

THE FRIENDS OF SUNNYHURST WOOD

England & Wales · Charity number 1185875

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-10-18

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING BIODIVERSITY, OF SUNNYHURST WOOD FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Activities: To sustain, maintain and enhance the environment, heritage and use of Sunnyhurst wood for the benefit of the Blackburn with Darwen community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Blackburn With Darwen

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,917	£2,805	-	-
2024-03-31	£10,215	£2,239	-	-
2023-03-31	£11,987	£17,467	-	-
2022-03-31	£8,404	£4,014	-	-
2021-03-31	£42,624	£6,469	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Douglas Wright Mr	Chair	2019-10-18
David Michael Smith		2019-10-18
Leslie Slack		2019-10-18

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Chairs Report 2025.

Once again, the past twelve months have been a challenging time for the Friends of Sunnyhurst Wood.

Our grade 2 listed structure project is now virtually completed. Work has been carried out on The Lychgate, Potters Gate Huntingtons Bridge and the Drinking Fountain.

The structures have had any necessary repairs to the stonework and woodwork and have been Doff cleaned. Some minor repairs are still needed but in the main the group is happy with the results.

A big thank you to both Blackburn with Darwen Council, (particularly Chris Atkinson) and UK Restoration for their help with this project.

Sadly after a final push on the memorial area the group has decided to shelve this project.

The group has tried to involve external parties in the project but sadly there has been no interest from Blackburn University or local Schools

It was felt that at this moment in time that the project is too big to take on for the group without any external help as the group doesn't possess the necessary skills or funds to carry out this scale of project.

The group will revisit the feasibility of a memorial area in subsequent meetings.

Another tough decision that the group has made is to stop hosting the monthly craft fairs. It was felt that the attendance had fallen significantly during the last few events and was not financially viable to hold the craft fairs at the moment. This also led to the decision to cancel our broadband account as this was put in to aid the stall holders with card payments. This is a monthly cost that the group felt was no longer necessary.

Again the group will revisit the feasibility of holding craft fairs in the future.

The annual Carols in the Wood was a great success again this year with probably one of the biggest turnouts so far. This event has now become a major Christmas event for the Local and wider communities. The group should be proud of themselves for the significant planning and effort it takes to put on this event.

Regarding the Volunteer days that we host for local companies, initially we had interest from a number of companies that wanted to get involved but as time moved on all, but Capita dropped out. We are holding four Volunteer days for Capita this year. A big thank you to Capita for the work that they perform in the Wood. It is a great help and makes a difference.

The Group did receive some really good news earlier in the year. A significant amount of Funding from Darwen Destination has been allocated to the Sunnyhurst Wood.

The main path from Falcon Avenue all the way up to the reservoir will be completely renovated. This involves a certain amount of tree felling, installing new drainage and laying a new path. The path will have an improved surface and will be widened were possible to allow much better access through the wood. The new path will significantly improve access for the disabled. Work is expected to be complete by early next year.

Repair work to the Goit is still a topic that is constantly under discussion with Blackburn with Darwen Council. No significant plans have been made yet but the group has been told that there may be plans for some work to be carried out in the future.

I would like to personally like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has made a contribution in the last twelve months. Without your help and support the woods would be in a much poorer state.

Douglas Wright.
Chair for the Friends of Sunnyhurst Wood

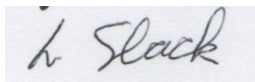
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Financial Report (Unaudited)

For the year ended

31st March 2025

Completed by Les Slack

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Signature

Date 31.05.25

Income

Our income for the last financial year to the end of March 2025 is less than the previous year partly because we had a large donation from Blackburn with Darwen Council with Section 106 money last year. Individual donations amounted to £196 while donation for refreshments at Craft Fairs was £76.

Our fundraising efforts consisted of the Carols in the Wood event and a raffle at the same event which raised £1261 and £69 pounds respectively. £10 was also raised from the box we had at the Nisa store. This source is no longer available as the store has closed. We got a grant of £1370 from Darwen Town Council for mechanised garden tools. The Craft Fairs that were being held monthly raised £245 from the table rental and our own Bric-A-Brac stall brought in £62. Due to a fall in the interest for these Craft Fairs it has been decided to cancel them for the foreseeable future. Hiring out the Visitor Centre raised £90.

Due to bank savings being at a good interest rate the interest on our savings from all three accounts totalled £1472. A breakdown of the accounts can be found at Appendices A, B and C. In March we transferred £13800 from United Trust Bank to Lloyds Bank current account in anticipation of an invoice from Blackburn with Darwen Council for restoration work we have had done on four heritage structures in the wood. We have not yet received an invoice.

Expenditure

Our expenditure this year is less than last year because last year we moved £20000 from Lloyds Bank current account to United Trust Bank. We have not spent anything on woodland maintenance but as mentioned above we are waiting for an invoice to pay for the restoration work we have commissioned on four heritage structures. Work has been done on the Lightbown Fountain, Huntington Bridge, Potters Gate and Chadwick Gate (Lychgate). Carols in the Wood costs came to £616 including £300 for the band, £50 for the choir, £191 for Mulled wine and £74 for groceries. We have spent £75 on Mulled wine for our 2025 Carols in the Wood. Visitor Centre costs were £13 which was for domestic items and includes £1 Peppercorn rent to Blackburn with Darwen Council. We paid £50 to maintain the front garden at the Visitor Centre and we spent a total of £1493 on tools of which £1370 was from a Darwen Town Council grant. Miscellaneous items came to £23. Craft Fair costs for refreshments (tea, coffee, milk, biscuits etc) was £12.

Our stationary costs were high this year at £200 due to the fact that we had to buy a new printer after the old one became unrepairable. Our Broadband contract cost us £324 this year and now that we have cancelled the Craft Fairs it had become surplus to requirements so it was decided by the members not to renew the contract when it finished in May.

Reserves and Restricted Funding

Once again our financial situation is very good and we can meet our target of keeping £1500 in reserve for emergencies.

As of 31.03.25 we have £14763 restricted in a 6 month fixed rate account until 18.08.25 and £7067 restricted in a 40 day notice account. Both accounts are at the United Trust Bank.

Total Restricted Funding

£21830

Note. All the above amounts are to the nearest whole number.

Our Financial Position on 31.03.25 was:-

Balance at Lloyds Bank (Current Account).	£23965.85
Balance at Jubilee Tower Credit Union.	362.34
Balance at United Trust Bank (Charity 6 month fixed rate account).	14762.80
Balance at United Trust Bank (40 day notice account).	7067.46
Total	£46158.45

This total represents a 4.79% increase on the same period last year.

Note. Approximately £20000 will be needed from this total when we get the invoice for the work done on the aforementioned heritage structures.

Lloyds Bank Current Account April 1st 2024 – March 31st 2025

Date	Description	Type	Receipt & Invoice No	Income	Expenditure	Total
01.04.24	Balance Brought Forward			£9,526.73		
08.04.24	Brenda Parkinson	Milk & biscuits for Craft Fair	246		£4.37	£9,522.36
12.04.24	Visitor Centre	April Craft Fair table rental. Additional to FPI on 18.03.24	PIB 500066	£5.00		£9,527.36
12.04.24	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500066	£5.00		£9,532.36
12.04.24	FOSW Bric-A-Brac Stall	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500066	£1.00		£9,533.36
12.04.24	Visitor Centre	Donation for refreshments at Craft fair	PIB 500066	£24.64		£9,558.00
24.04.24	Plusnet Plc	Broadband Monthly DD	247		£26.97	£9,531.03
05.05.24	Les Slack	Milk, Orange juice & Ribena for refreshments at Craft Fair	FOSW Debit Card 248		£7.65	£9,523.38
09.05.24	Visitor Centre	May Craft Fair table rental	FPI	£30.10		£9,553.48
09.05.24	FOSW Bric-A-Brac Stall	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500067	£31.00		£9,584.48
09.05.24	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at Craft Fair	PIB 500067	£9.00		£9,593.48
09.05.24	Nisa Box	Fundraising	PIB 500067	£10.26		£9,603.74
09.05.24	Mike Smith	Flowers to Gail Wright for family bereavement	FPO 249		£23.00	£9,580.74
10.05.24	BwD Council	Peppercorn rent for VC	FPO		£1.00	£9,579.74
24.05.24	Plusnet Plc	Broadband Monthly DD	250		£26.97	£9,552.77
24.06.24	Plusnet Plc	Broadband Monthly DD	251		£26.97	£9,525.80
04.07.24	Ryobi Limited	Tools	FOSW Debit Card 252		£1,369.91	£8,155.89
08.07.24	Visitor Centre	July Craft Fair table rental	FPI	£35.00		£8,190.89
09.07.24	Ann Stokes	Donation	PIB 500069	£40.00		£8,230.89
09.07.24	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500069	£10.50		£8,241.39
09.07.24	Joan Moore	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500069	£10.00		£8,251.39

09.07.24	FOSW Bric-A-Brac Stall	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500069	£9.00		£8,260.39
09.07.24	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at Craft Fair	PIB 500069	£14.09		£8,274.48
15.07.24	Beryl Holden	Donation	Lloyds receipt	£100.00		£8,374.48
15.07.24	Ryman	A5 Folder	FOSW Debit Card 253		£2.99	£8,371.49
22.07.24	Mike Smith	Printer ink	FPO 254		£3.99	£8,367.50
24.07.24	Plusnet Plc	Broadband Monthly DD	255		£26.97	£8,340.53
05.08.24	Screwfix	Chainsaw oil	FOSW Debit Card 256		£5.84	£8,334.69
23.08.24	FOSW Bric-A-Brac Stall	Donation from Craft Fair	Cash 257	£5.00		£8,339.69
23.08.24	Darwen Town Council	Grant for Ryobi tools	Cheque 258	£1,369.91		£9,709.60
27.08.24	Plusnet Plc	Broadband Monthly DD	259		£26.97	£9,682.63
28.08.24	Sainbury's Darwen	Milk for Visitor Centre	FOSW Debit Card 260		£5.34	£9,677.29
30.08.24	Doug Wright	24 pairs of work gloves	FPO 261		£17.30	£9,659.99
03.09.24	Lidl Darwen	Domestic items for VC	FOSW Debit Card 262		£2.54	£9,657.45
11.09.24	Tesco Darwen	Mulled wine X 8 bottles	FOSW Debit Card 263		£26.40	£9,631.05
20.09.24	BwD Council	Hire of Visitor Centre	Invoice No 62	£40.00		£9,671.05
24.09.24	Plusnet Plc	Broadband Monthly DD	264		£26.97	£9,644.08
07.10.24	Mike Smith	Mulled wine X 11 bottles	FPO 265		£33.00	£9,611.08
07.10.24	Gail Wright	Oct Craft Fair table rental	FPI	£25.00		£9,636.08
07.10.24	Visitor Centre	Oct Craft Fair table rental	PIB 500070	£20.00		£9,656.08
07.10.24	FOSW Bric-A-Brac Stall	Doation from Craft Fair	PIB 500070	£1.00		£9,657.08
07.10.24	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at Craft Fair	PIB 500070	£9.70		£9,666.78
18.10.24	Doug Wright	New Printer & ink cartridges	FPO 266		£193.84	£9,472.94
20.10.24	Les Slack	Ryobi Leaf blower	FPO 267		£65.49	£9,407.45
22.10.24	Mike Smith	Mulled wine X 6 bottles + groceries for Carols in the Wood	FPO 268		£81.61	£9,325.84
24.10.24	Plusnet Plc	Broadband Monthly DD	269		£26.97	£9,298.87
25.10.24	Les Slack	Mulled wine X 8 bottles	FPO 270		£24.00	£9,274.87
25.10.24	Wayne Dixon	Visitor Centre	FPO		£20.00	£9,254.87

		garden	271			
25.10.24	Mike Smith	Mulled wine X 19 bottles	FPO 272		£57.00	£9,197.87
29.10.24	Asda Blackburn	Mulled wine X 7 bottles	FOSW Debit Card 273		£21.00	£9,176.87
30.10.24	Les Slack	Mulled wine X 4 bottles	FPO 274		£12.00	£9,164.87
04.11.24	West Pennine Sling	Hire of Visitor Centre	FPI Invoice No 63	£50.00		£9,214.87
05.11.24	Visitor Centre	Nov Craft Fair table rental	PIB 500071	£30.00		£9,244.87
05.11.24	Anonymous	Donation at Craft Fair	PIB 500071	£5.00		£9,249.87
05.11.24	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500071	£5.00		£9,254.87
05.11.24	FOSW Bric-A-Brac Stall	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500071	£4.92		£9,259.79
05.11.24	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at Craft Fair	PIB 500071	£5.70		£9,265.49
08.11.24	Mike Smith	Groceries for CitW & red/white hazard tape	FPO 275		£10.68	£9,254.81
13.11.24	Anonymous	Donation via CA	FPI	£10.00		£9,264.81
25.11.24	B&Q Blackburn	Steel head leaf rake.	FOSW Debit Card 276		£21.00	£9,243.81
25.11.24	Savoy service station	Petrol for generator + 4 AA batteries	FOSW Debit Card 277		£13.17	£9,230.64
25.11.24	Plusnet Plc	Broadband Monthly DD	278		£26.97	£9,203.67
29.11.24	Amazon refund	Ryobi Leaf blower	FPI	£65.49		£9,269.16
02.12.24	Carols in the Wood	Fundraising	PIB 500072	£1,261.32		£10,530.48
06.12.24	Blackburn and Darwen Band	Carols in the Wood	FPO 279		£300.00	£10,230.48
06.12.24	Darwen Library Larks Choir	Carols in the Wood	FPO 280		£50.00	£10,180.48
09.12.24	Visitor Centre	Craft Fair table rental	FPI	£80.00		£10,260.48
10.12.24	Visitor Centre	Craft Fair table rental pay on the day.	PIB 500073	£20.00		£10,280.48
10.12.24	Dave Smith	Donation for CitW.	PIB 500073	£10.00		£10,290.48
10.12.24	FOSW Christmas Raffle	Sale of tickets at Dec Craft Fair.	PIB 500073	£69.00		£10,359.48
10.12.24	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at Craft Fair	PIB 500073	£12.73		£10,372.21
10.12.24	FOSW Bric-A-Brac Stall	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500073	£10.20		£10,382.41
16.12.24	Tesco Darwen	Mulled wine X 6 bottles	FOSW Debit Card 281		£15.00	£10,367.41
19.12.24	Asda Blackburn	Mulled wine X 12 bottles	FOSW Debit Card 282		£30.00	£10,337.41
23.12.24	Wayne Dixon	Visitor Centre garden	FPO 283		£30.00	£10,307.41
23.12.24	Les Slack	Mulled wine X 12	FPO		£30.00	£10,277.41

		bottles	284			
24.12.24	Plusnet Plc	Broadband Monthly DD	285		£26.97	£10,250.44
24.01.25	Plusnet Plc	Broadband Monthly DD	286		£26.97	£10,223.47
24.02.25	Plusnet Plc	Broadband Monthly DD	287		£26.97	£10,196.50
06.03.25	Lidl Darwen	Groceries for Visitor Centre	FOSW Debit Card 288		£3.68	£10,192.82
17.03.25	United Trust Bank	Transfer of savings	FPI	£13,800.00		£23,992.82
24.03.25	Plusnet Plc	Broadband Monthly DD	289		£26.97	£23,965.85
				£26,771.29	£2,805.44	
31.03.25		Balance Carried Forward				£23,965.85

Abbreviations

DD – Direct Debit

FPI - Faster payment In

FPO – Faster Payment Out

JTCU – Jubilee Tower Credit Union

PIB – Paying in Book

UTB – United Trust Bank

VC – Visitor Centre

Summary

Income	Funds 24/25	Funds 23/24
Lloyds Bank Current Account		
Donations	£195.50	£5,605.96
Fundraising	£1,330.32	£1,286.26
Grants	£1,369.91	£0.00

Hire of Visitor Centre	£90.00	£305.00
Craft Fair stall rental	£245.10	£540.00
Donations for refreshments at Craft Fairs	£75.86	£186.67
FOSW Bric-a-Brac stall at Craft Fairs	£62.12	£136.38
Coop/Nisa Box (Fundraising)	£10.26	£110.30
Amazon refund for faulty leaf blower	£65.49	£0.00
Sale of excess wine from summer concert	£0.00	£45.00
Savings into current account from Jubilee Tower Credit Union.	£0.00	£2,000.00
Income for year	£3,444.56	£10,215.57
Income from savings account interest	£1,472.26	
Balance brought forward	£9,526.73	£21,550.53
Savings into Current Account from United Trust Bank	£13,800.00	
Total income	£28,243.55	£31,766.10
Expenditure		
Lloyds Bank Current Account		
Woodland Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00
Events/Fundraising costs (Summer Concert & Carols in the Wood).		£836.24
Events/Fundraising costs(Carols in the Wood).	£615.69	
Mulled wine for Carols in the Wood. Note 1.	£75.00	
Visitor Centre costs	£11.56	£31.55
Visitor Centre rental.	£1.00	£1.00
Visitor Centre garden costs	£50.00	£170.00
Misc costs	£23.00	£74.50
Tool costs	£1,492.71	£337.33
Craft Fair costs	£12.02	£56.94
Training. (First Aid Training x 3)	£0.00	£450.00
Broadband	£323.64	£282.11
Stationary	£200.82	£0.00
Savings out of Current Account to United Trust Bank	£0.00	£20,000.00
Total Expenditure	£2,805.44	£22,239.67
Funds to carry forward	£25,438.11	
Savings interest not carried forward to Lloyds Bank current account	£1,472.26	
Total funds carried forward.	£23,965.85	£9,526.43
Restricted Funds		
Reserves	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
United Trust Bank Savings 3 month fixed rate bond gross interest @ 4.38% restricted until 15.05.24		£14,092.64
United Trust Bank 6 month fixed rate Charity bond gross interest @ 4.46% restricted until 17.08.25	£14,762.80	
United Trust Bank Savings restricted for 40 days	£7,067.46	£20,071.90
Total Restricted Funds	£23,330.26	£35,664.54
Savings Interest		
Jubilee Tower Credit Union account.	£6.54	£326.64
United Trust Bank 3 or 6 month fixed rate account.	£670.16	£460.80
United Trust Bank 40 day notice account.	£795.56	£71.90
For details of the above accounts see appendices A,B&C.		

Total Savings Interest 01.04.23 - 31.03.24		£859.34
Total Savings Interest 01.04.24 - 31.03.25	£1,472.26	
Note 1. £75 of Carols in the Wood costs are for Mulled wine bought for Carols in the Wood 2025.		

Appendix A

Date	Account Name	Money In	Money Out	Balance	Remarks
19.07.21	Transfer of Savings	£5,000.00		£5,000.00	Xfrd from Lloyds Bank Current Account
22.07.21	Transfer of Savings	£15,000.00		£20,000.00	Xfrd from Lloyds Bank Current Account
24.02.22	Jubilee Tower Credit Union Dividend.	£29.16		£20,029.16	Dividend based on avg daily balance beteen 01/10/20 & 30/09.21 of £3887.36
16.11.22	Transfer of Savings		£18,000.00	£2,029.16	Xfrd to Lloyds Bank Current Account
16.11.22				£2,029.16	
31.03.23				£2,029.16	
22.06.23	Jubilee Tower Credit Union Dividend.	£250.22		£2,279.38	Dividend based on avg daily balance beteen 01/10/21 & 30/09.22 of £20017.46
29.09.23	Transfer of Savings		£2,000.00	£279.38	Xfrd to Lloyds Bank Current Account
16.02.24	Jubilee Tower Credit Union Dividend.	£76.42		£355.80	Dividend at 1.75% based on Avg daily balance between 01/10/22 & 30/09/23 of 4367.13
21.03.25	Jubilee Tower Credit Union Dividend.	£6.54		£362.34	Dividend at 2.00% based on Avg daily balance between 01/10/23 & 30.09.24 of 326.91

Appendix B

	Account Name	Money In	Money Out.	Balance	Remarks
	United Trust Bank 40 Day				
	Charity Notice Account Issue 1				
	Gross Interest 3.75% paid annually on 31st October.				
04.04.24	Gross interest increased to 4.10%				

20.03.25	Gross interest reduced to 3.95%				
22.09.23	Initial Deposit	£10.00		£10.00	
26.09.23	Transfer of Savings	£19,900.00		£19,910.00	
29.09.23	Transfer of Savings	£90.00		£20,000.00	
31.10.23	Credit Interest	£71.90		£20,071.90	
31.10.24	Credit Interest	£795.56		£20,867.46	
17.03.25	Transfer to Lloyds Bank Current Account		£13,800.00	£7,067.46	

Appendix C

Date	Account Name	Money In	Money Out	Balance	Remarks
	United Trust Bank				
	3 and 6 Month fixed rate				
	Charity Bonds				
11.11.22	Interest 2% gross				
13.02.23	Interest 2.05% gross				
15.05.23	Interest 3.15% gross				
15.08.23	Interest 4.11% gross				
15.11.23	Interest 3.96% gross				
15.02.24	Interest 4.38% gross				
15.05.24	Interest 4.91% gross				
17.02.25	Interest 4.46% gross				
11.11.22	Transfer of Savings	£5,000.00		£5,000.00	Xfrd from Lloyds Bank Current Account
16.11.22	Transfer of Savings	£22,000.00		£27,000.00	Xfrd from Lloyds Bank Current Account
13.02.23	United Trust Bank	£131.84		£27,131.84	Interest added.
13.02.23	Transfer of Savings		£13,500.00	£13,631.84	Xfrd to Lloyds Bank Current Account
13.02.23				£13,631.84	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month bond paying 2.05%
31.03.23				£13,631.84	
15.05.23	United Trust Bank	£69.67		£13,701.51	Interest added.
15.05.23				£13,701.51	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month bond paying 3.15%
15.08.23	United Trust Bank	£108.79		£13,810.30	Interest added.
15.08.23				£13,810.30	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month Bond paying 4.11%
15.11.23	United Trust Bank	£143.07		£13,953.37	Interest added.
15.11.23	United Trust Bank			£13,953.37	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month Bond paying 3.96%
15.02.24	United Trust Bank	£139.27		£14,092.64	Interest added.
15.02.24	United Trust Bank			£14,092.64	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month Bond paying 4.38%
15.05.24	United Trust Bank	£154.98		£14,247.62	Interest added.
15.05.24	United Trust Bank			£14,247.62	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month Bond paying 4.91%
15.08.24	United Trust Bank	£176.33		£14,423.95	Interest added.

15.08.24	United Trust Bank			£14,423.95	Account rolled over to new Charity 6 Month Bond paying 4.61%
17.02.25	United Trust Bank	£338.85		£14,762.80	Interest added.
17.02.25	United Trust Bank			£14,762.80	Account rolled over to new Charity 6 Month Bond paying 4.46%

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Chair's Report 2024.

The last twelve months have been a bit of a frustrating time for the group. A lot of the work that has been done this year has not yet borne any results that can be seen, but will lay the foundations for some fantastic results hopefully later this year.

The Carols in the Woods was once again a great success especially under the weather conditions at the time. This is always our biggest money generator for the group, so a massive thank you to all involved in this event. Unfortunately, we had to make the decision not to hold the summer concert that we have held for the past two years. After much discussion it was decided that the event was not financially viable at this time, but may be something we could revisit in the future.

Craft fairs have been a bit of a hit and miss event over the last few months with no one reason that we can put a finger on to say how we can improve the turn out. We will continue to hold the craft fairs if there is a demand for them.

We have had a poor start to the Capita volunteer days this year due to circumstances beyond our control. The first one which was due to be held in March was cancelled due to lack of volunteers from Capita. The second was cancelled due to a 'work critical issue' at Capita. We will hopefully be holding two volunteer days for Capita later in the year.

The memorial area project had to have a bit of a reboot this year. Our hopes that Blackburn University students would get involved and submit some designs for our approval has not come to fruition. There has been a distinct lack of communication and interest from the university, which we believe is due to staff changes within key roles at the university. After discussions at the committee meetings, it has been decided that we will continue with the Memorial project and we will invite local schools to come up with ideas for the project. This has always been a long-term project that we knew was never going to be easy. However, the feelings are that it is a worthwhile project that the local and wider communities will benefit from and appreciate.

Work on the grade 2 listed structures is making significant progress. Hopefully work will commence late July/August. Blackburn with Darwen Council will be project managing this project for us as they have a lot more experience in this field than we do. We have now established good communications with Chris Atkinson from BWDC. Chris has been a great help to us over the last twelve months and is helping us with several issues within the woods. We are also in the process of applying for funding for the work required on the remaining grade 2 listed structures.

The Goit continues to be a major problem in the woods. When ever we have a major down pour the Goit breeches and causes more damage to the footpaths. Meetings have taken place between various stakeholders to try and come up with a long-term solution to this problem. This is ongoing and early reports suggest that we may be able to access some of the funding that is currently coming into Darwen from central government to alleviate this issue.

There are also suggestions that we may have funding coming into the Wood to improve the main footpaths leading up to the moors. This may come from the Darwen Town Deal or the Darwen

Long Term Plan. Consultations are taking place to allow groups from green spaces such as ours to have their say and input of ideas.

As always, the group continues to make a massive difference in the Woods through the monthly volunteer days and the hard work that individuals put in. A lot of work such as pruning, cleaning, path repairs, upkeep of the Visitors Centre, craft fairs and other events, is being carried out throughout the year by the Friends of Sunnyhurst Wood members. A lot of this work goes on that members rarely get praised and thanked for, and the Wood would be in a very sorry state if it were not for the time and dedication of every member of the FOSW.

As the chair of the Friends of Sunnyhurst Wood I thank you for your hard work and commitment that each and everyone one of you put in.

Douglas Wright

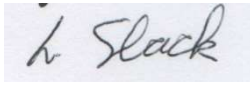
Chair.

Friends of Sunnyhurst Wood

Financial Report

For the year ended
31st March 2024

Completed by Les Slack

Signature 

Date 21.05.24

Audited by Hayley Kilpatrick

Signature

Date

Financial Position

Income

Our income for the last financial year is much reduced from the previous year due to the fact that we got a large grant last year from the Lottery Community Fund and also we had savings passing through to other accounts.

Our Charity 3 month fixed rate account with United Trust Bank (UTB) was giving us a high interest rate so to allow us to keep rolling this account over every three months and still have access to money for our projects it was decided in September 23 to open a new 40 day notice account, again with UTB which would allow us to do this. We now have three savings accounts. Two with UTB and one with Jubilee Tower Credit Union (JTCU). Consequently in the financial year ending on 31st March 2024 we have received savings interest of £859. Details of these accounts can be seen in the summary below and also the appendices.

A large donation of £4951 from Blackburn with Darwen council which was Section 106 money from houses built on St Albans Road added to individual donations of £656, plus donations of £187 for refreshments at the Craft Fairs made a total of £5794. Our fundraising efforts brought in £1286 from the Summer and Christmas concerts and we also raised £110 from the Coop/Nisa collection box.

Due to the closure of the Hollins Grove Co-op and subsequently Nisa we no longer have a collection box anywhere.

Hiring out the Visitor Centre brought in a total of £305. Our decision to continue with the Craft Fairs every month and charge a small fee to rent a table has turned out to be correct as we raised £540 and our own Bric -a Brac stall raised £136.

We have decided to continue with the Craft fairs for the foreseeable future.

Expenditure

Our expenditure this year is less than last year due to the fact that we haven't had to pay for any major maintenance projects. Our largest outgoing was the transfer of £20000 from Lloyds bank current account to United Trust Bank 40 day notice savings account. The next largest cost was for fundraising events, (Summer concert and Carols in the Wood) came in at £836. We also spent £450 giving First Aid training to three members.

Our spending on tools at £337 was broadly in line with last year's, the biggest item being metal brackets that we had made for the speakers we use at our events at the bandstand. As we now hire out the Visitor Centre we decided in April that it would be appropriate both for ourselves and for people hiring to have Broadband available so it was installed in May and the cost to March 24 was £282. Visitor Centre costs were £33 and were for tea, coffee, milk, biscuits etc and also cleaning items. Craft Fair costs were for Corex Board and printer ink cartridges both of which were used for the Craft Fair Notices.

With our ongoing projects now past the planning phase our outgoings for the next twelve months will be greatly increased.

Reserves and Restricted Funding

Once again our financial situation is very good and we can meet our target of keeping £1500 in reserve for emergencies.

As of 31.03.24 we have £14092 restricted in a 3 month fixed rate account and £20000 restricted in a 40 day notice account both at United Trust Bank.

Total Restricted Funding

£34092

Note. All the above amounts are to the nearest whole number.

Our Financial Position on 31.03.24 was :-

Balance at Lloyds Bank. (Current account)	£9526.43
Balance at Jubilee Tower Credit Union	355.80
Balance at United Trust Bank (Charity 3month fixed rate account)	14092.64
Balance at United Trust Bank (40 day notice account)	20071.90
Total	£44046.77

This total represents an 18.37% increase on the same period last year.

Total available for future projects and Maintenance £9954

Lloyds Bank Current Account April 1st 2023 – March 31st 2024

Date	Description	Type	Receipt & Invoice No	Income	Expenditure	Total
01.04.23	Balance Brought Forward			£21,550.53		
03.04.23	Doug Wright	Donation		£0.98		£21,551.51
05.04.23	Amazon	Set of draining rods	FOSW Debit Card 203		£38.90	£21,512.61
13.04.23	Visitor Centre	April Craft Fair stall rental		£25.00		£21,537.61
13.04.23	FOSW Bric-A-Brac stall	Donation from craft fair		£19.00		£21,556.61
13.04.23	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at craft fair		£18.68		£21,575.29
13.04.23	Peter Hunt	Donation from craft fair		£28.00		£21,603.29
24.04.23	Plusnet Plc	Advance payment for Broadband connection DD	See May Bill 17.05.23 204		£24.99	£21,578.30
30.04.23	Summer Concert	Sale of wine to L Slack & M Smith	FPI	£20.00		£21,598.30
10.05.23	BwD Council	Peppercorn rent for VC	FPO		£1.00	£21,597.30
15.05.23	Super Pound Store	Biscuits & Cordial	FOSW Debit Card 205		£3.00	£21,594.30
15.05.23	Visitor Centre	May Craft Fair stall rental	PIB 500053	£65.00		£21,659.30
15.05.23	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at craft fair	PIB 500053	£18.68		£21,677.98
15.05.23	FOSW Bric-A-Brac stall	Donation from craft fair	PIB 500053	£2.00		£21,679.98
15.05.23	Peter Hunt	Donation from craft fair	PIB 500053	£2.00		£21,681.98
15.05.23	Joan Moore	Donation from craft fair	PIB 500053	£5.00		£21,686.98
15.05.23	NISA box	Fundraising	PIB 500053	£26.13		£21,713.11
25.05.23	Peter Leach	Corex board & tie wraps for posters	206 & 207		£32.99	£21,680.12
25.05.23	Les Slack	Donation		£0.98		£21,681.10

30.05.23	Shirley Bolton	Items from FOSW Bric A Brac stall	FPI	£10.00		£21,691.10
02.06.23	BwD Council	Hire of Visitor Centre	Invoice No 58	£70.00		£21,761.10
02.06.23	Les Slack (Aldi store)	Milk for Visitor Centre	208		£3.80	£21,757.30
05.06.23	Aldi store	Milk for Visitor Centre	FOSW Debit Card 209		£3.80	£21,753.50
05.06.23	Lidl store	Coffee & biscuits for VC	FOSW Debit Card 210		£6.66	£21,746.84
05.06.23	Visitor Centre	June Craft Fair stall rental	PIB 500054	£70.00		£21,816.84
05.06.23	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at craft fair	PIB 500054	£23.45		£21,840.29
05.06.23	FOSW Bric-A-Brac stall	Donation from craft fair	PIB 500054	£11.89		£21,852.18
05.06.23	Peter Hunt	Donation from craft fair	PIB 500054	£4.00		£21,856.18
19.06.23	Les Slack	Flowers for Done family	FOSW Debit Card 211		£25.00	£21,831.18
26.06.23	Plusnet Plc	Monthly Broadband DD	June Bill 212		£24.99	£21,806.19
27.06.23	S Maquarrie	Hire of Visitor Centre on 08.07.23	Invoice No 59	£75.00		£21,881.19
03.07.23	W Dixon Garden Services	Garden Maintenance @ VC	FPO 213		£80.00	£21,801.19
06.07.23	Visitor Centre	July Craft Fair stall rental	PIB 500055	£30.00		£21,831.19
06.07.23	Brenda Parkinson	Donation from craft fair	PIB 500055	£10.00		£21,841.19
06.07.23	Joan Moore	Donation from craft fair	PIB 500055	£10.00		£21,851.19
06.07.23	Visitor Centre	Doations for refreshments at craft fair	PIB 500055	£12.63		£21,863.82
06.07.23	Peter Hunt	Donation from craft fair	PIB 500055	£24.00		£21,887.82
06.07.23	FOSW Bric-A-Brac stall	Donation from Jun craft fair	PIB 500055	£10.00		£21,897.82
06.07.23	FOSW	Sale of excess wine	PIB 500055	£25.00		£21,922.82
06.07.23	NISA box	Fundraising	PIB 500055	£27.14		£21,949.96
06.07.23	Les Slack	Domestic items for VC	FOSW Debit Card 214		£7.50	£21,942.46
10.07.23	Doug Wright Summer Concert costs	Items for raffle, napkins & tablecloths	FPO 215		£23.10	£21,919.36
10.07.23	Mike Smith Summer Concert costs	Sweets for childrens choir, Coffee,orange squash & milk	FPO 216		£20.67	£21,898.69
10.07.23	Summer Concert donations	Fundraising		£186.30		£22,084.99
17.07.23	Blackburn & Darwen Band	Summer Concert cost	FPO 217		£300.00	£21,784.99
24.07.23	Plusnet Plc	Monthly Broadband DD	July Bill 218		£27.66	£21,757.33
27.07.23	Mike Smith Carols in the Woods costs	Mulled wine X 6 bottles	FPO 219		£9.90	£21,747.43

27.07.23	Mike Smith	Flowers for Ann Stokes FOSW member	FPO 220		£23.00	£21,724.43
01.08.23	Wild One Adventures	Donation	FPI	£100.00		£21,824.43
04.08.23	Shirley Bolton	Donation	FPI	£5.00		£21,829.43
24.08.23	Plusnet Plc	Monthly Broadband DD	August Bill 221		£24.99	£21,804.44
24.08.23	Visitor Centre	August Craft Fair stall rental	PIB 500058	£55.00		£21,859.44
24.08.23	Brenda Parkinson	Doation from craft fair	PIB 500058	£20.00		£21,879.44
24.08.23	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at craft fair	PIB 500058	£18.37		£21,897.81
24.08.23	Peter Hunt	Donation from craft fair	PIB 500058	£10.00		£21,907.81
24.08.23	Peter Hunt	Donation via Brenda Cronshaw's market stall	PIB 500058	£12.00		£21,919.81
24.08.23	FOSW Bric-A-Brac stall	Donation from craft fair	PIB 500058	£30.50		£21,950.31
24.08.23	Wild One Adventures	Donation	PIB 500058	£20.00		£21,970.31
24.08.23	ABC North West ltd	First aid training for three FOSW members	FPO 222		£450.00	£21,520.31
25.08.23	Les Slack	Domestic items for VC	FOSW Debit Card 223		£7.79	£21,512.52
01.09.23	Doug Wright	Printer ink cartridges	224		£23.95	£21,488.57
11.09.23	Visitor Centre	Sept Craft Fair stall rental	PIB 500059	£50.00		£21,538.57
11.09.23	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at craft fair	PIB 500059	£18.80		£21,557.37
11.09.23	Peter Hunt	Donation from craft fair	PIB 500059	£11.00		£21,568.37
11.09.23	FOSW Bric-A-Brac stall	Donation from craft fair	PIB 500059	£5.00		£21,573.37
12.09.23	James Gibson Darwen	Equipment for tool repairs and new bolt for VC garage door	FOSW Debit Card 225		£25.00	£21,548.37
13.09.23	West Pennine Sling	Hire of Visitor Centre	FPI Invoice No 60	£60.00		£21,608.37
22.09.23	United Trust Bank	Transfer of Savings	FPO 226		£10.00	£21,598.37
25.09.23	Plusnet Plc	Monthly Broadband DD	September Bill 227		£25.49	£21,572.88
26.09.23	United Trust Bank	Transfer of Savings	FPO 228		£19,900.00	£1,672.88
29.09.30	United Trust Bank	Transfer of Savings	FPO 229		£90.00	£1,582.88
29.09.23	Jubilee Tower Credit Union	Transfer of Savings	FPI	£2,000.00		£3,582.88
04.10.23	Visitor Centre	Oct Craft Fair stall rental	PIB 500060	£45.00		£3,627.88
04.10.23	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at craft fair	PIB 500060	20.79		£3,648.67
04.10.23	FOSW Bric-A-Brac stall	Donations from craft fair	PIB 500060	£15.00		£3,663.67
04.10.23	Anonymous	Donation at craft fair	PIB 500060	£10.00		£3,673.67

04.10.23	Ann Stokes	Donation	PIB 500060 (Cheque)	£30.00		£3,703.67
16.10.23	Doug Wright	Catering Urn & Santa Hats	FPO 230		£89.94	£3,613.73
16.10.23	Mike Smith	Refreshment Items for Carols in the Wood	FPO 231		£31.38	£3,582.35
24.10.23	Plusnet Plc	Monthly Broadband DD	October Bill 232		£24.99	£3,557.36
26.10.23	Mike Smith	Childrens sweets for Carols in the Wood	FPO 233		£5.00	£3,552.36
06.11.23	Visitor Centre	Nov Craft Fair stall rental	PIB 500061	£10.00		£3,562.36
06.11.23	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at craft fair	PIB 500061	£20.02		£3,582.38
06.11.23	Brenda Parkinson	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500061	£40.00		£3,622.38
06.11.23	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500061	£27.00		£3,649.38
06.11.23	FOSW Bric-A-Brac stall	Donations from Craft Fair	PIB 500061	£22.99		£3,672.37
06.11.23	NISA box	Fundraising	PIB 500061	£37.03		£3,709.40
09.11.23	Visitor Centre	Nov Craft Fair stall rental	FPI	£40.00		£3,749.40
09.11.23	Visitor Centre	Dec/Christmas Craft Fair stall rental	FPI	£55.00		£3,804.40
13.11.23	Savoy service station	Petrol for Generator	FOSW Debit Card 234		£9.43	£3,794.97
13.11.23	W Dixon Garden Services	Garden Maintenance @ VC	FPO 235		£90.00	£3,704.97
20.11.23	Mike Smith	Coffee & Vimto for Carols in the Wood	FPO 236		£6.25	£3,698.72
24.11.23	Plusnet Plc	Monthly Broadband DD	November Bill 237		£28.34	£3,670.38
27.11.23	Visitor Centre	Christmas Craft Fair stall rental	PIB 500062	£5.00		£3,675.38
27.11.23	Visitor Centre	Donations for refreshments at Craft Fair	PIB 500062	£21.91		£3,697.29
27.11.23	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500062	£89.00		£3,786.29
27.11.23	Joan Moore	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500062	£8.50		£3,794.79
27.11.23	Kirsty	Donation for Carols in the Wood	PIB 500062	£20.00		£3,814.79
04.12.23	Brenda Parkinson	Donation from Christmas craft fair	PIB 500063	£50.00		£3,864.79
04.12.23	Carols in the Wood	Fundraising	PIB 500063	£1,099.96		£4,964.75
12.12.23	Peter Hunt	Donation	FPI	£33.00		£4,997.75
13.12.23	Blackburn & Darwen Band	Carols in the Wood cost	FPO 238		£300.00	£4,697.75
13.12.23	Darwen Library Larks choir	Carols in the Wood cost	FPO 239		£50.00	£4,647.75
13.12.23	ISB Engineering Ltd	Metal speaker brackets	FPO 240		£264.00	£4,383.75
21.12.23	Ann Stokes	Donation	FPI	£10.00		£4,393.75

27.12.23	Plusnet Plc	Monthly Broadband DD	December Bill 241		£25.69	£4,368.06
24.01.24	Plusnet Plc	Monthly Broadband DD	January Bill 242		£24.99	£4,343.07
02.02.24	NISA box	Fundraising	PIB 500064	£20.00		£4,363.07
06.02.24	Section 106 money (BwDC)	Donation	Bank Giro Credit	£4,950.50		£9,313.57
26.02.24	Plusnet Plc	Monthly Broadband DD	February Bill 243		£24.99	£9,288.58
05.03.24	Visitor Centre	March Craft Fair stall rental	FPI	£40.00		£9,328.58
05.03.24	FOSW Bric-A-Brac stall	Donations from craft fair	FPI	£10.00		£9,338.58
15.03.24	Brenda Parkinson & Joan Moore	Donation	PIB 500065	£40.00		£9,378.58
15.03.24	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500065	£35.00		£9,413.58
15.03.24	Visitor Centre	Donation for refreshments at Craft fair	PIB 500065	£13.34		£9,426.92
18.03.24	Visitor Centre	April Craft Fair stall rental	FPI	£50.00		£9,476.92
20.03.24	Mike Smith	Flowers for Muriel Baxendale	FPO 244		£25.50	£9,451.42
25.03.24	Plusnet Plc	Monthly Broadband DD	March Bill 245		£24.99	£9,426.43
26.03.24	West Pennine Sling	Hire of Visitor Centre	FPI Invoice No 61	£100.00		£9,526.43
	Balance Carried Forward					£9,526.43
				£31,766.10	£22,239.67	

Abbreviations

DD – Direct Debit

FPI – Faster Payment In

FPO – Faster Payment Out

JTCU – Jubilee Tower Credit Union

PIB – Paying in book

UTB – United Trust Bank

VC – Visitor Centre

Summary

Income	Funds 23/24	Funds 22/23
Lloyds Bank Current Account		
Donations	£5,605.96	£588.00
Fundraising	£1,286.26	£1,493.63
Grants	£0.00	£9,000.00
Hire of Visitor Centre	£305.00	£260.00
Craft Fair stall rental	£540.00	£135.00
Donations for refreshments at Craft Fairs	£186.67	£176.43
FOSW Bric-a-Brac stall at Craft Fairs	£136.38	£47.15
Coop/Nisa Box (Fundraising)	£110.30	£202.04
Sale of excess wine from summer concert	£45.00	£85.00
Savings into Current Account from UTB.		£31,500.00
Savings into current account from JTCU.	£2,000.00	
Income for year	£10,215.57	£43,487.25
Balance brought forward	£21,550.53	£22,530.70
Total income	£31,766.10	£66,017.95
Expenditure		
Lloyds Bank Current Account		
Woodland Maintenance	£0.00	£15,306.00
Events/Fundraising costs (Summer Concert & Carols in the Wood)	£836.24	£1,160.49
Visitor Centre costs	£32.55	£37.83
Visitor Centre garden costs	£170.00	£0.00
Misc costs	£74.50	£593.00
Tool costs	£337.33	£349.81
Craft Fair costs	£56.94	£19.99
Training. (First Aid Training x 3)	£450.00	£0.00
Broadband	£282.11	£0.00
Savings to Jubilee Tower Credit Union	£0.00	£0.00
Savings out of Current Account to United Trust Bank	£20,000.00	£27,000.00
Total Expenditure	£22,239.67	£44,467.12
Total Funds carried forward	£9,526.43	£21,550.83
Restricted Funds		
Reserves	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
United Trust Bank Savings. (Fixed for 3months)	£0.00	£13,631.84
United Trust Bank Savings 3 month fixed rate bond gross interest @ 4.38% restricted until 15.05.24	£14,092.64	
United Trust Bank Savings restricted for 40 days	£20,071.90	
Total Restricted Funds	£35,664.54	£15,131.84
Savings Interest		
Jubilee Tower Credit Union account.	£326.64	
United Trust Bank 3 month fixed rate account.	£460.80	
United Trust Bank 40 day notice account.	£71.90	
For details of the above accounts see appendices A,B&C.		
Total Savings Interest 01.04.23 - 31.03.24	£859.34	

Appendix A

Date	Account Name	Money In	Money Out	Balance	Remarks
19.07.21	Transfer of Savings	£5,000.00		£5,000.00	Xfrd from Lloyds Bank Current Account
22.07.21	Transfer of Savings	£15,000.00		£20,000.00	Xfrd from Lloyds Bank Current Account
24.02.22	Jubilee Tower Credit Union Dividend.	£29.16		£20,029.16	Dividend based on avg daily balance beteen 01/10/20 & 30/09.21 of £3887.36
16.11.22	Transfer of Savings		£18,000.00	£2,029.16	Xfrd to Lloyds Bank Current Account
16.11.22				£2,029.16	
31.03.23				£2,029.16	
22.06.23	Jubilee Tower Credit Union Dividend.	£250.22		£2,279.38	Dividend based on avg daily balance beteen 01/10/21 & 30/09.22 of £20017.46
29.09.23	Transfer of Savings		£2,000.00	£279.38	Xfrd to Lloyds Bank Current Account
16.02.24	Jubilee Tower Credit Union Dividend.	£76.42		£355.80	Dividend at 1.75% based on Avg daily balance between 01/10/22 & 30/09/23 of 4367.13

Appendix B

Date	Account Name	Money In	Money Out.	Balance	Remarks
	United Trust Bank 40 Day				
	Charity Notice Account Issue 1				
	Gross Interest 3.75% paid annually on 31st October.				
04.04.24	Gross interest increased to 4.10%				
22.09.23	Initial Deposit	£10.00		£10.00	
26.09.23	Transfer of Savings	£19,900.00		£19,910.00	
29.09.23	Transfer of Savings	£90.00		£20,000.00	
31.10.23	Credit Interest	£71.90		£20,071.90	

Appendix C

Date	Account Name	Money In	Money Out	Balance	Remarks
	United Trust Bank				
	3 Month fixed rate				
	Charity Bond				
11.11.22	Interest 2% gross				
13.02.23	Interest 2.05% gross				
15.05.23	Interest 3.15% gross				
15.08.23	Interest 4.11% gross				
15.11.23	Interest 3.96% gross				
15.02.24	Interest 4.38% gross				
15.05.24	Interest 4.91% gross				
11.11.22	Transfer of Savings	£5,000.00		£5,000.00	Xfrd from Lloyds Bank Current Account
16.11.22	Transfer of Savings	£22,000.00		£27,000.00	Xfrd from Lloyds Bank Current Account
13.02.23	United Trust Bank	£131.84		£27,131.84	Interest added.
13.02.23	Transfer of Savings		£13,500.00	£13,631.84	Xfrd to Lloyds Bank Current Account
13.02.23				£13,631.84	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month bond paying 2.05%
31.03.23				£13,631.84	
15.05.23	United Trust Bank	£69.67		£13,701.51	Interest added.
15.05.23				£13,701.51	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month bond paying 3.15%
15.08.23	United Trust Bank	£108.79		£13,810.30	Interest added.
15.08.23				£13,810.30	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month Bond paying 4.11%
15.11.23	United Trust Bank	£143.07		£13,953.37	Interest added.
15.11.23	United Trust Bank			£13,953.37	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month Bond paying 3.96%
15.02.24	United Trust Bank	£139.27		£14,092.64	Interest added.
15.02.24	United Trust Bank			£14,092.64	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month Bond paying 4.38%
15.05.24	United Trust Bank	£154.98		£14,247.62	Interest added.
15.05.24	United Trust Bank			£14,247.62	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month Bond paying 4.91%
15.08.24	United Trust Bank				Date new bond matures.

THE FRIENDS OF SUNNYHURST WOOD

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Chairs Report 2023

Over the last twelve months the FOSW have once again been working very hard to maintain and improve the woods for all to enjoy.

The restoration to Ellis Gibson Pond has proved to be a hit with a lot of positive comments being fed back from the general public. We have had to carry out some further work to this project as it became apparent that during the long dry spells that we experienced last year, the water flow into the pond was very poor. This caused a blanket of algae to form on the pond. The solution to this was to install a pipe from the main stream that runs parallel to the pond, this allows a constant flow of water into the pond and will hopefully solve the algae problem.

The memorial area project is continuing to move forward. Working closely with Blackburn university we are currently gathering information and ideas from the local and wider communities. We have been handing out questionnaires asking people their thoughts and ideas on how the memorial area should look, what kind of structures should be involved, location and for any other ideas. Response has been good with a lot of positive feedback. Once we have completed this phase of the project the results will be passed on to Blackburn University from which they will then in collaboration with the FOSW start to come up with a number of designs. This is a long term project but one that will be a great addition to the woods.

The FOSW wood are looking into the possibility of restoring three of the grade 2 listed structures in the woods. The structures that are under consideration are Huntington's bridge, Potters Gate and Chadwick gate (Lychgate). Quotes have been obtained from specialist contractors who have experience with this kind of project. Due to the nature of the structures this is going to be a complicated project, in the first instance planning permission needs to be obtained before any work can be carried out. As the structures are owned by BWDC its their responsibility to obtain the correct permissions. Contact has been made with BWDC and a meeting has been set up to help move this project forward.

The craft fairs that we started last year have been a bit of a hit and miss, some months we have had a good turn out while other months have been quiet. We have recently purchased a Sum Up card payment reader and installed internet to the Visitors centre, hopefully these will make payments at the craft fairs a lot easier. We still continue to make a decent amount of money from the fairs which goes towards paying for the Carols and musicals in the wood events that we hold.

The Carols in the Wood was a success again this year with a good turn out and once again raised a decent amount of money that can be put into the projects that we are undertaking. We will be holding our Musical in the woods event again this July and we are hoping that this will become an annual event. A big thank you to the Police cadets and PSCO;s that attend these events and our volunteer mornings that we hold, they are a major asset and do a fantastic job for us.

We have held a couple of volunteer days for Capita this year which have proved successful and productive. A big thank you to all involved in organising and attending these days.

Aside from the main projects that are listed above, members of the group carry on with smaller projects through out the woods such as drainage work, pruning, path repairs and general repairs.

I would like to personally like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has made a contribution in the last twelve months. Without your help and support the woods would be in a much poorer state.

I would also like to mention Kirsty Done; Kirsty sadly lost her battle with cancer this year. She was a valuable member of the group and will always be remembered for her bright smile, laughter and input into the FOSW and will be remembered with fondness.

Douglas Wright
Chair

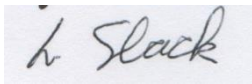
Friends of Sunnyhurst Wood

Financial Report

For the year ended
31st March 2023

Completed by Les Slack

Signature



Date 30.05.23

Audited by Hayley Kilpatrick

Signature



Date 28.06.2023

Financial Position

Income

The income into our Current Account for the year to 31st March 2023 increased substantially due to us bringing back money from our savings with Jubilee Tower Credit Union to service a short term fixed rate savings account with United Trust Bank. From the three month period that we held this account the interest came to £132. We are continuing with this account for the foreseeable future but with a reduced balance (See Appendix A).

Individual donations amounted to £588, 80% of which came from the Craft Fair which we started at the Visitor Centre in April 2022. Initially we didn't charge for stalls but from October we charged 5£/stall and raised £135 between then and Christmas. We are continuing with the Craft Fair and it is showing to be a good source of income. Another donation was from our collection box at the Coop which brought in £202. The FOSW Bric-a-Brac stall at the Craft Fair and the sale of excess wine from the summer concert together brought in £132. Hiring out the Visitor Centre to different organisations throughout the year raised £260. Our own fund raising efforts with the Summer concert and the Carols in the Wood concert brought in £1494 and the Lottery Community Fund gave us a grant of £9000. Our future fundraising include the Summer Concert in July and the Carols in the Wood concert in December.

Expenditure

Our outgoings have increased from last year mainly because in November we transferred £27000 to a short term fixed rate account with United Trust Bank. This account is ongoing but the balance has been reduced. (See Appendix B).

Our other large outgoing was for Woodland Maintenance. This amounted to £15306 and was for the Falcon Avenue gates restoration, the work completed on the Ellis Gibson Pond, levelling the Bandstand base and weedkiller for round the Visitor centre.

Events and Fundraising costs amounted to £1160. Our miscellaneous costs (£593) were high this year due to us buying five tables for use in the Visitor Centre and at the concerts.

Our tool costs (£350) were due to us buying A boards, a SumUp card reader, ink cartridges, high Viz jackets, Gloves, Secateurs, Petrol and a replacement Carburettor for the Brush cutter.

We currently have an estimate of £40000 for restoration of some Heritage structures but we are waiting instruction to proceed from Blackburn with Darwen Council as the work may need planning permission. In conjunction with Blackburn College we are also doing a public consultation about a memorial area in the wood but no estimates have been done or decisions made.

Reserves and Restricted Funding

Once again our financial situation is very good and we can meet our target of keeping £1500 in reserve for emergencies.

As of 31.03.23 we have £13632 restricted in a 3 month fixed rate account.

Total Restricted Funding

£15132

Note. All the above amounts are to the nearest whole number.

Our Financial Position on 31.03.23 was :-

Balance at Lloyds Bank.	£21550.83
Balance at Jubilee Tower Credit Union	2029.16
Balance at United Trust Bank	13631.84
Total	£37211.83

Total available for future projects and Maintenance £22079.83

Lloyds Bank Current Account April 1st 2022 – March 31st 2023

Date	Description	Type	Receipt & Invoice No	Income	Expenditure	Total
01.04.22	Balance brought forward					£22,530.70
05.04.22	Ann Stokes	Donation for Summer Concert	PIB 500035	£15.00		£22,545.70
08.04.22	Brenda Parkinson	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500035	£38.50		£22,584.20
08.04.22	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500035	£36.50		£22,620.70
08.04.22	Joan Moore	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500035	£20.00		£22,640.70
08.04.22	Visitor Centre	Donations at Craft Fair for Refreshments	PIB 500035	£33.20		£22,673.90
03.05.22	Visitor Centre costs	Domestic supplies. Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Floor cleaner	Debit card 158		£11.92	£22,661.98
06.05.22	BwD Refresh Team	Hire of Visitor Centre	Invoice No 53	£50.00		£22,711.98
09.05.22	Savoy Service Station	Petrol for Generator	Debit card 159		£8.95	£22,703.03
13.05.22	Lottery Community Fund	Grant	FPI	£9,000.00		£31,703.03
13.05.22	Visitor Centre	Donations at Craft Fair for Refreshments	PIB 500037	£22.58		£31,725.61
13.05.22	Brenda Parkinson	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500037	£50.00		£31,775.61
13.05.22	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500037	£13.00		£31,788.61
13.05.22	Joan Moore	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500037	£10.00		£31,798.61
13.05.22	Coop Box	Fundraising	PIB 500037	£34.45		£31,833.06
13.05.22	Cups Direct	Paper cups for concerts	160		£83.82	£31,749.24
19.05.22	Bethany Willow	Hire of Visitor Centre	Invoice No 55	£90.00		£31,839.24
23.05.22	BwD Council	Peppercorn rent for VC	FPO		£1.00	£31,838.24
23.05.22	Doug Wright	A boards & Printer ink Cartridges	FPO 161 & 162		£104.97	£31,733.27
06.06.22	Richard Done	Replacement Carburetor for Brush cutter	FPO 163		£12.87	£31,720.40

06.06.22	Brenda Parkinson	Weedkiller for VC area	FPO 164		£28.00	£31,692.40
06.06.22	BwD Refresh Team	Hire of Visitor Centre	Invoice No 54	£40.00		£31,732.40
10.06.22	Summer Concert costs	Tea,coffee, Milk, Orange Squash,Vimto	Debit card 165		£20.30	£31,712.10
10.06.22	STC Services (Plant Hire)	Ellis Gibson Pond work	FPO 166		£4,200.00	£27,512.10
13.06.22	Peter Leach	Craft Fair costs	FPO 167		£19.99	£27,492.11
13.06.22	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500051	£10.00		£27,502.11
13.06.22	Visitor Centre	Donations at Craft Fair for Refreshments	PIB 500051	£14.10		£27,516.21
13.06.22	Summer Concert	Fundraising	PIB 500051	£401.95		£27,918.16
13.06.22	Savoy Garage	Petrol for Generator	168		£9.57	£27,908.59
14.06.22	BwD Refresh Team	Hire of Visitor Centre	Invoice No 56	£40.00		£27,948.59
14.06.22	Blackburn & Darwen Band	Summer Concert costs	FPO 169		£300.00	£27,648.59
14.06.22	Doug Wright	Summer Concert costs	FPO 170		£111.75	£27,536.84
27.06.22	Ann Stokes	Donation	FPI	£20.00		£27,556.84
27.06.22	Summer Concert	Sale of excess wine	FPI	£30.00		£27,586.84
28.06.22	Darwen Library Larks	Summer Concert costs	FPO 171		£30.00	£27,556.84
30.06.22	Coop Box	Fundraising	PIB 500038	£34.52		£27,591.36
30.06.22	Summer Concert	Sale of excess wine	PIB 500038	£30.00		£27,621.36
03.07.22	Brenda Parkinson	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500038	£12.00		£27,633.36
03.07.22	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500038	£8.00		£27,641.36
03.07.22	Visitor Centre	Donations at Craft Fair for Refreshments	PIB 500038	£20.35		£27,661.71
06.07.22	STC Services (Plant Hire)	Falcon Avenue gates restoration	FPO 172		£10,620.00	£17,041.71
25.07.22	Doug Wright	Hi Viz vests X 10	FPO 173		£20.00	£17,021.71
25.07.22	Doug Wright	24 prs of work gloves S- 7	FPO 174		£15.90	£17,005.81
25.07.22	Doug Wright	24 prs of work gloves L- 9	FPO 175		£16.49	£16,989.32
25.07.22	Doug Wright	2 sets of S & J secateurs	FPO 176		£25.98	£16,963.34
25.07.22	Doug Wright	Lawn rake & leaf scoops	FPO 177		£21.59	£16,941.75
09.08.22	Brenda Parkinson	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500039	£10.00		£16,951.75
09.08.22	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500039	£5.00		£16,956.75
09.08.22	Visitor Centre	Donations at Craft Fair for Refreshments	PIB 500039	£12.20		£16,968.95
10.08.22	Visitor Centre	VC domestic costs	Debit Card 178		£4.88	£16,964.07
04.09.22	Brenda Parkinson	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500040	£5.00		£16,969.07
04.09.22	Anonymous	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500040	£5.00		£16,974.07
04.09.22	FOSW Bric - A - Brac stall	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500040	£1.64		£16,975.71

04.09.22	Visitor Centre	Donations at Craft Fair for Refreshments	PIB 500040	£25.00		£17,000.71
09.09.22	Coop Box	Fundraising	PIB 500040	£27.39		£17,028.10
03.10.22	Vanda's Market Garden	Flowers for Gail Wright	Debit Card 179		£28.00	£17,000.10
04.10.22	Brenda Parkinson	Donation from sale of Golf Balls	PIB 500041	£5.00		£17,005.10
04.10.22	FOSW Bric - A - Brac stall	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500041	£25.90		£17,031.00
04.10.22	Visitor Centre	Craft Fair stall rental	PIB 500041	£50.00		£17,081.00
04.10.22	Visitor Centre	Donations at Craft Fair for Refreshments	PIB 500041	£21.33		£17,102.33
04.10.22	Visitor Centre	Swing bin and liners	Debit Card 180		£10.00	£17,092.33
24.10.22	Post Office Counters	Envelope and stamp	Debit card 181		£2.10	£17,090.23
26.10.22	Ann Stokes	Donation	PIB 500042	£20.00		£17,110.23
29.10.22	Coop Box	Fundraising	PIB 500042	£21.58		£17,131.81
06.11.22	Visitor Centre	Craft Fair stall rental	PIB500042	£55.00		£17,186.81
06.11.22	Visitor Centre	Donations at Craft Fair for Refreshments and FOSW Bric -A- Brac stall	PIB 500042	£40.75		£17,227.56
06.11.22	Brenda Parkinson	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500042	£20.00		£17,247.56
06.11.22	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500042	£5.00		£17,252.56
11.11.22	United Trust Bank	Xfer to Savings Account from Lloyds bank	FPO		£5,000.00	£12,252.56
11.11.22	Savoy Service Station	Petrol for Generator	Debit card 182		£10.21	£12,242.35
14.11.22	Laura Howard	Donation	FPI	£20.00		£12,262.35
16.11.22	Doug Wright	Mulled Wine X 36	FPO 185		£100.44	£12,161.91
16.11.22	Jubilee Tower Credit Union	Partial Transfer of Savings to Lloyds Bank	FPI	£18,000.00		£30,161.91
16.11.22	United Trust Bank	Xfer to Savings Account from Lloyds bank	FPO		£22,000.00	£8,161.91
18.11.22	David Michael Smith	Mulled Wine X 22 and sundries	FPO 183 & 184		£76.80	£8,085.11
21.11.22	Sum Up	Purchase of Sum Up Air debit/credit card reader	Debit card 186		£46.80	£8,038.31
25.11.22	David Michael Smith	Mulled Wine X 6 and childrens lollies	FPO 187		£18.56	£8,019.75
25.11.22	Doug Wright	Ink Cartridges	FPO 188		£19.48	£8,000.27
25.11.22	Brenda Parkinson	Fairy Lights & Batteries	FPO 189		£37.00	£7,963.27
02.12.22	STC Services (Plant Hire)	Levelling bandstand base	190		£50.00	£7,913.27
05.12.22	Sunnyhurst Wood Kiosk	Craft Fair stall rental	PIB 500043	£30.00		£7,943.27
05.12.22	Peter Hunt	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500043	£99.00		£8,042.27
05.12.22	Wayne Dixon	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500043	£5.00		£8,047.27
05.12.22	Brenda Parkinson	Donation from Craft Fair	PIB 500043	£116.00		£8,163.27
05.12.22	Summer Concert	Sale of excess wine	PIB 500043	£15.00		£8,178.27

05.12.22	Carols in the Wood	Fundraising	PIB 500043	£1,061.68		£9,239.95
12.12.22	Blackburn & Darwen Band	Carols in the Wood Cost	FPO 191		£300.00	£8,939.95
12.12.22	Darwen Library Larks	Carols in the Wood Cost	FPO 192		£50.00	£8,889.95
13.12.22	Mike Smith	Flowers for Joan Moore	FPO 193		£25.00	£8,864.95
13.12.22	Carols in the Wood	Fundraising	SumUp test	£10.00		£8,874.95
14.12.22	Carols in the Wood	Fundraising	PIB 500044	£20.00		£8,894.95
14.12.22	Coop Box	Fundraising	PIB 500044	£21.32		£8,916.27
14.12.22	Ann Stokes (Cheque)	Donation	PIB 500044	£25.00		£8,941.27
29.12.22	Mia Hill	Hire of Visitor Centre	Invoice No 57	£20.00		£8,961.27
16.01.23	Summer Concert	Sale of wine to S Bolton	FPI	£10.00		£8,971.27
17.01.23	Peter Leach	Donation from Craft Fair		£15.00		£8,986.27
18.01.23	Shirley Bolton	Mulled Wine X 26	FPO 194		£33.02	£8,953.25
20.01.23	Doug Wright	Plastic table clothes & Santa hats for CitW	FPO 195		£26.91	£8,926.34
26.01.23	Coop Box	Fundraising	PIB 500046	£32.33		£8,958.67
26.01.23	Visitor Centre Hire for wedding party	Donations for provision of tea & coffee	PIB 500046	£6.53		£8,965.20
27.01.23	Mike Smith	Flowers for Kirsty Done	Debit Card 196		£25.00	£8,940.20
31.01.23	Les Slack	Collapseable Tables X 5	Debit Card 197		£510.00	£8,430.20
07.02.23	STC Services (Plant Hire)	New Inlet pipe to Ellis Gibson Pond	FPO 198		£408.00	£8,022.20
13.02.23	Doug Wright	Mulled Wine X 7	FPO 199		£8.89	£8,013.31
13.02.23	United Trust Bank	Xfer from Savings Account to Lloyds bank	FPI	£13,500.00		£21,513.31
20.02.23	Catsdog Photography	Deposit for hire of VC in May	FPI	£20.00		£21,533.31
23.03.23	NISA Box	Fundraising	PIB 500047	£30.45		£21,563.76
23.03.23	The Mall Blackburn	Car parking for banking	Debit Card 200		£1.90	£21,561.86
23.03.23	B&M Whitebirk	Domestic items for VC	Debit Card 201		£5.98	£21,555.88
31.03.23	Sainsbury's Darwen	Milk @ Biscuits for VC	Debit card 202		£5.05	£21,550.83
				£43,487.25	£44,467.12	

Abbreviations

FPI – Faster Payment In

FPO – Faster Payment Out

PIB – Paying in Book

Summary

Income	Funds 22/23	Funds 21/22
Donations	£588.00	£5,744.28
Fundraising	£1,493.63	£1,499.91
Grants	£9,000.00	£0.00
Other (See note 1)	£0.00	£10.00
Hire of Visitor Centre	£260.00	£1,150.00
Craft fair Stall Rental	£135.00	
Donations for refreshments at Craft Fair	£176.43	
FOSW Bric-a-Brac stall at Craft Fair	£47.15	
Coop Box	£202.04	
Sale of excess wine from summer concert	£85.00	
Savings into Current Account. (See Appendices A & B)	£31,500.00	
Income for Year	£43,487.25	£8,404.19
Balance brought forward	£22,530.70	£38,141.50
Total Income	£66,017.95	£46,545.69
Expenditure		
Woodland Maintenance	£15,306.00	£3,240.00
Charitable Activity	£0.00	£0.00
Events/Fundraising	£1,160.49	£200.00
Promotions	£0.00	£154.31
Visitor Centre Costs	£37.83	£73.88
Visitor Centre Garden Costs	£0.00	£220.00
Misc Costs	£593.00	£126.80
Tools & replacement parts costs	£349.81	
Craft Fair costs	£19.99	
Savings to Jubilee Tower Credit Union	£0.00	£20,000.00
Savings out of Current Account. (See Appendix B)	£27,000.00	
Total Expenditure	£44,467.12	£24,014.99
Total Funds Carried Forward	£21,550.83	£22,530.70
Restricted Funds		
Reserves	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Restoration Of Falcon Avenue Gates		£10,620.00
Ellis Gibson Pond project		£4,200.00
Disabled Path project		£6,000.00
United Trust Bank Savings. (Fixed for 3 Months)	£13,631.84	

Total Restricted Funds	£15,131.84	£22,320.00
Note 1. Sale of wicker chair from VC.		

Appendix A

Date	Account Name	Money In	Money Out	Balance	Remarks
19.07.21	Jubilee Tower Credit Union	£5,000.00			Xfrd from Lloyds Bank Current Account
22.07.21	Jubilee Tower Credit Union	£15,000.00			Xfrd from Lloyds Bank Current Account
24.02.22	Jubilee Tower Credit Union	£29.16			Dividend based on avg daily balance beteen 01/10/20 & 30/09.21
16.11.22			£18,000.00		Xfrd to Lloyds Bank Current Account
16.11.22				£2,029.16	
31.03.23				£2,029.16	

Appendix B

Date	Account Name	Money In	Money Out	Balance	Remarks
	United Trust Bank				
	3 Month fixed rate				
	Charity Bond				
11.11.22	Interest 2% Gross				
13.02.23	Interest now 2.05% gross				
11.11.22		£5,000.00			Xfrd from Lloyds Bank Current Account
16.11.22		£22,000.00			Xfrd from Lloyds Bank Current Account
13.02.23		£131.84			Interest added.
13.02.23			£13,500.00		Xfrd to Lloyds bank Current Account
13.02.23				£13,631.84	Account rolled over to new Charity 3 Month bond paying 2.05%
31.03.23				£13,631.84	

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Friend of Sunnyhurst Wood Chair's Report June 2021

The last 12 months have been a trying time for the FOSW due to the impact of the Global Pandemic.

In the latter half of 2020 due to the restrictions imposed by the government we had to cancel our regular monthly volunteer mornings and planned events. This sadly included our annual Carol in the Woods event; this was a major blow as this is the event that we raise awareness of what the FOSW are trying to achieve and is also our main income generator.

Not to be phased by the restrictions the FOSW started to adapt to the new ways imposed on us, one of the main changes was the use of Teams for our meeting, although this caused some problems in that some members were unable to attend meetings and some issues with internet connections. In the main the meetings have been a success and have enabled the group to carry on all but in a limited capacity. The restriction also made us refocus our time and efforts onto things that we could attempt in the current situation. The main focus was placed on raising funds for current and future projects that the FOSW have planned, these included the desilting of the paddling pool and projects that are included in the Masterplan.

£3500 was raised from Darwen council for desilting the paddling pool, the work was carried out by STC builders at the end of March 2021.

The committee started to apply for funding from various pots and faced many rejections, most of which were down to one of three things: We were not financially impacted by the Corona virus, we are not BAME and our lack of skill/knowledge in applying for funding.

But eventually perseverance paid off. One of the funding pots that Les Slack applied to (Bannister Charitable Trust) made a donation to the FOSW of £25000. The Visitor Centre is now being sublet on a regular basis by another charitable group (Snowdrop Doula) which brings in a regular income. There is also ongoing discussion that this may increase, and other groups have also started to show an interest.

So, from what looked to be a bleak year financially for the FOSW is turning out to be a good one.

Up to now we have raised in the region of £30,000 which is probably our best year so far.

In the latter half of the year I attended a focus group for the Darwen Town Deal bid. At first it appeared that no money was going to be allocated to the green spaces in Darwen but by the end of discussion I think that between myself and other attendees who have links to green spaces this has now changed. Although I don't think any money will come to the FOSW directly I think some money will be allocated to the repairs of the paths leading up to the moors.

We have submitted an application for funding towards the Masterplan directly to the committee of the Darwen Town Deal bid but as of yet we have not received a response.

Discussions are ongoing with BWDC regarding the Masterplan and how to move forward with a Heritage Lottery Bid. There has been discussions that it may not be the right time to put in a bid at the moment due the lottery's bid criteria related to the pandemic and the number of bids being submitted from other groups in the local area

A big thank you to Brian Taylor who was integral in having the NHS bench located in Sunnyhurst Wood. This brought a bit of much needed publicity to the woods.

As a group we have decided that the projects we are going to focus on this year are

Repairs to a section of the Disabled Entrance.

Repairs and widening of the stream near the marble bridge.

Repairs to Falcon Ave gates.

Work will be starting on these projects once contractors and quotes have been finalised and agreed.

Since the restrictions have been eased and we are now able to run our monthly volunteer mornings attendance has improved significantly with quite a few new volunteers turning up for the first time and then returning. Hopefully, this is a trend that will continue.

Looking back at the past twelve months I would personally like to say a massive thank you to all the FOSW who have contributed in what has been achieved. It has been a very difficult year in more ways than one and I think what you have achieved has been amazing and you should be proud of yourselves.

It is a privilege to be the chair of such a determined, committed, and friendly group.

I will finish off as I did last year and reiterate, I would still like to step down as chair.

I still feel that a more suitable person with the right skills will be able to move the group forward in the direction that it needs to go in. This will only come into play once a suitable chair has been found who can take the group in the right direction. I will in no way be leaving the group and will still be taking a very active part in all that will be going on.

Dougie Wright
Chair

Friends of Sunnyhurst Wood

Financial Report

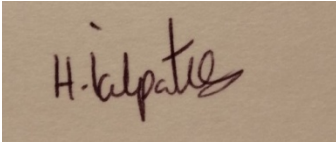
For the year ended
31st March 2021

Completed by Les Slack

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Audited by Hayley Kilpatrick

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Reserves

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Restricted Funding

£1500 : Reserves for group emergencies

£1800 : Darwen Town Council grant for upgrade to Falcon Avenue path.

£200 : FOSW contribution for upgrade to Falcon Avenue path.

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01.04.20	Balance brought Forward					£8,553.58
15.04.20	Visitor centre garden	Garden Maintenance	94		£40.00	£8,513.58
14.05.20	Visitor centre garden	Garden Maintenance	95		£40.00	£8,473.58
04.06.20	Visitor centre garden	Garden Maintenance	96		£40.00	£8,433.58
22.06.20	Peppercorn Rent	Visitor Centre costs	Faster payment		£1.00	£8,432.58
30.06.20	Visitor centre garden	Garden Maintenance	97		£40.00	£8,392.58
30.06.20	Electric Kettle	Visitor Centre costs	98		£19.78	£8,372.80
26.07.20	Paint	Paint for benches	99		£17.99	£8,354.81
28.07.20	Co-op Box	Donation	PIB 500024	£58.57		£8,413.38
28.07.20	Visitor centre garden	Garden Maintenance	100		£40.00	£8,373.38
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17.09.20	Wood filler	For wooden animals	102		£8.00	£8,325.38
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19.10.20	Snowdrop Doula	Hire of Visitor	Invoice No	£20.00		£8,429.31

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26.10.20		Hire of Visitor	Invoice No			£8,449.31
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11.11.20	Amazon	Garden Maintenance	108		£40.00	£8,500.60
0	Visitor centre garden					0
16.11.20		Hire of Visitor	Invoice No			£8,520.60
0	Snowdrop Doula	Centre	10	£20.00		0
16.11.20		Hire of Visitor	Invoice No			£8,540.60
0	Snowdrop Doula	Centre	11	£20.00		0
23.11.20		Hire of Visitor	Invoice No			£8,580.60
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30.11.20		Hire of Visitor	Invoice No			£8,620.60
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17.12.20				£4,353.03		£13,053.63
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23.12.20		Hire of Visitor	Invoice No			£13,143.63
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30.12.20						£13,177.36
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12.01.21		Hire of Visitor	Invoice No			£13,217.36
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19.01.21		Hire of Visitor	Invoice No			£13,257.36
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1	Brunel Engraving	Plaques	110		£82.16	20
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1	Snowdrop Doula	Centre	25	£40.00		45
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16.03.2		Hire of Visitor	Invoice No			£13,021.
1	Snowdrop Doula	Centre	26	£40.00		50
17.03.2	Banister Charitable Trust	Donation		£25,000.00		£38,021.50
22.03.2		Hire of Visitor	Invoice No			£38,081.
1	Snowdrop Doula	Centre	27	£60.00		50
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Grants	£4,353.03	£3,220.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00
Hire of Visitor Centre	£900.00	£40.00
	£30,673.	£6,774.4
Income for Year	31	5
	£8,553.5	£9,396.6
Balance brought forward	8	1
	£39,226.	£16,171.
Total Income	89	06
 Expenditure		
Woodland Maintainance	£700.15	£5,100.92
Charitable Activity	£0.00	£361.50
Events/Fundraising	£0.00	£328.85
Promotion	£0.00	£1,563.00
Visitor Centre costs	£53.74	£256.45
Visitor Centre garden costs	£320.00	£0.00
Stationary & Postage	£11.50	£0.00
Misc	£0.00	£6.76
	£1,085.3	£7,617.4
Total Expenditure	9	8
Total Funds Carried Forward	£38,141.50	£8,553.58
Restricted Funds		
Reserves	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
CVS Grant	£0.00	£196.17 #
DTC Grant for Falcon Ave Path	£1,800.00	£1,800.00
FOSW contribution to Falcon Ave Path	£200.00	£200.00
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Total Restricted Funds	0	7
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Unrestricted Carry Forward	50	1
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Woodland Maintenance		Wood filler for wooden animals	£24.00	#
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Friends of Sunnyhurst Wood

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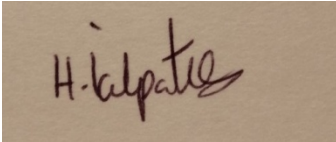
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		Garden Maintenance	£72.50	#
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Woodland Maintenance		Wood filler for wooden animals	£24.00	#
		Paint for Benches	£17.99	#
Total	£1,220.00		£1,220.00	