

THE BEE SANCTUARY MOVEMENT

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Details

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Legal form CIO

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: 1) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT WITH THE AIM OF ADVANCING BIODIVERSITY IN NEGLECTED GREEN SPACES TO CREATE AND PROMOTE BIO-DIVERSE HABITATS FOR BEES AND OTHER POLLINATING INSECTS AND VERTEBRATES.2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN BIODIVERSITY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES AND OTHER POLLINATING INSECTS AND VERTEBRATES IN THE ENVIRONMENT.

Activities: We manage Green Spaces to increase Biodiversity and make Bee friendly spaces. We aim to advance and encourage biodiversity in neglected green spaces locally for the public benefit, current and future generations. We do this by arranging regular volunteer sessions for our projects, and education opportunities to inspire and encouraging all different types of people to get involved.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£21,927	£7,175	-	-
2024-04-05	£3,817	£1,898	-	-
2023-04-05	£4,250	£6,554	-	-
2022-04-05	£9,981	£12,439	-	-
2021-04-05	£10,258	£4,649	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Watson		2025-02-04
Brian McGill		2019-10-01
Jacqueline Vigilanti		2023-02-14
Marcus Hill		2022-12-13
Sheila Standard		2019-10-01

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Opening Remarks

In the fifth year of our Charity we have developed the work with Corporate volunteering and have had successful volunteer teams and individuals coming from Transport for Greater Manchester, Autotrader, Network Rail, Atkins Realis, Bird and Brew, N.G.Bailey Engineering, Civil Servants, as well as Booking.com coming on at least 11 occasions. This has enabled us to expand our horizons and work outside the Bee Sanctuary, initiating “**Levenshulme in Bloom**”. In its inception year, “**Levenshulme in Bloom**” has been a great success, both in greening the A6, and encouraging green groups to work together, creating green routes for bees, and cheering everyone up.

Our Green Roof has been built with a Bat loft, and Swift nesting boxes, as well as Sedum on the roof and wildflower growing area, and water collection. We now have a secure yard at the rear of the Volunteer Centre to store Wheelbarrows and gardening tools. Our project to develop a cornfield area and a Hay meadow on Marbury farm has progressed after being drowned out the previous year. We are actively working towards increasing our educational role, getting more schools involved, and developing materials. To that end we have begun a Pilot study funded through One Manchester, and prioritizing BioBlitz and citizen scientist recording biodiversity adopting the iNaturalist app (an app which is creating a world biodiversity map)

The “Steering Group for Highfield Country Park concluded its final consultation on the 106 money, and in general we are pleased with the improvements to paths and access. Our campaigning for saving the green and blue spaces, the Bullrush area, and Secret lake continues, and we continue to try to fund an Ecologist to progress our work in this area, as well as expand our active research.

The Future

The entrances will be improved and the Bee Sanctuary formally signed. We will be ever more closely linked with other green projects and have sponsored traders, through “Levenshulme in Bloom 2025”. Hopefully we will also have our own Ecologist to advocate for our Movement

Bee Sanctuary Movement Fifth Year Report

Treasurer's Report

Brian McGill - Trustee

Treasurer's Report

Every year at the Bee Sanctuary seems to be different, and the last financial year was no exception. The key topics of last year were the green roof for the volunteer centre, and the establishment of the Levenshulme in Bloom project as a spinoff from the Bee Sanctuary.

Every week as I passed by the volunteer centre, I watched its transformation as its roof was augmented by a structure which will eventually lead to it becoming one of the seven wonders of the modern world to rival the hanging gardens of Babylon of antiquity.

The high street of Levenshulme was also transformed by a proliferation of planters all along its length. This was the fruit of the Lev in Bloom project. Each participating business was given one or two planters and some plants to put in them. This made Levenshulme a much more pleasant area to walk around in and provided a corridor for wild bees.

The South Yard and Acadia project were each given £1400 to transform their allotted area as part of the Lev in Bloom project. Emma Hitchens: a local volunteer, was also given a fund to buy plants for the project; she now has over £1500 to spend. One final extant fund covers other expenses.

It was decided that the project would be run by the community, rather than the Bee Sanctuary giving top down orders. This led to a sense of pride and achievement to those who participated.

This was probably the year with the greatest turnover for the Bee Sanctuary. We spent nearly £15K over the course of the period. The greatest expense being materials and labour. This was spent mostly on the green roof and the Lev in Bloom project. Another major source of expense was the seed and plants to fill the planters along the A6.

The Sanctuary continues to grow every year and we are now considering employing a part time worker to help run the organisation. Sheila has suggested hiring an ecologist. Her reasons were that we needed to support recent graduates in ecology by providing them with a job, and to document the transformation in wildlife by the sanctuary's efforts. She was particularly interested in documenting the Bulrush Area; a piece of land adjacent to the Secret Lake, rich in natural wildlife.

In conclusion, the Bee Sanctuary Movement continues to grow and flourish. As its fame spreads, it continues to attract new sources of funding. For instance a local organisation named Bird and Blend has raised over £1800 over the last financial year, through the sale of its champagne blend, which it has donated to the project.

We have also attracted a number of corporate volunteers, who continue to work at the sanctuary and provide funding. These include Avanti West Coast, Booking.com and One Manchester.

The project's finances are in a healthy state, and we continue to look for new ways in which we can improve the environment in Levenshulme and surrounding areas.

Brian McGill
13-04-2025

Bee Sanctuary Movement Fifth Year Report Coordinators Report Sheila Standard - Trustee

The co-ordinator's role is to keep everyone updated with information, and to co-ordinate events and activities

We Use.....

- My phone number is used on posters etc
- Whatsapp group **Bee Sanctuary Volunteer Group** (70 members)
- Trustee Whatsapp group **Bee Sanctuary Movement** for alerts and passing information
- Emails of invites and discussion points are forwarded. To deter excessive emails I will alert people on Whatapp and invite for discussion.
- Documents are saved on Google Drive.

New Trustees will need to use these tools.

Information for New Trustees....

- CRB Check, enhanced DBS if you will be working with children on your own
- Background reading, Annual reports and Policies and Procedures which you will find at the bottom of the home webpage, <https://beesanctuarymovement.org>
- read the Trustees code of conduct, print and sign at the meeting, fill in the Trustee conflict of interest form.

- Please write a short paragraph introducing yourself for our next Annual Report. Add it to file for the Annual 23-24 report for inclusion.
- You are expected to attend Trustee meetings as frequently as you can because it is a democratic decision making body, and also a place to keep up with current events. The Trustee meeting makes strategic decisions, but the Volunteer Group which meets every Sunday, as well as working groups listed below also make important decisions.

We invite volunteers to become Trustees when we feel that we require an expertise which is missing. However, we recognise that the key volunteer activities which take place are carried out by Lead Volunteers, and their role is equally important. Being a Lead Volunteer does not carry the burden of email/meetings. It should be easy to step in and out of the Trustee role, as and when you are available.

Working Groups and special roles.

Grant funding.

- Autumn- Analysing and rewriting failed bid to Awards from All concerning Ecologist role
- Helen- managing One Manchester spending
- Emma- managing spending on Levenshulme in bloom plant fund
- Sheila- managing NIF funding for Levenshulme in Bloom

Design

- Marcus, Certificate. Stencil, gate.
- Kel invite to Christmas fair
- Robin, notices in the Bee Sanctuary

Social media

- Sheila- Facebook Blog about group
- Marcus- Instagram blog about group
- Micheal- blog about Willow ponds
- Sheila/Brian- updating Website

Banking and accounts including financial services to other projects Brian

Financial oversight, Brian, Sheila more oversight sought

Submitting Annual Report and accounts Brian, Sheila

Policies and Procedures Helen

Holding Data Brian

Paypal Brian

Charity Aid Foundation Brian

CRB Checks Helen

Insurance renewed on 21 February 2025 Markel Direct (£187.04) Sheila

Health and Safety need a policy, and someone to take overall responsibility. Sheila

Minutes Brian

Email respondent beesanctuary@outlook.com Sheila

Highfield Steering group attendees Sheila, Kel, Helen, Robin, (Jaqueline)

Liaison with Avanti Geoff Sheila/Helen

Liaison with woodchip James and Leo Sheila

Liaison with metal worker John Sheila

Levenshulme in Bloom (and MCC Team) which has its own Whatsapp group

Sheila, Emma, Hannah, Marcus

Green roof Marcus, Autumn, Sheila, Micheal.

Work on the Bee Sanctuary It was a terrible year for insects with a cold wet summer, and we decided not to do major clearing so as to save as much insect life as possible. Helen and her granddaughters made a new Bee Hotel, and we started to plant ferns in the north east area above Robin pond. The willow had grown sufficiently to make the arch at the N.E. entrance, and Marcus carved a lovely bird feeder to go beside it. Jackie and Fiona cleared the bramble on the West side of *Forget-me-not wood* in the Autumn, and this gave us the opportunity to create another wildflower area, and Micheal, who only joined us in October, made a wonderful double hazel fence around it and has also built hazel fences around the ponds as well. I scarified the area to the left of the gravel path and sowed it with Yellow rattle. Also made seed bombs and sowed other areas, although Yellow Rattle has become very well established in most areas.

Up until August, some of us took part in Levenshulme in Bloom along the A6, and the Bee Sanctuary is a depot for soil and chippings for everyone to use. We encourage groups to collect wild flower seed from our area, particularly the Yellow Rattle.

We were kept busy from September onwards building the Green roof, and the water capture system. We had a great time lifting the substrate on, and then rolling out the sedum blanket over $\frac{2}{3}$ of the area. We added vermiculite to the mix to help with drought resistance. The remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ we covered in woodchip, and filled pots with soil and seeded with wild flowers. We hired John the welder to make a secure yard at the rear of the Volunteer Centre, which will enable us to move out most of the gardening tools and make the Centre a place for storing Bioblitz equipment etc.

Developing work with the North West RHS

We have earned **Outstanding** for the 4th year running in the NWRHS '*In Your Neighbourhood*' Category, and also the Silver Award for '*Levenshulme in Bloom*' which we were largely responsible for coordinating and supporting through the '*A6 collective*'. We have worked with the MCC team to connect over 26 green projects in Levenshulme to work together on this project, raising £6400 in funding to place 13 planters along the A6, and work on cheering up the existing planters. We held a feedback meeting in August and fed this into reporting to Avanti NW who gave us funding for green routes and also our green roof.

Working with the Council and other bodies.

Other progress to look forward to in the year ahead is the improvements to Highfields infrastructure, including paths, signage, seating etc. I am proud to say that BSM have been

instrumental in following the correct 106 money procedure of ensuring consultation at each stage of the design and roll out process. We have achieved this by ensuring that the change of Park Ranger personnel did not delay the consultation through the Highfield Steering Group. The longer term Park Management Plan will be published this year, giving a blueprint along with the Biodiversity Management plan of 2022, as to where we are headed.

We have a new Park Ranger Ricky Martin, who is dedicated to getting it right working with the community, (along with his boss, Jenni). We have had fruitful discussions about various issues that I have raised, the chief one being Health and Safety, as well as Personal safety.

We have continued to campaign for the 'Bullrush Area' to be protected and have been led by Richard Lund (volunteer) working with our Neighbourhood Officer, with the Health and Safety Executive, and Environment Agency on dangerous ingress into this area by nearby companies. An ongoing struggle, and frustrating struggle. We have managed to get the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit to take a closer look at this area, and it will possibly be declared a site of Biological Interest in the near future.

Enhancing and Protecting Local Green Spaces

BSM works for the future of Bees and other pollinators, trying to bring people along on our journey. We have found different ways to do this, encouraging direct practical action as the inspiration, networking and bringing people together. We have had success so far because we are all volunteers. However the protection and campaigning work has highlighted to me as Co-ordinator that it would be a progressive step to employ a trained ecologist who could progress matters and give BSM more clout, a seat at the table, and give us the ability to work towards ever greater protections of Nature. This is a project which I will pursue in the immediate future. With the 4th year of published accounts and a successful record we are in a strong position to apply for funding for this.

Social Media

- **Facebook** "Bee Sanctuary Movement Group" has increased its following from 431 to 469 people, not such a big increase as last year, but we now have an active Instagram. Great for blogging. A source of volunteers through messenger.
- **The website** <https://beesanctuarymovement.org> is updated regularly, and we have had a professional web designer look over it, and got high praise. Brian is the web master, but we are all able to update.
- **I love Manchester** article created in collaboration [From neglect to nature - the inspiring story of Bee Sanctuary Movement \(ilovemanchester.com\)](#)

- **I love Manchester video**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/httpsbeesanctuarymovement.org/permalink/1172611913727734/>
- **Instagram** developed by Marcus “The Bee sanctuary Movement Group”

Volunteers

- **WhatsApp Bee Sanctuary Volunteers**, a large group of people (65) but a smaller proportion end up coming out to volunteer. Not all volunteers are on the Whatsapp group. Also used for nature observations which is becoming increasingly important.
- **Volunteer hours**. Our estimate for this year is in the region of 1000 hours for the year for our Tuesday and Sunday sessions.
- **Bee Sanctuary Volunteers** who have taken an active role this year (not including corporate groups, or scout groups) is 43; including: Brian, Janet, Kel, Mark, Sasha, Natalia, Helen T, Jacqui, Jackie, Fiona, Asa, Nigel, Cathy, Ali, Nat, Kath, Peter, Hannah, Hafsah, Millie, Marie, Mike, Richard L., Richard P., Helen S, Pam, Connie, , Laura, Luce, Maeve, Marcus, Autumn, Raddon, Tim, Robin, Sheila, Mike, Sam, Rosie, Imi, Emily, Micheal, Pascal, Kath, and many more corporate volunteers.
- **Avanti NW Christmas fair** was cancelled due to dangerous high winds
- **RHS Judging event July 2023** we gained “**Outstanding**”

Bee Sanctuary Movement 2024-2025 year Report

Statement of thanks and tribute to outgoing Trustees

We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered 2024-2025, including our expanded team of Trustees. Thanks also to...

James(Tree Surgeon) for the logs and chippings.

MCC officers, particularly **Will White** who supplies us with bulbs and whips, and liaises with RHS, as well as **Tudor Baker**,(MCC Climate Change) and **Emily** our Neighbourhood Officer. Working alongside these Officers helped us to bring Levenshulme in Bloom into being.

We say goodbye to **Kel Degnen**, who has decided to step down as a Trustee in order to concentrate her efforts on her own wonderful growing project Marbury Community Farm, She has done so much for us, as a knowledgeable trustee, and volunteer, we will continue to work closely together. We welcome onboard new trustees, (Cathy and Ali) who will share the role between them.

We would also like to thank everyone who has donated money, or materials.

The **Community Team of Avanti NW** has raised a staggering £4700 in sales of *bee merchandise* on their platforms. **Bird and Blend** raised £1814 through giving us the profits on their Champagne blend. We received £280 through anonymous donation via CAF. This has enabled us to put money towards buying perennials for "*Levenshulme in Bloom*", as well as contributing towards increasing our tools, equipment for outreach, and wild flower seeds for developing new areas. .

**Bee Sanctuary Movement 2024-2025 year Report
Receipts and Payments Account 05/04/2025**

	General Fund (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total (£)	Total from Last Year (£)
Receipts				
Council Grants	0.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	1,896.69
Other Grants	0.00	11,920.00	11,920.00	1,000.00
Gifts	6,807.72	0.00	6,807.72	920.23
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6,807.72	15,120.00	21,927.72	3,816.92
Payments				

Materials & Labour	1,968.09	8,813.56	10,781.65	906.80
Hospitality	18.00	285.00	303.00	261.55
Insurance	187.04	0.00	187.04	186.04
Internet Services	81.55	0.00	81.55	151.20
Seed and Plants	292.41	2,070.66	2,363.07	96.75
Tools and Equipment	1,035.95	0.00	1,035.95	0.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	3,583.04	11,169.22	14,752.26	1,897.84
NET RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS	3,224.68	3,950.78	7,175.46	1,919.08
TRANSFERS				
Transfer Plant Fund 3	-656.00	656.00		
Transfer Green Routes	-100.56	100.56		
	-756.56	756.56		
Cash Funds from Last Year End	879.51	1,887.55	2,767.06	
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	3,347.63	6,594.89	9,942.52	

The Bee Sanctuary Movement

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 5/04/2025

	Current Account - Co-op		9,878.78
	Cash		63.74
Total Cash at Bank and in Hand			9,942.52
Total monetary assets			9,942.52
Unrestricted Funds	General Fund		3,347.63
Restricted Funds			
	Acadia NIF 2800		1,400.00
	Emma Plant Fund Lev in Bloom		1,600.38
	Forever Manchester		515.01
	Lev in Bloom 400 2025		400
	One Manchester		1354.35
	South Yard NIF 2800		1325.15
TOTAL FUNDS			9,942.52
Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities		donated by	Estimated Value
	1 event shelter	BSM	230
	1 gas tank	BSM	78
	1 2.2K Champion generator		580
Tools			
	Large Ego Mower	BSM	500
	Small Flymo Mower	BSM	
replaced head	Multi-cutter Tool with 3 heads	BSM/Sheila/Brian	500

	Ego Batteries 2x2.5 A and 1x 7.5A	BSM	430
	scarifying blade for flymo	BSM	17
	1 pair drill driver/impact driver	BSM	150
tools inside	7 assorted saws one spare blade	BSM	50
	2 hand trimmers horizontal and vertical	donation	15
	Claw hand fork	donation	7
	Japanese hand scythe	BSM	15
	Hand hoe	donation	7
	6 seceteurs	donation	60
	2 Mattocks	BSM	50
	6 Loppers	BSM/Donation	120
	1 boltcutters	Sheila	15
	4 assorted rakes	?	40
	4 garden forks	?	25
	2 x racheting loppers		45
	1 60cm level	donation?	
	3 pointy shovels		36
	2 small pointy shovels		13
	1 large coal shovel		10
	1 garden spade	?	15
	10 assorted buckets	Sheila	60
	4 wheelbarrows	Sheila,Robin BSM	160
	3 watering cans		40
	3 sweepingbrushes		15
	1 hose on a reel		25
	1 dibble		5

	crowbar	donation	10
	scissors/6 saws	Sheila	70
	Toolbox with tools aetc	Sheila	120
	1 step drill bit		19
	PPE, 2 Faceshields, assorted gloves, 1 pr waders	BSM	100
	laminator and pouches	Bsm	25
	microscope	BSM	45
Sundries	Painting equipment, rollers trays sandpaper etc	BSM	40
	String cord tapes etc	?	20
	event materials, bunting model bees etc	Avanti/ teresa	50
	garden lime	BSM	20
Exhibitions	1 Park fence exhibition	BSM/NIF	350
	1 Highlights of 2021 Exhibition	Sheila	250
Volunteer Centre	20' Container and Mural		8,052
	Green roof with water collection		3,000
Interior	with lighting powered by 12 V car battery	Marcus/BSM/Sheila	60
	Accessible toilet fitted with		
	composting toilet and fan powered by 12V battery	BSM	1,026
	support bars	BSM	130
	sink with cold water supply	Barbara	30
	tap connected to water container	Sheila	20
	Mirror	Sheila	20
	Toilet roll holder	Sheila	10

	Shelf with supports	Sheila	20
	First Aid box Large on wall and small transportable	BSM	40
	Spare toilet rolls and tissues/soap etc	Avanti/Booking.com	30
	green waste bin	donation	7
	Tool Store fitted with		
	Rack to store mobile exhibition	BSM	40
	Tool hanging racks	Sheila	10
	Shelves	BSM/Sheila	20
	Hospitality area fitted with		
	room divider, and frontage with door	BSM	140
	built in bench	BSM	25
	Built in cupboard with work top	Sheila	25
	vinyl flooring		125
Exterior	Bike rack and gravel area	BSM	1,000
	Rear secure yard with 2x 1000L water containers on a stand	BSM	2,300
Literature	Good Bee Book 1 copy	BSM	6
	BSM Leaflets	BSM	0
	Seed left over from last year, spring mix and field mix		12
	sand for mixing	Robin	12
Gross non monetary assets			19,714
Debtors			0
Creditors			0
Net non monetary assets			19,714

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Opening Remarks

In the fourth year of our Charity we have created a volunteer partnership with Booking.com, that has allowed us to expand our horizons. We won “**Outstanding**” again from NWRHS *In Your Neighborhood*, and decided to start working with MCC on “*Levenshulme in Bloom*”, creating green routes for bees, and cheering everyone up. We have kept the “Steering Group” going for Highfield and we are working closely with the MCC parks development team to ensure that the 106 money is spent wisely. We will be closely involved in the roll out of Highfield improvements, and are designing our own entrances, as well as advising on the whole park. Working with Ricky Martin the new Ranger we have addressed issues of Health and Safety and are currently advising on the Park Management Plan. We have also started a project to grow wild flowers for seed on Marbury Farm, but the wet weather has delayed progress on this. Our campaigning for saving the green and blue spaces, the Bullrush area, and Secret lake continues, and has brought us to a decision to employ an Ecologist to progress our work in this area, as well as expand our active research.

Green Projects all around us.

“Levenshulme in Bloom 2024” gives all of us the opportunity to work together across Levenshulme and its environ. Thanks to Tudor Baker (MCC Climate Change Officer), we have the beginnings of a Green Project map, plus the organisation to help each other. BSM will hold monies for “Levenshulme in Bloom”, MCC monies for sharing, and our own funding with which we will share out and extend the project to new participants. BSM is targeting traders along the A6, and we have specifically applied for funding to do this.

The links with Marbury Farm grow ever stronger, as we can share tools and help each other out, especially when there are large groups of corporate volunteers when we need to find enough jobs to make them feel a sense of contributing, and satisfaction in a job well done. I At this stage with the Bee Sanctuary half way through it’s fourth year we are all able to relax a bit and join together because the foundations, organisation, and network are established. It feels like we are a mature river rather than a bubbling stream.

The Future

This coming year we will have a new green roof on our Volunteer Centre with, water collection, planters outside the vehicle entrance, and a field where we grow annual wild

flowers for sale. The entrances will be improved and the Bee Sanctuary formally signed. We will be ever more closely linked with other green projects and have sponsored traders, through "Levenshulme in Bloom". Hopefully we will also have our own Ecologist to advocate for our Movement.

Bee Sanctuary Movement Fourth Year Report

Chair Report

Helen Troup

Chair

Since being the Chair of the Bee Sanctuary Movement there have been many changes, firstly the Movement has now been recognised as a Movement, this can be seen by various organisations wanting to come along to meet us and ask what we are doing and how they can set up and do it for themselves, they have passed on what we are doing and have done to a wider audience via their social media.

Organisations have been I Love Manchester, who have featured us in their monthly online news paper They have also visited the Bee Sanctuary and completed a lovely video that is on their Instagram Page, we have added it to our Website. Their newspaper is read widely across Greater Manchester and has a large demographic audience.

Avanti have still been involved with us and have The Bee Sanctuary Movement as their chosen charity for 2 years running.

They held an event "Wine Cheese and BEES" at the Bee Sanctuary for the local community, what a fantastic evening it was with walks around the sanctuary informing the general public what we are about. Wine Cheese and music were provided by Avanti, The event was very well attended by our sterling volunteers and members of the local community. We would love to hold this event annually.

Avanti also promotes the Bee Sanctuary at Stockport Station, selling greeting cards, keyrings and artwork, wildflower seeds, all of these are promoting the Sanctuary, any money received from the merchandise go towards the sanctuary enabling us to buy materials that are needed.

We have kept in contact with our local authority Manchester and have got very good relationships with them. A Steering group has been set up to discuss how 106 money is to be spent on Highfield Country Park, this is where the Bee Sanctuary is based.

We have attended meetings with the local authority and members of the public given our suggestions on improvements all of which have been greatly valued and have been taken up by the local authority, we are expecting work to start some time in October 2024.

We have also developed good relationships with the local Neighbourhood team.

Booking.com

Emmerson

Leo Wood cutter a local Provides us with free wood chippings, without him we would have to pay for wood chip so saving us an enormous amount of money, we have a good relationship with Leo and and he deliveries wood chip when he is in the area

Kell who is one of our new trustees, Kell has a specific interest in wild field mushrooms , she has taken members of the public around the park on mushroom walks advising and educating people about fungi. The walks have been well attended by the public, they have been able to discover the wide variety of fungi growing within the park. Kell has cleared away and set up an area within the wooded area for mushrooms to grow and thrive.

An event was set up by the trustees Jacqui and Kell "Holly and Ivy" Wreath making they who got funding from Forever Manchester, a musician came along and played carols, we had a small fire and ate mince pies, every went away with a beautiful hand made wreath made for the greenery foraged on the park.

Jackie and family who are new volunteers who live locally asked to put on the park a memorial bench in Forget me not wood,, their daughter who passed away used to play on the fields when a child so it has a strong connection for the family. The family have been volunteering every Sunday and have improved the Forget me not area hugely with a memorial bench for their late daughter and cleared up the brambles, added wood chip to improve the paths making it a really relaxing place to sit, it is well used by the general public now.

Planters out side Antique village in Levenshulme We were granted some money via a grant to put 2 large planters outside of the Antique Village in Levenshulme, the planters are wonderful really substantial, they have been planted up with bulbs and are looking wonderful this spring.

Levenshulme in Bloom, has now been started from this initiative, thanks to our pioneer Shelia who has started the Levenshulme in Bloom initiative. This has been taken up by MCCC who have provided some money for local residents to get involved and update all the old planters and make new planters to make Levenshulme a more desirable place to live and work. The Bee Sanctuary Movement will work in partnership with the local residents living and working in Levenshulme.

Volunteer Cabin has been a huge success, it has provided us with a base to meet at and a fantastic storage for all our equipment. Our equipment has grown thanks to Avanti and Booking.com who have provided us with items that are used on the volunteer sessions. The green toilet has provided us with a great addition and has made volunteering days much more professional and easier for volunteers to stay for longer. We are about to install a green roof on the volunteer centre and put up some more nesting boxes

Footfall: The Bee Sanctuary has seen a much larger foot fall over the last year, this has been seen by more people being able to access the park due to the improvements in paths that have been maintained by volunteers, clearing away rubbish on a regular basis etc.,

We have been lucky enough to be able to have next to the Bee Sanctuary Marbury Road Farm this is an new project set up that is helping people to grow food. The bee Sanctuary have got involved with the farm, we have been and volunteered there and have supported

this project get it off the ground. We now have a small area that we are setting up to grow wild flowers with a view to sell on /gift and plant wildflower seed around the area.

Brian is stalwart in his role as treasure, nothing is too much trouble for Brian and he is very knowledgeable about his role, he is always ready to help other people who are setting up projects to advise and support within the role of treasure, he also completes minutes at The Bee Sanctuary Movement monthly meetings

Robin stepped down as a trustee, but has not stopped volunteering and is there every Tuesday and Sunday with his in -depth knowledge and steadfast attitude and creative ideas.

Jackie is more confident within her role and has provided walks around the park educating people about the birds that are nesting, living and visiting the park, these walk's have been very successful and very well attended. People have been up at 5am in the morning to listen to the dawn chorus.

Marcus, has been busy putting up an owl house high up in the trees in the wooded area, fingers crossed we get an owl nesting there. He has also helped to design new signage for the front of the Park, identifying the Bee Sanctuary we hope to have this passed by MCC, Marcus has done a sterling job with this design. He has also designed a stencil that can be stencilled onto the planters in Levenshulme, helping to advertise the Bee Sanctuary.

Bee Sanctuary Movement Fourth Year Report Treasurer's Report Brian McGill - Trustee

Treasurer's Report 2023-2024

During this financial year we received £1000 from Forever Manchester to create a cornfield plot in Marbury Park. This plot was rented from Kelly's own charity.

Another grant from Forever Manchester for £100 was used to pay for a party held in Highfield Park. Music and Food was provided. A receipt for food was not provided, but as Sheila can be trusted, I reimbursed her anyway.

A NIF fund was applied for to pay for planters outside the Antiques village. This was for £796.69, and £260.69 is still left to be used.

The NIF seed fund for Robin from the previous year was closed off during this year.

Two new trustees joined the movement this year. These were Jacqui Vigilanti and Kelly Degnen (who I have already mentioned). Both of these trustees were added as key account parties to the Co-op account. Extra information was requested from Jacqui, as she is an American citizen, but the process was eventually completed.

I have continued to act as banker for the Cringle Road Residents Association. They receive regular cheques from Electricity North West.

Sheila was given access to the PayPal Account. This is checked every now and again to see if any donations were received. Unfortunately the donations from the Charity Aid Foundation seem to have dried up this year.

At the start of the financial year, Helen was added as an account signatory to the Co-op bank account, and given the job to approve payments made by me. This did not work out as planned, and we returned to myself solely authorising payments.

A new insurance policy was purchased in February 2024. This includes cover for children, which cost an extra £30

Brian McGill
13-03-2024

Bee Sanctuary Movement Fourth Year Report Coordinators Report Sheila Standard - Trustee

This is a year where we have consolidated our work. The Bee Sanctuary is thriving, and well managed thanks to our band of volunteers and also corporate groups, and scouts who come more regularly now. Our special thanks to Booking.com who have given us many volunteering days this year, and cemented a partnership. This means that we have covered more areas and expanded our project work. None of this would be possible without the Volunteer Centre, where we can store tools and equipment, plus our wonderful composting toilet. We have a proactive group of Trustees as well as practical volunteers who are on site leading volunteer groups. We have discussions on the ground making joint decisions, which are sensitive to the wildlife all around us. Discussions are also an opportunity to share knowledge, which we also do on social media. The Bee Sanctuary gives us a space where they to discover Nature on our doorstep.

Developing work with the North West RHS

We have earned **Outstanding** for the 3rd year running in the NWRHS '*In Your Neighbourhood*' Category'. Wondering where to go next we have embarked with other groups in Levenshulme and it's environ to work with Manchester City Council (led by our new Neighbourhood Officer, Emily Littler), and enter NWRHS "Levenshulme in Bloom" in 2024, so watch this space. This is really just a vehicle to spread the greening of Levenshulme, and

get more people involved. This is very important as the Neighbourhood calming measures are seen as dividing communities into the have and the have nots. It is vital for us to make a better relationship with Nature unconnected to this issue. We are assisted in this by Will White (MCC) who is a qualified ecologist and will guide people in biodiversity and sustainability. For example he is keen to move away from bedding plants and to invest in perennials, which will thrive with the proper care. At the first meeting called to discuss our entry 24/02/2024, I was thrilled to see that the idea for 'Levenshulme in Bloom' is bringing on board new people and new projects, which feels like we are no longer an outlying project but part of the future.

Working with the Council and other bodies.

Other progress to look forward to in the year ahead is the improvements to Highfields infrastructure, including paths, signage, seating etc. I am proud to say that BSM have been instrumental in following the correct 106 money procedure of ensuring consultation at each stage of the design and roll out process. We have achieved this by ensuring that the change of Park Ranger personnel did not delay the consultation through the Highfield Steering Group. The longer term Park Management Plan will be published this year, giving a blueprint along with the Biodiversity Management plan of 2022, as to where we are headed.

We have a new Park Ranger Ricky Martin, who is dedicated to getting it right working with the community, (along with his boss, Jenni). We have had fruitful discussions about various issues that I have raised, the chief one being Health and Safety, as well as Personal safety.

We have continued to campaign for the 'Bullrush Area' to be protected and have been led by Richard Lund (volunteer) working with our Neighbourhood Officer, with the Health and Safety Executive, and Environment Agency on dangerous ingress into this area by nearby companies. An ongoing struggle, and frustrating struggle. We have managed to get the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit to take a closer look at this area, and it will possibly be declared a site of Biological Interest in the near future.

Enhancing and Protecting Local Green Spaces

BSM works for the future of Bees and other pollinators, trying to bring people along on our journey. We have found different ways to do this, encouraging direct practical action as the inspiration, networking and bringing people together. We have had success so far because we are all volunteers. However the protection and campaigning work has highlighted to me as Co-ordinator that it would be a progressive step to employ a trained ecologist who could progress matters and give BSM more clout, a seat at the table, and give us the ability to

work towards ever greater protections of Nature. This is a project which I will pursue in the immediate future. With the 4th year of published accounts and a successful record we are in a strong position to apply for funding for this.

Social Media

- **Facebook** “Bee Sanctuary Movement Group” has increased its following from 431 to 469 people, not such a big increase as last year, but we now have an active Instagram. Great for blogging. A source of volunteers through messenger.
- **The website** <https://beesanctuarymovement.org> is updated regularly, and we have had a professional web designer look over it, and got high praise. Brian is the web master, but we are all able to update.
- **I love Manchester** article created in collaboration [From neglect to nature - the inspiring story of Bee Sanctuary Movement \(ilovemanchester.com\)](https://www.ilovemanchester.com)
- **I love Manchester video**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/httpsbeesanctuarymovement.org/permalink/1172611913727734/>
- **Instagram** developed by Marcus “The Bee sanctuary Movement Group”

Volunteers

- **WhatsApp Bee Sanctuary Volunteers**, a large group of people (65) but a smaller proportion end up coming out to volunteer. Not all volunteers are on the Whatsapp group. Also used for nature observations which is becoming increasingly important.
- **Volunteer hours**. Our estimate for this year is in the region of 1000 hours for the year for our Tuesday and Sunday sessions.
- **Bee Sanctuary Volunteers** who have taken an active role this year (not including corporate groups, or scout groups) is 43; including: Brian, Janet, Kel, Mark, Sasha, Natalia, Janet, David, Tim, Helen T, Jacqui, Jackie, Fiona, Asa, Nigel, Cathy, Ali, Nat, Kath, Peter, Hannah, Hafsah, Millie, Marie, Monika, Mike, Richard L., Richard P., Helen S, Claire, Pam, Connie, Lily, Laura, Luce, Maeve, Marcus, Autumn, Raddon, Tim, Robin, Sheila, Mike, Sam, Rosie, Imi, Emily.
- **Booking.com Volunteers**(118) Lizzy, Mai, Manuela, Jane, Nina, Andreia, Anabela, Lisa, Daniel, Frank, Paula, Christy, Georgiana, Paul, Matt, Christopher, Jiho, Hiu Ching, Chris, Wing Man, Dayoung (Sarah), Akaravut, Charlotte, Robin, Matthew, Dan, Marta, Amarpal, Rita, Rebecca, Wayne, Juliana, Beata, Pauline, Maillen, Maria J, Novlet, Etti, Ignacio, Pierre, Marzia, Amy-Jennifer, Mona, Julian, Anna, Adrian, Monika, Susanna, Diletta, Ottmar, Francesca, Martina, Mariola, Adam, Marina, Ihssan, Maria Del Carmen, Marta, Jose Luis, Ana Cristina, Roberto,

Massimo, Latifa, Ousama, Natalia, Ceyda, Eleanor, Ivana, JaneJoe, Katie, Kiera, Louise, Lucy, John, Lewis, Javier, Nicola, Paola, Alisha, Kirsti, Stephen, Justyna, Barry, Stephen, Hannah, Emma, Shami, Anna, Alice, Joel, Hannah, Richard, Shane, Lauren, Jack, Amy, Daniel, Tommaso, Daniel, Oded Becker, Rawan, Marta, Tahir, Sam, Giuseppe, Beata, Joshua, Jacqueline, Imran, Cara, Melisa, Sioned, Gabriel, Beth, Joseph, Michael, Joey,

- **Community Police** - No recent antisocial activity
- **RHS Judging event July 2023 Outstanding**

Other Events

- **Solstice** - we come out in the evenings to celebrate the changes in the seasons, for the Summer Solstice we made garlands, and in the Winter we made wreaths, and hired Raddon and Libby to play music for us.
- *Avanti West Coast Community Team*, **Cheese and Wine event** to celebrate our volunteers. 29th September, again an evening event with music and workshops. It was brilliant.
- First meeting of “*Levenshulme in Bloom*”, led by Emily Littler (MCCNeighbourhood Officer, Will White,(MCC Biodiversity Officer), and Tudor Baker (MCC Climate Change Officer)
- *Highfield Steering group*, to assist we booked a room in Inspire.

On the Bee Sanctuary

By the beginning of April 2024 the Bee Sanctuary is coming into its own after a very wet winter.

- The early spring flowers are looking resplendent in the woodland edge area, and there are signs that they are spreading, particularly the Wood anemones.
- Daffodil bulbs planted before Christmas are looking great, and our established bulb plants are all up and again there are signs of spreading.
- The hedge plants have been pruned. We planted a few more to thicken up the hedge.
- The dead hedges have been replenished, protecting our wild flower meadows and the ponds.
- Bramble has been controlled both on the Bee Sanctuary, and reaching out into the woods and main field of the park.
- There is a new path through the wood, where you will discover an area of Native bluebells, and a seating area.
- Two new log piles have been placed as Bee hotels.
- The 3 Ponds are looking full of life filled with a biodiversity of plants and much frog spawn. We have managed to keep the dogs out this year, and vandalism has been

minimal. We have dug two shallow ephemeral ponds in wet areas, to develop the biodiversity of these areas.

- Areas that we cleared by hand of organic matter are burgeoning with Red Campion, wild carrot and many other wild flowers. Chicory is established outside the Volunteer Centre.
- Paths are well maintained, and were mud free over the winter, thanks to a lot of wood chipping replacement.
- The Queen Bees are out looking for nest sites and the birds are getting ready to nest. We have installed two Long Tailed Tit nesting boxes, which are protected from rats and other predators.
- The Volunteer Centre is proving a vital resource, and we have opened the toilet for other groups including the scythers and walking groups.
- Tools...We have additional gloves, secateurs, and loppers, so we can cope with large groups. It is also possible to borrow barrows from 'Marbury Farm growing project'.
- We are renting space on the growing project to develop a Wildflower Annual growing for seed project.
- We have installed 2 planters outside the Antiques Village in an effort to kickstart 'Levenshulme in Bloom'

Looking back over the year

Over the spring and summer of 2023 we had a decent level of wild flowers and insect visitors, and were delighted that Yellow Rattle is spreading across our Sanctuary. We collected our own seed and sowed it on areas not yet colonised with Yellow Rattle. We collected seed from plants not yet growing on the Sanctuary, including Evening Primrose and Vipers Bugloss, both wild flowers that will bloom towards the end of the season when Bees need them most. These seeds are sown as seed balls to heighten the chance of germination. We did less mowing in 2023 and more clearing by hand, mainly because we want the insects to have overwintering places. This may not be so good for keeping the biodiversity in wild flowers, so we will see this coming year.

The most significant development this year has been our new partnership with Booking.com. It has enabled us to expand our Bee Sanctuary, into the woodland area, and out to the main field. With our partnership on a sound footing, and volunteer input from other businesses including Fitch and Emmerson, we are becoming more ambitious, taking on the two new projects:- the 'wild flower growing for seed' project, and 'Levenshulme in Bloom'.

I asked Sam from booking.com to comment on their experience of the partnership.

"In 2023 booking.com relaunched the booking.com cares program, offering volunteering and donation opportunities to booking.com employees worldwide. Employees can volunteer two days a year to good causes under the headers of sustainability, wellbeing and inclusion. As a booking cares ambassador working with the Bee Sanctuary movement was a cause close

to my heart, enhancing Sustainability, and biodiversity for everyone to enjoy. Sheila and her team gave the green light and a Partnership was formed. We have enabled a total of 148 volunteer days in the last 12 months with the bee sanctuary, learnt the benefits of forest bathing, the natural healing of plants, Created Bee Hotels, made ponds, Picked up litter, discovered a hidden lake, cut back weeds and brambles, made seed bombs, and planted wild bluebells. The bee Sanctuary is a fixed feature in our Volunteering Calendar and we love to get stuck in and often dirty. Thank you for a great partnership”*

**Equivalent to approximately 600 hrs volunteer time.*

Kel Degnen Trustee

Throughout this year, as a Trustee at the Bee Sanctuary, my efforts have been focused on enhancing the sanctuary's ecosystem and fostering environmental sustainability.

1. **Coppicing Hazel**: I dedicated time to coppicing unmanaged hazel, allowing light to reach the forest floor, promoting the growth of more diverse plant species, and supporting overall ecosystem health.
2. **Willow Stacking for Habitat Creation**: I took the initiative to stack fallen willow, creating habitats and forming new glades and providing shelter and resources for various wildlife species within the park.
3. **Bulb Planting**: Planting thousands of bulbs around the park has not only added beauty to the landscape but has also provided a sense of pride to the volunteers who helped us and many more opportunities for bees and other pollinators, enriching the sanctuary's biodiversity.
4. **Arts in Nature Session**: Collaborating with ARC - Arts for Recovery Centre, I hosted an arts in nature session and we walked through the bee sanctuary and utilised the new woodland areas created with Booking.com, bringing creative engagement to the community and raising awareness about nature conservation and the benefits to our health, both physical and mental.
5. **Funding Application**: I applied for funding from Forever Manchester to support local musicians playing at the sanctuary during Christmas, aiming to enrich community experiences and promote local talent and traditional heritage music.
6. **Fungi Surveys and Monitoring**: I actively participate in fungi surveys and monitoring activities, contributing to the recording, understanding and preservation of the fungal diversity within the park.

7. ****Mushroom Culture Beds****: I created mushroom culture beds and shared knowledge with 54 visitors that were non bee sanctuary members, growing our membership, enhancing educational experiences and promoting sustainable practices in cultivating mushrooms.

The commitment to conservation efforts from everybody at the Bee Sanctuary this year has been instrumental in teaching me how to nurture a thriving ecosystem, fostering community engagement, and inspiring others to participate in environmental stewardship.

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The Bee Sanctuary Movement reg. charity 1187263 Receipts and Payments Account 06-04-2023 to 05-04-2024				
	General Fund (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total (£)	Total from Last Year (£)
Receipts				
Council Grants	0.00	1,896.69	1,896.69	1,272.00
Other Grants	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Gifts	920.23	0.00	920.23	750.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	920.23	2,896.69	3,816.92	4,250.00
Payments				
Materials and Fixings	237.66	669.14	906.80	2,725.00
Hospitality	161.55	100.00	261.55	0.00
Insurance	186.04	0.00	186.04	190.00
Plot Rent	0.00	180.00	180.00	0.00
Internet Services	151.20	0.00	151.20	0.00
Seed and Plants	0.00	96.75	96.75	0.00
Plant Hire	0.00	60.00	60.00	227.00
Room Hire	37.50	0.00	37.50	0.00
DBS Checks	18.00	0.00	18.00	0.00
Tools	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,098.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	791.95	1,105.89	1,897.84	6,554.00
NET RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS	128.28	1,790.80	1,919.08	-2,304.00
TRANSFERS				
VCSE Seed	-7.40	-7.40		
	-7.40	-7.40		
Cash Funds from Last Year End	758.63	89.35	847.98	
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	879.51	1,872.75	2,767.06	

The Bee Sanctuary Movement reg. charity 1187263 Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 05-04-2024			
			5/4/2023
			(£)
	Monetary Assets		
	Current Asset Investments		0.00
	Cash at Bank and in Hand		
		Current Account - Co-op	2,703.32
		Cash	63.74
	Total Cash at Bank and in Hand		2,767.06
	TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS		2,767.06
	Represented by Funds		
	Unrestricted Funds		
		General Fund	879.51
	Restricted Funds		
		Forever Manchester	760.00
		Lev in Bloom	1,127.55
	TOTAL FUNDS		2,767.06
	Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities	donated by	Estimated Value
	Tools		
		Large Ego Mower	BSM 500
		Small Flymo Mower	BSM 175 Robin
	replaced head	Multi-cutter Tool with 3 heads	BSM/Sheila/Brian 500
		Ego Batteries 2x2.5 A and 1x 7.5A	BSM 430
		2 Mattocks	50
		4 Loppers	80
		4 assorted rakes	? 40
		2 forks	? 25
		4 assorted spades	? 50
		4 assorted buckets	Sheila 5
		2 wheelbarrows	Sheila,Robin 80
	Sundries	Painting equipment, rollers trays sandpaper etc	BSM 20
		String cord tapes etc	? 20
		event materials, bunting model bees etc	Avanti/ teresa 50
		scissors/3 saws	Sheila 50
		Toolbox with tools	Sheila 50
		PPE, 2 Faceshields, assorted gloves, 1 pr waders	BSM 100
	Exhibitions	1 mobile exhibition	BSM/NIF 180
		1 Park fence exhibition	BSM/NIF 350
		1 Highlights of 2021 Exhibition	Sheila 250
	Volunteer Centre	Container and Mural	8,052
		with lighting powered by car battery	Marcus/BSM/Sheila 60
		Accessible toilet fitted with	
		composting toilet and fan powered by 12V battery	BSM 1,026
		support bars	BSM 130
		sink	Barbara 30
		tap connected to water container	Sheila 20
		Mirror	Sheila 20
		Toilet roll holder	Sheila 10
		Shelf with supports	Sheila 20
		First Aid box Large on wall and small transportable	BSM 40
		Spare toilet rolls and tissues/soap etc	Avanti/Booking.com 30
		Tool Store fitted with	
		Rack to store mobile exhibition	BSM 40
		Tool hanging racks	Sheila 10
		Shelves	BSM/Sheila 20
		Hospitality area fitted with	
		room divider, and frontage with door	BSM 140
		built in bench	BSM 25
		Built in cupboard with work top	Sheila 25
		vinyl flooring	125
		Bike rack and gravel area	BSM 1,000

Literature	Good Bee Book 1 copy	BSM	6
	BSM Leaflets	BSM	50
Seeds	Seed left over from last year, spring mix and field mix		12
	sand for mixing	Robin	12
GROSS NON-MONETARY ASSETS			13,908
Debtors			0
Creditors			0
NET NON-MONETARY ASSETS			13,908

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Opening Remarks



In the third year of our Charity we have future proofed our organisation, by recruiting 3 new Trustees, and relaunching the Bee Sanctuary as a fully accessible space for volunteering and visiting. We are working closely with the Steering Group for Highfield and officers of MCC to improve access across the park, as well as manage the ecology appropriate to its status as a local Nature Reserve. We were thrilled to receive the **“Biodiversity Cup 2022 for the North West in the RHS In Your Neighbourhood Awards”** recognising our central goal to maximise the biodiversity of our Bee Sanctuary. It is now the second year we have been awarded “Outstanding”. Our efforts to record wildlife are growing

Our three New Trustees

Jacqueline Vigilanti, our bird specialist, for 2 years, has now come on board as a Trustee, and impressed our local MP Afzal Khan, and Councillor Zahid Hussain with her comprehensive observations both of bird species and a nest survey during our relaunch event on April 1st 2023. Jacqui’s monitoring of bird species is a good indicator of biodiversity, and climate changes in populations and other factors.

“I got involved as a volunteer with the Bee Sanctuary in the spring of 2021. As a regular visitor to Highfield Country Park, I had noticed paths being created and signs placed around the and was impressed and curious to know more about what the movement was aimed at. I am a keen birder, and during the spring had begun volunteer nest monitoring for the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) in the park. It was while I was poking around the bramble in search of nests that Sheila spotted me. She introduced herself and showed me around explaining the Sanctuary was an effort to increase the biodiversity of the park. Shortly after, I began coming on weekends to plant wildflower meadows, cut bramble, and weed. I also regularly survey the bird population of the park and submit data to a couple species databases including the Manchester Ecology Unit. Becoming a volunteer allowed me to get involved in my local community as well as learn about conservation. I became a Trustee in autumn 2022 as a way to further support the group.”

Kel Degnen, specialist in fungi, growing, scything, foraging has independent interests and projects closely related to the Bee Sanctuary. One project Kel has developed is the growing of fungi on “Highfield Fungi Farm”, as well as identifying species that appear, and exploring the use of the Fungi Farm to restore woodland on our Historic Landfill. In 2022, Kel set up a CIC to develop a growing project on Nelstrop Rd North, working with Stockport Council.

“I find so much therapy in nature, I love being in the trees, the light just hits differently. On Highfield I get to be in the middle of nowhere when I'm right on my doorstep. I had been trying to clean this little spot in the woods, daydreaming and plotting rewilding ideas to make the space a little more like our natural woodlands and I'd met Sheila and Robin on my travels, they not only welcomed me but they offered me a great deal of support and guidance. The bee sanctuary soon became part of my wellness routine and I volunteer whenever I can. We're all able to make a positive impact for nature here and that's really comforting in a world filled with anxieties. I'm incredibly proud to be part of this asset to the community and I hope to help it to continue to flourish.” Kel

Marcus Hill along with his partner **Autumn Smart** have embraced the practical work around fitting out the Volunteer Centre, and also revamping the Bee Sanctuary for the Relaunch on April 1st. We have Marcus to thank for most of the electrics and joinery. This is after two years of involvement as volunteers. Marcus and Autumn have worked with Robin on outreach work at Pink Bank Woods and Debdale.

“I started volunteering at the Bee Sanctuary in 2021 and have been helping out most Sundays. I love nature and being able to make a difference on a smaller scale has been rewarding. I want to develop my wood working skills and learn more about Nature.” Marcus

Other unique individual contributions

Richard Preston of *Hart Murals*, painted a beautiful mural on our container. He has patiently returned to repair the mural when the paint flaked and it was graffitied. Autumn Smart designed our new leaflet which is a fantastic resource for informing and involving people.

Fran Brewin carried out a Wildflower Survey, and we used her photos and information to build on our "Park Fence Exhibition" adding a section on Wildflowers.

Mike Pentland helped us clear out our ponds during their renovation, and identified species of interest.

Raddon led a Soundscape course for some of our volunteers.

Ryan led a fungi spotting walk round.

We supported Tony Hall to hold a "Bioblitz" event where people were able to look at a whole range of wildlife, using a variety of sampling techniques . It was a fantastic and fascinating event, which we hope to repeat.

Corporate and other links

Avanti North West Eco Champions celebrated "International Bee Day" in May 2022 by inviting 4 schools to the Bee Sanctuary, which was a great event for us to support, and we realised how important it is to let children experience nature, and learn to love and protect it. We were honoured that Avanti employees adopted the Bee Sanctuary as their Charity of the year, and we will work together to develop the work with schools centred on the Bee Sanctuary as the exploration space.

Fitch came for the second year running to volunteer with us, clearing a new area, which we are developing.

Scouts and Beavers We are developing our relationship with local scouts groups, and several visits took place.

The Bee Sanctuary Relunched

As of 1st April 2023 the "Volunteer Centre" is now complete, *fully accessible*, with a bike park outside. The Volunteer Centre is now 'fit for purpose' for access and also for corporate volunteers. It will enable many more volunteers to become involved, not only volunteering as "Wildlife Gardeners" on the Bee Sanctuary, but across the Highfield Nature Reserve and local area. The Volunteer Centre has been enhanced by a beautiful and distinctive mural by Richard Preston.

We held our Relaunch event on the 1st of April 2023, for which Autumn designed a leaflet and also the flyer consolidating our step up to a new level. The Relaunch event was our opportunity to introduce ourselves properly to the local community with mass local flyer distribution. This strategy to leaflet locally proved very successful, awakening the interest of the diverse local community to the wonders of nature on their own doorstep.

The Bee Sanctuary is largely completed. The 3 ponds are being renovated and are full of tadpoles. The summer meadows, and all the wildflower areas are looking promising, and our wildflower management regime seems to be working. We realise that we need more spring flowers so plan a big bulb planting this autumn. The hedge whips we planted 2 years ago are growing bigger, and we will plant more whips to fill in the gaps. The skyscraper of a Bee hotel built on top of a sand bank has been planted with honey suckle and wild rose to smother with flowers and protect it from harm. Our main task moving forward is to manage the wildflower areas so that they will continue to thrive.

Around us projects are blossoming and surging ahead.

A brand new Growing Project has been started by Kel Degnen, which will transform the waterlogged poor grazing on the other side of the housing development. The project is an extension of work Kel has done on Marbury fields to grow vegetables and plant an orchard. Emma is on Year 2 of her project transforming the alleyway behind Cringle Rd, and the Brickie Project started this year, we were able to help with financial services until they got their own account. Thanks to our local heroes, like all of our volunteers, and innovators like Kel and Emma, it feels like Nature is surging ahead.

Bee Sanctuary Movement Third Year Report

Chair Report

Helen Troup

In 2022 I took on the role of Vice Chair, this proved to be a good experience so much so that when Nicole, the Chair stood down it was a natural change for me to take on the role of Chair.

I have enjoyed taking on the role and learning what is expected from a chair of a non profit charity. I want to create a professional and relaxed atmosphere when holding monthly meetings and volunteering. We have recruited 3 new trustees onto the Bee

Sanctuary Movement board of Trustees. They are a great bunch and will be a great asset to the Movement.

Bringing on new trustees has given me the opportunity to learn the intricacies of accepting new trustees into a charity, while working within the legal requirements of the Charity Commission

One of our founding members Robin has taken the difficult decision to step down from being a trustee but thankfully is still volunteering, and leading sessions. Although he will be missed at our meeting we are very happy that he is a committed volunteer and value his input.

Robin was also Lead Outreach, and one of the places he worked closely with was Debdale Nature Reserve. Unfortunately 2 of the volunteers who Robin had links with, Vicki and Chris have resigned. One consequence of this is that there will be no Outreach report this year. In January to April 2023 we experienced antisocial behaviour from 2 males who were indecently exposing themselves and approaching females while walking on Highfield Country Park. I contacted Levenshulme Local Anti Social Officer to inform as well as the Manchester Police Force. As a consequence the police have started to do patrols at different times of the day and night in the park.

We put information out on the Bee Sanctuary facebook page, and requested the public to please get in contact with the police directly to report if they were subject to any ASB. I was in contact at regular intervals with our ASO over this time, I am happy to report that there have been no more reports to the police since April 2023 hopefully with the collaboration of

the public, Antisocial Behaviour Officer and the police this has been resolved. Although I intended to keep an open dialogue with both, to enable two way communication.

There have been many positives happening on the Bee Sanctuary 2022- 2023, we have been approached by Avanti who have been to the Sanctuary to hold an event "World Bee Day" where they discussed the positives of wild bees and re- wilding, they provided seed for people to make seed bombs and showed how to make them. Avanti have designated the Bee Sanctuary Movement to be their charity for 2022 - 2023 they have made key rings, prints and other nature inspired gifts that are on sale at Stockport train station all proceeds will be donated to the Bee Sanctuary.

Fitch is another organisation that has volunteered with us, twice so far.

Local scout groups have also been along and helped with path laying and grass cutting. We have an increased number of volunteers who attend on Tuesday and Sunday, and we now have a Volunteer Centre on the Bee Sanctuary, a fantastic addition providing a meeting point for volunteers where we can house tools and equipment. We have also installed a composting loo that has been much appreciated on event and volunteering days.

Moving forward we want to join forces with other green groups and continue to improve the green spaces and corridors around us. We are open to other organisations who are looking to involve their staff in their Social Value Employee Supported Volunteering. We are also committed to get more of the public involved with volunteering at the Bee Sanctuary and passing on the knowledge, enjoyment and importance of rewilding. This drive was at the core of producing a new leaflet and Relaunching our accessible Volunteer Centre on April 1st 2023.

Bee Sanctuary Movement Third Year Report
Treasurer's Report
Brian McGill - Trustee

Treasurer's Report for financial year 06-04-2022 to 05-04-2023

We started the financial year with £3151 in monetary assets. At the end of the year we only had £848 left. The container had already been paid for the previous financial year, but not the fitting out.. We need to make sure that we have funding for any purchases we make in the future, or we shall run out of unrestricted funds.

Unfortunately criminals tried to break into our new container, leaving us with £2220 in damages to pay for. Fortunately we had no problem recouping the cost from Aon insurance.

No money was raised for the container fittings account, which was used to pay for the contents and fittings of our new container. Initially we intended to raise money for this purpose. Eventually £1067 was transferred from the general fund to close it down.

This meant that until this point, the general fund did not accurately represent how much money we had in unrestricted funds. In future I shall recommend that each restricted fund shall correspond to a grant received for a particular purpose, and that the money should be raised before any purchase is made.

This will mean that the accounts provide a fair and accurate representation of how much funding is available. The previous financial year ended with a negative amount for total restricted funding. I do not wish to repeat this circumstance.

Because HSBC started charging us for the running of our bank account, I decided to transfer our funds to the Co-operative Bank. Also the Co-op are known for ethical investments, which is more in keeping with the ethos of the Bee Sanctuary Movement.

During the year I also hosted the Cringle Road Residents' Association, and the Brickie Green Residents' Association with our bank account. The latter of which eventually were able to open a bank account of their own.

We also received the welcome news that Avanti West Coast had chosen us as their charity of choice for the year. They have continued to raise money for us, and were present at the BSM relaunch event in April.

We have chosen three new trustees this year. They are Marcus Hill, Jacqui Vigilanti, and Kelly Degnen. Helen as Chair will be co-authorising any payments that I make in the next financial year.

During this year, I have ceased to work actively in the park. My initial excuse was that I needed time to study computer systems and languages, so that I could write my own book-keeping software for charities.

In the end nothing came from this, and I now spend most of my free time studying and playing chess online, and following courses from the great courses website.

Brian McGill
Treasurer
7th April 2023

Bee Sanctuary Movement Third Year Report Coordinators Report Sheila Standard - Trustee

What a Year! We were Awarded the **Cup for Biodiversity 2022** by the *Royal Horticultural Society North West Team* in the Category of “*In Your Neighbourhood*”, as well as 2022 being the second year of being judged “**Outstanding**”.

This year we have formed a partnership with Avanti North West Eco champions, and welcomed Tony Hall to do a Biodiversity event, as well as working with local scouts groups.

Volunteering now has a solid timetable of Tuesdays and Sundays, and is the time where we manage the Bee Sanctuary. Because most of the landscaping has been done, much of the work is simple management, weeding, cutting back, building dead hedges, sowing, collecting seed, mowing and scything etc. Separately from this we have worked together to install a Bike Park outside the Volunteer Centre. This involved shifting topsoil, laying and whacking the gravel base, then digging out foundations and concreting in the Bike Toast Rack, which is big enough for 8 bikes. Whilst doing the gravel base, we made a path to the accessible toilet, and have yet to fine tune this work. We dug a “Dog Pond” next to the Volunteer Centre which has yet to be completed. We want to let dogs have a good time without contaminating our Wildlife ponds with flea spray, which kills off all wildlife.

We finished the fitting of the Volunteer Centre, at 11.30am on the 1st of April 2023, at our Relaunch Event. Again this work was extra to our Tuesdays and Thursdays, and only happened thanks to the dedication of a small team comprising myself, Marcus, Janet, Monika and Autumn. We printed flyers and delivered through letter boxes of our neighbours, which brought many more local people to our event.*

Other work that has gone on in the background includes renovating the signs and exhibitions, writing and designing a new leaflet and flyer for the Relaunch.

Other work

We are lobbying for Highfield to be a Local Nature Reserve, and be accessible to everyone, and BSM is very active in this endeavour. Unfortunately our wonderful Park Ranger, Monika Sayed, left in October 2022. MCC Monika asked Robin and me to produce a *History of Highfield* for the 'Highfield Country Park and Local Nature Reserve Management Plan' before she left, and we have completed this task. I also organised the Steering Group meeting in March 2023 so *Nick Linder the Groundworks designer* could consult and progress his work designing access (better paths and improved access). The Facebook blog has been joined by Instagram, thanks to Marcus.

- **Facebook** "Bee Sanctuary Movement Group" has increased it's following from 310 to 431 people, (an increase of 40%) Great for blogging. A source of volunteers through messenger.
- **The website** beesanctuarymovement.org is updated regularly, but still could do more. Brian is the web master, but we are all able to update.
- **Park Fence Exhibition expanded** We added the *Wildflower exhibition* and also *Highlights of 2021*. Excellent for engaging local residents and visitors to the park. Other information signs on the Bee Sanctuary have been created by Robin.
- **WhatsApp Bee Sanctuary Volunteers**, a large group of people (64) but a smaller proportion end up coming out to volunteer. Not all volunteers are on the Whatsapp group. Also used for nature observations which is becoming increasingly important.
- **Volunteer hours**. Our estimate for this year is in the region of 1000 hours for the year for our Tuesday and Sunday sessions. This does not include hours spent repainting the signs and renovating the exhibition, and extra time spent on projects such as the Bike Park and fitting out of the Centre, and growing plants for the raised beds etc.
- **Volunteers** who have taken an active role this year not including Fitch or Avanti teams is 39: Brian, Kel, Mark, Mark, and Sasha, Nichole, Ann, David, Helen, Jacqui,

- **'Spring Rising' Relaunch of the Bee Sanctuary** April 1st 2023, where we opened our fully accessible Volunteer Centre, and encouraged local people to visit. Avanti supported us and our local MP Afzal Kahn, and local Councillor Zahid Hussain visited us, and were both very interested.

On the Bee Sanctuary

We finished renovating the ponds. After one Bee Hotel got destroyed a mega one has taken its place. There were major periods of drought again in the summer of 2022, so the wild flower summer season was for-shortened. We have also identified a lack of early spring flowers, and intend to do a major bulb planting this autumn, and we are going to sow hedge row wild flowers and wildflowers for short grass this spring.

By the beginning of April 2023 the Bee Sanctuary gardening is under control. We mowed areas at different times, mowing the least biodiverse areas first starting in mid August and sowing more yellow rattle. Some areas were left being cleared in the early spring as we wanted insects to have long vegetation to hibernate. We should have left these areas for longer really. We are good at getting left overs from the Parks and got hold of bulbs and tree whips, no in good condition.

Volunteer Centre

Is now complete. Plus we have installed a bike park and gravel area in the front, and Richard Preston has painted a mural

Events Summary

- World Bee Day May 20th 2022
- BioBlitz with Tony Hall June 12th 2022
- RHSNW Judging July 5th 2022
- Ryan's Soundscape project
- RHSNW Presentation Ceremony Oct 2022
- Raddon fungi walk.
- Volunteer Appreciation event October 30th 2022

- Spring Rising! Relaunch of the Bee Sanctuary.

Funding

- NIF Grant for making a mobile exhibition, and extend the Park fence exhibition with Wildflowers and highlights of 2021
- NIF Grant for Bike Park

Spending

Restricted

There were two NIF Grants received this year, the first was for exhibitions for £364, and we spent about £100 extra to reprint and laminate our old exhibition which had become faded with time. We now have 2 major exhibitions on the fence and a mobile exhibition to take to events and give a presence at events.

The second NIF grant was for £908, was for making a bike park and also hoped to provide access using packed gravel. We overshot by £168 on this because more gravel was needed than anticipated.

Spending from the General Fund.

In order to complete the fitting out of the Volunteer Centre we spent an extra £580 this year. I did not apply for more funds to do this. The Bee Sanctuary itself cost nearly £1000, with £550 being spent on replacing a burnt out multi tool head and replacing batteries (Blue Bell Green wanted their battery at the end of a shared arrangement,) and one battery failed. We also renovated Wagtail pond (£216), invested in sand for the Bee Hotel (£52.00), and starting a major fungi growing project on the wooded bank (£90). Other monies paid out from the General Fund included £150 for the mural materials and £168 for gravel, and £100 for printing mentioned above, and finally £285 for printing leaflets and flyer for the April 1st Relaunch Event. Altogether we spent over £2400 out of the General Fund. This is obviously not sustainable in the long term, however we still have sufficient funds to pay for the Public Liability Insurance and Website fees. We are in a strong position to move forward, having achieved our goals of completing works to host events and support volunteers.

Future works will be subject to funding applications. Ideas we have at the moment include a Wildflower seed production Project, Raised beds on Cringle Rd, improvements in "Off Grid" arrangements, and a Defibrillator, and Nappy Changing facility for the Volunteer Centre. Contributions in kind. All of the labour has been provided by volunteers, including days spent on designing the leaflet and flyer (Autumn), weeks spent fitting out the Volunteer Centre and Bike park, (Many volunteers, led by Marcus, Sheila, Janet, Autumn and others), renovating the pond (Mike and Sheila leading), the Bee Hotel (Robin leading), in addition to the management of the Bee Sanctuary wildflower areas. Costs have been contributed, such as the electrical light fitting, (Marcus) finishing off costs of the accessible toilet (Sheila), and extra printing (Helen) extra seed and mixes (Sheila, Kel), hospitality (Robin and Helen). Renovating the signs (Sheila Robin and Helen).

Avanti has also provided seeds and other materials, and MCC parks have provided bulbs and are providing hedge whips. We also received a hippo bag of compost from Suez.

**Bee Sanctuary Movement Third Year Report
Bird Species Report 2022-23
Jacqui Vigilanti**

This is an update to the Birds of Highfield Report (2022) and covers the period from January 2022 to June 2023. Data is taken from <https://ebird.org/home> and does not include anecdotal sightings.

59 species of bird have been recorded in Highfield between **January 2022 – June 2023**, four more than between 2018-2021. The additional species are:

Eurasian Teal: one sighting of three individuals in February 2023

Grey Heron: four sightings in 2023 but seen prior to 2018

Common House Martin: three sightings between 2022-2023

Spotted Flycatcher: one sighting of two individuals August 2022

Reed Bunting: one sighting of one individual April 2023

In addition to these sightings, some highlights include multiple observations of a male **Tawny Owl** calling from the southeast corner of the park as well as a sighting on the east side. In June of 2022, two **Eurasian Sparrowhawks** were observed hunting together while another called from the trees. In October of 2022, a flock of 69 **Long-tailed Tits** were recorded, and in April 2023, a total of 5 **Eurasian Jays** were seen.

High counts of winter migrants include 30 **Eurasian Siskins** (February 2022), 22 **Redwings** and 6 **Lesser Redpolls** (both January 2022).

Swifts

Between 2022 and June 2023, there have been 17 recorded sightings of Swifts, the earliest recording for each year being 22 May and 29 April respectively. High counts include 17 individuals (July 2022) and 15 individuals (June 2023). However, observations generally consist of no more than half a dozen individuals.

Spring Migrants

In addition to Swifts, Highfield sees spring migrants such as **Barn Swallows**, **Blackcaps**, and **Chiffchaffs**. Two species worth mentioning are **Willow Warbler** and **Common Whitethroat**.

Between 2018-2021, Willow Warblers were regularly recorded in the park from April- August. However, in 2022, there was no record. In 2023 two records of Willow Warbler were made in April, but no observation has occurred since.

Common Whitethroats were recorded every year across May-July for 2019-2022, but no observation has been made for 2023.

NB.

I have only presented some figures on specific bird observations in the park. Further analysis is required to understand changes in these populations over time. It is, therefore, important that records of bird counts are made and submitted to databases such as ebird. More detailed, longitudinal data will also be useful to set alongside conservation efforts that charities like the Bee Sanctuary Movement are undertaking to better understand the effect of these efforts on bird populations and biodiversity more generally.

Bee Sanctuary Movement Third Year Report Statement of thanks and tribute to outgoing Trustees

We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered 2022-2023, including our expanded team of Trustees. Without your energy the Bee Sanctuary would be covered in rubbish and have turned back into a huge bramble patch.

Brian, Kel, Mark, Martin, and Sasha, Nichole, Ann, David, Helen, Jacqui, Kathy, Kelly, Marie, Eddy, Cheryl, Mike, Richard, Helen S, Claire, Natalia, Mark, Pam, Connie, Lily, Laura, Luce, Maeve, Marcus, Raddon, Richard, Monika, Richard Preston, Ryan, Sara, Teresa, Tim, Robin, Autumn, Sheila, Helen T. Plus the teams from **Fitch** and **Avanti**, and of course the **scouts** and **beavers**.

A special tribute to Nichole Henry, who was our Chair for the first 3 years. Nichole was instrumental in founding the BSM charity, and taking it through its infancy. Her inspirational idea in 2017, has proved to be the catalyst that started a new wave of enthusiasm for restoring Nature on our urban doorstep. Nichole wants to stay involved as a volunteer. and....**Robin Wright**, who has stepped down from Trustee duties, but retains his vital role as a lead volunteer. His dog **Nelson** is the

mascot for our volunteers.



Thanks also to...

Leo Woodfelder (Tree Surgeon) for the logs and chippings. Leo has continued to support us with logs and woodchip at vital moments when larger groups come.

MCC officers, particularly **Will White** who supplies us with bulbs and whips, and liaises with RHS, **Jo Fraser**, who is working hard to re-establish the whole of Highfield as a richer, more biodiverse Nature Reserve. **Ed Flaherty** who as Park Development Manager is on the case with improvements to access. Neighbourhood Officer **Mark O'Pray**, who has helped us when we needed support, particularly over antisocial behaviour, along with **Gary** and **Ash** the Community Support Police officers. **Monika Sayed** our Park Ranger until October 2022, who set up the Highfield Steering Group and who was hugely supportive.

Councillors for their support with NIF funding, plus MP **Afzal Khan**, and Councillor **Zahid Hussain** for helping us to Relaunch the Bee Sanctuary on April 1st 2023.

Our condolences to the family of **Barbara Meller** who sadly died of cancer in early 2023. Barbara was a great supporter of the *Bee Sanctuary Movement*. In this photo she is showing us the wildflower seed she collected.

Finally.....

We would also like to thank everyone who has donated money, or materials. There were individual financial donations large and small, and this has been brilliant, because we have not been held back from projects such as renovating the vandalised ponds and fitting out the Volunteer Centre. We received over £140 in Charities Aid Foundation donations which are anonymous, £100 from Barbara Meller before she died, and over £400 from Avanti West Coast customers from station collections, and sales of their Bee Sanctuary Movement Produce.

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The Bee Sanctuary Movement reg. charity 1187263 Receipts and Payments Account 06-04-2022 to 05-04-2023				
	General Fund (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total (£)	Total from Last Year (£)
Receipts				
Gifts	750	0	750	2,215
Insurance Claim	2,170	0	2,170	0
Council Grants	0	1,272	1,272	7,500
Other Grants	0	0	0	0
Refund	58	0	58	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,978	1,272	4,250	9,715
Payments				
Container Repair	2,220	0	2,220	0
Materials and Fixings	1,239	1,486	2,725	1,536
Tools	774	324	1,098	112
Insurance	190	0	190	190
Plant Hire	227	0	227	169
CAF Refund	40	0	40	0
Bank Charges	32	0	32	0
Room Hire	23	0	23	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	4,744	1,810	6,554	2,007
NET RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS	-1,765	-538	-2,303	7,708
TRANSFERS				
Outreach Fund	-138	138		
NIF Fence VCSE	-38	38		
NIF 1000 2006416957	-32	32		
Container Fittings	-1,067	1,067		
	-1,274	1,274		
Cash Funds from Last Year End	3,798	-647	3,151	
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	759	89	848	

The Bee Sanctuary Movement reg. charity 1187263 Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 05-04-2023			
			5/4/2023
			(£)
Monetary Assets			
Current Asset Investments			0
Cash at Bank and in Hand			
	Current Account - Co-op		829
	Cash		19
Total Cash at Bank and in Hand			848
TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS			847.98
Represented by Funds			
Unrestricted Funds			
	General Fund		759
Restricted Funds			
	VCSE NIF 4640600		89
TOTAL FUNDS			847.98
Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities	donated by		Estimated Value
Tools			
	Large Ego Mower	BSM	500
	Small Flymo Mower	BSM	175
replaced head	Multi-cutter Tool with 3 heads	BSM/Sheila/Brian	500
	Ego Batteries 2x2.5 A and 1x 7.5A	BSM	430
	2 Mattocks		50
	4 Loppers		80
	4 assorted rakes	?	40
	2 forks	?	25
	4 assorted spades	?	50
	4 assorted buckets	Sheila	5
	2 wheelbarrows	Sheila,Robin	80
Sundries	Painting equipment, rollers trays sandpaper etc	BSM	20
	String cord tapes etc	?	20
	event materials, bunting model bees etc	Avanti/ teresa	50
	scissors/3 saws	Sheila	50
	Toolbox with tools	Sheila	50
	PPE, 2 Faceshields, assorted gloves, 1 pr waders	BSM	100
Exhibitions	1 mobile exhibition	BSM/NIF	180
	1 Park fence exhibition	BSM/NIF	350
	1 Highlights of 2021 Exhibition	Sheila	250
Volunteer Centre	Container and Mural		8,052
	with lighting powered by car battery	Marcus/BSM/Sheila	60
	Accessible toilet fitted with		
	composting toilet and fan powered by 12V battery	BSM	1,026
	support bars	BSM	130
	sink	Barbara	30
	tap connected to water container	Sheila	20
	Mirror	Sheila	20
	Toilet roll holder	Sheila	10
	Shelf with supports	Sheila	20
	First Aid box Large on wall and small transportable	BSM	40
	Spare toilet rolls and tissues/soap etc	Avanti/Booking.com	30
	Tool Store fitted with		
	Rack to store mobile exhibition	BSM	40
	Tool hanging racks	Sheila	10
	Shelves	BSM/Sheila	20
	Hospitality area fitted with		
	room divider, and frontage with door	BSM	140
	built in bench	BSM	25
	Built in cupboard with work top	Sheila	25
	vinyl flooring		125
	Bike rack and gravel area	BSM	1,000
Literature	Good Bee Book 1 copy	BSM	6

		BSM Leaflets	BSM	50
Seeds		Seed left over from last year, spring mix and field mix		12
		sand for mixing	Robin	12
		GROSS NON-MONETARY ASSETS		13,908
Debtors				0
Creditors				0
		NET NON-MONETARY ASSETS		13,908

THE BEE SANCTUARY MOVEMENT

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Opening Remarks

The Second year of our Charity has consolidated our progress, and raised our profile. The Highfield Management Plan (written by Lancashire Wildlife Trust) is now published and acknowledges the Bee Sanctuary as a significant community endeavour rich in wildflowers, and an educational and research centre for developing Biodiversity. We were also recognised for our work by the Royal Horticultural Society, winning ‘Outstanding’ in our category.

We are seeing an increase in the involvement of volunteers, not only involved in practical work but also prepared to work with Manchester Ecology Unit and ourselves to record wildlife. We have specialist recorders in Birds, Bugs, Bees, and other pollinators, Amphibians, and Fungi. The Volunteer Centre is now a reality being delivered on 23rd March 2022. The Volunteer Centre will enable many more volunteers to become involved, not only volunteering as “Wildlife Gardeners” on the Bee Sanctuary, but across the Highfield Nature Reserve and local area. Indeed fresh groups are springing into life independently in our local area, and the existing sister projects, Bluebell Green on Chapel St Park and Bluebell Pond are going from strength to strength, so we feel that we are part of a community head of steam, leading the way to a greater Movement to restore Nature in our area. Robin has contributed massively to this outreach, and we have an excellent working relationship with MCC officers, and work closely with them, supporting local projects and initiatives.

Again COVID has determined that we have not been able to organise many community events, but we did manage one for families with younger children(‘Trick or Treat’). There is active interest to become involved from local Scouts groups, forest schools and schools, and working with young people is an area where we want to expand.

We have continued to invest in the Bee Sanctuary, with a fund dedicated to buying wildflower seed for 2021, and we have obtained funding for 2022 from the NIF Fund, for more wildflower seed. The ponds are being renovated with better liner material and more defence against vandalism. Our main task moving forward is to manage the wildflower areas so that they will continue to thrive.

Bee Sanctuary Movement Second Year Report
Chair Report
Nicole Henry - Trustee

My Year as Chair

The last year has been a busy one for the group. We began with a rocky start coming out of lockdown and having to stop our progressions for numerous months. Starting to get the ball rolling again with activities and volunteering sessions took a little while, but once the general public got back to the 'new normal' after the covid19 pandemic, we slowly headed back in the right direction. There were a couple of rushes to get back on top of things so we didn't fall too far behind, but as a group I have to say, everyone has done extremely well to keep the momentum going and keep the positivity flowing. We gained a new Trustee and Vice Chair, Helen Troupe, who has been an amazing addition to the group. Prior to this she was already an excellent volunteer, and has worked hard to support the group's progressions.

This year as chair, I have been much more in the background since last year, Sheila and Robin have managed to continue leading volunteer sessions twice weekly and outreaching to groups and like minded others in the area. I have been keeping on top of all important documents ensuring the correct documents, policies and infrastructure is in place so as a group we can achieve all that we strive for throughout the year.

Meetings Minutes and Agendas

From a couple on months into this year, Brian offered to take over being the person to complete agendas and minutes of meetings as I was worried I would not be able to keep up to date with these since having to take so much time off work due to the pandemic, I had a lot to catch up and my outside work was extremely busy, so I was concerned it may affect the amount of spare time I could spend on the Bee |Sanctuary for a while. Copies of minutes and agendas are kept in both mine and Brian Shared Bee Sanctuary Folders.

Policies and important documents

This year Helen, our new Trustee and Vice Chair offered to take on the role of checking and updating our policies. I have updated the monthly general risk assessment, and this is done at the beginning of each month. Alongside others that may be needed e.g. Container Risk Assessment. Sheila created a Childrens and Young Families risk assessment with which I also made edits too.

Insurance documents have been renewed with all details and price being the same as last year which includes our Sheds and Tools style insurance.

DBS Checks have been completed by myself, everyone is up to date apart from Robin, who I think has some computer issues. Brian has a standard DBS check, whilst both me, Helen and Sheila all have enhanced versions, this is so we are able to hold sessions with young people.

I keep folders of all important documents for all Trustees, all folders are up to date with copies of relevant documents, such as copies of passports and proof of addresses, signed Trustee documents etc. Brian the treasurer keeps copies of my documents instead of me keeping a copy of my own.

Funding and Finances

The accounts are still managed by our Treasurer Brian, since the beginning he has continued with good management of our accounts. He is currently in the process of switching our bank account over.

I set up the Paypal account, which now both Brian and Sheila both have access to. This is mainly for the website and to enable us to receive digital donations.

Much of our funding this year had been sourced via Sheila, she had taken much time to research and apply to different funding pots that are available to support our goals.

I have been researching ways to get more funding more consistently using online platforms and working out which may be suitable for a group like ours.

Activities and Volunteering on The Bee Sanctuary

Near the beginning of this year, we decided it would be nice to create a railing exhibition. This would consist of images on progress so far, history, and educational info on species. Sheila did the hard work of putting it together and creating all of the slides. I got the slides printed, and cut out the images and foam board and mounted these ready for Sheila and Brian to finish and fix to the railings for the grand reveal!

A while back, as trustees we decided it would be a fab idea to have a day where we can all work on the park together as well as invite other volunteers to join the sessions. We decided that a great day for all of us would be a Sunday session. We all try to attend each Sunday, weather dependent, I have had to miss a couple of sessions due to other work commitments. Sheila, Robin and Brian have also been there for most Sunday sessions and Helen has attended where possible too.

During some of these Sunday volunteer sessions, I have cleaned up the woodside side back entrance of the Bee Sanctuary, cleared a large area of bramble patch and created a dedge hedge and edged the existing muddy pathway. I also tidied up the fallen tree and used some of it to create a barrier deterrent next to one of the ponds.

I also started to create a new path just off the back path, I cleared the bramble and topped up the existing dead hedge nearby. I have started to shift logs for pathway edging and Maeve helped with woodchip. In this area I also cut back new bramble shoots in existing pathways and areas that will or have been planted.

During the first few sessions of 2022 coming into the new year, we tidied up the main and mainly solid path, cutting back the bramble and overgrowth, and created a dead hedge corridor.

This year the container has finally arrived! With help from the successful bids from ARIS and PIP, we managed to get a great container/storage and base. Sheila took over my research for a suitable supplier and came up with a great plan. This will be a huge support to the group and hopefully take the pressure off Sheila who has stored equipment and tools at her house since the beginning of the project. It also could mean that we could support larger scale sessions and 'or appeal to a broader variety of groups or volunteers as we would have a toilet and hand washing facilities.

RHS - Coming towards the end of 2021, we were entered into North West In Bloom, 'It's Your Neighbourhood' and not long after found out that we were awarded with 'Outstanding'. This was great news and it's great for us to be recognised with such an award.

I love being involved in various jobs and tasks on the ground at the Bee Sanctuary. The efforts and success on the ground is mainly due to Sheila, Robin and our incredible volunteers that attend the twice weekly sessions. We now have around 60 people in our WhatsApp group of volunteers.

Bluebell Green/Chapel Street Park

After last year's successful funding bid via ILoveMCR, the Shed arrived! They also now have a HUGE polytunnel and have started constructing the raised beds. The Friends of Chapel street that run Bluebell Green are now a fully independent group that we have a good relationship with.

The Friends of Highfield

After last year's pleasant invitation to be a committee member. Since then, unfortunately, progression of a positive and progressive relationship with the group did not go to plan. Communication is only now to do with gaining the management plan and plans related to the successful funding bid. E.g. Eco walks, New steering group etc.

Events

For the most part of the year, events were restricted which prevented us from planning anything on a large scale. When it was next possible, we decided it would be nice to hold an Appreciation event for our volunteers as our next event, this will happen on August 20th 2022.

Security & Safety

Both Sheila and I completed First Aid for Appointed Persons courses back in March 2021 via the Red Cross, going forwards it may be wise to suggest a few others attended a similar course.

We are continuing to find ways to make our work onsite strong and vandal proof wherever possible. We also continue to follow our data protection and confidential information policies. We also have Public Liability and Sheds & Equipment Insurance with the RHS, which renewed in February 2022 for 12 months.

Future Plans

1. Continue raising the profile of the Bee Sanctuary, making both residents and visitors aware of our fantastic wildlife resource in the centre of Levenshulme and ways that they can help.
 2. Exploring the ways of reaching out and educating other bodies in the local area
 3. Continue to enhance our research, our educational session's outputs and inspirations.
 4. Encouraging Donations from people or businesses locally, who are maybe not able to be active but do wish to support our aims.
 5. Ensuring the long term effects of what we do on our Bee Sanctuary, in regards to sustainability, maintaining spaces and safety of volunteers and park users.
 6. Enhance and encourage more recordings of wildlife and findings so we are able to accurately analyse our findings as more time goes by, we can record our progress year on year.
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Bee Sanctuary Movement Second Year Report
Vice Chair Report
Helen Troup - Trustee

Introduction

I live about 5 minutes' walk to the Bee Sanctuary. For several years I have walked onto Highfield to walk my dog and always thought of it as a great open outdoor space but due to working full time I never had the time to do any volunteering, the COVID struck and I was furloughed so I started to volunteer at the Bee Sanctuary. I have always been drawn to nature and being outside. Volunteering on Highfield was a natural thing for me to do, and a great opportunity to get involved with the local community in a way that was enhancing nature and the local community.

It turned out that the other volunteers are a great bunch of people, their enthusiasm is infectious and before long I was fully immersed in chopping back huge spikey bramble bushes to reveal trees that had been hidden and smothered by them. It was a great feeling to know that you had uncovered an oak tree, silver birch, cleared a pathway and made a pond. The difference that working together has created is magnificent. There are more and more people discovering the Bee Sanctuary and the park beyond. New life and light has been breathed into the area, I am proud to be able to say that I have helped to develop the site.

I have found that getting involved and volunteering with a great bunch of people has really helped me over the last couple of years. I have gone through some personal changes and being part of a community group has given me a purpose.

I was asked by one of the trustees to get more involved in the Sanctuary by becoming the Vice Chair. I accepted this role happily and have been able to help and support others if and when needed.

I am looking forward to seeing the Sanctuary develop and evolve. I personally am looking forward to learning more about nature, sustainability and wildlife, and hope to encourage others to be part of the local community by contributing and helping on the Bee Sanctuary.

Bee Sanctuary Movement Second Year Report

Treasurer's Report

Brian McGill - Trustee

It's nearly Christmas, and I've found a quiet moment, so I thought I would use it to dip my quill in ink, and write out the first instalment of my report for the financial year running to 5th April 2022.

Just recently I am pleased to say we received a generous donation of £2000 from Fitch Ratings. This has allowed us to pay a 50% deposit for the converted container we will be using as a base at the vehicle entrance to Highfield Park.

We are currently a bit low on funds, due to the £3 930 deposit we put on the container. Hopefully, this will be sorted out mid January, when we receive the Parks in Partnership grant we applied for.

Also worth a mention is the help we receive from the Charity Aid Foundation, who after having been supplied our bank details, have regularly made donations of ten to twenty pounds each month.

This year I have instructed my fellow trustees to write their reports using google docs, and paste them into an outline of the combined reports I have created in my shared google directory. Hopefully this will result in a more uniform combined report than we created last year.

I have been continuing to learn Wordpress over the last year, and I have successfully transferred the Park Fence Exhibition created by Sheila onto the website. Hopefully we can get a few more people to visit and link to the website, so that it appears at the top of the results when people search for 'Bee Sanctuary Movement' with Google.

I have also maintained regular back-ups of the website database, and kept plug-ins and the website theme current with the latest software updates.

Pam Wright: Our web developer has continued to help me with the website, and I thank her warmly for her contributions.

I was very pleasantly surprised when Nicole came to my house yesterday bearing gifts, and a charming letter thanking me for my contribution to the project. She had put a lot of thought into the presentation of the letter, and I was moved by her generosity. I have to admit though, that it is Sheila who has put in the most hours at the Sanctuary, and is the most responsible for its success.

I successfully handed over control of the Chapel Street Park accounts to the Friends group that Sheila helped to create. I continued to provide help and advice in the role of Assistant Treasurer to Lizzie Meade, who

took over as Treasurer. I ended my role towards the end of the year after providing advice on how to produce final accounts.

I have taken on the role of banker to a group of Cringle Road residents, who wish to improve their alleyway with lots of greenery. Sheila introduced me to Emma, who will be doing the buying and organising of volunteers.

Sheila has also made plans to create a new group called Highfield Local Nature Reserve Conservation Volunteers. This new group will oversee all volunteering in the Park. I will be acting as Treasurer and Webmaster for this new organisation

The 106 money from the developers will be spent by a steering group with representatives from all of the stakeholder groups working in the park. Sheila has been busy seeing that things will be done according to plan.

I have continued my volunteering at the hospital, playing chess online, and listening to Radio 3. I am currently reading the complete works of Robert E. Howard, and trying to use my spare time effectively.

Brian McGill

Treasurer

22nd December 2021

Okay, a quick update on what has been happening over the last couple of months

I have been acting as banker for Cringle Road Residents, who hope to transform their alleyway with greenery. Unfortunately the grant that was earmarked for this project was transferred to Acorn Allotments rather than the Bee Sanctuary. Acorn was originally acting as banker for the Bee Sanctuary before we had our own bank account, and it seems that the accounts department at the council had not removed their bank details from our records.

This unfortunate circumstance was compounded by the fact that the treasurer at Acorn died on New Year's Day, leaving her accounting records in paper format. I rose to the occasion and proposed myself as acting treasurer, until they could find a permanent replacement. Acorn still has not decided whether they would take up this offer.

As I am writing we still have not received the parks in partnership funding, we were promised. We have decided to pay for the deposit for the container anyway, and hope this will be sorted out soon.

We are also still waiting for the Aviva funding, which will also be spent on refurbishing the container.

I personally decided that after gaining the experience I have at the Bee Sanctuary, it was time I started actively searching for employment. My job search started out by handing out CVs to businesses up and down the

high street in Levenshulme. I gained an interview with an estate agent as a result, but unfortunately was not successful.

More recently I updated my CV on the Indeed Job Website, and started applying for clerical assistant roles. This also resulted in an interview with a security company based in Manchester Science Park. I have yet to hear from them, as of the time of writing.

I have also applied for some new voluntary roles. I will now soon be serving food at the Inspire project in Levenshulme, every Monday. I have also expressed an interest in acting as assistant bookkeeper at the Unitarian Chapel in Manchester. This will be very useful, as I will be learning to use Quickbooks to add to my Sage and GnuCash experience.

Brian McGill
Treasurer
11th February 2022

Okay, the financial year is over, and it is time to add the final closing words to my report. We have eventually received the £7000 parks in partnership money for the container. We also received the £1454 Cringle Road money from the acorn allotments. They declined my offer to act as interim treasurer.

We also received a £500 NIF grant from the council which was mostly spent on wildflower seed.

After the Cringle Road Residents' money was deducted, we ended the year with £3,151 left in monetary assets.

As you can see on the Receipts and Payments Account, the majority of our expenses were for the container, composting toilet, and steel shed. Most of our income came from £7,500 in council grants, and the £2000 donation from Fitch Ratings.

We decided to account for the toilet and fittings for the container, in a separate restricted account, which we hope to raise funds for in the future.

We are still waiting for the funds from Aviva.

Brian McGill
Treasurer
8th April 2022

Bee Sanctuary Movement Second Year Report

Coordinators Report

Sheila Standard - Trustee

Coordinator

This year has seen the consolidation of our wildlife gardening on the Bee Sanctuary, producing a diversity and abundance of wild flowers and associated pollinators. Our work was endorsed by a leading ecologist; Mark Champion of Lancashire Wildlife Trust, and also RHS North West in Bloom. We have reached out, thanks in large part to Robin, and our success in growing wildflowers, and creating diverse habitats has brought wildlife and enhanced biodiversity to our wider local area. We have also consolidated our organising, and now have a physical Volunteer Base (converted 20' steel container,) thanks to our partnership with MCC. We remain 100 percent volunteer powered organisation, and we now have volunteer specialist observers for different wildlife as well as bees, so watch this space for the bioblitz of 2022.

Social Media and Non virtual Communication

- Facebook following (310) Great for blogging. A source of volunteers through messenger.
- Articles for Heaton's Post, also links from Website
- The website updated regularly, but still could do more. Brian is the web master, but we are all able to update.
- Park Fence Exhibition. Excellent for engaging local residents and visitors to the park. Could be better positioned. Other information signs on the Bee Sanctuary have been created by Robin.

Volunteers

- WhatsApp *Bee Sanctuary Volunteers*, a large group of people (61) but a smaller proportion end up coming out to volunteer 48, not all on the Whatsapp group. Also used for nature observations which is becoming increasingly important. We are well placed for the Bioblitz needed to raise the profile of Highfield.
- Need to formalise the recording of volunteer hours in the future. Volunteer hours summary (upto April 2021), shows that we completed 892 volunteer hours which is an understatement of actual hours as many went unrecorded.

- Reorganised in the New Year into two sessions, Sundays and Tuesdays. Working well. Encouraged other Trustees to come out on Sundays so we can work with each other outside of meetings.

Land Owners(MCC) and other network connections

- Good coordination with MCC Parks Team Leader, Catherine Hall(now left), new Park Ranger Monika Sayed, and involved with “Parks In Partnership” with the project to develop a Volunteer Centre (Ed Flaherty, and Robert Gorvette). Robin has a good working link with Jo Fraser(River Valley Lead), and we will be working with Dave Barlow (Biodiversity Officer) on wild flower meadows.
- We are now part of a forming ‘Steering Group’ (led by Monika) to role out the Highfields LNR Management Plan. We are setting up a new Charity to role out the plan.... ‘Highfield LNR Conservation Volunteers’.
- Have formed a close working partnership with the new MCC Local Neighbourhoods officer Mark O’Pray, working on new initiatives to form *Bee Sanctuaries* elsewhere in Levenshulme(eg Secret Garden, Cringle Rd residents, A6) Robin is working further afield with additional networking and coordination. (see his report for details.)
- In Our Nature,(Lisa Linguard). Decided to collaborate rather than sign onto their course. Watch this space.
- Have communicated with Stockport MBC re Cycleway on Nelstrop Rd North, and worked closely with Friends of Fallowfield Loop. Succeeded in persuading Stockport MBC to do a Bat Survey, and get the best lighting for the cycleway (we were opposed initially to lighting at all).
- Friends of Chapel Street Park is thriving, and the *We Love Mcr Grant* enabled us to buy compost, timber, and a high security steel shed for their project. We work with them sharing tools, and mowing.
- Milford Drive Residents. Coordinated the Trick or Treat event together, which was very successful.
- Litter Pickers/ Groups. Robin has a strong lead with this, but we have both supported and linked with individuals and initiatives through Facebook. (see Robins Report)
- Lancashire Wildlife Trust. They were commissioned to create the Management Plan (Hilary Wood, and Mark Champion). Work closely with them to research and study the site. Also provide materials for their social media (Ellen Sherlock)
- Community Police - Janet and Gary. We communicate well about issues including motor bikes and drug dealing.

- Success in objecting to the entire consumption of the green space at the bottom of Cringle Rd, and felling of mature trees. Coordinating with Cringle Rd Residents.
- RHS Mel Kirby entered us for the North West In Bloom, 'It's Your Neighbourhood'

We gained *Outstanding!*

Organiser

Volunteering in the Bee Sanctuary.

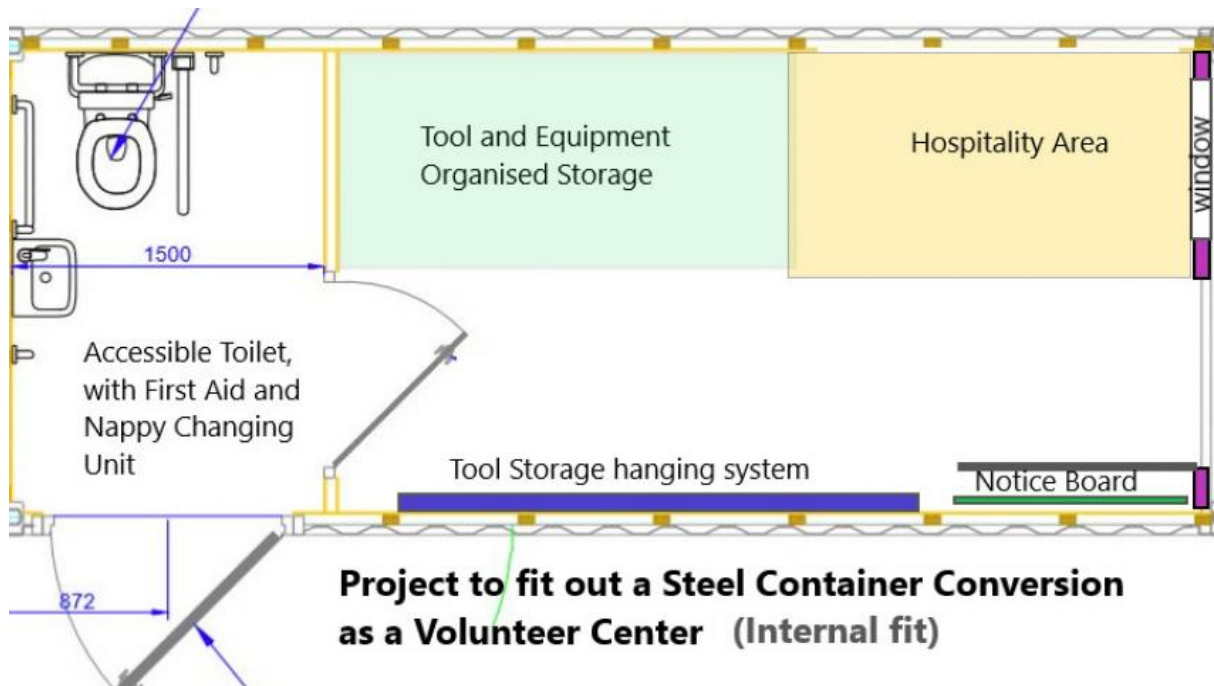
Volunteering was prohibited from Jan 15th 2021 and could not be organised in a larger team until the end of March. During this period we created the *Park Fence exhibition*, to raise the profile and education about the Bee Sanctuary. The ban on volunteering did damage our team of active volunteers, and it has been further affected by the end of lock down, and people's lives getting back to the new 'normal'. However there is a steady trickle of new volunteers, and several steadfast volunteers who joined after the lockdown. The *Bee Sanctuary* itself attracts the interest of people to volunteer, as well as our signs, blogs, and social media presence. I do the majority of the organising to develop and maintain the Bee Sanctuary itself, naming myself as *Chief Gardener*. We are limited by the reality that there is no toilet, toolstore, or welfare facility for volunteers, and we are in the process of remedying this. Through the funding raised from ARIS in 2020 plus funding from the Parks in Partnership fund, we have prepared a foundation and purchased a customised 20' steel unit, which we need to fit out as our new Volunteer Centre. Watch this space for the coming year. Despite the lack of facilities we do have a group of committed volunteers, and we have managed to attract our first team of Workplace volunteers from 'Fitch' in November 2021.

From the end of November I paused the regular sessions to re-evaluate, and plan for Year 3..... End of January, we are up and running with two regular volunteer sessions a week, which is working well, especially at getting the Trustees on board.

Volunteer Centre

This project is a partnership between MCC Parks in Partnership, and ourselves. It will be open to other user groups, and will expand the facilities for volunteers, and make it possible for more groups to get involved. Groups using the Centre will not be restricted to BSM volunteers but will be a general facility for the whole park. We have yet to raise the funds for the internal fit out, although we have bought the toilet already. We would like to have a mural on the front, a green roof and water collection for supplying washing water. In

the front we would like to install a bike park, accessible picnic bench, as well as recycling bins, and an accessible entrance to the park. Our aspirations need funding.



Project work

The Bee Sanctuary Highfield -

2021 Spring -preparing the new Sumner meadows, and the woodland edge for sowing a wildflower:low maintenance grass seed mix 1:5. First meadow was sown in March by Helen and me, Second meadow was sown in May, with more volunteers taking part. Different meadow mixes for the two meadows, and woodland mix for the woodland edge. Mending and tidying up the paths. Mending the liner of Robin pond. Doesn't work! Regular maintenance to keep the bramble, dock, cleaver, mustard, garlic and other dominant species in check. The bulbs and spring flowers like Lesser celandine make a splendid show.

Summer- great team development. Weeding of rapidly growing weeds a priority, heroic efforts made. Sumner Meadows and the rest come into flower. Quite glorious! Ponds to be renovated with a more expensive liner. Mike digs out Robin pond to make it longer and slightly deeper. Helen and I plus others fill one end with river gravel and sand which will make a reed bed eventually. This goes on top of many layers; smoothed bottom surface, blanket, rubber liner, blanket, old liner). On the rest we add a layer of clay, and treat it with Alum to remove the cloudiness. Robin Marcus and Autumn make a splendid Bee Hotel, and work on the raised beds. Robin renews the educational signage across the Bee Sanctuary.

Mark and Hilary LWT visit at the beginning of July, and give good advice. (see report of their walks from Liz Standard Appendix 1). July 22nd we have the Assessors visit from RHS, and show them all of the Bee Sanctuary.

We encourage other groups and individuals to harvest the Yellow rattle seed. In August we start to mow and rake the areas for sowing Yellow Rattle which we buy in.

Autumn - Robin Pond is filling with water, and we start the renovation of Swallow pond which has also been vandalised. Robin organises re chipping of the paths, and begins to dig Swallow Pond deeper on the advice of the ecologist

Mowing and scything continues to remove organic material so that the soil does not become too rich. Fitch Team remove the White Poplar suckers and bramble from the side of the gravel path. Clearing/mowing raking. This will continue until December.

Winter- Cutting back the brush back where it is growing over where the gravel path. Renewing the wood chippings. Clearing continues. Break taken in December. Restart on Jan 11th.

March update:- have successfully applied for £500 to buy wildflower seed to sow on the areas we have cleared, which include the wide corridor along the gravel path and a new area in the brambles where they collapsed last year. Mid March we stopped clearing bramble patch, (bird nesting season), but are weeding out bramble from the wooded bank and other areas we cleared in previous years. Robin has sourced local wild flower seed, and is organising the sowing regime.

Spring- mowing clearing raking and sowing in March.

Recording Wildlife

Other Projects

- **Bluebell Pond and Bluebell Green** - These projects are now operating independently. Bluebell Green(Chapel St. Park) is looking spectacular, with successful vegetable and flower growing in raised beds, wild flowers, an orchard and edible hedge planted, and many community activities for all ages. Bluebell pond was looked at by the ecologist who suggested that some of the draining issues be looked at, but it has been massively improved and is very popular as a go to place.
- **Cringle Residents** Again, an independent project led by Emma which we are supporting with the bank account
- **Pink Bank Wood** - An initiative of Robins (see his report).
- **Secret Garden** - an initiative of Mark O'Pray(MCC neighbourhood officer), which allows us to share tools, labour and experience to assist other projects off the ground.
- **Highfields Management Plan** - Although the partnership with *Friends of Highfield Country Park* was strained, we have managed to bring about a Management Plan that seeks to maximise the biodiversity of the Nature Reserve. Robin worked very hard with LWT, both in leading the field work, and further research. I contributed research as well.
- **Volunteer Centre** - we optimistically made the base in May 2021, from compacted gravel on top of an old roadway. We applied for additional funding to add onto the ARIS fund from MCC Parks in Partnership in May 2021. However, we did not hear from them until November, and received

the money in January 2022. Because of rising costs it will require additional fundraising to fit it out.
Funding of £? From Aviva Community Fund will be applied for

Website

Keeping it up to date is helped by the brilliant notes on how to edit left by Pam, who is still there to assist from afar. Brian is the web master and is skilled at editing. He has linked our Facebook blog.

Funding

- Parks in Partnership (£7000) to buy and renovate a container for the Volunteer Centre
- Aviva Community Fund?
- Donation from Fitch £2000
- Individual donations
- NIF grant £500 for wild flower seed

Events

- Trick or Treat. October 30th

Bee Sanctuary Movement Second Year Report

Outreach Report

Robin Wright - Trustee

Outreach

My role as the Outreach person for the BSM has rapidly expanded this year, and it is raising our profile with other local stakeholders in restoring Nature and improving the environment, as well as gaining new friends and colleagues. I continue to work alongside Sheila and the other Trustees on the Bee Sanctuary, but I also provide practical support, eg. litter picking, building Bee and Bug hotels, assisting new projects to get going, covering for illness 'Volunteer leading' for other groups, and practical support to our Bee Observer for Manchester, and now our new Park Ranger Monika Sayed. I have been very active on Facebook which I use as my main communication tool posting on our BSM facebook page and also litter picking sites, Debdale Nature Centre, Highfield and a group I initiated for Pink Bank Woods.

I have built good relations with MCC officers, and they invite me to support them and take part in events. I have led strategic walks round Highfield, two days last summer with Mark Champion from Lancashire Wildlife Trust, preparing the Management Plan for Highfield, one this March with council officers and a local councillor to inform the Steering Group for Highfield, and another with Stuart Fraser from the Great Manchester Ecology Unit. We aim to bring the importance of the ecology of Highfield to regional and national attention by organising our wildlife observation data, to be added to the database for Greater Manchester. In 5 years time I hope that our Local Nature Reserve will be recognised as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Not bad for old pig farms and toxic landfill!

In addition I was able to share my research on local waterways, and history of Highfield contributing to the long term development of this area for Nature. This has proved useful in drawing up new plans and strategies both for Highfield, and for flood mitigation. I am stepping into a new role of Chair for the new charity we are forming called "Highfield Local Nature Reserve Conservation Volunteers". This new organisation will provide insurance, training, and resources to support Conservation Volunteers on Highfield, guided by the new Highfield Park Plan (written by Lancashire Wildlife Trust, and being further developed by the new Steering Group). I will retain my position as Trustee for the Bee Sanctuary Movement. We draw a distinction between the volunteer work on the Bee Sanctuary, which is intensive and experimental

(Wildlife Gardening), and the volunteer conservation work on the Highfield LNR, which is guided by the Park Plan.

Social Media and Non virtual Communication

- Facebook contribute to BSM Group, Debdale Nature Centre, Litter picker Groups, also set up facebook group for Pink Bank Woods
- Signage Redesigned educational signs and Volunteer Sign
- Networking and attendance of meetings including ‘Friends of Debdale, and ‘Friends of Knutsford Vale’, Friends of Highfield. Steering Group. Attendance at events building Bee hotels and representing the BSM.

Volunteering and Leading initiatives in our local area

- Summer. Led the Walk round by LWT and interested parties in July, liaised with FOH re Highfield Biodiversity Management Plan. Made links with Debdale Nature Centre, took our travelling show of building Bee hotels to their event plus other outreach.
- Autumn. Kept Debdale Nature Centre going whilst Chis and Vicki Kennedy were dealing with Covid, ensuring that 1000s of bulbs were planted and 140 trees heeled in in the Autumn and Winter. Have now taken a regular Volunteer leader spot. Regular workshops building Bee and Bug hotels, becoming a go to person for this.
- Spring covered Sheila with the volunteer sessions on Bee Sanctuary when she was off with Covid. Located a local Wild flower Grower, and organising the buying and sowing of seed.
- Other

Leading on litter picking in local environments, including Secret Lake, and Pink Bank woods, and acting as Admin for Longsight & Levenshulme. Litter Pickers facebook group.

Leading a brand new project Pink Bank Woods, clearing the litter by organising regular litter picks, also planting bulbs, and working with the Friends of Nutsford Vale, and Longsight Neighbourhood officer and councillors, to generate interest in a long-neglected green oasis between Longsight and Gorton.

Working with the Neighbourhood Officer Mark O’Pray and Sheila on a new project “The Secret Garden”, to encourage local residents to bring back a wonderful lost garden to life again in a

deprived area on the Levenshulme/Longsight border. Supporting the initiatives of local volunteers e.g. Pigeon Park.

With Sheila setting up a new organisation to lead volunteers on Highfield. "Highfield Local Nature Reserve Conservation Volunteers.

Continue to support Karen with the Research Garden, which has yielded some significant observations. (See Karen's Report)

Land Owners(MCC) and other network connections

- Good coordination with MCC Parks Team, particularly, Monika Sayed, our new Park Ranger.
- Building good links with local Councillors through outreach and litter-picking activity.
- Good Links with Jo Fraser (River Valley Lead), particularly because of my independent research on Brooks flowing through this area.
- Links with Greater Manchester Ecology Unit, organising a training course on recording wildlife for addition to their records, planning a BioBlitz for this Summer, and also gaining more interest in Highfield.
- Have formed a close working partnership with the new MCC Local Neighbourhoods officer for Levenshulme Mark O'Pray, and also....working on new initiatives to form Bee Sanctuaries elsewhere in Levenshulme
- Lancashire Wildlife Trust. Provided the guided walks and also research
- Work with Sheila to develop volunteering on the Bee Sanctuary
- Working with other community groups to provide support, leadership, and education representing the Bee Sanctuary Movement (see details below)

Practical work on various projects

1. Bee Sanctuary

- Raised beds, growing and planting. Added one new one this year.
- Bee Hotel with accommodation for larger and smaller bees and bugs - planning more
- Leading volunteers, particularly the Fitch Group, path laying.

- Working with Sheila and other Trustees and volunteers on development of the Bee Sanctuary.
- Working with Kelly and Mike to develop the funghi “farm” making use of spore filled waste from an actual farm to seed woodchip and logs. This technology (using Native Funghi) can clean up the woodland floor and make it possible to develop the understory of our woodland area far more quickly>

2. Debdale Nature Centre

- Leading the volunteering on alternate Saturdays
- Building Bee Hotel
- Covered for illness of the main volunteers, organised the planting of 3000 bulbs and 140 trees whips
- Developing their herb gardens etc.

3. Research Garden - continued maintenance, and working with Karen McCartney to look at new areas.

4. Pink Bank Woods - gathered a good team of litter pickers, and developing the biodiversity working with Jo Fraser and other stakeholders.



Bee Sanctuary Movement Second Year Report
Bird Species Report 2022
Jackie Vigilanti - Volunteer

Briefing report on bird species present at Highfield Country Park

Report data was taken from [eBird - Discover a new world of birding...](#) Records for Highfield only began in 2018.

Total number of bird species reported

55 species have been recorded at Highfield (two of which are single, unconfirmed sightings).

List of birds recorded

Canada goose (flyover)*

Mallard

Rock Pigeon/Feral pigeon

Common Wood-Pigeon

Eurasian Collard-Dove

Common Swift

Eurasian Moorhen

Eurasian Coot

Black-Headed Gull

Common Gull

Herring Gull

Lesser Black-backed Gull

Great Black-backed Gull

Great Cormorant (flyover)

Grey Heron
Eurasian Sparrowhawk
Common Buzzard
Great Spotted Woodpecker
Rose-ringed Parakeet
Eurasian Jay
Eurasian Magpie
Eurasian Jackdaw
Carrion Crow
Coal Tit
Eurasian Blue Tit
Great Tit
Barn Swallow
Common House-Martin
Willow Warbler
Common Chiffchaff
Long-tailed Tit
Eurasian Blackcap
Garden Warbler (unconfirmed)
Greater Whitethroat
Goldcrest
Common Firecrest (unconfirmed)
Eurasian Nuthatch
Eurasian Treecreeper
Eurasian Wren
European Starling

Mistle Thrush

Song Thrush

Redwing

Eurasian Blackbird

European Robin

Dunnock

House Sparrow

Grey Wagtail

Pied Wagtail

Common Chaffinch

Eurasian Bullfinch

European Greenfinch

Lesser Redpoll

European Goldfinch

Eurasian Siskin

*Some species are reported under a breeding code of 'Flyover' which means they were observed but the bird(s) did not interact with the habitat and most likely does not breed in it. Additionally, not all the birds reported necessarily breed in the park due to preferred habitat for nesting sites e.g. swifts, swallows, and martins. In these cases, the birds may be using the habitat in other ways e.g. feeding.

Observations and frequency

Data is from January 2018 – December 2021. Full data can be found here: [Bar Charts - eBird](#)

Birds of Conservation Concern – The Red List

The latest update on the BTO's Birds of Conservation Concern was published in December 2021. The report can be read here: [Birds of Conservation Concern | BTO - British Trust for Ornithology](#)

Of the 70 birds on the red list, 8 have been recorded in Highfield:

Species	High count*
Common Swift	7
Herring Gull	4
Common House-Martin	4
European Starling	16
Mistle Thrush	2
House Sparrow	45
Eurasian Greenfinch	17
Lesser Redpoll	6

*High count is the total number of individuals seen at a single time.

Of the 103 birds on the amber list, 13 have been recorded in Highfield:

Species	High count
Mallard	4
Common Wood pigeon	59
Eurasian Moorhen	5
Black-headed Gull	36
Common Gull	2
Sparrowhawk	2
Willow Warbler	8
Common Whitethroat	1
Eurasian Wren	19
Song Thrush	10

Redwing	22
Dunnock	7
Grey Wagtail	2
Eurasian Bullfinch	17

Habitat

Highfield is comprised of mainly scrub (including hawthorn and bramble) and young woodland with areas of wet woodland and grassland. These are very important habitats to a number of bird species and is evidenced in those species that nest in the park

Scrub and bramble:

This is by far the most abundant habitat in the park. Those birds that nest in scrub such as hawthorn, and particularly bramble include pigeons, tits, warblers, long-tailed tits, wrens, thrushes, robins, and finches. It is important to be aware of how much bramble and scrub is removed as part of management since this will affect the numbers of birds able to nest. These birds begin establishing territories from March, and robins earlier.

Woodland:

Those birds that nest in woodland (conifer or broadleaf) include raptors, woodpeckers, corvids, and goldcrests. It is worth noting that there are a pair of Great Spotted Woodpeckers in the park. They nest in rotting, soft wood such as alder, willow, white poplar, and birch. Standing dead wood should be left in place.

Willow Tit and Lesser Spotted Woodpecker (not yet recorded in Highfield and on the red list) also prefer wet broadleaf habitat and nest in rotting alder, willow, poplar, and birch. Highfield could therefore be a potential site for both these species and should be managed to ensure that this habitat is retained.

Grassland:

Birds that nest on or near the ground include Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler and Common Whitethroat (also nests in brambles and nettles), of which the latter two are on the amber list. Issues that affect these birds is the presence of dogs off lead and mowing. Mowing should be done after the breeding season has finished (mid-August) and before territories are established (March).

Highlight species

Sparrowhawk

A pair of sparrowhawks has been observed in Highfield, and there is evidence that they nest in the park. This is an indication that there is plenty of prey. Sparrowhawks exhibit niche separation with the females being larger and able to prey on pigeons and thrushes, while males prey on tits, sparrows, and finches. As apex predators, they maintain a healthy ecosystem.

Willow Tit

Willow Tit numbers have fallen over the last three decades making it the second fastest declining breeding bird in the UK. In Greater Manchester, Willow Tit populations have declined from 300 pairs in 1984 to 120 pairs in 2016 with the population now confined to west in areas around Wigan, and sightings in Sale and Blackleach Country Park.

Willow Tits nest in wet woodlands and prefer young, soft wood such as willow, birch, elder, hawthorn, and white poplar. They excavate cavities in small, dead trees about 10-20 cm in diameter. Highfield contains wet woodland and is dominated by these tree species, so there is a chance the habitat is suitable for Willow Tit.

Study of Willow Tits by the Greater Manchester Records Centre suggests that they do not move far, but that they need corridors to travel. [SP12-Willow-Tit-Final-Report-BftB-Website.pdf \(naturebftb.co.uk\)](#)

Highfield is connected to other sites by the Fallowfield loop.

A report of a Willow Tit in Highfield was made on 6 Feb 2021 through the Manchester Birding Forum: [Fallowfield Loop - Manchester Birding Forum \(activeboard.com\)](#)

A Willow Tit survey will be performed between March and April of 2022 as part of the Greater Manchester Wetlands NIA Survey. Data will be sent to the Greater Manchester Records Centre.

Recommendations and future steps

Considered management of bramble

Many of the bird species observed in Highfield nest in scrub and bramble. It is recommended that only the minimum bramble is removed and done so in the winter before territories are established in March and the breeding season begins.

Swift boxes

With the approval to build houses along the south-east side of Highfield, one potential consideration would be to canvas for those houses to have swift bricks or boxes included. Swifts nest in holes and under eaves of buildings, but populations have declined by 53% between 1995 and 2016. One way to help is by providing nesting sites. This might be a positive way to address the undesired housing estate being built.

The Bee Sanctuary Movement reg. charity 1187263 Receipts and Payments Account 06-04-2021 to 05-04-2022					
	General Fund (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total (£)	Total from Last Year (£)	
Receipts					
Gifts	2,215	0	2,215	6,111	
Other Grants	0	0	0	3,494	
Council Grants	0	7,500	7,500	500	
Other	266	0	266	104	
Sales	0	0	0	50	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,481	7,500	9,981	10,258	
Payments					
Materials and Fixings	488	1,048	1,536	1,662	
Tools	81	31	112	1,097	
Seed	119	427	547	929	
Internet Services	0	0	0	250	
Insurance	190	0	190	190	
Plant Hire	0	169	169	170	
Bank Charges	22	0	22	0	
Container	0	7,860	7,860	0	
Composting Toilet	0	985	985	0	
Steel Shed	0	1,019	1,019	0	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	900	11,540	12,439	4,649	
NET RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS	1,582	-4,040	-2,458	5,609	
Cash Funds from Last Year End	2,217	3,392	5,609		
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	3,798	-647	3,151		

Bee Sanctuary Movement Second Year Report
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The Bee Sanctuary Movement reg.					
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Statement of				
Assets and				
Liabilities at				
05-04-202				
				5/4/2021
				(£)
	Monetary Assets			
	Current Asset Investments			0
	Cash at Bank and in Hand			
		Current Account - HSBC		3,132
		Cash		19
	Total Cash at Bank and in Hand			3,151
	TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS			3,151
	Represented by Funds			
	Unrestricted Funds			
		General Fund		3,798
	Restricted Funds			
		ARIS Project X0016		248
		Toilet and Fittings		-985
		VCSE NIF 4640600		89
	TOTAL FUNDS			3,151
	Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities			
	Tools			
		Large Ego Mower		499
		Chromebook		275
		Small Flymo Mower		175
		Multi-cutter Tool		75
		3 Mattocks		75
		Loppers		23
	Purchases			
		Good Bee Book		6
	Seed and Bulbs			

		Seed		120	
		Bulbs		0	
	TOTAL NON-MONETARY ASSETS			1,248	
		Debtors		0	
		Creditors		0	
	TOTAL NON-MONETARY ASSETS			1,248	

**Bee Sanctuary Movement Second Year Report
Statement of Thanks**

We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered so far, and the list is longer this year. In 2021-2022 the following people contributed volunteer hours to the Bee Sanctuary, Brian, Cheryl, Heather, Helen T, Helen

S, Jean, Karen, Laura, Edwina, Maeve, Nicole, Steph, Tim, Jass, Sheila, Robin, Jac, Anita, Leo, Tony, Rachel, Lizzie M, Lizzy, Monica, Tom, Prince, Vicky, Ruth, Ida, Ricky, Hannah Jacqui, Marcu, Autumn, Kath, Kelly.

We would like to thank the Trustees for their unique input. Karen McCartney for providing specialist knowledge and education about Wild Bees. Pam Wright who volunteered her professional skills to create our wonderful website, and continues to support Brian as webmaster. Leo Woodfelder (Tree Surgeon) for the logs and chippings that made our paths possible. MCC officers Mel Kirby (RHS Link), Catherine Hall, the Parks in Partnership team Ed Flaherty, and Rob and now our new Neighbourhood Officer Mark O'Pray, and new Park Ranger Monika Sayed. Councillors including Dzidra Noor for their support with NIF funding, and Parks in Partnership. We would also like to thank everyone who has donated money, special thanks to the friends and relatives of Bee for 'Bee's Wild Flower Fund', and to the Charity 'Gables End', for a major donation that enabled spending through our general fund. There were individual donations large and small, and this has been brilliant, because we have not been held back from projects such as pond building.

Finally thank you to our Funders MCC Neighbourhood Investment Fund, Parks in Partnership, and individual donations including £2000 from Fitch, who also came and volunteered.

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Opening comments

The first year of our Charity has been very successful. We decided that we would be frugal in our use of money, but not to stint on our investment in the Bee Sanctuary..... tools, tool hire, equipment, seeds, bulbs, sand gravel, pond liners etc. We have also helped to establish another project on Highfield Bluebell Pond, and on Chapel Street Park....The Bluebell Green growing project. We have made links with other groups and worked on other areas, including Pink Bank Woods and around the Secret Lake. Our education and research includes Bee Talk, educational signs, a Fence Exhibition, work with Lancashire Wildlife Trust, and a "Bee Research Garden". Finally it is worth mentioning that, we have entered into a partnership with MCC and FOHCP and Lancashire Wildlife Trust to develop a Management Plan for Highfield as a Local Nature Reserve, and increase its biodiversity.

We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered, clocking up over 3000 volunteer hours, to create the most blessed of Sanctuaries.... and the work goes on.

Abbie, Leo, Adam, Anita, Angel, Barbara, Brad, Brian, Cheryl, Liz, Emily, Bob, Fran, Heather, Helen T, Helen S, Jean, Julia, Karen, Laura, Ellie, Edwina, Maeve, Marcel, Mirsab, Nasir, Nicole, Nina, Nina's Friends, Olivia, Sonny, Mel, Steph, Tim, Jass, Sheila, Robin, Jac, Anita, Leo, Tony, Rachel, Lizzie M, Lizzy, Monica, Tom, Prince, Vicky, Ruth, Ida, Ricky, Hannah Jacqui, Edwina.....

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- Pam Wright who volunteered her professional skills to create our wonderful website
- Leo Woodfelder (Tree Surgeon) for the logs and chippings that made our paths possible.
- MCC officers Declan Kelly and Mel Kirby for ongoing support
- Noah from Buzz(NHS) for helping get Chapel Street Park project up and running

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All this, and a Park User Questionnaire during the Covid Pandemic.....



The Bee Sanctuary Movement,

Chairs Report 2021 - Nicole Henry.

My Year as Chair

Since my initial idea for this project a couple of years back, it has progressed from a relatively small-scale bee sanctuary project, to a now registered charity and active community volunteering group. My role as chair started when we decided to become an official organisation back in October 2019 when we had our first official meeting, which is where the journey to becoming a registered charity came in. After contacting MACC, and communicating with them, they advised me throughout the process of application. Throughout the year it has been my duty to make sure myself and my fellow trustees are acting responsibly and collectively working to our organisational goals. Although none of us could have imagined where our journey would take us, as a team we have thrived even with a year of a pandemic. Below are examples of some of my activities.

Charity commission and constitution

In October 2019, my soon to be fellow trustees started to discuss the different options we had to make our organisation official. It led us to deciding that becoming an official charity would be the most suitable option for our community organisation. We decided that becoming an CIO(foundation) would be the most suitable path for us. I worked on creating a constitution for our group. I was in contact with MACC during the application process, which was a great source. I completed necessary paperwork for the Charity Commission application and made sure my soon to be trustees were happy with everything prior to application too. After a couple of months deciding and working on the application, I submitted on 17th December 2019. We became successful with our application on 8th January 2020. Using the foundation model CIO means that decisions are made solely by the trustees, and as we are/were a small team just starting out, I think this has suited us well and enabled our productivity. For the future we have discussed the idea of allowing members and voting, which would be switching to the association model. This may be necessary if we continue to grow.

Meetings Minutes and Agendas

Since then, I have chaired meetings every month, now via Zoom due to Covid19 and not being able to meet together outside. However we have managed to miss only two, whilst we worked out how to do things digitally. I have created agendas and keep minutes of meetings, this was up until Brian kindly took over this role. All minutes are kept in a shared file on Google Docs.

Policies and important documents

In addition to our constitution, I have put in place a code of conduct for my fellow Trustees, Rules of constitution and a Conflict of Interest Policy. Throughout the year I have made sure that we have to correct documents and policies in place for our registered charity and volunteers. These include Expense Policies both Trustee and Volunteer, Confidential Information, Anti-harassment and Bullying, Whistleblowing and Equal Opportunities. Brian completed our Data Protection Policy and Privacy Statement, and is also our Webmaster, all of our policies are available on our website. DBS checks have been completed as well as other necessary requirements to ensure our organisation works smoothly and within the law.

Funding and Finances

Despite slight worry at the beginning due to being new, our finances throughout the year have stayed very strong.

During the year we have been successful with four different grants and funding pots, through NIF grants and others. I managed to make two successful bids for funding for our project, one via ARIS Fund, for a shipping container toilet and handwashing station. The other being an ILoveManchester Grant for The Bluebell Allotments.

We've been successful with generous donations too. I have also set up a PayPal account in order to receive donations online and via our website simply.

Sheila has also been active in pursuing bids and funding, which has been great.

The accounts are managed by our treasurer Brian, he worked hard at setting up our bank account when we first started, and since then has continued with good management of our accounts.

Logo and Website

I also worked to complete and create an educational website with Pam, our website designer, which will be a great tool for information, tips and up to date news and updates on our projects. I created the majority of the text and content on the website and have now also learnt how to update the website pages and blog posts. We also have our hugely successful Facebook page thanks to Sheila and robin updates and activity. We also worked with an illustrator Bryonie Fenn for our logo at the same time as working on the website.

Activities on The Bee Sanctuary

Throughout the year on the ground at The Bee Sanctuary HQ Highfield, we have cleared a huge amount of space from bramble, nettles and other grown areas from invasive and non-native species.

We've created 3 wildlife ponds, planted thousands and seeds, bulbs and whips. We have created wildflower areas, raised beds including with non-native bee friendly garden plants and a vegetable bed. We've freed trees, created 100's of meters of eco paths, educational signs and an exhibition for the railings.

I also began to collect data for the Bee Walk Database, but had to stop the Bee walks due to Covid-19. We keep up to date with research and make conscious decisions about the choices of materials and products we buy and use to ensure we work safely and effectively for longevity and that we are as sustainable and organic as possible.

I have been involved and love being involved in many jobs and tasks on the ground at the Bee Sanctuary, including path building, sowing, bulb planting, digging and weeding alongside traditional chair duties. But the efforts and success on the ground is mainly due to Sheila, Robin and our fantastic team of volunteers. We now have around 50 people in our WhatsApp group of volunteers.

Bluebell Green/Chapel Street Park

After being encouraged to help transform this neglected space from an overgrown bowling green into something the local community could be involved in, we jumped at the chance. After communicating with Mark from the Blue bell Pub, his great idea of a children's allotment was perfect. From there I began clearing rubbish from the site, along with other locals that were tidying up the space. We arranged a day of awareness for the project and encouraged people to come down and start preparing the space. I also began an application for funding with I Love Mcr for £2000 to get the project started, which we were successful with. Since then, the park now has their own Park Friends Group, and they have around 35 people in their WhatsApp group of volunteers.

Events

Back in February of 2020, I helped arrange our first ever educational BeeTalk, by our Bee enthusiast Karen McCartney, which was a huge success and created a buzz around the project. We do plan to hold more of these in the future as soon as we are able to, we have decided we would like to continue to educate our local community about the Bees where ever we can, and empower other locals individuals and groups with the knowledge and in turn power to be able to help

Volunteers sessions, these are been a huge success and

Unfortunately much of 2020 been a year of social distancing and no events or gatherings more than 6, despite this, I think we have done extremely well to keep progressing and encouraging others locally.

The Friends of Highfield

I was asked to be on the committee for the Friends of Highfield as a Bee Sanctuary Representative at the end of 2020. Since then I have attended meetings and we worked to support them in gaining a bid for a management plan.

Security

Onsite at The Bee Sanctuary, there have been a couple of incidents of vandalism reported to our signs and Forget me Knot Wood area and ponds. This has been disappointing but it hasn't deterred us. We find way to make our work strong and vandal proof where ever possible. We keep strong passwords and behave responsibly with confidential information, we follow our data protection and confidential information policies. We also have Public Liability and Sheds & Equipment Insurance with the RHS, which commenced in February 2021 for 12 months.

Future Plans

1. Raising the profile of the Bee Sanctuary, making both residents and occasional visitors aware of our fantastic wildlife resource in the centre of Levenshulme and ways that they can help.
2. Exploring the ways of reaching out and educating other bodies in the local area
3. Enhance our research, our educational session's outputs and inspirations.
4. Encouraging gifts from people who do not necessarily want to become active members or cannot, but do wish to support our aims.
5. Exploring ways of ensuring the long term effects of what we do on our Bee Sanctuary, in regards to sustainability, maintaining spaces and safety of volunteers and park users.
6. Increasing our membership when needed, and potentially introducing fees.

Nicole Henry

Chair - The Bee Sanctuary Movement

Friday 14th May 2021

The Bee Sanctuary Movement Treasurer's Report

The Beginning

I was out walking one day in August 2019, when I was passing Sheila and Bernadette, who were clearing away rubbish, and cutting back weeds on Cringle Road. I had never met Sheila before, but on that fateful day, I was asked if I would like to join in. Within a few weeks I was told about Nicole's idea for creating a bee sanctuary, in Highfield Country Park, and I was press-ganged into becoming treasurer for the Bee Sanctuary Movement, with my past experience in accountancy.

I re-read my textbooks on basic accounting, and decided to prepare accounts using open source software called GnuCash. I also thought it best to keep things simple, so I could show Sheila how to understand what I was doing, so I kept the accounting information in receipts and payments form, rather than the more complicated accrual form.

We decided to become a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), which requires us to produce a report at the end of each financial year (5th April), and also gives the trustees limited liability.

I also decided to read The Charity Treasurer's Handbook, and Charitable Incorporated Organisations; both written by Gareth G. Morgan, from the Directory of Social Change.

I got some advice from a friend of my father's (Mike Wilbey), who has also agreed to independently examine the accounts at year end.

On discovering the benefits of using google apps, after buying a chromebook, I made sure everybody in the organisation was using them to share documents.

The Accounts

The Accounts are in a very healthy state, at the end of the financial year, with £5,609 in monetary assets; £2,217 of which is unrestricted. We have also gathered a variety of gardening tools, over the last fifteen months, including two mowers, and a Chromebook for Robin to use. This has all been possible due to a donation from a charity of £3000, £1500 from the ARIS proceeds of crime fund, and a grant of £1,994 from the We Love Mcr fund. We have also received some very generous donations from private individuals, together with a grant from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund.

A special fund was created in honour of a friend of Sheila's, called Bee, who sadly died during the last year. This fund received generous donations from private individuals, who knew Bee, and was used to create a special garden area in Highfield Park. A special thanks go out to those individuals.

The We Love Mcr Fund, will be used to redevelop the bowling green in Chapel Street park. This grant was made shortly before the creation of the Friends of Chapel Street Park. Readers of our actual accounting records, will notice the existence of funds belonging to this organisation. We are looking after these funds, until the Friends are able to open a community bank account of their own. Sadly this was not possible during the Covid-19 lockdown.

I am currently acting as treasurer for the Friends, as well as the Bee Sanctuary Movement.

All our funds are in a healthy state, with plenty of reserve in the general fund, in case of unforeseen expenses.

I would like to point out though, that our unrestricted spending is nearly double that of our restricted spending. This is not sustainable, unless we receive similarly generous donations in the future. This is something I will keep a close eye on, during the next 12 months.

Website Activities

Along with a financial role for the movement, I am now acting as website administrator, and will oversee editing of our new website, (www.beesanctuarymovement.org), and will be liaising with our website consultant: Pam. Nicole, and our bee consultant Karen, have done a great job in getting the website populated with lots of facts about bees, and the movement's activities. Both Sheila, and Nicole will be posting updates on the website in the future as well.

The website was created with an open source content management system, called WordPress. I thoroughly recommend this product for the creation of websites, and have enjoyed finding out how it works.

At the bottom of each website page, you will find a footer menu, where you can find along with this annual report, a data-protection policy of my own making. Surely something not to be missed!

Gardening Activities

Activities I participated in, outside of keeping the accounts, included cutting back brambles; both by hand, and with the aid of the brushcutter, and building paths using wood chips donated by a local tree surgeon.

The most memorable activity was digging the holes for the pond, with a hired micro-digger. I can still remember being caught in a very heavy shower of rain on my own with the digger, and also the time I nearly turned the digger on its side.

Other Activities

With the lockdown coming into operation in March 2020, I decided to apply for a volunteer position at Central Manchester University Hospitals. After a long period of gestation, I was eventually accepted as a volunteer, and I now work there one day a week; manning the sanitization stations, encouraging people to wash their hands, and handing out face masks.

I have also completed a course called Introduction to Digital Technologies with Back2Work. One of the group activities I engaged with was creating a short presentation and website for a proposed Lounge/Gym/Nightclub in the Salford Quays area.

As I have previously stated, I am now involved with the Friends of Chapel Street Park, and I will continue to seek ways of contributing to the community, with my recently gathered experience.

I love all genres of music, and spend a great deal of time listening to my radio or stereo.

I am also a keen chess player on the Playchess server. Sadly other activities prevent me from spending too much time on this noble pursuit,

A lot of my time is spent studying dvd courses released by The Teaching Company at www.thegreatcourses.co.uk.

I no longer do any gardening work at Highfield Country Park, but shall remain treasurer and webmaster of the movement, for the foreseeable future.

Brian McGill
Treasurer and Webmaster: The Bee Sanctuary Movement.

11th April 2021

Bee Sanctuary Movement Jan to October 2020

Coordinators Report for AGM

Sheila Standard Trustee

Coordinator

My role as coordinator has evolved over the 16 months since we have been registered as a charity. First a painted sign, then adopting WhatsApp to communicate with Volunteers and then Facebook to post blog updates. In August I changed the Facebook page to be a group with membership, and this means Robin could join as administrator. My role is complicated by the reality that not everyone uses social media, so there is a need to text people, email and speak on the phone, but the most important conversations often happen on the Sanctuary itself.

Over this year we have created a successful network of contacts in the City Council, and in the community, and with community organisations. I have gathered this info together, and shared it with other groups setting up, including the new Highfields Friends, and the new Friends of Chapel Street Park. My life was made easier by Declan Kelly, our Park Ranger (up to 6 months ago). He is great at connecting people, and this taught me that we need to share our knowledge. He has been moved to Wythenshawe and wants to connect me with groups there, so we can share our skills.

I was responsible for the early coordination that went into setting up the Friends of Chapel Street Park, based on our model of Painted board, Facebook Page and WhatsApp group, but have been able to quickly hand over the role to the new Friends Group, which has enormous energy, enthusiasm and more skills than me. I also put the idea into Fran's Head to set up a project at Blue Bell Pond, but my main role has been practical support as she is very self motivated and full of ideas.

Organiser

We are developing our ways of working together, but I believe we have developed a strong team, both in our role as Trustees, and also the wider group of Volunteers that carry out practical work. As I am not working, I can do day to day stuff, but I liaise with the Chair

Nicole if a threat or opportunity arises, and we make a decision as to who will handle it. The volunteer organising has been very easy to do in lockdown and beyond, because basically we make a list of jobs that need doing and post it on the WhatsApp. We plan to have a blackboard at the raised beds as well. Using WhatsApp, people can also message when they are going to be out and invite people to join them, and I do this frequently. I liaise with Robin over practical work, but sometimes we are working on different projects and we keep in touch by phone and facebook message. Brian is invaluable in his role as Treasurer, and he is extremely efficient, so I don't need to worry when buying for the project that I will have to wait to get the money repaid. The Trustees have work days, which are great bonding sessions, and I will organise tool hire etc. There is a team of dedicated volunteers, and a host of other people who support us, and will come out now and then. We don't put any pressure on volunteers, because we believe it should be a joyful experience, and give satisfaction without being stressful. If things take longer than that is how it is.

Project work

The Bee Sanctuary Highfield -

2020 -The work we do changes with the seasons. Upto March 31st 2020 (the start of Bee Nesting season) we were hacking down brambles and making dead hedges. During Feb/March this year we were raking/scarifying the ground and sowing the wild flower seed. I also helped Robin with the raised bed garden, making raised beds. We continued to sow seed up to May, and we also sowed wildflower seeds at home because of a 3 month drought. Most seed failed to germinate, (or got eaten by birds), because of the drought, but our efforts to clear the brambles were rewarded with surprise finds like a bed of Iris, and a bed of Meadowsweet. Lockdown affected us, because we felt we could only go out on our own for an hour at a time, until conditions eased.

The main paths were laid by May, and we have found that they need maintenance on a regular basis, as do the brambles. Brambles have a two year life cycle so fingers crossed next year won't need cutting back so much. Weeding also nettles, where they are near the

path, and also sweetheart which had totally colonised the wooded banks. Weeding and removing seed heads changes seasonally, and we are gaining experience. Mattocking out bramble and tree roots is also an ongoing operation. My main focus from June to August was preparing Forget-me-not Wood, an area of woodland edge. We decided to dedicate this area to everyone who has died during the Covid Pandemic, and have put some seating there, which was well received. It was a personal project for me, because my friend Bee died on 30th May. I set up a "Bees Wildflower Fund" to raise money for wild flowers and bulbs which we are planting and sowing presently. From August 8th onwards we have been working on our ponds project, in between other stuff. Swallow pond is complete and water plants have been added, Wagtail Pond is nearly finished but needs a bit of water engineering, and Robin Pond is a project to fit in between planting and sowing which is now the dominant activity.

Autumn 2020 We planted several thousand bulbs of mainly English bluebell, but also specialist bulbs like Wild daffodil, Snakes head fritillary, Winter Aconite, Snowflake, Lilly of the Valley and Wood Anemone. We Autumn sowed yellow Rattle in several grassy areas that we prepared by mowing and scarifying, Some areas were also sowed with Hay meadow wild flowers. We planted several hundred hedge whips to enclose our new wild flower meadows, that we are making by clearing more bramble.

Spring 2021 - We have finished preparing the wild flower meadows and are spring sowing these and other areas missed in the Autumn. We are also preparing some woodland edge areas for woodland wildflower seed. It takes 5 years to completely mature, so it is a long term project. Mel Kirby has entered us for the RHS Britain in Bloom Competition, and we will need to renew all of our paths, and concentrate on weeding, once the sowing is finished. We will be installing more seating as the seating we have done already is much loved. The next major project to do is to install the steel container, and disabled toilet, and campaign for disabled access. Unfortunately hit by a second dry spell in the spring, but held back some of the seed sowing until it rains.

Bee Sanctuary Children's Allotments and Forest School Chapel Street Park - We had been asked by Declan to help Mark Dunn from the Blue Bell Inn with his dream to create Children's Allotments, and Forest School in the Old Bowling Green. I did some preliminary research and planning, and we presented the idea at Levenshulme's Climate Change

Conversation on 14th March 2020. It was well received, but then there was a long gap because of the pandemic. I progressed the idea in September by asking my sister Liz to paint a sign, and I held up the rough at the follow on Climate Change meeting on the 14th September. Two attendees helped me, and we have set up The Friends of Chapel Street Park. Robin Nicole and I covered a couple of events and some volunteering work, and we invited people from Chapel Street Park to join us volunteering on the Bee Sanctuary. So far it is spectacularly successful, with 148 people on the Facebook Group, and 35 participants on WhatsApp. There is a solid core of organisers, and the formal arrangements are in hand.

Update 2021 Unable to open up the project to get going over the lockdown, it finally got underway on March 31st 2021. We are slightly taking a background roll in this project, lending our tools, and helping as individuals, to allow new people to come through

Bluebell Pond An occasional helping hand here, but it is more and more taking off as a sister project.

Website

Nicole has done most of the hard work on the website, but we have good collaboration, and thanks to Brian's recommendation we use google docs, so it is easy to share editing. Pam Wright has produced the website with her professional skills donated to the BSM, and done a brilliant job. Brian is now the webmaster.

Funding I have written and reported on 2 NIF bids.

Events We have all worked on organising events including the first Bee Talk, and our Open Day which got cancelled. As a team we have helped at two events on Chapel Street Park aimed at publicising and setting up a Friends group, and also regular volunteering.

We are working in partnership with Friends of Highfield to put on a major event on the park in August/September, and also working together on a management plan.

Campaigning On behalf of the Bee Sanctuary, and representing as a Friend of Highfield, I have objected to the actions of the developer, on Nelstrop Rd North, and taken part in a consultation with Stockport MBC about the cycleway going along Nelstrop Rd North.

Positive and negative outcomes, but it has also brought me in contact with other green organisations, such as FLOOP, and Heaton Mersey Common Conservation Volunteers.

Update. Stockport seem to be stuck on lighting units which will do major damage to wildlife because of the standards imposed. I have contacted Angeliki Stogia the lead Environment Councillor in Manchester to help get the standards changed with Chis Boardman and GM Mayor. She has responded! Looking good.

Networking

- **The Cuttings Club** a great grassroots Whatsapp network that keeps me in touch with other groups for example Acorn Allotments and Sustrans.
- Hilary et al **Lanchashire Wildlife Trust**, “My Wild City”. We were chosen as the location for the BBC North West Tonight to film for an article about their report called ‘Nearby Nature’. Mutually supportive relationship. Recently LWT have taken up our invite to set up a ‘Training Centre for Volunteers in Biodiversity and Conservation on Highfield’
- **Friends of Highfield** Not an easy relationship but myself and Nicole have persevered, and now we Have contributed to a bid for writing a management plan through sharing access to our Park User Questionnaire, so that there is an ongoing plan for the whole of Highfield. Nicole has joined with the Friends of Highfield Management committee, so we can work closer in partnership.
- **Officers of MCC** I have built positive relationships with:
 - a. Declan the Park Ranger, and also with the new Ranger Rob Gorvette. Rob and I have been working on issues together, and this is a Highfield wide role rather than just Bee Sanctuary.
 - b. Jo Fraser - River Valley and Urban Countryside Lead, Citywide Parks Team
 - c. Ikhlas, and Claire Troupe who are the officers in charge of the ward
 - d. Dave Barlow (Biodiversity) Jo Fraser (Park Maintenance), and Mel Kirby who has offered us 2000 bulbs and 200 hedging plants.
 - e. Mel Kirby - who purchases bulbs plants and seed on behalf of MCC.
- **Climate Change Agency** I am now on the community advisory panel of Levenshulme Climate Change Group, with Lisa Lingard as project Manager. Lisa

wants to have an umbrella organisation in Levenshulme and build networks working to a similar goal of a more sustainable and climate friendly Levenshulme.

- Noel Mellor **Buzz H&W (NHS)** extremely helpful and collaborating with the Chapel Street project.
- Cllr Angeliki Stogia (Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport) Liaising over lighting.
- **Friends of Chapel Street Park** Chair Lizzy Meade,

Robin's Report

I first came across the Bee Sanctuary on Highfield Park in November 2019. I found a log and woodchip path where previously there was mud, brambles being cut down, a working pattern that suited me, and Sheila!

I volunteered to join in and came with ideas:

- * dead hedges
- * fedges (a fence with a hedge planted round/through it)
- * weaving the existing hedgerow.

Winter 2019/20

- * Cutting down brambles and making new and improving existing paths - kept us warm!
- * First "weave" of the hedge

Early spring 2020

- * raking off debris to prepare ground for sowing
- * locating crates, compost and plants for the bee-friendly garden
- * learning about bee hotels, making some and sharing knowledge at our public meeting
- * planning for our first Open Day.

Then Covid and lockdown intervened.

Late Spring 2020

- * no public or organised activities for foreseeable future
- * carried on working alone or in pairs
- * made signs to explain and inspire
- * planted and watered seedlings through the April/May brought
- * started work on experimental wildlife garden at Karen McCartney's

Mid Summer 2020

- * pond digging
- * another bright idea - a bee bank
- * preparing ground at Karen's for planting.

Autumn/early Winter 2020

- * planting bulbs - some have done better than others - lessons to be learned!
- * planting hedge "whips" on our boundary with the new housing development
- * weaving the hedgerow again

Late Winter/early Spring 2021

- * Bee Sanctuary activities cease
- * start litter picking at Secret Lake in January, joined in 1st big pick in March
- * joined in with Keep Manchester Tidy litter pickers because they were still active, mostly in green spaces
- * initiated litter picking and greening initiative on Pink Bank Woods on Longsight/Gorton border

That (briefly) is what I've done for the Bee Sanctuary Movement, but what has it done for me?

I lost my partner of 33 years in October 2019 and really needed something positive in my life, at that time away from people who knew me. The invitation to volunteer "alone or in a group" was just what I needed. "Our" corner of Highfield has been a place of sanctuary and solace for me through hard times, and I know it has been for many others.

What of the future?

Since March, even more progress:

- * two more big picks at the Secret Lake have transformed it
- * repeated picks on Pink Bank Woods (about 700 bags so far) have done the same there
- * good contacts made with Debdale Nature Centre in Gorton
- * planning for a Bee Sanctuary Movement "roadshow"
- * learning more about bees and wasps and how we can help them, mainly through observations in Karen's garden

Robin Wright

31.5.2021.

The Research Garden

Karen McCartney is the Bee Wasp and Ant Recorder for Greater Manchester. She does this as a volunteer and is incredibly supportive to the Bee Sanctuary Movement with education and specialist advice.

Despite Karen's work contributing to several major organisations, she has received very limited practical support for her research. We decided to support her research, and Robin, with the support of BSM, helped Karen to create a Research Garden in her back yard. This project has been invaluable during a difficult year when Covid halted or limited other activities. We hope that this stunning garden will make a positive contribution to records for Manchester moving forward. It has certainly given us insight moving forward with our Bee Sanctuaries. Well done to Karen and Robin!

"It's been a wonderful project to share with Karen, coming up with crazy ideas and cunning plans and trying them out. The insights and experience I have gained through doing this are incredibly valuable and I echo Karen's comment that doing it was therapeutic during a difficult year..... Enjoying the results is good too!" Robin

Before



After



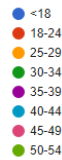
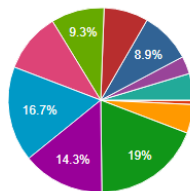
Park User Questionnaire opened on 06/07/2020 ongoing

Due to Covid restrictions “The Park User Survey” has been shared on Facebook, so it is somewhat limited in its scope.

1. How the Park is Used

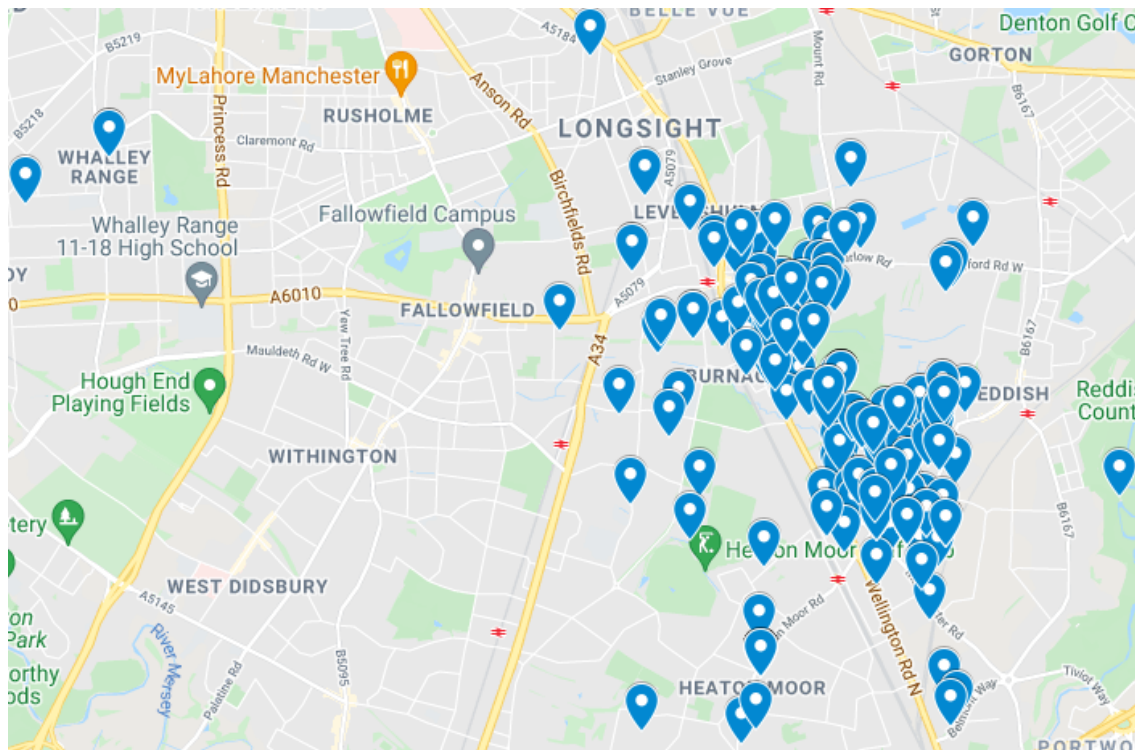
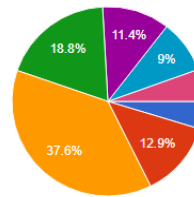
What is your age group?

258 responses



How often do you visit at the moment?

255 responses



- The online Park User survey reveals that Highfields Country Park is a well used local park, (used equally by Stockport and Manchester residents), with 60.5% of respondents saying that their frequency of visits has increased since lockdown.
- 60% of respondents fall within the 30 - 49yrs age group, older 34%, and younger makes up just 6% (which may reflect a reluctance to fill in surveys!).
- 15% of respondents asked the question “Do you consider yourself to have a disability” said yes. (The park is not fully accessible at the moment.)
- Over 80% of respondents arrive by foot, and 12.6% by bicycle, which suggests that travel has a very low carbon footprint (just 4.6% arrive by car).
- Over 50% of respondents come with their family, but a significant proportion, 39.3% come alone which suggests that Highfield Country Park feels a safe space for most people.

- Although it feels like it is very much a dog walker's space, in fact less than a quarter of users are dog walkers.
- Walking is the chief activity(97%), but cycling(29%), and running(27%) are also significant. Unwinding and watching Nature are the most frequently cited pastimes, with picnicking(23%), and meeting up with friends(38%) also popular. Significantly this survey has been carried out during lockdown.
- 20% of respondents use the park for play activities with their children, only 7% admit to using the park for educational activities, which is interesting as home schooling has dominated this period.

2. Improvements

- 94% of 191 respondents have noticed improvements to Highfield Country Park, of which 57% mention the Bee Sanctuary specifically. Absence of litter has been referred to across the park, which is due to the heroic efforts of dedicated litter pickers, as well as Bluebell Pond and Bee Sanctuary Volunteers. .
- More people responded to the question about what improvements they would like to see(247), which gives useful information both to the Management Plan team for Highfield Local Nature reserve moving forward, and to the Parks planning team. Of note is that 47% of respondents asked for more of Highfield to be managed like the Bee Sanctuary. Over 60% of respondents want to see Highfield managed overall for more biodiversity.

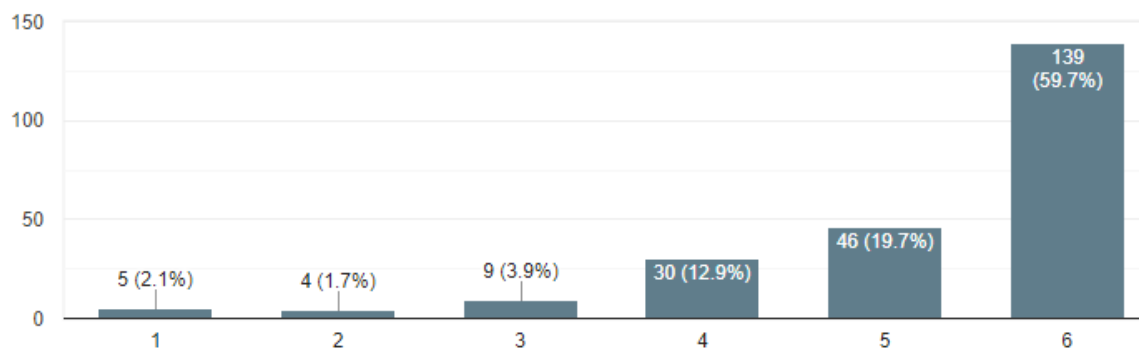
3. Recommending the Bee Sanctuary to others

- 63% of (209) respondents have affirmed that they have told others about the Bee Sanctuary, and nearly 60% are most likely to recommend it.

How likely are you to recommend the Bee Sanctuary to others?



233 responses



The Bee Sanctuary Movement reg. charity 1187263 Receipts and Payments Account 08-01-2020 to 05-04-2021				
	General Fund (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total (£)	Total from Last Year (£)
Receipts				
Gifts	5,308	803	6,111	0
Other Grants	0	3,494	3,494	0
Council Grants	0	500	500	0
Other	0	104	104	0
Sales	50	0	50	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,358	4,901	10,258	0
Payments				
Materials and Fixings	1,042	620	1,662	0
Tools	1,097	0	1,097	0
Seed	0	929	929	0
Internet Services	250	0	250	0
Insurance	190	0	190	0
Plant Hire	170	0	170	0
Misc. Volunteer Expenses	150	0	150	0
DBS Checks	98	0	98	0
Purchases for Sales	79	0	79	0
Room Hire	25	0	25	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	3,100	1,549	4,649	0
NET RECEIPTS LESS PAYMENTS	2,258	3,351	5,609	0
Transfers Between Funds				
NIF 2021/13552466IU	-14	14	0	0
NIF 2021/24738424IU	-27	27	0	0
Cash Funds from Last Year End	0	0	0	0
CASH FUNDS THIS YEAR END	2,217	3,392	5,609	0

The Bee Sanctuary Movement reg. charity 1187263 Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 05-04-2021

				5/4/2021	
				(£)	
	Monetary Assets				
	Current Asset Investments			0	
	Cash at Bank and in Hand				
		Current Account - HSBC		5,450	
		Cash		159	
	Total Cash at Bank and in Hand			5,609	
	TOTAL MONETARY ASSETS			5,609	
	Represented by Funds				
	Unrestricted Funds				
		General Fund		2,217	
	Restricted Funds				
		We Love Mcr		1,876	
		ARIS Project X0016		1,500	
		Bee's Wildflower fund		16	
	TOTAL FUNDS			5,609	
	Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities				
	Tools				
		Large Ego Mower		499	
		Chromebook		275	
		Small Flymo Mower		175	
		Multi-cutter Tool		75	
		3 Mattocks		75	
		Loppers		23	
	Purchases				
		Good Bee Book		6	
	Seed and Bulbs				
		Seed		120	
		Bulbs		0	
	TOTAL NON-MONETARY ASSETS			1,248	
	Debtors			0	
	Creditors			0	
	TOTAL NON-MONETARY ASSETS			1,248	