

CROXTETH PARK VOLUNTEER GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1194839

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-06-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:-TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF CROXTETH HALL AND COUNTRY PARK FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; AND TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008].

Activities: Croxteth Park Volunteer Group exists to support the conservation of the park and record biodiversity to ensure legacy for future generations

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Liverpool City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£11,782	£710	-	-
2024-03-31	£23,671	£11,767	-	-
2023-03-31	£8,514	£482	-	-
2022-03-31	£5,044	£15,073	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christine Beyga	Chair	2017-01-17
Anthony Beyga		2017-01-02
Carol Platt		2017-02-01
Claire Louise Beyga		2025-04-01
Karen Fairhurst		2018-06-01
Lynne Condell		2017-02-02
Patricia Helsby		2017-02-01
Steven Kelly		2021-06-24

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Below is a **Charity Commission–appropriate Annual Report** written in formal UK charity language, structured to meet the **Trustees’ Annual Report** requirements. Because I don’t have your specific operational and financial details, I’ve **used clear placeholders in square brackets** where you should insert your own information. Nothing material is invented.

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Croxteth Park Volunteer Group

Trustees’ Annual Report

for the year ended 31st January 2026

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Croxteth Park Volunteer Group

Charity registration number: 1194839

Principal address:

The Kennels, Croxteth Park, L12 0HB

Trustees:

The trustees who served during the period were:

- Christine Beyga – Chair
- Claire Beyga – Secretary
- Steven Kelly – Treasurer
- Anthony Beyga – Volunteer Coordinator
- Carol Platt
- Pat Helsby
- Lynne Condell
- Karen Fairhurst

Bankers:

Barclays

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Trustee appointment and induction

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the governing document. New trustees receive an induction covering the charity's aims, governance responsibilities, safeguarding, health and safety, and financial controls.

Management

The charity is managed by the trustees, all of whom act in a voluntary capacity. Day-to-day activities are coordinated through volunteer leads and regular trustee meetings.

Objectives and Activities

Objects

The objects of Croxteth Park Volunteer Group are:

Croxteth Park Volunteer Group exists to support the conservation of the park and record biodiversity to ensure legacy for future generations

Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The charity's activities benefit the public by supporting the maintenance, accessibility, and enjoyment of Croxteth Park for local residents and visitors, while providing inclusive volunteering opportunities that promote wellbeing, skills development, and community cohesion.

Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

During the year, the charity undertook the following key activities:

- Organised and delivered regular volunteer sessions supporting park maintenance, conservation, and presentation
- Supported Liverpool City Council and park staff with practical tasks and events
- Encouraged community participation through volunteering opportunities open to all
- Promoted environmental awareness, heritage appreciation, and stewardship of Croxteth Park
- Supported public events and seasonal activities within the park

These activities directly advanced the charity's objects and delivered clear public benefit.

Financial Review

Financial position

The charity's financial position at the end of the year was **stable**

Principal sources of income

Income was derived from:

- Donations
- Fundraising activities
- Grants

Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain modest reserves sufficient to meet ongoing operational costs and manage unforeseen expenditure.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, including:

- Volunteer health and safety
- Financial sustainability
- Dependence on volunteer availability
- Weather and environmental factors affecting outdoor activities

Appropriate policies, insurance, safeguarding measures, and financial controls are in place to mitigate these risks.

Plans for Future Periods

In the coming year, the trustees intend to:

- Maintain and grow volunteer participation
- Continue supporting Croxteth Park's conservation and presentation
- Strengthen partnerships with park management and local stakeholders
- Explore additional funding and fundraising opportunities
- Enhance volunteer support

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:

Signed: *Christine Beyga*

Name: Christine Beyga

Position: Chair

Date: 31st January 2026

CPVG Annual Accounts	
Income	£11,781.53
Expenditure	£709.52
Balance	£11,072.01

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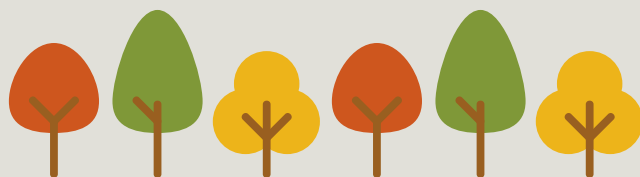
ABOUT US

Our Mission

Croxteth Park Volunteer Group undertakes a variety of projects on a voluntary basis. We aim to contribute to providing a legacy for future generations so they can also enjoy the natural environment across all 500 acres of park and woodlands of this amazing place which was gifted to the people of Liverpool by the Late Earl Sefton

The objects of the CIO are:

- To promote the conservation and protection of Croxteth Hall and Country Park for the public benefit
- Conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment
- Advance the education of the public in the Conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment
- Record and monitor biodiversity in and around Croxteth Country Park





Volunteers set off on yet another mission!

Overview

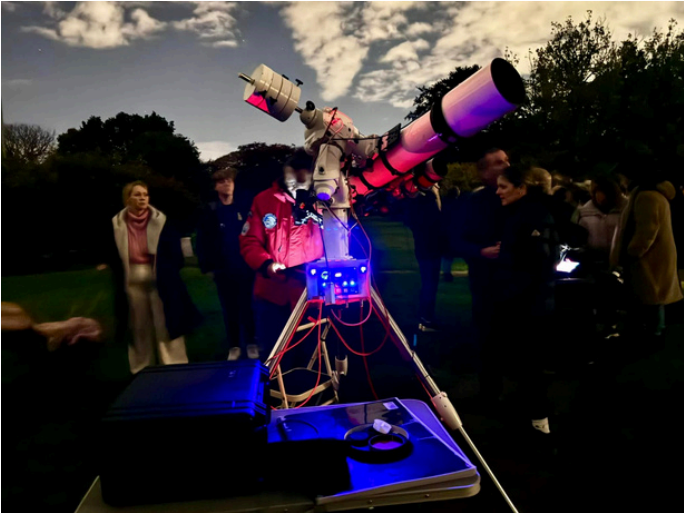
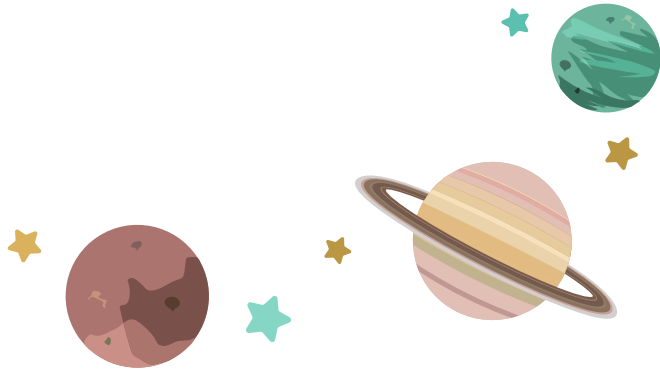


In addition to our core tasks and the management, maintenance and caretaking of The Kennels, Grade II listed building – tasks have included, painting the interior and exterior, installation of a new security system, planting memorial trees, clearing gutters and generally maintaining the physical integrity of the building.

We have had a very busy year, details of which are contained in this report.



Astronomy Nights at Croxteth



In the past year, CPVG has been proud to offer a range of engaging astronomy education events, aimed at inspiring and educating the public about the wonders of the universe. Through a variety of activities, including stargazing nights, workshops, public talks, and school outreach programs, we have reached over 300 participants, fostering curiosity and learning about astronomy.

Our stargazing events provided attendees with the opportunity to observe celestial phenomena through telescopes, while our workshops and talks, led by expert volunteers, covered topics ranging from basic stargazing techniques to advanced concepts in astrophysics. We also partnered with the Liverpool Astronomical Society to bring hands-on astronomy experiences to the local community igniting a passion for science and space exploration at an early age.

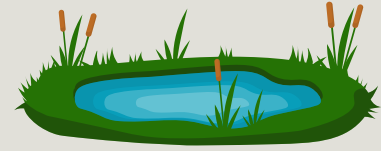


These events have not only deepened the community's understanding of the cosmos but have also created a welcoming environment for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to engage with science in a fun and accessible way.

We look forward to continuing to expand our reach in the coming year, with even more exciting and educational opportunities for all.



Partnership with Mersey Rivers Trust

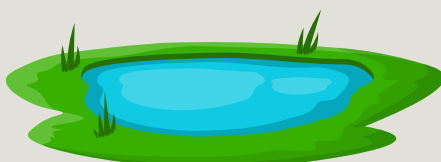


In collaboration with the Mersey Rivers Trust, we have made significant strides in environmental conservation and community engagement over the past year. One of the highlights of our partnership was the successful staging of a Bioblitz event, where volunteers and local residents came together to document and identify a wide variety of species in the area. This event not only raised awareness of local biodiversity but also fostered a deeper connection to the natural environment.

Additionally, we have been involved in the installation of Leaky Dams as part of a wider effort to improve water management and reduce flooding in our local ecosystem. These innovative structures help slow water flow, enhance soil retention, and support wildlife habitats. By working with the Mersey Rivers Trust, we have contributed to more sustainable, nature-based solutions to address local environmental challenges.

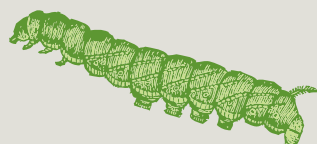
Our partnership also involved ongoing work to maintain the wetlands, which were established in 2020 to help with flood management, provide vital habitats for a range of wildlife and help regulate local water systems.

Volunteers have been involved in clearing invasive species, improving water quality, and ensuring the long-term health of these critical areas.



Another key project has been balsam bashing, where volunteers have worked to remove invasive Himalayan balsam from riverbanks and wetlands. This invasive plant can outcompete native species and disrupt local ecosystems, and our efforts to control its spread have helped to protect native flora and fauna and improve biodiversity in the area.

Through our ongoing partnership with the Mersey Rivers Trust, we have contributed to a more sustainable, biodiverse environment while engaging the local community in hands-on conservation work. We look forward to continuing these important projects and expanding our efforts in the year ahead.



Dipping Pondrestoration

This year, we have made significant progress on the Dipping Pond Restoration project, transforming this valuable natural space into a more accessible and vibrant part of our local environment. Our efforts have focused on both ecological improvements and creating a welcoming space for visitors to enjoy and learn from.

One of the key elements of the restoration will be the creation of a wildflower area around the pond, which will enhance the aesthetic appeal of the site but also provide a habitat for pollinators and other local wildlife. The wildflower planting will contribute to increasing biodiversity, supporting a healthy, thriving ecosystem around the pond. The preparation work of the area has commenced and planting will be completed by Spring 2025.

To improve accessibility and comfort, we have also installed a new bench by the pond, providing a peaceful spot for visitors to sit and appreciate the surrounding natural beauty. Alongside this, we've made vital improvements to the pond's infrastructure, including the installation of a new boardwalk. This makes it easier for people to access and explore the pond area while minimising disruption to the environment.

Our team of volunteers has also worked hard to clear the pond of invasive pennywort, a non-native species that can choke aquatic habitats. By removing this plant, we've helped improve water quality and ensure that native species can thrive in the pond's ecosystem.



This restoration project will not only improve the health of the pond itself but will also create an educational space where visitors can observe and engage with the local wildlife.

The Dipping Pond project will continue into 2025 thanks to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. We are very grateful for the funding support we have received from the P.H. Holt Foundation, Liverpool City Council/Cobalt Housing and local Ward Councillors, Lila Bennett, Finley Nolan, Colette Goulding, Joanne Kennedy, Anthony Lavelle, Daniel Barrington, Barbara Murray and John Prince

We look forward to further enhancing this space in the years ahead.



General maintenance in the park

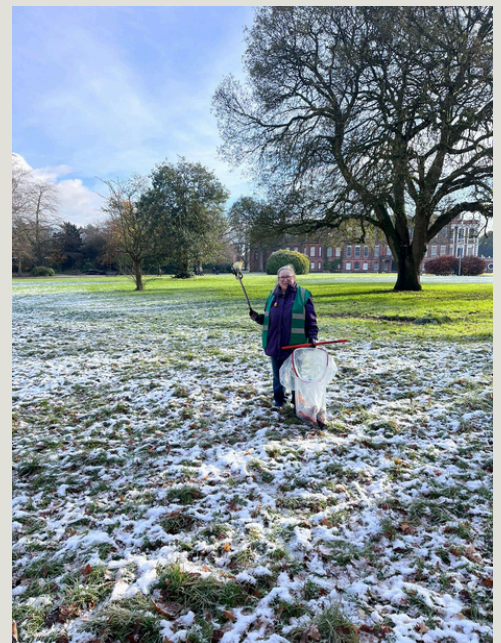
Over the past year, our dedicated team of CPVG volunteers has consistently contributed to the upkeep and enhancement of our community spaces through weekly general maintenance activities. Every week, volunteers have carried out vital tasks such as litter picks, ensuring that public areas remain clean and welcoming for all. They have also focused on restoring and clearing pathways, making outdoor spaces safer and more accessible for everyone.



In addition to these essential tasks, volunteers have worked tirelessly to maintain the aesthetic appeal of our community by painting bins and planting vibrant flower tubs throughout the area. These efforts not only help improve the environment but also foster a sense of pride within the community.

The commitment and hard work of our volunteers have had a lasting positive impact on the local area, contributing to a cleaner, greener, and more pleasant environment for residents and visitors alike.

We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and enthusiasm of our volunteers, and look forward to continuing these efforts in the coming year.



Volunteer 'Thank you' days

Throughout the year, we have organised several Volunteer Thank You Days to express our sincere gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who are the heart of our charity. These special events provide an opportunity for us to celebrate the hard work, time, and energy that our volunteers generously contribute to our various projects and initiatives.

Our thank you events are designed to be a relaxed and enjoyable way to acknowledge the efforts of our volunteers, whether through informal gatherings, social activities, or appreciation events. These gatherings not only allow us to show our thanks but also offer volunteers the chance to connect with one another and reflect on the impact of their collective efforts.

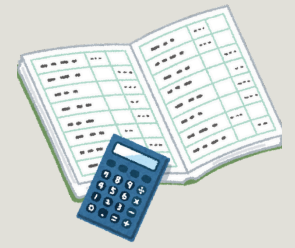


Looking ahead, we are excited to host a Christmas Thank You Day in December 2024, where we will once again gather to celebrate the achievements of the past year, share festive cheer, and recognise the exceptional contributions of our volunteer team. This event will be a special way to round off the year and express our heartfelt appreciation for the continued support and dedication of our volunteers.

These events have been an important part of fostering a sense of community and camaraderie within our volunteer team, and we are deeply grateful for all the time and passion our volunteers bring to the work we do.



Financial review



Reserves Policy

The charity aims to maintain reserves equivalent to six months of operational expenditure to provide financial stability, support in times of unexpected financial need, and ensure continuity of services. The reserve level is reviewed annually to ensure it remains appropriate in relation to the charity's size, activities, and potential risks

1. The Charity's Principal Sources of Funds (Including Any Fundraising):

CPVG's principal sources of funding come from a combination of individual donations, fundraising events, and grants from trusts and foundations. Our fundraising efforts are primarily volunteer-driven, with events designed to raise awareness and generate funds for our programs.

2. How Expenditure Has Supported the Key Objectives of the Charity:

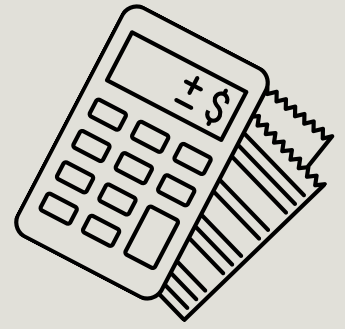
All expenditure is carefully planned to ensure that funds are directed towards the charity's core objectives. Our spending focuses on delivering the projects that directly benefit our beneficiaries, with a small portion allocated to operational costs. We regularly assess the impact of our spending to ensure it aligns with our objectives and supports our long-term goals.

3. Investment Policy and Objectives Including Any Ethical Investment Policy Adopted:

As a small charity, we do not engage in investment.

We are committed to ethical practices in all our financial decisions and avoid anything that may conflict with our charitable objectives or values. Our approach prioritises ensuring that funds are available to support our work in the park.

Income And Expenditure



CPVG Accounts 2024/25	
Expenditure	
Tools and equipment	£356.82
Volunteer related expenditure	£233.30
Event Costs	£118.46
Dipping Pond Project	£9,487.62
Security and Maintenance Kennels	£1,275.01
Sundries (Cleaning etc)	£78.90
Insurance	£157.00
Total Expenditure	£11,707.11
Income	
Opening Balance	£8,474.11
Grants	
LCC/Cobalt	£4,965.97
PH Holt Foundation	£6,300.00
LCC Ward Councillors	£2,500.00
Donations	£1,431.05
Total Income	£23,671.13
Operating Balance	£11,964.02

CPVG Trustees

Christine Beyga	Chair
Anthony Beyga	Volunteer Coordinator
Steven Kelly	Treasurer
Karen Fairhurst	Secretary
Patricia Helsby	Trustee
Lynne Condell	Trustee
Carol Platt	Trustee



Croxteth Park Volunteer Group Annual Report

Compiled by Christine Beyga, 2024

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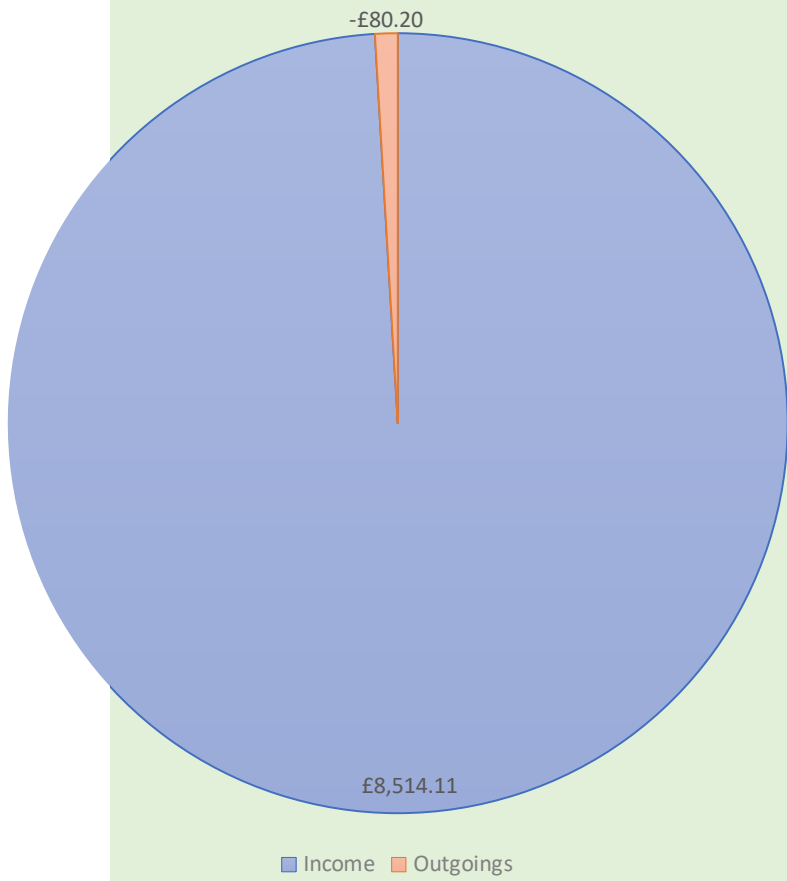
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Croxteth Park Volunteer Finances 2024

Name	Amount
Standing Balance	£8,474.11
Wuffies	-£18.64
The Dustpan & Brush Store	-£14.77
Easy Shopping 4 Home	-£36.80
Amazon	-£9.99
Danny Metz	£40.00
Total	£8,433.91

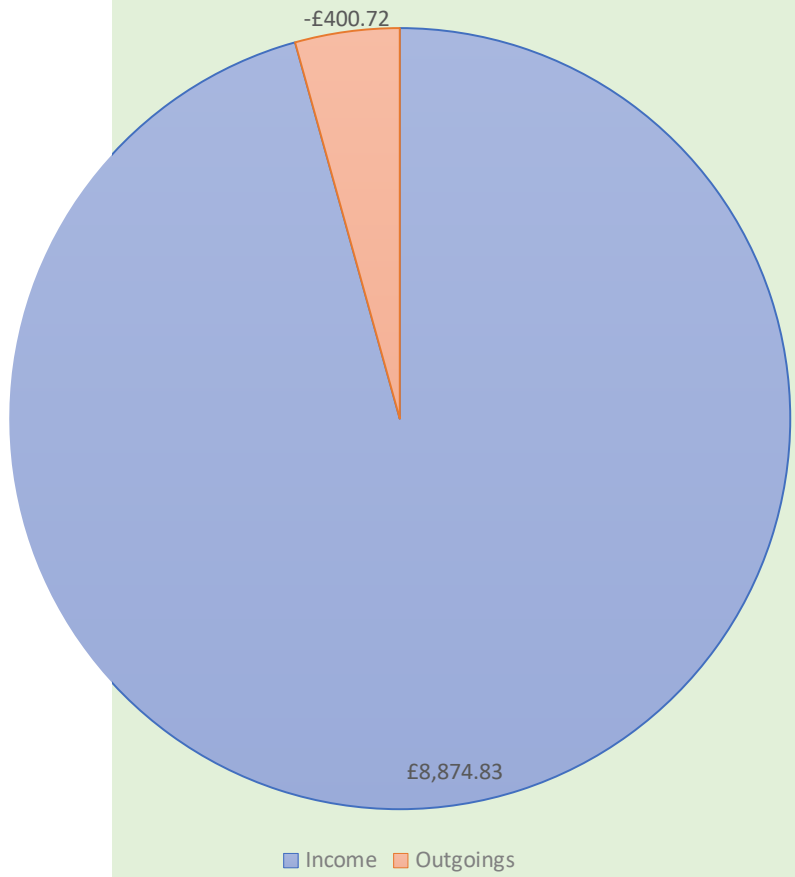
Income £8,514.11
Outgoings -£80.20



Croxteth Park Volunteer Finances 2023

Name	Amount
Starting Balance	£8,188.83
Hewlett	£686.00
Liverpool City Council	-£70.00
Lightbulb	-£13.99
Water Meter Battery	-£2.69
Zurich Insurance	-£157.00
Food/Supplies	-£28.43
Builders Sand	-£3.47
Miscellaneous	-£21.49
Amazon Order	-£24.66
Vista Print	-£26.49
Interflora	-£52.50
Total	£8,474.11

Income £8,874.83
Outgoings -£400.72



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AGM 27th August 2022

Chairs Update

Croxteth Hall and Country Park – LCC - Relationship

The hall management now split across 3 people

Parks - for anything to do with the park (fallen trees etc) Christina Williams Christina.Williams@liverpool.gov.uk

Interim Project Manager for Hall (access to the Hall, events, liaison with film crews etc)- Tracy Hewlett
- Tracy.Hewlett@liverpool.gov.uk

Corporate Landlord (repair and maintenance for Hall) Tommy Hughes Tommy.Hughes@liverpool.gov.uk

We continue to enjoy a good relationship with Hall Management/LCC and have monthly meetings.

Consultation into the future of the park runs to 12th September - vital to get in opinions as this may shape the future management of the park. CPVG are acting in the role of trusted/critical friend and continue to input into the consultation

Partnership with Mersey Rivers Trust - BioBlitz event went extremely well, another one possibly in Autumn. They are currently bidding for some funds to maintain the Wetland - originally sent Management Plan to Jacqui but this has never been picked up so they want us to work with them to look after the area. To be discussed with new Hall/Park management.

Volunteer sessions - These have been ongoing and have been (mainly) able to facilitate a group of between 6- 9 which is ideal number for managing the group and tools etc.

Schools Liaison – We continue to work closely with local schools around engagement and education for nature based activities, the majority of our grant funding is allocated to support this work and we recently presented two local schools (St Pauls and Blackmoor) with hampers of wildlife recording equipment and educational resources.

Treasurer Update

Financial Report and Accounts as presented by Treasurer (LC) and detailed the key issues regarding the current bank account with Barclays, which have been ongoing since we changed status to C.I.O. The sorry saga related a series of lengthy often drawn-out communications with the bank, none of which resulted in resolution. We appear to have reached a stalemate. LC. SK and CB are to continue the battle!

The most recent correspondence from the Banking Ombudsman gave little reassurance as this group have no remit in what type of accounts any bank offers. At this present time most banks have ceased offering charitable accounts.

Regarding the formation of a Bank Reserve Fund so ongoing yearly expenditures, such as insurance premiums could guaranteed is still under discussion. (Refer to 2022, AGM)

Month	Income		Expenditure	
2021				
April	£0.00		£237.60	Bench fixing
	£0.00		£12,420.00	Lancs Wildlife Trust Contracts Payment for river trust pathways project
	£0.00		£53.48	Petty Cash for milk, biscuits etc
May	£500.00	Localgiving (grant for equipment)	£20.00	Petty Cash for sandwiches for volunteers
	£100.00	Donation from R Morely for plants	£252.75	Wildlife recording equipment (Localgiving Grant)
June	£582.00	Cadent (grant for pathways)	£102.35	Wildlife recording equipment (Localgiving Grant)
	£0.00		£85.96	Petty Cash for milk, biscuits etc
July	£983.00	Groundwork - Tesco Community Grant	£157.00	Annual Insurance (Zurich) to C Beyga
	£0.00		£349.93	C Beyga reimbursed from Comic Relief purchases from grant
	£0.00		£3.00	Donation to Rivers Trust via paypal
	£0.00		£267.70	Wildlife recording equipment (TES Grant)
	£0.00		£0.00	
August	£0.00		£485.00	Lancs Wildlife Trust Contracts Payment for additional work on river trust pathways project
	£0.00		£2.69	Donation to Rivers Trust via paypal
September	£730.00	Grant from TES for wildlife recording equipment	£342.73	Wildlife recording equipment (TES Grant)
	£0.00		£32.20	Recording equipment via paypal
	£0.00		£151.49	Petty Cash for milk, biscuits etc
October	£1,025.30	Co-Op Community Fund payout	£0.00	
November	£0.00		£0.00	
December	£1,000.00	Grant from Hemby Charitable Trust	£50.00	Petty Cash for milk, biscuits etc
2022				
	£0.00		£0.85	paypal
January	£0.00		£58.00	Tools and equipment via paypal
February	£17.16	Payment from easy fundraising	£0.00	
	£100.00	Prize award from National Biodiversity Network	£0.00	
	£5.77	Amazon Smile Disbursement	£0.00	
March	£0.00		£0.00	
Running Total	£5,043.23		£15,072.73	