



Friends of Nuttall Park, Ramsbottom, Bury

Annual Report 2021

Friends of Nuttall Park
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 at 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

Friends of Nuttall Park Annual Accounts to 31/12/2021

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

John Leyland - Treasurer