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# **Annual report 2024/2025**

**A review of our activities and  
achievements, and priorities for the year ahead.**

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## **Trustees' Report 2025**

“Our purpose is to promote the preservation, restoration and improvement of Staunton Country Park for the education and benefit of the public.”

### **Message from the Chairman**

I have been the chairman of the Friends of Staunton Country Park from its initial conception in 2017 and official recognition in 2018, to this present date. In this short time, I have seen the group rise to a stable well respected partner of Hampshire County Council while operating within Staunton Country Park. Many projects, some pleasurable and some essential, have been achieved by the members of the group with the help of some very amazing friends and partners of our own. Links have been forged with other community groups to promote the local area to many people further afield.

I have gained great pleasure from my tenure as chairman, being very proud of what the team has achieved so far and wish it to continue far into the future.

J. M. Farrell      FOSCP Chairman.

### **Objectives and Aims**

To work collaboratively with Hampshire County Council and other partners at Staunton Country Park to maximise the quality of the park for the public.

To engage the public and the wider community in helping to improve the facilities at the park.

To help run events to support Staunton Country Park.

### **Governance**

The Friends of Staunton Country Park have eight Trustees who all volunteer their time to help run this charity.

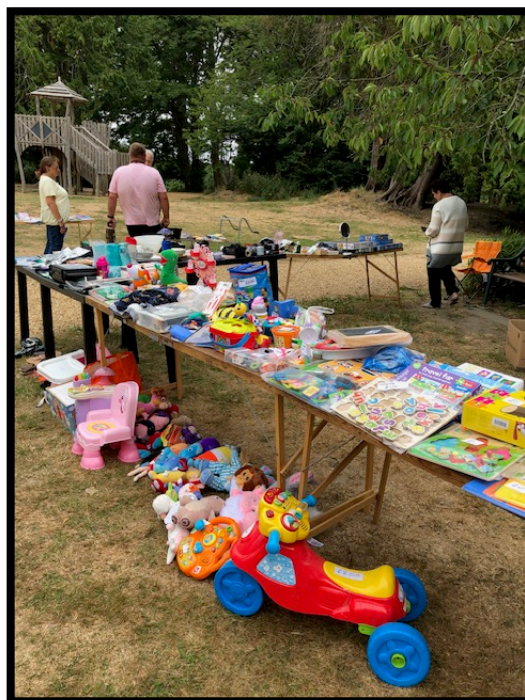
We are governed by our constitution which was registered with the Charity Commission on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

## Achievements

Working with Sport England to help raise funds for a Trampler to be used for members of the public who are less mobile, so they can enjoy visiting the lake, the Shell House and Storey Gardens.



Table top sales to bring in finance for the park run by Trustees with items donated by the local community.





Working with the Right to Work team to facilitate funding for the compost bays in Storey Gardens with funding help from Veolia.

Funding a section of paths at Staunton for the public to enjoy.







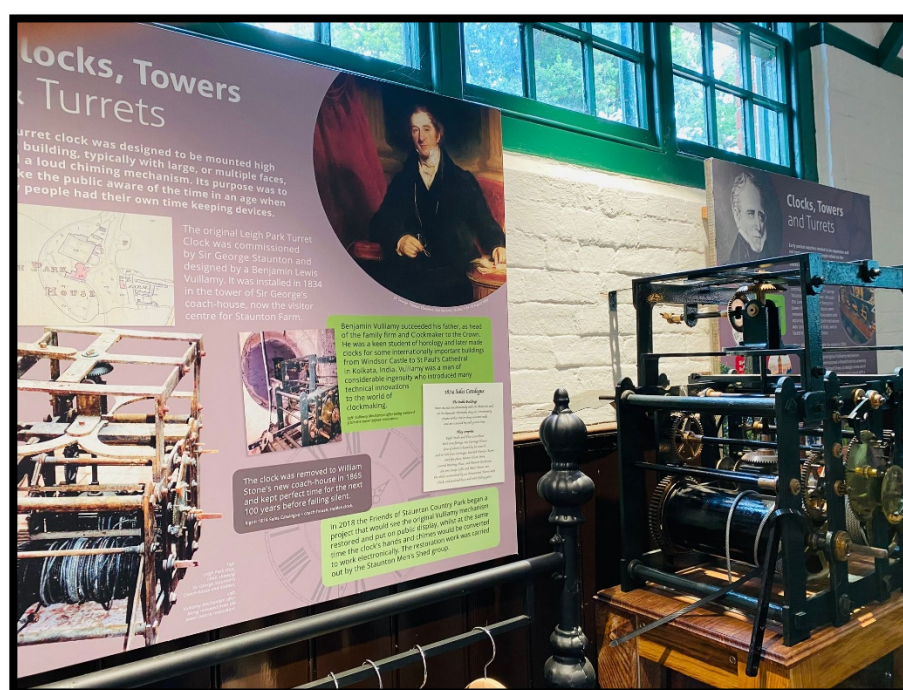
Purchase of Defibrillator for use in Staunton Country Park funded through Cllr. Jackie Branson who is a great supporter of the Friends. This is available to all members of the public.

Built in 1828 the Shell House, one of the follies at Staunton, was based on the design of the Chichester Cross and was built mainly of finely patterned flint. The internal walls were encrusted with shells. The Shell House exhibition shows that members of the public who use the park painted a shell and donated funds to the Friends.





Donation of 100 Queen Elizabeth Roses to commemorate her late Majesty which were planted by the gardening volunteers at Staunton Country Park with funds donated by the Friends.



Working with the Men's Shed to create a static display of the Coach House Clock mechanism. The Friends funded the interpretation board which is now on public display in the stables at Staunton.



Pergola for the entrance to the car park, this supports the kiwi plants and roses, these funds were provided through Cllr. Liz Fairhurst who is a good supporter of the Friends.

### **More achievements**

Acquisition of two glass display cabinets for the Chinese exhibition.

Pictures to be displayed in the Chinese exhibition.

Historic walks by Steve Jones and Jim Farrell in the summer months with different societies. Also walks are organised around Staunton Country Park in conjunction with Havant Borough Council and Get Up & Go.

Steve Jones has produced history booklets for the coach house to sell in their shop with proceeds going to the Friends.

Azaleas were purchased and placed on Swan Island.

### **Future Plans**

It is hoped to support educational visits for school groups.

To support the Heritage Hub at Staunton.

To provide bleed kits for Staunton.

To support Little Hedgehogs group with their forest school at Staunton.



Our funders and partners for which we are most grateful are:-

### **Funders**

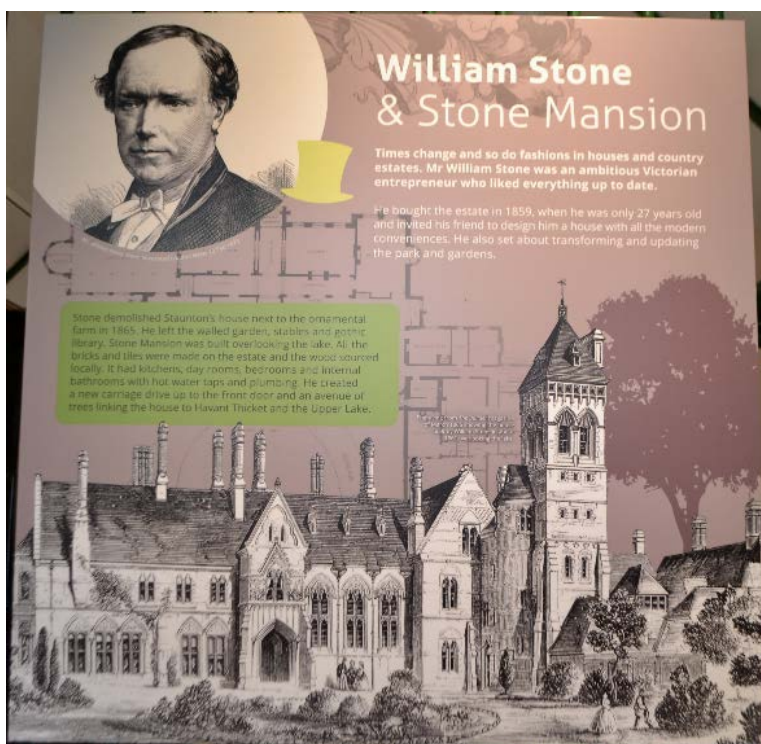
- Bruce Wake Charitable Trust
- Sport England
- Havant Rotary Club
- Havant Borough Council
- Garfield Weston
- Shilo Chou donation towards historical research
- Charles Jacob Charitable Trust
- Ed Stone
- Hampshire County Council through Cllr. Jackie Branson & Cllr. Liz Fairhurst
- Freemasons

### **Partners**

- Get Up & Go
- The Right to Work
- Community First
- Friends of Hermitage Stream
- Staunton Country Park

### **Message from the FOSCP President:**

I am pleased to have this opportunity of providing a few comments to this report. I am also so proud to be associated with such a great group of people, who have dedicated much of their time into supporting/achieving the various 'projects', including the preservation and history of this beautiful 'Staunton Country Park'. My Great Grandfather William Henry Stone would be amazed to know how well his 'Leigh Park Estate' has been maintained over the years (except for his house, built in 1863 and demolished in 1959!) for the benefit of all who visit the Park. Sincerely - Edmund J.A. (Ed) Stone.





## **ACCOUNTS FROM 2024 TO 2025**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As indicated in our report, F.O.S.C.P has been active this year in projects and fundraising

	2024/25		2023/24	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income	1,960	4,970	6,930	4,197
Expenditure	838	1,097	1,935	8,486
Net Movement	1,122	3,873	4,995	(4,289)
Balance	5,181	7,465	12,646	7,651

We are grateful for the contributions made by the local community through our table sales, local lottery as well as bodies that have provided us with grants during the year.

This year we commenced a major fundraising effort to purchase a mobility scooter for the park. Sports England provided the mechanism and funds in conjunction with Crowdfunder to fundraise for the scooter.

We have received a wide variety of donations for this appeal including Hampshire County Council as well as individuals.

We hope that the success with this appeal will be a driver for future appeals.

Clock reserves were also used to purchase an interpretation panel for the clock display in Coach Houses.

Unrestricted reserves were used to purchase additional storage space for the table sales goods to be held in a secure and dry area.

The reserves policy is to hold 6 months of operating costs.

We will continue to prioritise and allocate funds to pay for improvements in the next financial year. The full financial statements can be found at the end of this report.



## FRIENDS OF STAUNTON COUNTRY PARK

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

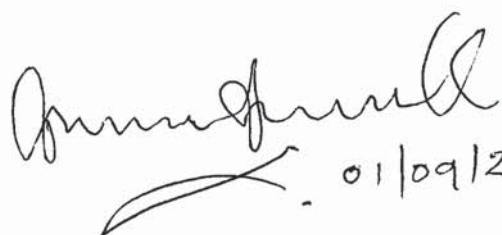
	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	TOTAL 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	TOTAL 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowment Income</b>						
Donations and legacies	366	4,970	5,335	883	-	883
Other trading activities	1,382	-	1,382	926	-	926
Investments	-	-	-	-	2,382	2,382
Other income	212	-	212	5	-	5
<b>Total Income</b>	1,960	4,970	6,930	1,815	2,382	4,197
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	320	1,097	1,416	-	8,147	8,147
Other Expenditure	518	-	518	338	-	338
<b>Total expenditure</b>	838	1,097	1,935	338	8,147	8,486
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	1,122	3,873	4,995	1,476	(5,765)	(4,289)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	1,122	3,873	4,995	1,476	(5,765)	(4,289)
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>						
Fund balances at 01 May 2024	4,059	3,592	7,651	2,583	9,357	11,940
<b>Fund balances at 30 April 2025</b>	5,181	7,465	12,646	4,059	3,592	7,651

## FRIENDS OF STAUNTON 30 APRIL 2025 BALANCE SHEET

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current bank account	12,621	7,626
Petty cash	25	25
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>12,646</b>	<b>7,651</b>
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Unrestricted reserves	7,465	4,059
Restricted reserves	5,181	3,592
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<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>12,646</b>	<b>7,651</b>
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Approved by the Trustees on June 2025 and signed on their behalf.

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Chairman J. M. FARRELL

  
01/09/2025