

# MENSTON AREA NATURE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1195510

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-08-13

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, MAINTENANCE AND STUDY OF PLACES AND OBJECTS OF BOTANICAL, ZOOLOGICAL, GEOLOGICAL, ECOLOGICAL OR SCIENTIFIC INTEREST IN AND AROUND MENSTON AND ELSEWHERE BY:- A. ESTABLISHING, FORMING, OWNING AND MAINTAINING SANCTUARIES OR RESERVES FOR THE CONSERVATION OF FLORA AND FAUNA; B. PROMOTING THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE, IN THE UNDERSTANDING, ENJOYMENT AND CONSERVATION OF NATURAL FLORA AND FAUNA; C. PROMOTING, ORGANISING AND CARRYING OUT STUDY AND RESEARCH IN THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF NATURE CONSERVATION, AND TO PUBLISH USEFUL RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH; D. CO-OPERATING WITH OTHER BODIES OF ALLIED INTEREST WHERE THIS MAY ASSIST IN ATTAINING THE AIM OF THE TRUST; E. LIAISING WITH VOLUNTARY AND STATUTORY BODIES, AND PRIVATE COMPANIES OR INDIVIDUALS, INVOLVED IN LOCAL LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ADVISE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SITES.F. ENSURING THAT ANY LAND ACQUIRED BY THE TRUST BE COVENANTED WITH THE AIM TO MAINTAIN SUCH AS NATURE RESERVES OR SANCTUARIES IN PERPETUITY.

**Activities:** Menston Area Nature Trust (MANT) is a charity aimed at creating, enhancing and protecting habitats for nature in and around Menston. MANT's immediate aim is to create a network of wildlife spaces in Menston through encouraging and developing nature friendly gardens and outdoor areas. Longer term the charity would like to create community nature reserves.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Bradford City
- Leeds City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£21,535	£20,368	-	-
2024-03-31	£70,734	£7,730	-	-
2023-03-31	£169,175	£4,715	-	-
2022-03-31	£2,084	£549	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Dr FRANCESCA LE GROS BRIDGEWATER BA MSC PHD</b>	Chair	2021-05-14
Alison Claire Davies BMus MusEd		2021-05-14
Andrew William Kelly BSc PGCE		2021-05-14
Christopher Eric Steele		2021-05-14
Emma Clair Dalton BA PGCE		2021-05-14

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*Figure 1 Wild Garlic at East Wood, Weston*

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Figure 2 FoWW Community Consultation Event

interest where this may assist in attaining the aim of the trust;

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## Chair's Report & Achievements

MANT has continued to be a force for nature within the village, running working parties to collect and sow wildflower seeds, survey earthworms, attack the spread of Himalayan Balsam, plant fruit trees and taking part in toad patrols. MANT has also written a report for the Menston Neighbourhood Plan with the help of the West Yorkshire Ecology Service, identifying current and future habitat corridors and hotspots in the village, and their importance for the wider nature networks. Miss Porritt's field was again conservation grazed, this year by White Park steers,

generously loaned from the Denton Reserve. We have continued to have a presence at various local events to provide education and information about the Trust and our work for nature.



*Figure 3 White Park Steers in Miss Porritt's field*

## Weston Woods

Weston Woods, a 20 acre woodland near Otley, was successfully acquired by MANT in December 2023, with the help of the local community, who generously supported the fundraising required, and a loan from Julia Davies of We Have The Power.

MANT has formed an umbrella group called Friends of Weston Woods (FoWW), which encompasses all the local groups and individuals who are interested in the woods. A subgroup, called FoWW Steering Group and chaired by Jessica Penrose, is charged with managing the woods.

The first task has been to write a Woodland Management Plan. Surveys of flora & fauna have been conducted by members of Wharfedale Naturalists who have generously given their time and expertise for free. Thanks to a small grant of £1500 from the Rural Payment Agency we have been able to employ Gordon Haycock, an Ecologist, to help draw up the Management Plan.

Meanwhile FoWW has laid on activities for the local community, including a Fun Day, a Family Day and a bioblitz with local school children. With over 1 mile of dry stone walling, we have been very

grateful for the work of the Yorkshire Dry Stone Walling Association members, and also local enthusiasts led by Matt Podd, who have made a great start on mending the walls.



*Figure 4 Work on Rhododendrons in Weston Woods*

In February FoWW spent a weekend removing some of the invasive Rhododendron, helped generously by the expertise of Protect Earth.

A small grant from Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) enabled us to employ an expert, Anni Raw, who guided us in running two Discovery Days to engage with the local community, find out their needs and encourage them to get involved. This work will inform some of the management of the woods going forward.

## Fundraising 2024-25

Fundraising to repay the loan for buying the woods has continued unabated, with volunteering to help at the Ilkley Carnival, the Online Auction in the autumn and a Table Top sale being the main contributors. Sponsoring of 3x3m squares and other donations from individuals have helped reduce the loan to £2,769.88 by 31st March 2025.

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*Figure 1 East Wood, Weston*

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Figure 2 MANT stand at Chevin Discovery Day

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## Chair's Report & Achievements

The year has been dominated by the acquisition of East Wood, Weston, (see below) and fundraising to that end. However, our other activities have not been neglected.

Working parties have continued to cultivate local wildflowers and plant them around the village, and in Miss Porritt's field, where a generous bug hotel has been established. Work removing

Himalayan Balsam has continued and the cows have also been in residence again in the field to help improve the plant diversity. The highlight of the bird walks was a dawn walk in High Royds woods. We led a day of corporate volunteering, removing tree guards from High Royds.

We have continued to encourage engagement with the natural world through hosting a picnic in Miss Porritt's field in celebration of the Coronation, organising a visit to East Keswick Wildlife Trust, and stalls at various local events (Ilkley Car Free Day, Menston In Bloom, Chevin Discovery Day, Ilkley Carnival & Otley Green Fair).

We are an active member of Menston Parks Group, campaigning for more varied and natural habitats in some of the communal areas around the village. MANT has also taken part in wider regional events including workshops on Community led Nature Research and a Nature Recovery Project for the South Pennines run by Natural England.

In May we led the project to buy 11 acres of fields on the edge of the village, and put in a bid jointly with the Parish Council and a private individual. Unfortunately we did not win the bid.

### Acquisition of East Wood, Weston

In early 2023 the opportunity arose to buy East Wood, Weston (locally known as Weston Wood), almost 20 acres of mature mixed woodland. Together with several other local community groups including Otley2030, Wildlife Friendly Otley, Wharfedale Naturalists, Climate Action Ilkley and



*Figure 3 East Woods, Weston in Spring*

Addingham Environment Group, we launched a crowdfunding campaign under the banner of Friends of Weston Wood (FoWW) and were able to raise sufficient funds to put in a bid, with the help of a loan from the philanthropist Julia Davies of We Have The Power. Purchase of the woods was finally signed off on 1 December 2023 and MANT became their legal owner. FOWW celebrated with a community event in the woods on 4 Dec, which was filmed by BBC Look North for a local news feature.

At the end of January 2024 we encouraged people to do the Big Garden Birdwatch in the woods, with our in-house ecologists on hand to help. February saw our first forest school event with 19 children, as well as a hugely successful litter pick with over 30 local people helping to pull out over 30 bags of rubbish from the woods. In March, steering group member and experienced dry stone waller Matt led a group from Get Out More CIC in a day of dry stone walling – starting the long job of repairing the wood boundaries.

We have received a grant to write a Woodland Management Plan, which we will prepare over the next year with the aid of the Ecologist Gordon Haycock.

FoWW is planning to hold further steering group meetings on site when possible, and is actively encouraging community involvement, from school bioblitzes and family fundays to Forest Schools and Forest Bathing events.

## Fundraising 2023-24

The year has been dominated by the need to raise funds to buy East Wood. The majority of the money was raised through a crowdfunding campaign, which began in February 2023 (see accounts below for details). The campaign has continued throughout 2023-24 with a second crowdfunding account to allow people to continue to contribute. Other sources of money have come from local government grants, being sponsored for volunteering at Ilkley Carnival, an online auction and donations to our stall. We run a scheme for people to sponsor a 3x3m square in the woods, each of which can be identified by a What3Words address, encouraging people to feel more connected to the place and the nature in it. Where possible we have applied for gift aid on the donations. We were fortunate to have a large donation of £29,000 towards the purchase of the woods.

A further crowdfunding campaign was launched to allow us to put in a bid for the fields in Menston. This bid was unsuccessful and the majority of the funds were repaid to donors, if requested.

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## Menston Area Nature Trust

### Accounts 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024

1 April 2022-31 March 2023

Income	£s	£s	£s	£s
Membership and Donations	460.31		1,729.52	
Grants	1,600.00		3,729.90	
Fundraising & sales <sup>4</sup>	22,780.31		149,237.93	
Gift Aid <sup>5</sup>	43,922.15		14,477.50	
Interest <sup>6</sup>	1,971.12		0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>70,733.89</b>		<b>169,174.85</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Printing	-		-59.00	
Room Hire and event expenses	-25.00		-90.00	
Equipment & Work done	-935.21		-139.60	
Insurance and legal expenses	-5,739.43		-4,341.49	
Bank charges	-1,030.44		-84.90	
<b>Total</b>		<b>-7,730.08</b>		<b>-4,714.99</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>		<b>63,003.81</b>		<b>164,459.86</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
		<b>31 March 2024</b>		<b>31-Mar-23</b>
Current Accounts and Cash	407.34		165,954.40	
Savings Accounts	2,310.64			
<b>Total Cash in bank and at hand</b>		<b>2,717.98</b>		<b>165,954.40</b>

Property (land) <sup>7</sup>	247,860.00		
Unpresented Cheques	0.00		10.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>250,577.98</b>	<b>165,964.40</b>
<b>Liabilities <sup>8</sup></b>	<b>-21,619.77</b>		
<b>Net assets / (liabilities)</b>		<b>228,958.21</b>	<b>165,964.40</b>

### Notes 2023-24

1. Menston Area Nature Trust was recognised as a charity by the Charity Commission on 13 August 2021
2. The financial year for the charity ends on 31 March
3. Prior year closing balances include bank balance of £166,885 and cash £68.85
4. Fundraised for purchase of land, Weston Woods, Otley, on 1 December 2023
5. Gift Aid includes claims for previous year donations.
6. Interest is from two savings accounts. Our Current account pays no interest.
7. Property value is the purchase price of Weston Woods and is inclusive of VAT.
8. Liabilities are outstanding bridging loan (interest free) for purchase of Weston Woods
9. Total fundraising and sales are gross of charges included under bank charges of £930.44

Menston Area Nature Trust

AUDIT REPORT

For the Period 1 APRIL 2023 To 31 MARCH 2024

I have examined the Balance Sheet of Menston Area Nature Trust as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and the related statement of income and expenditure and changes in fund balances for the period 1 April 2023 through 31 March 2024. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of accounting records and audit procedures I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of Menston Area Nature Trust as of 31 March 2024 and its revenues collected and expenses paid for the period then ended.



John Greenwood

Auditor

Date: 12.11.24

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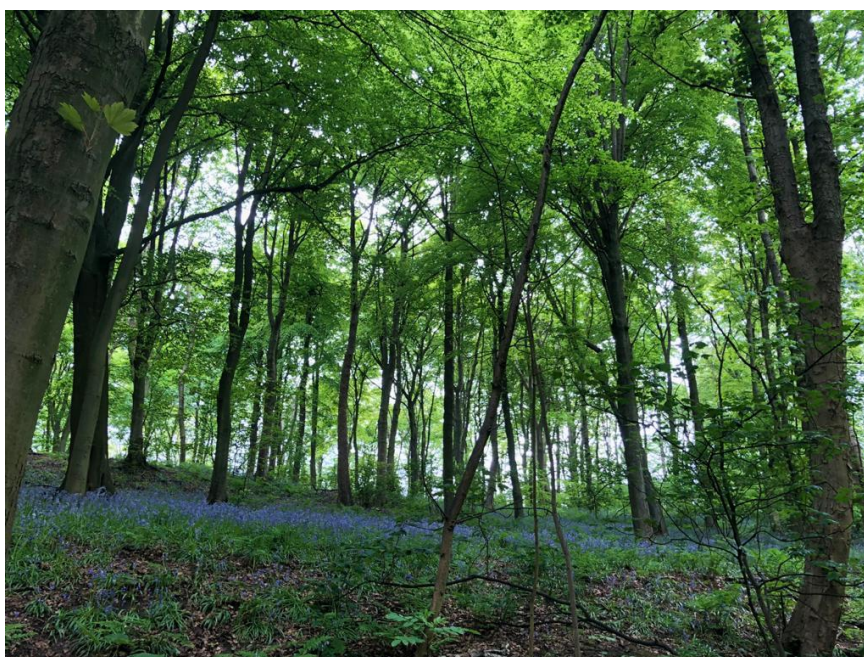


Figure 1 High Royds Woods

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Figure 2 Wild Gardens Open Day May 2022

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April 2022 - March 2023

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#### Income

	£s	£s	
Membership and Donations	1,729.52		1524.88
Grants	3,729.90		465.26
Fundraising	163,715.43		94
<b>Total</b>		<b>169,174.85</b>	<b>2,084.14</b>

#### Expenditure

Printing and publicity	59.00		356
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Room Hire and event expenses	<b>90.00</b>	0
Insurance	<b>139.60</b>	139.6
Other Expenditure	<b>4,341.49</b>	
Bank charges and other Fees	<b>84.90</b>	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,714.99</b>	<b>548.60</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>	<b>164,459.86</b>	<b>1,535.54</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in bank and at hand	<b>165,954.40</b>	1,494.54
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
<b>Net assets / (liabilities)</b>	<b>165,954.40</b>	<b>1,494.54</b>

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Fundraising Income includes £163,000 raised towards purchase of East Woods.

**Cash at bank and at hand  
31.03.23**

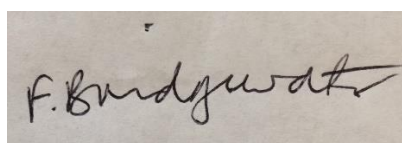
Cash	68.85
Bank Balance	165,885.55
<b>Total Cash at bank and at hand</b>	<b>165,954.40</b>

**Treasurer's report**

We have received a number of grants over the past 12 months related to Miss Porritt's Field maintenance and improvement, which account for the majority of 'Other Expenditure'. However, this income was dwarfed by the community's donations to purchase the East Woods near Otley that arrived in March 2023 either directly, through grants from local groups or through our Crowdfunder page. Meanwhile, our membership continues to grow, giving us a firm base for the future.

**Chris Steele, Treasurer, MANT**

Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees on 31/08/2023





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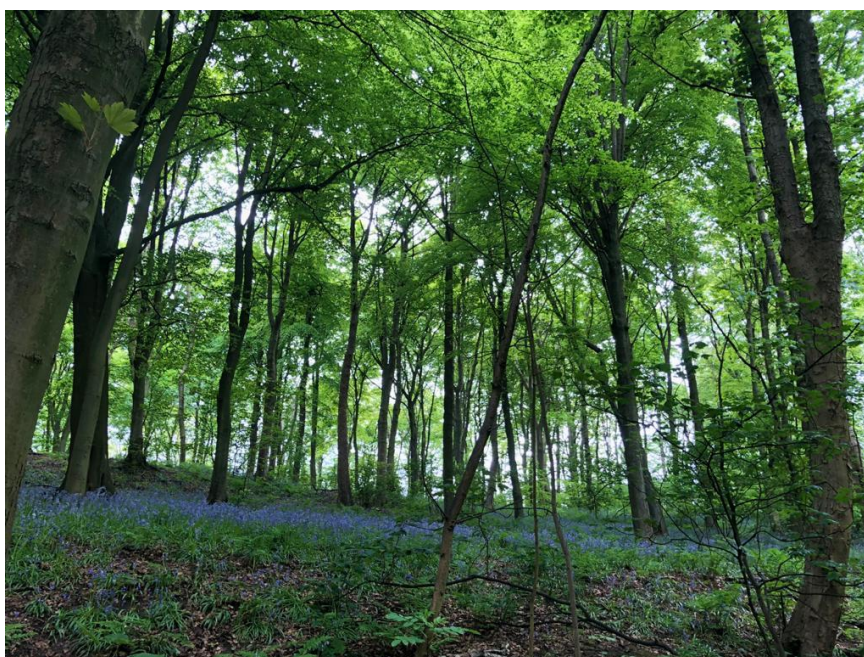


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Other Expenditure	<b>4,341.49</b>	
Bank charges and other Fees	<b>84.90</b>	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,714.99</b>	<b>548.60</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>	<b>164,459.86</b>	<b>1,535.54</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in bank and at hand	<b>165,954.40</b>	1,494.54
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.00
<b>Net assets / (liabilities)</b>	<b>165,954.40</b>	<b>1,494.54</b>

Note: Menston Area Nature Trust was recognised as a charity by the Charity Commission as of 13 August 2021.  
Fundraising Income includes £163,000 raised towards purchase of East Woods.

#### **Cash at bank and at hand 31.03.23**

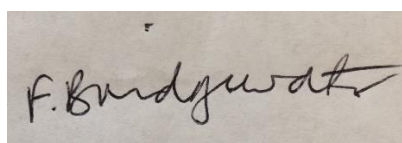
Cash	68.85
Bank Balance	165,885.55
<b>Total Cash at bank and at hand</b>	<b>165,954.40</b>

#### Treasurer's report

We have received a number of grants over the past 12 months related to Miss Porritt's Field maintenance and improvement, which account for the majority of 'Other Expenditure'. However, this income was dwarfed by the community's donations to purchase the East Woods near Otley that arrived in March 2023 either directly, through grants from local groups or through our Crowdfunder page. Meanwhile, our membership continues to grow, giving us a firm base for the future.

**Chris Steele, Treasurer, MANT**

Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees on 31/08/2023



**Independent Examiner's Statement**

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**I have undertaken a sampling review of the management accounts of Menston Area Nature Trust and I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn. I would have preferred to see greater reference in the trustee report or in the presentation of the accounts to the fundraising approach and costs for the planned purchase of Weston Woods (also described as East Woods) and clarity that the large credit balance shown can only be used for the purchase of the Woods and that if this did not proceed, the funds would be returned to the donors.**

**Nicola Swan**

**MENSTON AREA NATURE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1195510

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# Accounts

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# Menston Area Nature Trust Annual Report 2021-2022

Reporting Period: 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (date charity registered) – 31<sup>st</sup>  
March 2022

Prepared by Francesca Bridgewater, Chair of Trustees, and Chris Steele, Treasurer

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Registered Address: Willow Dene, Bradford Road, Menston, Ilkley, West Yorkshire LS29 6ED

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*Figure 1 Common Frog*

## Trustees

Francesca Bridgewater	Chair
Christopher Steele	Treasurer
Emma Dalton	Secretary
Alison Davies	Vice Chair and Membership Secretary
Andrew Kelly	Publicity



Figure 2 Trustees at launch Left to Right: Emma Dalton, Andrew Kelly, Francesca Bridgewater, Chris Steele, Alison Davies

## Chair's Report

MANT's first year in existence has been a great success. The charity has filled an important niche, providing a focus for people concerned about the state of local wildlife. We have had much enthusiastic support from all areas of the village, and have made many links with different interested groups. The unexpected opportunity to manage Miss Porritt's field, an acre and half of land in the centre of the village, has been a tremendous boost and will allow many projects to be carried out with the community. MANT has also had help and support from other local wildlife groups, in particular Wharfedale Naturalists and East Keswick Wildlife Trust, who both inspired our formation and have been very generous with their help. We are looking forward with optimism to our first full year as a charity.

## Our Purpose

Menston Area Nature Trust (MANT) was set up in August 2021 to protect and increase the quantity and quality of the biodiversity in and around the Menston area. Our objective is to own or manage land for wildlife locally, to study and research the local ecosystems, and to educate the public and young people about the needs and importance of wildlife, sharing our enjoyment of it.



Figure 3 Large Red Damselfly

## Our Structure



Figure 4 Red Admiral Butterfly

MANT is a registered charity, set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It currently has 5 trustees (see above), who are also the only official voting members of the charity. The first trustees hold the position for 4 years (Emma Dalton & Francesca Bridgewater), 3 years (Andrew Kelly & Alison Davies) and 2 years (Christopher Steele), to ensure there will be continuity of trustees. Following these first tenures, trustees will be appointed for a 3 year-term at a properly convened meeting of the trustees. Trustees will be chosen for their knowledge, skills and experience appropriate for running the charity.

The charity also has a further 49 associate members (non-voting) as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## Our Aims & Objectives 2021-22



Figure 5 Robin

- To launch Charity publicly
- To attract 100 paid associate members by 31 March 2022
- To create links with other local environmental groups
- To have an active social media presence – website, Facebook, Twitter etc
- To commence environmental education by collaborating with the local primary school and local youth groups.
- To acquire some land for wildlife.

## Our Achievements 2021-22

- Publicly launched in Green Week on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 with stalls in Menston and Ilkley.
- Built a functioning website and have active facebook and twitter presence.
- Have 49 paid associate members.
- Signed an agreement to manage Miss Porritt's Field (a local community field) for an initial 7 years.
- Made links with local environmental groups including:
  - Addingham Environmental Group
  - East Keswick Wildlife Trust
  - Friends of Ilkley Moor
  - Otley 2030 and Wildlife Friendly Otley
  - Otley Swifts
  - Wharfedale Naturalists.
- Published our first newsletter.
- Started discussions with Menston Primary School about collaborating on tree planting and other activities.
- In discussions with local Scouts groups.
- Opened a dialogue with Bradford Council about mowing regimes.
- Attempting to set up a village wide group to discuss improvements in Menston Park, including leaving an area unmown.
- Started a wildflower nursery using local native seeds.
- Convened working parties to increase wildflowers in the park.

## Our Public Benefit 2021-22

- Launched environmental educational activities through:
  - Stall in Green Week
  - Stall at Ilkley No Car Day
  - Website and other social media
  - Communications with local school and youth groups.
- Acquired management of a 1.5 acre field within the village to improve biodiversity and use as an educational & community resource.



*Figure 6 Honesty*



*Figure 7 Borage and Feverfew*

## MANT's Financial Accounts 2021-22

August 2021 - March 2022

	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Membership and Donations	£1524.88	
Grants	£465.26	
Fundraising & sales	£94.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2084.14</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Printing	£356.00	
Room Hire and event expenses	£0.00	
Insurance	£139.60	
Bank charges	£53.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£548.60</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>		<b>£1535.54</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in bank and at hand	£1,494.54	
<b>Liabilities</b>	£0.00	
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>£1,494.54</b>

### Treasurer's report

We are pleased to have been so well supported by Menston Parish Council who gave an initial grant to enable us to purchase banners, flags and other publicity materials as we set up the charity. We have kept our membership fee low at just £5 to encourage members and this seems to have worked well in establishing the charity in the local community; before the end of our financial year our membership grew to nearly fifty members, many of whom made additional donations. We are therefore on a good financial footing despite the various covid related lockdowns restricting our public activities and opportunities for fundraising.