



Friends of Nuttall Park, Ramsbottom, Bury

# Annual Report 2025

**Friends of Nuttall Park**  
**Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

# Friends of Nuttall Park Annual Accounts to 31/12/2025

## 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
<b>End of Year Balance</b>	<b>£14,661.46</b>	<b>-£9,249.92</b>	<b>£23,911.38</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£22,563</b>	<b>£20,474</b>	<b>£2,088.00</b>

### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£31,813</b>	<b>£22,635</b>	<b>£9,178</b>

## Park Improvements in 2025

Equipment for Playground £20,808