



Friends of Nuttall Park, Ramsbottom, Bury

# Annual Report 2022

**Friends of Nuttall Park**  
**Chair's Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

# Friends of Nuttall Park Annual Accounts to 31/12/2022

## Monetary Assets

### Monetary Assets

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£36,331.64</b>	<b>£5,928.05</b>	<b>£30,403.59</b>

## 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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£20,992.37</b>	<b>£14,126.20</b>

### 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
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£15,064.32</b>	<b>£9,580.88</b>

<b>Surplus for Year</b>	<b>£5,928.05</b>	<b>£4,545.32</b>
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### Park Improvements in 2022

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

**John Leyland - Treasurer**