

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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
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