
Bee Sanctuary Movement Third Year Report 2022 - 2023



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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,

Kathy, Kelly, Marie, Monika, Eddy, Cheryl, Mike, Richard, Helen S, Claire, Natalia,
Mark, Pam, Connie, Lily, Laura, Luce, Maeve, Marcus, Raddon, Richard, Ryan, Sara,
Teresa, Tim, Robin, Autumn, Sheila, Helen T.

- **Land Owners(MCC) and other network connections** Good relations with MCC continue, although we have lost Monika Sayed, the excellent Park Ranger in October. In the absence of a Park Ranger, we have to raise concerns ourselves, and this includes serious issues of antisocial behaviour. Cllr Khalid Hissain, and Mark O'Pray have taken this up for us.
 - We asked permission to organise a **Steering Group meeting** to progress the 106 project March 2023. At this meeting after Jo Fraser had updated everyone on the progress being made on the Park ecology, Nick Linder(Groundworks designer) met community members representing cycling, running, walking, Horses, Friends, disability, and ourselves to discuss consultation re the plans he will draw up for improved entrances access and signage.
 - The near final draft of "The History of Highfield Country Park" written by Sheila and Robin (commissioned by Monika Sayed) has been sent out to the Steering Group. It will form the introduction to the "Highfield CP and LNR Management Plan."
 - **Mark O'Pray, Neighbourhood Officer..** We supported him by attending events, Climate Change and Spring Clean. Litter Pickers/ Groups.
 - **Community Police** - Gary and Ash. We communicate well about issues including anti-social behaviour.
 - **RHS Judging event July 2022** where we said goodbye to Mel Kirby and welcomed William White (MCC) on board who has provided us with bulbs.We gained....
Outstanding again plus the RHSNW Biodiversity cup for 2022.
 - **BioBlitz with Tony Hall.** Possibly the best event of the year! Lots of Nature observation, including a camp out, and Bat watch.
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- **Volunteer Appreciation Event Sept 2022.** Where we said goodbye to Monika Sayed, and thanked our volunteers with cake and refreshments

- **‘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 |

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| | | 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 | |