

THE FRIENDS OF JACKHOUSE NATURE RESERVE

England & Wales · Charity number 1198103

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-03-01

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:• TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF JACKHOUSE NATURE RESERVE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.• TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF JACKHOUSE NATURE RESERVE.

Activities: Working with and in consultation with the owners Hyndburn BC, the Friends promote the protection of the physical and natural environment of Jackhouse, including carrying out volunteer sessions and educational walks.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,319	£1,167	-	-
2024-03-31	£1,059	£1,145	-	-
2023-03-31	£1,633	£1,070	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lindsey Macdonald	Chair	2021-08-03
Robin Frank Wilkinson		2023-05-17
Ruth Bibby		2021-09-14
Ruth Sarah Lavis		2021-08-03
Stephen Mark Tyrer		2021-08-03
Yvonne Connelly		2021-09-14

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The Friends of Jackhouse Nature Reserve annual report 2024/2025

Thanks to the Friends of Rhyddings Park for allowing us to use their facilities and for their general support.

Key events from the year

1. Wildflower assessment in June 2024, funded by Windfall for 2 annual cuts/mow, one of which partially went ahead in October and due to the poor weather the second was in March this year. Bluebells are now thriving in one of the areas adjacent to Cobbs Lane.
2. Thanks to the generosity of a local artist we held a raffle for one of her beautiful paintings – raising £125.
3. In July we installed 35 birdboxes thanks to funding received from the Civic Society.
4. We held a bat walk late July with pre-walk coffee & biscuits provided curtesy of local residents – thanks to them both.
5. February saw the bridge replacement and two new kissing gates & fencing installed at the main entrance on Pot House and one at the top of Cobbs. The boulders at the main entrance are due to be replaced by bollards and are trying (with limited success) to stop cars from parking there.
6. Prospects have started regular volunteering sessions, held on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, which I'm sure Hyndburn Prospects will talk more about in his update.
7. February also saw the “temporary” closure of Haslingden Old Road which is creating increased traffic using Cobbs Lane as a cut through. LCC have erected signage, with limited success. Good news increased deer sightings in the reserve.
8. In April an expert bird watcher led an early morning bird walk as part of the Hyndburn Nature Reserves project.
9. Newsletters – big thanks to our secretary for regular newsletters, June, July, October 2024 and March this year
10. Incidents – usual incidents: unofficial prom parties, camping, drinking, drug, motorbike, parking.

Main initiatives for next 12 months 2025/26

1. Balsam bashing has started next session 24th May 2025 at 10am.
2. Making progress on actions highlighted in Management Report.
3. Consider recommendations from ground-nest birds report.

ACCOUNTS

Date	Details	Payments	Receipts	Balance
20/05/2024	Zurich Insurance	157		
02/08/2024	Cuerden Valley Park donation for bat walk equipment	60		
20/08/2024	Woody CIC payment for making and installing bird boxes	770		
10/10/2024	Part payment meadow mow (Intake Mgnement)	180		
	Bank interest		20.42	
July/August	raffle income		125	
29/07/2024	Oswaldtwistle Civic Society donation for bird boxes		500	
30/05/2024	Windfall Fund grant (training and meadow mowing)		834	
18/10/2024	Windfall Fund grant (robo mow)		840	
Balance 31/3/24				476.37
Balance per the accounts at 31/03/25				1,628.79
		1167	2319.42	

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Annual General Meeting 28th May 2024

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Recap of the previous year – good news

June 2023 final version of Jackhouse Management Plan.

Meadow survey course, funded by a Windfall Fund grant and carried out by Lancashire Wildlife Trust was attended by 13 people in July. The aim to improve biodiversity in two areas – once at the Pot House Lane entrance near the reserve and the other near the top bench near Haslingden Old Road.

New bin installed Aug/Sept 23, located near the main gate still being very well used.

Mowing of the areas happened in September.

Thanks to Ruth B for her work on Toad patrol the Froglife including letter to residents. Estimated 30 deaths in 2023 and 1 in 2024.

We would like to thank the Civic Society. Following a donation we have recently purchased 35 bird boxes.

Thanks all for continued litter picking efforts, including Ossy Litter Pickers and support from Oswaldtwistle Rotary and Friends of Rhyddings.

Thanks to Lindsey for producing and sending out the regular newsletters.

2023 not so good news

Incidents – 2nd June 16th June 19th June. Lindsey has already contacted Hyndburn Neighbourhood Police to advise that some official school proms have been cancelled. Please keep logging any/all incidents with Lancashire Police doitonline.lancashire.police

Radar lock broken by vandals.

Tree saplings pulled up in an attempt to make a fire.

The next 12 months

The Balsam bashing programme for 2024 has started with the fortnightly sessions held on Saturdays 10-12 with the next session 8th June – sessions running 17th August. Please do be careful where you leave any pulled balsam as it does get quite slippy once crushed.

Lynne has donated a painting and Lindsey a pair of binoculars to be raffled to raise funds. If anyone would like a ticket, they are £1 each or £3 per strip. Raffle to be drawn on Saturday 22nd June during balsam bashing session.

HBC are to fund the bridge replacement.

Further meadow assessment to be carried out Saturday 15th June with further mowing sessions likely later this year.

Bird walk and wildflower walk will be happening soon, dependant on the weather. Bat walk to be scheduled probably in August with David.

Jackhouse Friends
 Bank: Current a/c
 Reconciliation at 31/03/24

Date	Reference	N	Details	A	Payments	Receipts	Balance
28/04/23	REC 000025		Bank interest			1.85	
18/05/23	PAY 000004		Zurich Insurance		157.00		
31/05/23	REC 000024		Bank interest			1.74	
27/06/23	REC 000022		Prospects Foundation Windfall Fund grant			260.00	
30/06/23	REC 000023		Bank interest			1.61	
31/07/23	REC 000020		Prospects Foundation Windfall Fund grant			771.00	
31/07/23	REC 000021		Bank interest			2.81	
30/08/23	PAY 000003		Lancashire Wildlife Trust		249.00		
31/08/23	REC 000019		Bank interest			6.04	
15/09/23	PAY 000005		Intake Management Solutions Ltd		720.00		
15/09/23	PAY 000006		Lindsey Macdonald		18.86		
29/09/23	REC 000032		Interest			3.32	
31/10/23	REC 000026		Interest			1.98	
30/11/23	REC 000027		Interest			1.92	
29/12/23	REC 000028		Interest			2.00	
31/01/24	REC 000029		Interest			2.00	
29/02/24	REC 000030		Interest			1.53	
28/03/24	REC 000031		Interest			0.81	
Total of entries not on statements					1,144.86	1,058.61	-86.25
Balance per statement number 1 dated 31/03/23							562.62
Balance per the accounts at 31/03/24							476.37

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**Annual Report for 2022 to 2023 from the Chair
on behalf of the Trustees to
annual meeting 17 May 2023**

1. Balsam bashing – Members of Friends of Jackhouse, Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary members and our local home education community volunteered. We ran weekly sessions from 28/05 – 06/08
2. Our local bird expert Mark led a bird walk.
3. The Friends of Rhydding Park – gave us a stall at events in July/August, and put on a fund-raising meal in June.
4. Radar key lock installed by the council on gate.
5. Paths resurfaced and drains repaired by the council after heavy rain damage.
6. Management Plan 2022-2027. Draft copy received from Lancashire Wildlife Trust 21/08/22 currently with HBC as the landowner for comment and sign off.
7. We are now members of Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum.
8. We have issued regular enewsletters to our members.
9. Prospects Foundation Hyndburn ran a family walk and a drystone wall course (25/10/22)- 15 attendees, Halloween bat walk (27/10/22) – 45 attendees!
10. Volunteers carried out winter scrub clearing on the meadowland near the lake.
11. Duke of Edinburgh award – A local young person is doing fortnightly volunteering sessions.
12. Website to be moved onto Friends of Rhyddings Park website – we welcome collaboration with other voluntary organisations

Incidents – unofficial prom parties, camping, practice air-gun shooting, publicised as great off-road cycle track, drinking, drug, fly tipping and inconsiderate parking

The main initiatives for next 12 months will be balsam bashing and progressing actions highlighted in the Management Report.

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Date	Reference	Details	Receipts	Payments	Balance
05/04/2022	REC 000001	Credit from previous charity	380		
13/04/2022	REC 000002	Grant from Prospects Windfall Fund	913		
13/04/2022	REC 000003	Bank interest	0.36		1,293.36
04/06/2022	REC 000005	Fund-raising dinner by Rhyddings	180		
06/06/2022	PAY 000001	PL insurance		157	
08/06/2022	REC 000004	Fund-raising stall	47		
30/06/2022	REC 000006	Bank interest	0.93		1,364.29
26/07/2022	REC 000007	Fund-raising stall at Rhyddings	76		
29/07/2022	REC 000008	Bank interest	1.17		1,441.46
01/08/2022	REC 000009	Fund-raising bee-event cash	3.03		
01/08/2022	REC 000011	Bank interest	1.52		
02/08/2022	REC 000010	Donation from member	20		
25/08/2022	PAY 000002	Pay Lancashire Wildlife Trust for Management Report		913	553.01
30/09/2022	REC 000012	Bank interest	0.74		553.75
31/10/2022	REC 000013	Bank interest	0.94		554.69
30/11/2022	REC 000014	Bank interest	1.22		555.91
30/12/2022	REC 000015	Bank interest	1.42		557.33
30/01/2023	REC 000016	Bank interest	1.88		559.21
28/02/2023	REC 000017	Bank interest	1.59		560.8
31/03/2023	REC 000018	Interest	1.82		562.62
31/03/2023		Balance carried forward			562.62
			1632.62	1070	