



Friends of Nuttall Park, Ramsbottom, Bury

Annual Report 2020

Friends of Nuttall Park
Chair's Report for the year ending 31st December 2020

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

Friends of Nuttall Park Annual Accounts to 31/12/2020

Monetary Assets

Account name	31/12/2020	Surplus for period	31/12/2019
Barclays	£25,000.00	£6,000.00	£19,000.00
Cash Account	£1.46	-£32.59	£34.05
Santander	£836.81	-£382.24	£1,219.05
Tea Room Float	£20.00 £0.00	£20.00	
End of Year Balance	£25,858.27	£5,585.17	£20,273.10

Summary of Receipts and Payments in 2020 compared to 2019

Receipts

Category	2020	2019
Base	£1,877.00	£2,865.00
Events	£2,447.88	£4,285.03
Park Improvements	£2,000.00	£5,013.56
Tea Room	£5,679.04	£5,977.75
Donations	£1,132.96	£208.23
Grand Total	£13,136.88	£18,349.57

Payments

Category	2020	2019
Base	£423.65	£1,094.69
Events	£1,134.00	£1,495.61
General Expenses	£89.00	£383.04
Park Improvements	£4,146.95	£7,865.97
Tea Room	£1,758.11	£1,615.77
Grand Total	£7,551.71	£12,455.08

Difference this year £5585.17 £5894.49

Park Improvements in 2020 were

	Receipts	Payments	Cost
Bandstand Planning Application Fee		-£491.67	-£491.67
Base Roof Cleaning		-£295.00	-£295.00
Boules Pitch		-£140.40	-£140.40
Cycle Sign		-£40.00	-£40.00
Flagging – grant received from Athenaeum	£2,000.00	-£2,080.00	-£80.00
Flood Defences for Base doors		-£251.70	-£251.70
Gardening Club		-£382.52	-£382.52
Path near to the base – level out		-£270.66	-£270.66
Toilets - New Accessible Toilet lock		-£195.00	-£195.00