipts	8,305	9,132	17,437	6,379
Payments				
Seeds, tree work & grass cutting	1,773	-	1,773	2,726
Workshops , events & exhibitions	4,057	-	4,057	6,778
Signage & information	-	-	-	3,065
Carol's bench	-	290	290	-
Defibulator	-	935	935	-
Materials & action mornings	745	-	745	2,136
Tools & equipment	802	-	802	2,344
Insurance , subs & licence fees	413	-	413	462
Administration costs	-	10	10	199
Merchandise costs	84	-	84	79
Website, advertising & publicity	50	-	50	-
Independent examination	300	-	300	300
Donations to other organisations	-	-	-	100
Bank charges	79	-	79	8
Volunteer's expenses & gifts	-	-	-	80
Total payments	8,303	1,235	9,538	18,277
Net of receipts/(payments)	2	7,897	7,899	(11,898)
Transfer between funds	5,335	(5,335)	-	-
Balance brought forward	10,169	8,277	18,446	30,344
Balance carried forward	15,506	10,839	26,345	18,446

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods
(CIO Number:1169599)

Statement of assets and liabilities at:	31st December 2022
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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current bank account	14,943	10,839	25,782	14,642
Deposit account	-	-	-	3,328
Petty cash	563	-	563	476
	<u>15,506</u>	<u>10,839</u>	<u>26,345</u>	<u>18,446</u>

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Liabilities				
Independent examination fee	300	-	300	300
	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>

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2. Restricted income funds

Fund name	Purpose
Lakes	Gledhow lake improvement works
Lakes Phase 2	
Thriving Communities	
AED Donate	
Carol's Bench	

	Balance b/fwd £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers btw £	Balance c/fwd £
Unrestricted Funds	10,169	8,305	8,303	5,335	15,506
Lakes					
Martin Wills Wildlife Trust	596	-	-	-	596
Coop Community Grant	5,847	-	-	-	5,847
	<u>6,443</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,443</u>
Lakes Phase 2					
Wades	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Thriving Communities					
Space2 Leeds	1,209	197	10	-	1,396
AED Donate	-	5,000	0	(5,000)	-
Carol's Bench					
Donations	625	0	290	(335)	-
Defibulator					
Donations	-	935	935	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	8,277	9,132	1,235	(5,335)	10,839
Total Funds	18,446	17,437	9,538	-	26,345

Transfer between funds

The final installment of £5k was paid to the NHLF fund on completion of the project. Funds were transferred back to unrestricted once this funding was obtained.

The donations for Carol's bench exceeded the cost of the bench plus commemorative plaque, The excess funds were transferred back to unrestricted reserves.

Approval of accounts for the year ended:

31st December 2022

The report and accounts were approved at a
meeting of the Trustees held on: ✓

23.04.2023

Date



Signed for and on behalf of the trustees

24.04.2023

Date

STEVE JONES - BLACKETT

Print name

TREASURER

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

THE FRIENDS OF GLEDHOW VALLEY WOODS

England & Wales - Charity number 1169599

Accounts

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To: 31/12/2021

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

The trustees are happy to report on the FGVW year in 2021, which saw more of the regular events returning, along with an increased number of action mornings and the community engagement associated with the HLF grant. We continued to work on the footpaths. These were created/restored by FGVW over the 26 years of our existence and were used by huge numbers of local people throughout the pandemic. It has been very gratifying to see the local community enjoying the woods, which have provided an escape from the stresses of the last 2 years and has no doubt benefitted well-being on a huge scale.

We held 10 action mornings in 2021, following the lifting of restrictions in February. From March to June, we concentrated on improving the paths and working on the hedge and pond in Beck Pasture. A major diversion of the woodland footpath was completed, creating another section of step free, wider footpath. Mervyn Clayton made a bench for the new section of path, to which a plaque remembering Glenn, one of our volunteers was attached. We also worked on the dead hedge around the lake. Some plants were dug in to hopefully convert the dead hedge into a living hedge and it was topped up with material. We planted around 200 trees in the pollarded sections of the Beech wood, to augment previous plantings in those areas. Later in the year, the work concentrated on the vital annual tasks of cutting and raking the wild flower meadows. This we achieved over 4 months, with the help of Ian Henderson from Legacy Habitat and our band of volunteers.

It is quite an achievement to maintain the annual cycle necessary for the meadows to thrive. The FGVW owned Beck Pasture was again cut and raked into lines by Ian, using a modern motorised scythe with appropriate attachments. However, we were able to assist Ian, by using our motorised scythe as well. Thus, Beck Pasture was cut and raked in under 6 hours. Following up on work in 2019 and 2020, a further area of Beck Pasture was closely cut, raked, scarified and seeded with a mix of wild flower seed containing a great proportion of Yellow Rattle seed. The results seen in 2020 and 2021 were impressive, with less rank grass and more wild flowers so we are looking forward to seeing the same in 2022.

We were disappointed to find that the pond next to Audrey's meadow had been maliciously damaged. We repaired the damage and improved the access to the pond. Volunteers also carried out footpath repairs, path clearance and management work on the lake meadows on a regular basis throughout the year, along with a few sessions of Balsam bashing in June/July to keep the Himalayan import at bay.

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Some events returned in 2021. David Miles has worked tirelessly to deliver community engagement mainly associated with the HLF lake project. Many different groups have engaged with the woods as a result of his efforts. From schools planting hedges to walking groups, dance sessions, art and photography. Thank you David. Whilst we weren't able to organise a Fun Day, or a Lake Celebration event, we were able to open the Bath House for the Heritage open weekend. We had a constant stream of visitors throughout the afternoon event and they enjoyed the refreshments and sales goods on offer. We were also able to attend the much changed Chapel Allerton Arts Festival, held over 2 days at the Gledhow Social club. We had a successful time at this lovely event and venue, meeting the local public once again and selling some of our wares. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Wendy Jones Blackett Cards, we had some delightful Christmas cards to meet the demand from the local public after a blank year in 2020. Our income and expenditure has been much more balanced this year thanks to being able to attend events once more and the fantastic donation of £1000 from group member Theresa Williams. Theresa raises funds for Martin House and FGVW in her spare time. This generous donation makes such a difference to our small charity. Thank you Theresa.

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

Despite receipts being up on last year, with the increased payments, mainly due to improving the area through signage and workshops, there has been an overall deficit this year. Unrestricted reserves have fallen by around 5k, but the charity is still in a healthy position for future years. A transfer of £1,454 has been made out of unrestricted reserve to fund the NHLF project. This will be reimbursed when the final £5k payment will be made for this project next year.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

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Reasons for holding zero reserves

N/A

Funds materially in deficit

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Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

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Structure, governance and management

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Type of governing document Constitution

How the charity is constituted CIO

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees Trustees must be drawn from the membership of the CIO

Other names the charity is known by FGVW

Charity's principal address 83, Gledhow Park Avenue
Leeds

Yorkshire

Postcode LS7 4JL

Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Martin Calvert	Chair		
Steve Jones-Blackett	Treasurer		
Naomi Watts-Kitto			
Adrian Coltman			

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Karen Wood ACMA	Outsource Accounting Services & IE's Hiscox Building, Peasholme Green York YO1 7PR
Bankers	HSBC	108 Harrogate Road Chapel Allerton, Leeds LS7 4NU

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature *Martin B Calvert*

Full Name Martin Calvert

Position Chair

Date 13th April 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods

I report on the accounts of: **Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods**
for the period ended: **31st December 2021** which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Karen Wood (ACMA)
Outsource independent examination
service
The Hiscox Building
Peasholme Green
York YO1 7PR

07/05/2022

Date:

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods
(CIO Number:1169599)

Receipts & payments accounts for the 13 months to:	31st December 2021
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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Receipts				
Grants received	200	2,250	2,450	2,500
Donations	1,141	625	1,766	520
Events	1,225	-	1,225	-
Merchandise sales	720	-	720	105
Member subscriptions	185	-	185	55
Bank interest	33	-	33	33
Total receipts	<u><u>3,504</u></u>	<u><u>2,875</u></u>	<u><u>6,379</u></u>	<u><u>3,213</u></u>
Payments				
Seeds, tree work & grass cutting	1,900	826	2,726	2,327
Workshops & events	-	6,214	6,214	-
Signage & information	-	3,065	3,065	857
Consultancy & restoration work	-	-	-	7,198
Artwork & exhibitions	-	564	564	-
Materials & action mornings	2,086	50	2,136	356
Tools & equipment	2,344	-	2,344	2,247
Insurance , subs & licence fees	462	-	462	60
Administration costs	50	149	199	-
Merchandise costs	79	-	79	-
Advertising & publicity	-	-	-	50
Independent examination	300	-	300	300
Donations to other organisations	100	-	100	-
Bank charges	8	-	8	-
Volunteer's expenses & gifts	80	-	80	-
Total payments	<u><u>7,409</u></u>	<u><u>10,868</u></u>	<u><u>18,277</u></u>	<u><u>13,395</u></u>
 Net of receipts/(payments)	 (3,905)	 (7,993)	 (11,898)	 (10,182)
Transfer between funds	(1,454)	1,454	-	-
Balance brought forward	15,528	14,816	30,344	40,526
Balance carried forward	<u><u>10,169</u></u>	<u><u>8,277</u></u>	<u><u>18,446</u></u>	<u><u>30,344</u></u>

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods
(CIO Number:1169599)

Statement of assets and liabilities at:		31st December 2021		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current bank account	6,365	8,277	14,642	27,013
Deposit account	3,328	-	3,328	3,295
Petty cash	476	-	476	36
	10,169	8,277	18,446	30,344
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Liabilities				
Independent examination fee	300	-	300	300
	300	-	300	300

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods
(CIO Number:1169599)

Notes to the accounts for the period ended: 31st December 2021

1. Basis of accounts

The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Restricted income funds

Fund name	Purpose
Lakes	Gledhow lake improvement works
Thriving Communities	
NHLF	
Carol's Bench	

	Balance b/fwd £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers btw funds £	Balance c/fwd £
Unrestricted Funds	15,528	3,504	7,409	(1,454)	10,169
Lakes					
Post	931	-	931	-	0
Martin Wills Wildlife Trust	1,040	-	444	-	596
Coop Community Grant	5,847	-	-	-	5,847
	<u>7,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,443</u>
Thriving Communities					
Space2 Leeds	<u>-</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>1,041</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,209</u>
NHLF	<u>6,998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,452</u>	<u>1,454</u>	<u>-</u>
Carol's Bench					
Donations	<u>-</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>625</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>14,816</u>	<u>2,875</u>	<u>10,868</u>	<u>1,454</u>	<u>8,277</u>
Total Funds	<u>30,344</u>	<u>6,379</u>	<u>18,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,446</u>

Transfer between funds

There is a final installment of £5k to be paid to the NHLF fund on completion of the project. Funds will be transferred back to unrestricted once this funding is obtained.

Approval of accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2021

The report and accounts were approved at
a meeting of the Trustees held on:

28.04.2022

Date



Signed for and on behalf of the trustees

02.05.2022

Date

STEVE JONES-BLACKETT

Print name

TREASURER

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

THE FRIENDS OF GLEDHOW VALLEY WOODS

England & Wales - Charity number 1169599

Accounts

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods

(CIO Number:1169599)

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Trustees' Annual Report

From: 01/01/2020

To: 31/12/2020

Charity's full name

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods

Registered Charity number

1169599

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

1) To promote the conservation, protection and enhancement of the physical and natural environment of the area known as Gledhow Valley Woods in north Leeds ("the Woods") for the benefit of the general public, including in particular by:

- (a) protecting the natural beauty of the Woods,
- (b) maintaining and improving facilities within the Woods, such as paths and seating,
- (c) promoting biodiversity in the Woods,
- (d) increasing public awareness of the Woods and their conservation, protection and enhancement, and reflecting the opinions and concerns of the wider community in relation to the Woods,
- (e) acting to prevent development in the Woods where such development may be considered damaging to the Woods, its flora and fauna or its value as a community amenity,
- (f) working with other groups that have an interest in, control over or responsibility for the Woods in furtherance of the objects of FGVW, including relevant public authorities and other local community groups.

2) To engage in any activities which in the reasonable opinion of the Trustees are conducive, ancillary or incidental to any of the above.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts

- (a) FGVW have continued to work with the main land owners, Leeds City Council and the Wades Charity to implement the management plan and remove the increasing amount of litter and fly tips.
 - (b) FGVW own a field in the Woods, called Beck Pasture, and we are managing it as a wild flower meadow to improve biodiversity.
 - (c) FGVW hold monthly action mornings doing a varied range of projects from footpath repair to scything the meadows.
 - (d) The management plan is implemented to improve the biodiversity. FGVW manage 6 wild flower meadows and work to eradicate/control invasive species.
 - (e) THE FGVW annual Fun Day promotes and attracts feedback on the work of the charity. The event was attended by over 1000 local people.
 - (f) The 17th Century Bath House, though not owned by FGVW, is opened each year on the Heritage Open weekend in September.
 - (g) The FGVW website is the main provider of information about the group and its activities. Contact with FGVW supporters is by regular e-mails.
 - (h) FGVW liaise with the private landowners where necessary.
 - (i) The Trustees, Steering group and any project teams liaise with various public bodies, including the main landowners the Wades Charity and Leeds City Council. We are in regular contact with council sectors, Parks and Countryside, Forestry, Land Drainage and Flood Risk Management.
 - (j) There have been regular Partners meetings to oversee the project to desilt Gledhow lake, with attendees from Leeds City Council, Groundwork and the Wades Charity.
 - (k) FGVW also consults with outside bodies, including Yorkshire Water, the Woodland Trust, Ebsford Environmental, Legacy Habitat Management.
 - (l) FGVW also has a community engagement programme, associated with the lake project and this has involved linking with 3 local primary schools, arts organisations, TCV, a local community centre and numerous other.
- The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Whilst our achievements in 2020 have been limited by the constraints of the pandemic, the woods have provided a fantastic resource for the local community in the various lockdowns. The footpaths created by FGVW over the 25

years of our existence have been used by huge numbers of local people and we have been thanked on numerous occasions by the users for providing and maintaining accessible paths. It has been very gratifying to see the local community enjoying the woods, which have provided an escape from the stresses of the pandemic and its restrictions and has no doubt benefitted well-being on a huge scale. So, whilst direct and planned community engagement associated with the HLF lake project has been on hold, we feel that the local community re-discovered and engaged with the Gledhow Valley in 2020.

We managed to hold 6 action mornings in 2020. Pre pandemic, we did more work on the path round the lake and topped up the dead hedge between the main path and the lake. Later in the year, when we felt able to re-stage action mornings, the work concentrated on the vital annual tasks of cutting and raking the wild flower meadows. This we achieved over 4 months, with the help of Ian Henderson from Legacy Habitat and our band of volunteers.

It is quite an achievement to maintain the annual cycle necessary for the meadows to thrive. The FGVW owned Beck Pasture was cut and raked into lines by Ian, using a modern motorised scythe with appropriate attachments. This led us to locate a second hand cutting machine which we have purchased to make the cutting and raking easier for us to carry out. Following up on work in 2019, a further area of Beck Pasture was closely cut, raked, scarified and seeded with a mix of wild flower seed containing a great proportion of Yellow Rattle seed.

The small pond next to Audrey's meadow was re created using a grant from the Leeds Parks Fund. Volunteers also carried out footpath repairs, path clearance and management work on the lake meadows on a regular basis throughout the year, along with a few sessions of Balsam bashing in June/July to keep the Himalayan import at bay. The action mornings were limited to a maximum of 30 people to achieve safety for the attendees and the users of the Woods. Diane Kitto, once again provided delicious cakes, buns and other treats for our volunteers and Joan and Mervyn Clayton brought along the tables, protective equipment, cleaning materials, all the necessary signing in sheets, risk assessments, job allocations and everything else for a successful, safe work morning. The action mornings wouldn't happen without the support they all provide.

So, looking at 2020, whilst we weren't able to organise a Fun Day, or a Lake Celebration event or open the Bath House for the heritage open weekend or attend any events to publicise our work and sell merchandise, we feel that we kept things ticking over and still had a successful year but for very different reasons to that of a normal year. Our work over the previous 24 years of our existence has made Gledhow Valley Woods more accessible and attractive and thus, they were a sanctuary for those daily walks and helped the local community to survive a very difficult year. So many people, ourselves included, have benefitted from the tranquility and beauty of its natural world, so despite the horrors of the pandemic, it was rewarding to see the woods being so well used and appreciated.

Additional Information

The Charity seeks to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk. As assets are expected to be spent over the accounting period, preservation of capital is of paramount importance. In pursuit of this, the Operating Reserve will be held in an interest bearing account subject to the risk considerations set out at section 3.

The Charity's assets will be held in cash.

The Charity will place cash only with banks and building societies that are authorised to accept deposits by the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority. Cash held with any institution will not exceed the levels of deposits covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, currently £85,000.

Opening or closing of bank and building society accounts must be authorised by the Trustees, a power which is not at the present time delegated.

Cash needed for the day to day running of the Charity will be held in an instant access, current or deposit account.

At the period end (31/12/2020) the FGVW has healthy levels of cash reserves available with a current account balance of £27,013 a Deposit account balance of £3,295 and Petty Cash balance of £36 totalling cash reserves of £30,344. Of this total balance £6,998 is ring-fenced for the NHLF funded lake/community project, £7,818 is ringfenced for non-NHLF lake work and £15,528 is in general unallocated funds. Total income (£3,213) from grant awards, donations, merchandise sales and interest and total expenditure (£13,395) are significantly lower than the prior 2017-2018 accounting period due to the Covid-19 pandemic..

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None

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Charity's principal address 83, Gledhow Park Avenue
Leeds

Yorkshire

Postcode LS7 4JL

Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Martin Calvert	Chair		
Steve Jones-Blackett	Treasurer		
Adrian Coltman			
Naomi Watts-Kitto			

Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Hiscox Building, Peasholme Green
York
YO1 7PR

Bankers HSBC 108 Harrogate Road
Chapel Allerton
Leeds
LS7 4NU

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 

Full Name Martin Calvert

Position Chair

Date 23 / 4 / 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods

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30/04/2021

Date:

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods
(CIO Number:1169599)

Receipts & payments accounts for the 13 months to:	31st December 2020
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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total funds	2019 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants received	-	2,500	2,500	50,141
Donations	520	-	520	895
Events	-	-	-	5,355
Merchandise sales	105	-	105	1,105
Member subscriptions	55	-	55	60
Bank interest	33	-	33	45
Total receipts	713	2,500	3,213	57,601
Payments				
Hedge & flower planting	1,819	508	2,327	2,919
Tree work	-	-	-	400
Signage	-	857	857	920
Consultancy & restoration work	-	7,198	7,198	34,386
Event costs	-	-	-	3,478
Materials & action mornings	356	-	356	1,131
Tools & equipment	2,247	-	2,247	708
Insurance , subs & licence fees	60	-	60	465
Administration costs	-	-	-	152
Merchandise costs	-	-	-	97
Advertising & publicity	50	-	50	216
Independent examination	300	-	300	300
Volunteer's expenses	-	-	-	34
Total payments	4,832	8,563	13,395	45,206
Net of receipts/(payments)	(4,119)	(6,063)	(10,182)	12,395
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Balance brought forward	19,647	20,879	40,526	28,131
Balance carried forward	15,528	14,816	30,344	40,526

Statement of assets and liabilities at:			31st December 2020	
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current bank account	12,197	14,816	27,013	37,229
Deposit account	3,295	-	3,295	3,263
Petty cash	36	-	36	34
	15,528	14,816	30,344	40,526
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
Liabilities				
Independent examination fee	300	-	300	300
	300	-	300	300

Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods
(CIO Number:1169599)

Notes to the accounts for the period ended: 31st December 2020

1. Basis of accounts

The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Restricted income funds

Fund name	Purpose
Lakes	Gledhow lake improvement works
NHLF	
Tree Council	

	Balance b/fwd £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers btw funds £	Balance c/fwd £
Unrestricted Funds	19,647	713	4,832	-	15,528
Lakes					
Post	1,223	-	292	-	931
Carriers for Causes	200	-	200	-	0
Martin Wills Wildlife Trust	1,040	-	-	-	1,040
WHS	55	-	55	-	0
Coop Community Grant	5,847	-	-	-	5,847
	8,365	-	547	-	7,818
Parks					
Community Foundation	-	2,500	2,500	-	-
NHLF	12,514	-	5,516	-	6,998
Total Restricted Funds	20,879	2,500	8,563	-	14,816
Total Funds	40,526	3,213	13,395	-	30,344

Approval of accounts for the year ended: 31st December 2020

The report and accounts were approved at
a meeting of the Trustees held on:

20/04/2021

Date

Martin Calvert

Signed for and on behalf of the trustees

23/4/2021

Date

MARTIN CALVERT

Print name

CHAIR

Position (e.g. Chair etc)