

# Friends of Jackhouse Nature Reserve

## Annual General Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 16<sup>th</sup> June 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> June – sessions running 17<sup>th</sup> August. Please do be careful where you leave any pulled balsam as it does get quite slippery 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June during balsam bashing session.

HBC are to fund the bridge replacement.

Further meadow assessment to be carried out Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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