

FRIENDS OF NUTTALL PARK

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Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS:FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF RAMSBOTTOM, BURY, LANCASHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA ("THE AREA OF BENEFIT") TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PRESERVATION, PROMOTION, SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF NUTTALL PARK.

Activities: TO HELP TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE NUTTALL PARK, RAMSBOTTOM, BURY, LANCS

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bury

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£22,563	£31,813	-	-
2024-12-31	£20,474	£22,635	-	-
2023-12-31	£22,255	£32,499	-	-
2022-12-31	£20,992	£14,126	-	-
2021-12-31	£14,126	£9,581	-	-
2020-12-31	£13,187	£7,552	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GWENDA JUDITH NEWTON	Chair	2019-02-12
Grace Walker		2021-06-03
John Leyland		2019-02-12

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Annual Report 2025

Friends of Nuttall Park
Report for the year ending 31st December 2025

The year started with improvements to the Playground which were completed in February, and paid for by the Friends of Nuttall Park.

The main source of income for the group is from the Base Tea Room, which is open every weekend, staffed by volunteers, for which we are grateful for their continued support. Most volunteer once a month, and the Tea Room attracts regular customers, as well as new ones who are visiting the park, especially the away team parents who are supporting their children playing football.

We have also hosted events, including bands on the bandstand on Sunday afternoons once or twice a month from May to August. In 2025, we welcomed Bury Music Service with their rock section, Haslingden and Helmshore Brass Band, The Irwells who played 50s, 60s and 70s music, Tottington Brass Band and Besses of the Barn Brass Band. Most of the afternoons were affected by the weather, but those who came and supported the bands appreciated that we were able to host.

The Friends also helped Ramsbottom Rotary with a Country Show for 2 days in July in the park. Again the weather didn't help, but Sunday especially was well supported by the community.

The following annual events also took place in 2025 –

Love Your Park Week in August was well supported with the Tea Room open for 9 days with craft and outdoor games provided. Ramsbottom Running Club held their Summer Mile Festival during the week.

The Lantern Parade was again successful, with many people enjoying hot food and drinks and parading around Nuttall Park with their lighted pumpkin lanterns. Thanks to all the volunteers who help set up and take down the decorations in the dark.

Our December festivities included the Seasonal Craft Day, where children can make a craft or a seasonal decoration, or can take the materials home to make them with their parents if they don't have time. There was also a visit from Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, which was busy.

We also help to keep the park tidy with Task days to bash balsam, clear drains and general cleaning of equipment.

The Gardening group, which meets on a Tuesday afternoon from March to November has taken charge of most of the flower beds in the park, and this is the update from Steve, the leader of the group.

Our first bluebells flowered this year and we have since added another 500 bulbs in the same area. We also added another 450 snowdrops around the park. Geoff has done wonders with what is now the Pocket Forest. Old herbs removed and ready for planting up next year. Similarly with the Monument Bed which is now ready for a brand new planting scheme next year. The Phormium Bed has had a low fence added, mulched with chippings and the planting completed. Kate and David have been weeding and adding plants to the Walkway and Dragon Way all year and that's another part of the park that has gone from nothing at all to a colourful planted area.

The Stumpery as always is spectacular all year. Michael has completely transformed what we are now calling the Fruit Bed. What was an eyesore is now an integral part of the park. Graham has been working the Prairie Bed all year and it was at its very best in August and September. We have echinacea and eryngium to add a bit of colour variation next year. The Jubilee Bed is largely as it was with just a tweak of the planting. The eupatorium is the star plant in there. The Butterfly Bed was another spectacular bed this year, Geoff has been adding plants all year and it is better than ever. The Centre Bed project is slowly getting there. We took the telekia out of the raised bed and put them round the outside of it, added orange helenium (from the Jubilee) and gradually added more plants through the year. The Fragonard roses that are now in the raised bed have done really well and will be even better next year. The wildflower area gave a fantastic display again, thanks to a lot of maintenance by David.

Bill has this year created a brand new area known as the Woodland Nook and also a Hayrick to add to the Bug Hotel and Hibernaculum. He has also carved a compass and noughts and crosses template into fallen tree stumps, Phil has added tree signs and signs for the beds, we have added multiple tons of topsoil and chippings, done constant weeding, watering, strimming, deadheading and kept paths clear as well as attention to all the other beds as well. All done in all weathers as well.

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Notes to the Accounts

The Santander account was closed during the year, leaving RBS for daily use, and Epworth Savings for projects, earning interest. As £20,808 was spent on the Playground in February, the reserves were reduced, thus affecting the interest earned in the year.

Monetary Assets

Account	31/12/2025	Difference	31/12/2024
Santander	£0.00	-£1,583.17	£1,583.17
RBS	£721.25	£290.76	£430.49
Cash	£202.79	£202.79	£0.00
Epworth Savings	£13,717.42	-£8,160.30	£21,877.72
Tea Room Float	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
End of Year Balance	£14,661.46	-£9,249.92	£23,911.38

Yearly profit before Park Improvements £11,558.08 – Park Improvements £20,808.00 = -£9,249.92

Summary of Receipts and Payments in 2025 compared to 2024

The Base income from hires is the Bridge Club attended by members of the group, and Base expenditure includes cleaning. The Tea Room continues to thrive with an average take of £160 a session, and 3 times income over expenditure, and Donations received included Gift Aid reclaimed, and donations made were to Ramsbottom Civic Pride and Ramsbottom Pantry, after an appeal for volunteers brought Hazel and Sue. Events include the Sunday bands, the Rotary country show, the Lantern Parade and Seasonal Craft Day.

Receipts

Category	2025	2024	Difference
Tea Room	£15,340	£12,603	£2,737
Events	£4,670	£5,079	-£409
Donations	£1,776	£1,425	£351
Interest	£440	£934	-£495
Gardening Group	£177	£253	-£76
Base	£160	£180	-£20
Total	£22,563	£20,474	£2,088.00

Payments

Category	2025	2024	Difference
Park Improvements	£20,808	£12,234	£8,574
Tea Room	£5,366	£4,171	£1,196
Gardening Group	£1,944	£1,827	£118
Events	£1,676	£2,681	-£1,005
Base	£1,388	£1,249	£140
General Expenses	£430	£474	-£44
Donations	£200	£0	£200
Total	£31,813	£22,635	£9,178

Park Improvements in 2025

Equipment for Playground £20,808

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Friends of Nuttall Park
Chair's Report for the year ending 31st December 2024

2024 has been a busy year for the Friends of Nuttall Park and included a number of events held on the completed bandstand.

Many of the proposals from last year's AGM have been completed along with other improvements and this has resulted in yet another very successful year for Friends of Nuttall Park.

Two new members were welcomed onto the committee and they have both contributed greatly to the success of the group. They help with Maintenance, the Gardening Group, in the Tea Room, on Task Days and at Events and liaise with the Gardening Group and other Community Groups.

Our volunteers tackle many aspects of care and concern for Nuttall Park and we hold Task Days during the year when drain cleaning and path tidying are top of the list.

The weather this year has been particularly challenging causing the River Irwell to burst its banks on a number of occasions. Thank you to the volunteers who arrived with mops and wellingtons so that the Tea Room has been able to open as usual and people could continue to enjoy Nuttall Park.

Bury Council have refurbished the playground with the addition of a number of pieces of new equipment along with a larger bonded mulch safety surfacing and everything is now looking bright and newly painted.

We have investigated the installation of an additional piece of equipment for the playground and hope to progress this in early 2025.

The Base Tea Room continues to be a very popular meeting place and the donations we receive enable us to do lots of maintenance and improvements to Nuttall Park. It is beneficial to the wellbeing of those who visit and those who volunteer.

We have been able to purchase and install two more wheelchair accessible picnic tables and four large animal carvings to add interest around the park.

Donations have been used to contribute 50% to a new heated defibrillator box which was organised by Ramsbottom Rotary and we now have a Bleed Box in Nuttall Park.

We have funded some tree management around the Base Tea Room which makes the area lighter and now have a larger patio area which makes it a better place for people sitting out and a flat area for a gazebo.

The bandstand has been jet washed and used many times during the year including as the focal point for the Junior Park Run on Sunday mornings.

Many people have enjoyed performances on the bandstand by a variety of local musical groups including various Brass Bands, a Ukulele Band, a local choir, Bury Music Service Rock Band, and other Rock Musicians.

This year we organised and funded something on the first Sunday of the 5 summer months, May to September, and were able to pay the musicians from the donations raised in the Tea Room and at Events. Our plan is to continue with this pattern in 2025 and also to encourage other groups and individuals to take advantage of the bandstand for their events.

Nuttall Park was a focal point during the Ramsbottom Festival in July. There were many stalls, eateries and children's entertainment sessions in the park and the bandstand was used extensively over 2 days. Friends of Nuttall Park's Tea Room and Cake Stall were very well supported and resulted in a profit from donations after funding Besses o' th' Barn Brass Band.

The following annual events have also taken place –

Love Your Park Week in August was well supported with the Tea Room open for 9 days with craft and outdoor games provided. Ramsbottom Running Club held their Summer Mile Festival during the week.

The Lantern Parade was one of our most successful with many people enjoying hot food and drinks and parading around Nuttall Park with their lighted pumpkin lanterns. The Parade was so long, some people were only just leaving the start point when others were halfway round the park's perimeter path. There was a lovely excited atmosphere from the local community.

Our December festivities included a very successful Seasonal Craft Day which is organised each year by 4 of our volunteers when they provide the materials and help children to make seasonal decorations along with a visit from Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

The Gardening Group were busy from March to November as Steve's report shows -

The main project for 2024 was the redevelopment of the Centre Bed. In 2023 the bed was starting to look overgrown and unkempt and had a lot of old plants past their best. We removed some plants and intended to continue some general tidying in 2024. However, the bed was overrun with ground elder and it was a good opportunity to try and tackle it. Over a number of weeks most plants were removed and the ground elder attacked. We have added a raised bed in the middle and a few tons of new topsoil.

We also replanted the Butterfly Bed and the Phormium Bed by the carpark and added more flowering shrubs to the Tennis Court Bed. There are two Incredible Edible beds in the park which they have abandoned and this year we made some headway with recovering them. The fruit bed has been completely dug over and numerous self-seeded small trees removed so the existing plants now have room to grow. We also have a plan to plant up the second bed but that is currently overrun with mint.

The Walkway adjacent to the car park and leading to the Stumpery was planted up and a new small bed was created by the compound using donated plants.

In all our beds it has been a continuing process of weeding, pruning, dividing & adding plants, and watering. We planted an additional 500 daffodils and 750 crocus bulbs, planted up the large carpark containers with annuals, repaired benches and maintained the Mud Kitchen. We also cleared fallen trees and branches to maintain access around the park and found time to hold a successful plant sale. On the down side the main car park bed was driven over on two separate occasions which caused a lot of damage including to the large Kilmarnock Willow.

The beds were flooded on three separate occasions, the first causing considerable damage to the beds and we did some additional days' work to remove debris. Unfortunately, we lost Bill's Hibernaculum to the repairs to the bowling green fence as a result of flooding.

We also lost about seven days in full or in part due to adverse weather and during the time there were travellers on site. Overall the park beds looked good and we got lots of compliments as we went about our work.

Steve Cross

All these things would not take place without our dedicated group of volunteers and we cannot thank them enough. We are looking forward to another successful year keeping Nuttall Park up to Green Flag standards.

Gwenda Newton Chair, Friends of Nuttall Park

17th March 2025

Registered Charity number: 1181981

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Monetary Assets

Account	31/12/2024	Difference	31/12/2023
Santander	£1,583.17	-£792.38	£2,375.55
RBS	£430.49	-£171.01	601.5
Tea Room Float	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
Cash	£0.00	-£231.36	£231.36
Epworth Savings	£21,877.72	-£965.71	£22,843.43
Grand Total	£23,911.38	-£2,160.46	£26,071.84

Yearly profit before Park Improvements £9,530 – Park Improvements £11,690 = -£2,160

Summary of Receipts and Payments in 2024 compared to 2023

Receipts

Category	2024	2023
Base	£180.00	£255.00
Donations	£1,425.00	£3,325.20
Events	£5,079.26	£4,664.46
Gardening Group	£252.77	£298.85
Interest	£934.29	£843.43
Tea Room	£12,603.01	£12,868.44
Grand Total	£20,474.33	£22,255.38

Payments

Category	2024	2023
Base	-£1,267.69	-£951.98
Events	-£2,680.83	-£2,896.68
Gardening Group	-£1,826.69	-£1,180.77
General Expenses/Maintenance	-£1,162.12	-£582.95
Park Improvements	-£11,690.58	-£23,266.93
Tea Room	-£4,147.78	-£3,620.14
Grand Total	-£22,634.79	-£32,499.45

Park Improvements in 2024 £11,690

Patio Extension	£4,250
Picnic Benches	£4,099
Wood Carvings	£1,501
Tree Pruning	£1,440
Defibrillator Case	£400

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Chair's Report for the year ending 31st December 2023

2023 has been an exciting year and we have again completed many projects and been involved in the organisation of various events thanks to our group of multi-talented volunteers.

The year started with Bury Council sending out tenders for the completion of the bandstand. Leander Architectural were chosen to do the work and we were very pleased with this. It was agreed that Friends of Nuttall Park would share the costs 50/50 with Bury Council. Leander, part of Middle Peak Engineering, began by installing the roof so the structure was watertight. The embellishments which were in storage in Ramsbottom were transported to Leander's workshop where they were painted in RS6005 Green in keeping with the metalwork in other areas of the park. The steel uprights were painted on site and the balustrades, cornices etc. were fixed and made good. A ceiling was fitted and the handrails to the steps were fitted in October.

The Easter Bunny paid a visit during the Easter weekend with small chocolate eggs for the children.

Our big event of 2023 was a celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III on the 7th May. We organised this along with Ramsbottom Rotary & we are very grateful for their help.

There was a variety of stalls including those of many local community groups who were raising funds for their own group. Food & drink stalls & the Tea Room & Cake Stall were very popular.

The bandstand was in use from 12 to 4:30 with Goodshaw Brass Band, Shoehorn (a group of local secondary school pupils) playing rock music, Ramshackle Wailers (a local choir), a Brass trio and Rossendale Ukulele Band performing for a large audience enjoying sunshine and a picnic on the grass.

The whole event was very successful and raised £1850 profit from donations.

We held our Love Your Park Week from 5 to 13th August when the Tea Room was open each afternoon with craft and outdoor or table games provided to entertain people. Ramsbottom Running Club organised the Ramsbottom Summer Mile on the Tuesday evening and it was a very successful 9 days.

The bandstand was officially opened on 1st October by the Mayor of Bury, Councillor Sandra Walmsley. Besses o' th' Barn Band and Rossendale Ukulele Band played wonderful music on the bandstand & there were food and drink stalls, a Cake Stall & a Tea Room. This was an excellent occasion, the culmination of much hard work and well worth waiting for.

We hope to continue holding events in 2024 to include a performer on the bandstand on the first Sunday of each summer month. We are also encouraging other individuals and groups to use the bandstand and park.

We had a spooky Lantern Parade at the end of October. It was very popular and well supported and the children enjoyed parading around the park with their lanterns lit at dusk. We were lucky with the weather as this affects the number who attend any of our events held outside.

In December, 5 volunteers organised a Seasonal Craft Day where children were able to pick up the parts to make a reindeer, snowman etc. to make at home. It was held inside the Base and was very successful. We are very grateful to the people who turn their hands to many different aspects of volunteering.

Santa Claus visited the Base on Christmas Eve from 11 to 3pm and this has become a regular part of our Christmas celebrations along with festive treats and an amazingly decorated and lit Tea Room.

We have continued to help keep Nuttall Park well maintained with a number of Task Days. These tasks included litter picking, leaf clearing, drain clearing, Tea Room cleaning, jet washing & we were also able to

fund the refurbishment of the noticeboards and the handrails to the bandstand steps from our events and Tea Room donations.

We are waiting for an extension to the patio behind the Base Tea Room funded by 2023 donations when weather permits.

The petanque (boules) pitch has been used more frequently by the local U3a group and another group of regular users helped with its maintenance and added more gravel.

We received a donation of £2000 from Ramsbottom Business Group in June and this has been used to purchase 4 carved wooden statues to be installed around the park in spring 2024. Stubbins Trust donated £250 which will go towards one of the musical Sundays during the summer.

'The Gardening Group were busy from March to November as Steve's report shows -

Every week includes the general tasks of weeding, pruning and tidying all the beds we look after, and mowing and edging the surrounds where appropriate. We also clear weeds and debris from the paths around the park. In 2023 we completely revamped the existing Butterfly Bed with a new surround, lining and new stones which really shows off the butterfly shape. We have started to refresh the planting and will continue that in 2024. We built a Bug Hotel from old pallets and a Hibernaculum (an underground shelter) for hedgehogs. We revamped the planting in the Carpark Bed & removed a dead phormium from another & planted that up as well.

We created a new planting area next to the Stumpery, planted another 500 daffodil bulbs, and put new shrubs in the Tennis Court Bed. Two of the new rhododendrons should be in flower there this Spring. We continued to clear and plant up the 'Walkways' around the car park and the Boules area.

This coming year we plan to overhaul the circular Centre Bed with a raised bed in the middle and new planting along with tweaking the planting in the Prairie and Jubilee Beds.

We aim to redesign the Monument Bed and add new plants as well and we will also soon be planting 500 snowdrops. We also aim to look at the two now disused Incredible Edible beds and see what we can do with them.'

Our efforts have been well received by those who use Nuttall Park and the Tea Room is well managed and provides a very good income from donations. We have welcomed 4 teenagers accompanied by a parent or guardian who help in the Tea Room as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award or School Star Award.

It is good to have young people who are interested in helping the community and we hope that it encourages them to volunteer more as they get older.

The Base Tea Room is as popular as ever and, as the Treasurer's financial report shows, the annual profit from donations has increased again this year.

All our events were successful and resulted in donations helping Friends of Nuttall Park to commit to projects which help to keep Nuttall Park as a beautiful Green Flag Park.

Friends of Nuttall Park would not exist without the help and enthusiasm of a small band of volunteers who turn out in all weathers to help do a number of things.

Many thanks to you all & we hope to join together in 2024 to do more wonderful things for Nuttall Park.

Gwenda Newton
Chair, Friends of Nuttall Park

5th February 2024

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Monetary Assets

Account	31/12/2023	Difference this year	31/12/2022
Barclays	closed	-£34,000.00	£34,000.00
Cash Account	£231.36	£165.32	£66.04
Santander	£2,375.55	£145.68	£2,229.87
Tea Room Float	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
Epworth Savings	£22,843.43	£22,843.43	
RBS	£601.50	£601.50	
Total	£26,071.84	-£10,244.07	£36,315.91

Summary of Receipts and Payments in 2023 compared to 2022

Receipts

Category	2023	2022
Base	£255.00	£260.00
Donations	£3,325.20	£750.04
Interest	£843.43	
Events	£4,364.38	£3,311.81
Park Improvements		£5,000.00
Tea Room	£13,467.37	£11,670.52
Grand Total	£22,255.38	£20,992.37

Payments

Category	2023	2022
Base	£951.98	£1,147.55
Events	£2896.68	£1,307.90
General Expenses	£582.95	£301.00
Park Improvements	£24,447.70	£9,355.39
Tea Room	£3,620.14	£2,952.48
Grand Total	£32,499.45	£15,064.32

Surplus/Deficit for Year **-£10,244.07** **£5,928.05**

Park Improvements in 2023

Bandstand	£21,875
Gardening Club	£1,180
Notice Boards	£1,070
Butterfly Garden	£163
Boules Court	£159

Prepared by John Leyland - Treasurer

5th February 2024

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Chair's Report for the year ending 31st December 2022

It has been good to get back to some normality over the last 12 months and we have continued to provide a safe and friendly, warm space for people to get together in with a drink and a snack. We also help to keep Nuttall Park tidy, the gardens neat and well planted, and provide clean toilets for people to get exercise for body and mind in Nuttall Park.

The Base Tea Room is as popular as ever and, as the Treasurer's financial report shows, the annual profit from donations has increased again this year.

We have a small number of very willing volunteers who just manage to cover Saturdays and Sundays and Bank Holidays but are always mindful that none of us are getting any younger and some 'new blood' would be very welcome. The format of donations for snacks and hot and cold drinks is quite simple and, along with a wider variety of food and drinks at special events, will be continuing this year.

We took the decision not to hire the Base out when Covid restrictions were lifted as it was difficult getting people to open and close at varying times for a party etc. and it reduced the occasions when we were able to open the Tea Room to the wider community.

A Bury Council Pitch Grant was applied for in February. The floors and some of the walls in the toilets & storeroom were collapsing as a result of previous flooding.

We received a £5000 Pitch Grant and, with an additional £5000 contribution from Bury Council, we were able to replace the storeroom and toilet walls and floors with sturdier, flood resistant materials.

Donations funded the painting of the outside of the Base in August and we have continued to clear footpaths, sweep leaves, clear drains and spruce the inside of the Base up at our Task Days. We have new shelving in the inside storeroom thanks to our multitalented volunteers.

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 3rd June with a wonderful event in the park and were pleased to have Ramsbottom Rotary helping alongside us.

There was a Brass Band, Ukulele Band, Lee Grant singing, various food stalls, Lancashire Hawks & Owls, a Fun Fair, Children's Games, a Vintage Ice Cream Van, a Tea Room, a Bar and much more.

The event was extremely well supported and everyone agreed it was a super community get together and one of the things we enjoy doing.

An avenue of 15 Sweet gum trees were planted by City of Trees, a Greater Manchester initiative, in June and we are very grateful as they will be maintained free of charge for 3 years. They will have impressive autumnal colour and we are looking forward to seeing them develop.

On 2nd July Heartstart (Sarah Jones) and Ramsbottom Rotary held a Family Fun Day in Nuttall Park. Proceeds were to purchase a number of defibrillators and cases to be installed in Ramsbottom and surrounding areas.

We benefited from the Tea Room donations at this event.

There was a Junior football festival in the morning and music, numerous stalls, food outlets, a bar, ice creams, a funfair, children's games, etc. in the afternoon.

The weather was kind and it was a very successful day.

Love Your Park Week was held over 9 days in early August and resulted in over £500 from donations.

Thank you to the members of the committee who organised the proceedings.

A Military Band Concert was suggested by Colonel Eric Davidson who had a long association with the Lancashire Fusiliers Band and Corps of Drums. Ramsbottom Rotary were able to take over the organisation of stalls etc. for the event on 4th September as Friends of Nuttall Park did not have the volunteers available to do this.

We supported the event via the Tea Room, a Cake Stall and children's games.

The Lantern Parade at the end of October was very well supported and it is thanks to our hardworking volunteers that this continues to be a very popular event with donations showing how much people appreciate what we do.

The weather affected the visitors to the Seasonal Craft Day in December as it was held inside the Base on a wet day. Support is never as good when the weather is bad but thank you to the volunteers who organised the event which was enjoyed by those who braved the rain.

Santa Claus visited the Base on Christmas Eve Day and the queue of children waiting to talk to him was long. We would like to thank him and his helpers who facilitated his visit and made some children very happy.

All these events were successful and resulted in donations helping Rotary causes, Friends of Nuttall Park projects and providing defibrillators for the community.

After a number of unsuccessful grant applications, Bury Council were able to procure the monies to reinstate the bandstand in December 2020, and the steel structure was intalled in February. There have been delays in erecting the roof and balustrades, and due to the lack of progress, Bury Council agreed to take over the management of the bandstand project in September, and are hoping to complete it in 2023.

We are very grateful for the support of Bury Council, other Community Groups, local people and our volunteers in our efforts to help maintain and improve Nuttall Park.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved again this year as Friends of Nuttall Park would not exist if we did not have your help and support.

Gwenda Newton
Chair Friends of Nuttall Park

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Monetary Assets

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Account	31/12/2022	Difference this year 31/12/2021	
Barclays	£34,000.00	£9,000.00	£25,000.00
Cash Account	£66.04	£12.69	£53.35
Santander	£2,245.60	-£3,084.64	£5,330.24
Tea Room Float	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
Total	£36,331.64	£5,928.05	£30,403.59

Summary of Receipts and Payments in 2022 compared to 2021

Receipts

Category	2022	2021
Base	£260.00	£40.00
Donations	£750.04	£200.33
Events	£3,311.81	£3,110.07
Park Improvements	£5,000.00	£481.50
Tea Room	£11,670.52	£10,294.30
Grand Total	£20,992.37	£14,126.20

Payments

Category	2022	2021
Base	£1,147.55	£677.08
Events	£1,307.90	£1,191.16
General Expenses	£301.00	£157.00
Park Improvements	£9,355.39	£5,331.22
Tea Room	£2,952.48	£2,224.42
Grand Total	£15,064.32	£9,580.88

Surplus for Year **£5,928.05** **£4,545.32**

Park Improvements in 2022

Toilets	£5,000
Painting Outside Base	£1,700
Bandstand	£1,657
Gardening Club	£998

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Annual Report 2021

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Chair's Report for the year ending 31st December 2021

2021 started with a zoom meeting and a Takeaway system due to Covid19 restrictions but the **Base Tea Room** is back in action now and, when the weather is fine, is very successful in raising donations to be used in the park along with serving as a community meeting place. People are quite happy to sit and chat outside on a fine day and we are hoping to extend the patio which will also benefit any events where gazebos can be erected near to the Base on solid ground.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way and it is wonderful to have new volunteers helping to welcome visitors to the park.

Tennis Court Upgrade – Bury Council and the LTA upgraded the tennis courts in February and they are now kept solely for tennis so remain in very good condition. The courts are booked via a website and have proved very popular even on cooler days.

Our **Task Days** have been very beneficial with drain and paths' clearing being a priority. The Base and toilets are kept clean inside and out and we are very grateful to those who open and close the toilets and keep them clean. We have applied for a grant from One Community Bury to refurbish the toilets which will include new flooring, steel toilets, some internal walls, new locks and seals to the doors including the outside storeroom door.

The **Gardening Group** are on their winter break after another busy year which included installing a rope boundary for the Prairie Bed and commissioning a beautiful Wildflower Sign designed by K Davis. The Plant Bring & Buy Sale was again very successful and added to our funds.

Kate has retired after many years as leader of the group but she will still serve on the committee and continue to help with gardening.

A presentation was made to her in November and we wish her better health in the future.

Steve has taken on the role and we hope he will enjoy this important job.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help the Gardening Group and keep Nuttall Park admired by all.

Love Your Park Week in August culminated in a Family Fun Day along with Ramsbottom Rotary Club.

It was a successful day with children's games, a small fun fair, BBQ & bar, RammyRocks, ice cream van, cake stall, Rossendale Ukelele Band and Lee Grant singing.

The children's games went down a treat particularly the stocks with wet sponges.

Thank you to all those who joined in and helped to organise a great afternoon in the park.

We have continued to add to facilities in Nuttall Park. Visitors' donations and £481:50 from Ian Schofield at the end of his period as a Local Councillor helped us to install two accessible picnic benches on flags and they have been used a lot during the year. In September the Plant & Produce Stall outside the Base raised money for Macmillan with the Tea Room takings being added to FofNP funds. We also received a donation of £200 from the Ramsbottom Black Pudding Lobbing Competition along with a bubble machine which children have enjoyed outside the Base.

A different **Lantern Parade** was organised this year and it was very successful. There was soup, hot food, drinks and decorated cupcakes. Many people dressed up and children brought their decorated pumpkins to join the spooky Lantern Parade around the park once it was dark. Thank you to all those who organised, provided cakes etc. or helped in any way to provide another wonderful Friends of Nuttall Park event.

Santa visited Nuttall Park on Saturday 11th December but rain meant that there were not many visitors and he only visited once this year. The Grinch's visit was also limited by the weather and we enjoyed being entertained by RammyMen's choir The Ramshackle Wailers, who sang Christmas Carols outside the Base in December.

The **Seasonal 'Craft in a Bag'** event was very successful over two days and was carried out in line with Covid19 guidelines outside.

It was very popular with a lucky dip tree and pieces to take home in a bag to make a reindeer or snowman etc. Thank you to all those who organised or were involved in this original event and for all their hard work.

The **Bandstand** plans have met many holdups and the rise in steel prices has been a bitter blow. A steel fabricator has been appointed and the decorative elements have been ordered and hopefully the project will now be able to progress. Thank you again to everyone who has contributed to this project and for your support and perseverance.

Life is still unpredictable at present and again I am hoping we will be able to organise bands in the park soon along with a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. It would be wonderful to have a completed bandstand to open officially sat the same time so - fingers crossed!

Regardless of the changes, Friends of Nuttall Park have again worked hard to support a facility which is appreciated by the Community. The comments and donations we receive show how much our work is valued and I cannot thank everyone involved enough for the time and effort you put in in such a variety of ways.

Gwenda Newton

Chair Friends of Nuttall Park

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Monetary Assets

Account	31/12/2021	Surplus for year	31/12/2020
Barclays	£25,000.00	£0.00	£25,000.00
Cash Account	£53.35	£51.89	£1.46
Santander	£5,330.24	£4,493.43	£836.81
Tea Room Float	£20.00	£0.00	£20.00
Total	£30,403.59	£4,545.32	£25,858.27

Summary of Receipts and Payments in 2021 compared to 2020

Receipts

Category	2021	2020
Base Hire	£40.00	£1,877.00
Events	£3,110.07	£2,447.88
Park Improvement Grants	£481.50	£2,000.00
Tea Room	£10,294.30	£5,679.04
Donations / Gift Aid	£200.33	£1,132.96
Grand Total	£14,126.20	£13,136.88

Payments

Category	2021	2020
Base	£677.08	£423.65
Events	£1,191.16	£1,134.00
General Expenses	£157.00	£89.00
Park Improvements	£5,331.22	£4,146.95
Tea Room	£2,224.42	£1,758.11
Grand Total	£9,580.88	£7,551.71

Surplus for Year	£4,545.32	£5,585.17
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Park Improvements in 2021

Picnic Benches	£2,956.50
Wildflower Sign	£ 936.00
Gardening Club	£ 928.73
Tennis Courts	£ 28.49

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2020 has been a very different year for Friends of Nuttall Park as regards the events and general functioning of the group.

The 3 main sources of income are from the Tea Room, Events and Hiring out the Base but, from 16th March, all these were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Tea Room

We have changed the Base Tea Room into a Takeaway whilst the lockdown restrictions have been in place and this has been the situation from March up to today's date.

It has continued to be very popular and there have been periods where we have not opened at all as we do not wish to encourage visitors to the park gathering together with a cup of coffee.

The Takeaway is closed at present but we are looking forward to re-opening when government guidance allows us to.

Base Bookings

Our bookings have been greatly reduced this year and we have only been able to accept Quality Sports' hire of the Base as they are regulated by Ofsted so are able to work during school holidays. This has affected our income which we use to help improve and maintain the park and its facilities.

Events

We have a small group of members who volunteer to organise and/or help at events and are always grateful for any assistance.

A very different Seasonal Crafts Stall went ahead in December. It involved children picking up a hessian bag which contained the materials to make a Christmas decoration – reindeer, snowman etc. Donations from the community were generous and it was held with social distancing in place.

We were able to help Ramsbottom Rotary Group who were unable to carry out their Santa Sleigh collection tours around Ramsbottom or collect outside local supermarkets this year. The sleigh was set up in Nuttall Park with socially distanced barriers and children were thrilled to get a cheery wave from Santa and Ramsbottom Rotary received the proceeds from the Base Takeaway over a weekend before Christmas to help in their charity work.

Ramsbottom's Churches Together put a Nativity Trail around the park and left Knitted Angels around Ramsbottom and in Nuttall Park to reach out to the community at Christmas. It was lovely to see young children and adults enjoying time in the fresh air and taking an angel home for their Christmas tree.

Park Improvements in 2020

We have continued to apply for a grant to put the canopy on the bandstand plinth with no success.

Late in December we were surprised when Bury Council informed us that they were able to fund the project which could start in the 2020/21 tax year.

The design, drawings and calculations are in place and Ramsbottom Metalwork Ltd are ready to start the work. We are looking forward to future musical and theatrical presentations without risk of a 'wash out'.

Bury Athenaeum's grant of £2000 enabled us to pave a 4m x 4m area plus path outside the rear door

making this a very useful addition to the facilities.

Gardening Group

This has continued every Tuesday afternoon from March to November when guidance has allowed. It has been possible to allocate specific garden areas to each person so social distancing has been adhered to. This has meant that Nuttall Park's gardens have been much admired during the year and this is thanks to the hardworking volunteer gardeners.

Task Days

Friends of Nuttall Park work to help Nuttall Park to achieve the Green Flag Award each year. We have carried out various tasks when possible during 2020. This includes drain clearing and cleaning, cleaning the Base inside and out, sanitising the toilets, Himalayan Balsam removal and pathway sweeping along with general jet washing. We employed a company to remove the moss from the Base roof and we also used donation money to install a patio at the rear of the Base so that anyone queuing for drinks etc. is away from the car park making a much safer system. We are looking forward to the patio being used for tables and chairs and children's craft activities in 2021.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in a different year for Friends of Nuttall Park and I hope we will be able to continue with our Events, Gardening, Task Days, Base hiring and Tea Room in 2021.

Gwenda Newton
Chair Friends of Nuttall Park

1st March 2021

