



Greener Padbury Group

2022 – 2023

AGM, 10 October 2023



Welcome! We have been busy...

- We last put our plans to the village at our CONSULTATION DAY on 19 June 2022. The turnout was most encouraging and we had lots of positive feedback to spur us on. Thank you for your input.
- Since then, we have...





Delivered 45 hours of FREE
children's woodland activities

The sessions you provide in
Padbury woods are
absolutely incredible. My
children always leave calm,
content and inspired.



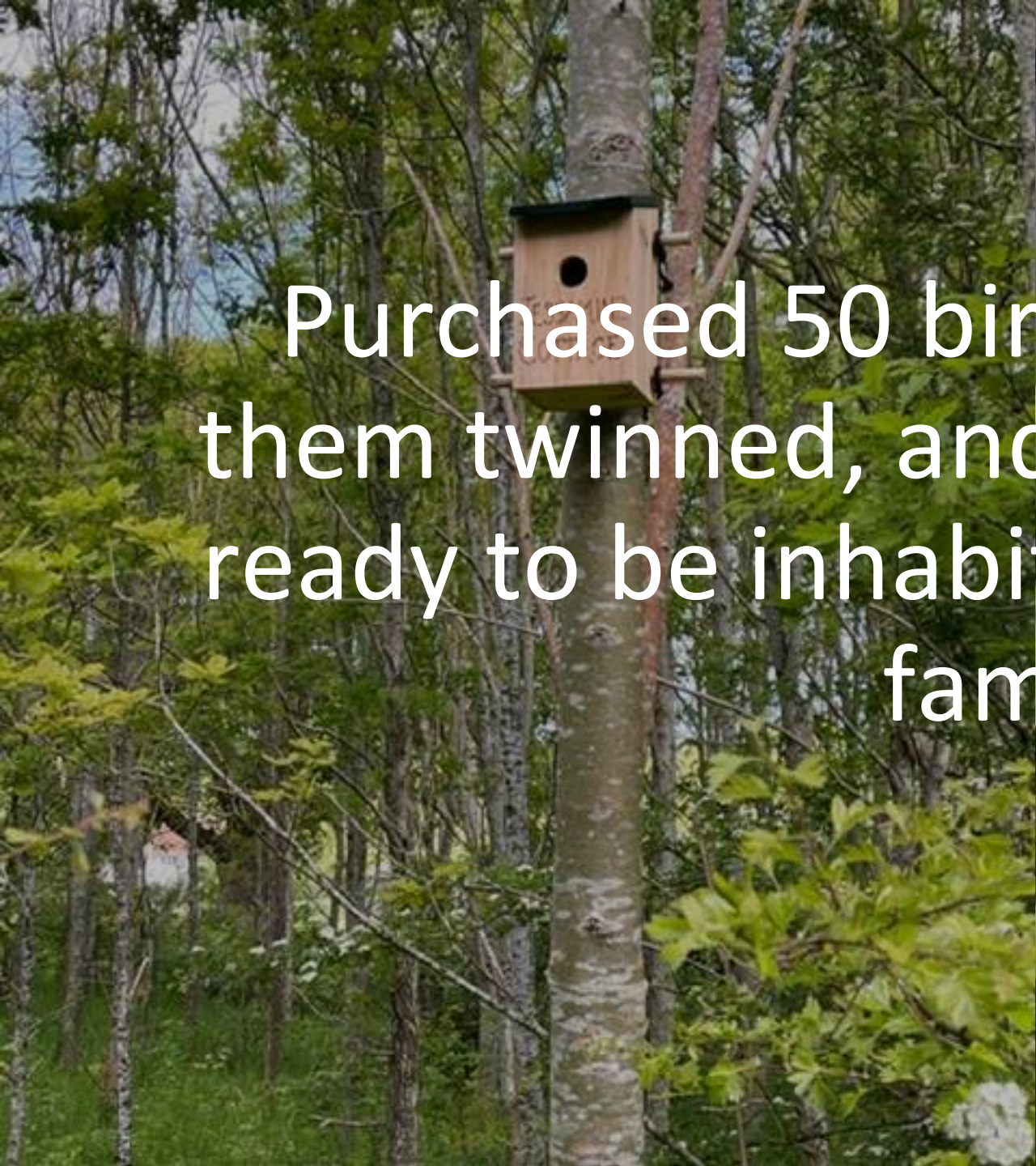
Planted for wildlife in five communal spaces within the village itself (AKA the Verges Project)





Planted many, many more
than 500 bulbs and plugs in
the Millennium Wood

Purchased 50 birdboxes, many of them twinned, and most now in situ, ready to be inhabited by a feathered family.





Trapped, admired, recorded and released an array of beautiful moths.

An increasing number of residents are getting involved in this monitoring.





Met at crack of dawn for a
birdsong walk – and again at
dusk!

Just returned from the
evening walk – LOVED it! Got
the app, just been down the
garden listening to more
birds. A giant success.

Established a pre-school nature group: Muddy Toddlers.

Again, this is free to families and each term has booked up very quickly!





Treated
Padbury
School's year
3s and 4s to a
full day of
outdoor
learning and
fun in the
woods

Hosted the WI's
Summer Outing –
complete with a den
building competition!



Dressed the beautiful oak in the Main Street play area for Christmas





Attended local
green events to
share
inspiration



Joined with
other groups
for the Garden
Tree Giveaway
– Padbury is at
least 50 trees
greener!

Also: applied for grants,
grappled with accounts,
celebrated our third
anniversary as a registered
charity, visited other
projects in the county,
mastered an online
ticketing system - and built
a shed!





How have we done this? Funding and financing

We are very grateful to the Winslow and Village Community Board, Heart of Bucks, the Wates Foundation and Tesco Community Grants for their support.

Funding and financing

- We are also grateful for all those individual donations made alongside Go Wild bookings. These help us offer more sessions.
- The 'sponsor a bird box' scheme has been very well supported – thank you to everyone. This was also made a success by the creative and generous Men in Sheds and David Illing.
- Finally, Preston Bissett Nurseries have been tremendously generous.



Greener Padbury Group Charity no. 1198965

Balance Sheet as at 05.04.23

Income		Expenditure		Totals
BF 08.07.2021	£0.00			
Greener Gardens Event	£871.30	Greener garden event	£288.52	
	£60.00		£66.00	
	£17.32			
	£120.00			
Christmas pudding	£10.00	Website 2021	£124.32	
		Birdboxes	£50.00	
Bucks Council grant	£8,701.00	Padbury Preschool	£995.00	
Open day takings	£87.00	Woodland Activities	£590.00	
		Black Dog flag	£195.60	
Grant 2	£5,000.00	Notice Boards	£158.63	
From refreshments 15.09	£17.00	Padbury School Forest School	£1,245.00	
		VH fees	£30.00	
Wates Family Grant	£500.00	Woodland Activities	£546.00	
Refund PVH Deposit	£100.00	Woodland Activities	£825.00	
Nativity Festival	£65.00	Future Nature	£2,310.00	
Donations	£30.00	VH fees	£30.00	
Stripe donations	£285.00	ACT training	£75.00	
		Woodland Activities	£336.00	
		Woodland Activities	£675.00	
		woodland Activities	£868.00	
			£8,929.23	
		PVH refund- cq not used	£100.00	
		Website 2022	£114.32	
		Insurance	£169.09	
		Ticket Tailor	£48.00	
		Stripe Fees	£12.04	
			£922.29	
			£1,200.95	
			£1,200.95	
Total Income	£15,863.62	Total expenditure	£11,052.47	£11,052.47

Current assets £4,811.15

Balance Sheet 05.04.23			
Assets		Liabilities	
Lloyds Bank	£0.00	First Aid Kit	£22.95
Coop Bank	£4,811.15		
Cash	£0.00		
Stripe fees owing	£38.64		
Total	£4,849.79		£22.95
Reserves	£4,826.84		

Grant 1 summary

Total Expenditure	£8,929.23
Grant	£8,701.00
From undesignated funds	£228.23
Our contribution	£600.00
Still available	£371.77

Grant 2 summary

Total Expenditure	£1,200.95
Grant	£5,000.00
Amount of grant money remaining	£3,799.05
Our contribution	£750.00
Still available	£4,549.05


Available funds

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Represented by

Still to spend Grant 1	£371.77
Still to spend Grant 2	£4,549.05
	£4,920.82


Shortfall	£71.03
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A photograph of a grassy verge next to a road. A person is visible in the background, working in the grass. The verge is bordered by a metal railing on the left and a wooden fence on the right. The grass is tall and green, with some weeds. A red bucket is on the ground.

What next? And how can you help?

THE VERGES PROJECT

- Five communal spaces in the village, planted for wildlife:
 - Bottom of Main Street play area (wildflowers, sunflower den)
 - Main Street verge near War Memorial
 - Lower Way bank (rosemary, lavenders)
 - A413 near The Maltsters (logs and ferns)
 - The Blackbird car park (planted up with fern, grasses, sedums and a grapevine)
- It will take time to develop these with wild flowers and naturalising bulbs, but we need 2-3 people per verge to continue planning/planting for biodiversity (a small budget will be available) and for regular maintenance.

A photograph of a forest floor covered in a dense carpet of purple bluebells. Tall, slender tree trunks are visible in the background, and the scene is bathed in soft, dappled sunlight.

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THE MILLENNIUM WOODS BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

- Now in its second year...
- We are looking for groups of volunteers that are willing to help maintenance / planting / sowing, etc. every couple of months
- Also help putting up birdboxes and bat boxes
- Monitoring biodiversity

What next? And how can you help?

- Litter picks: 2 – 3 a year. Join the litter pick mailing list.
- Do you have a green scheme you would like to implement? Come and talk to us – we may be able to help you get it off the ground. We are working with school, the parish council, St Mary's Church, the WI, the allotments and are keen to have more partners.
- Please join the Friends of Greener Padbury email list!





Thank you for your continued support.



Treasurer's report for accounts ending 05/04/23
Greener Padbury Group, AGM 2023

The accounts show our finances since inception.

We started raising funds with the Greener Gardens event in July 2021. Net proceeds from that whole village event were £593.80.

We were able to set up a website as well as a facebook page.

We were awarded our first grant from the Winslow and Communities Villages Board, Buckinghamshire Council in March 2022.

This money has funded a survey of the woods by Future Nature to assess the current state and make suggestions for increasing their biodiversity. We have been able to fund the training of 2 Forest school practitioners and equipment for them to use. They are now working with their groups from Padbury school and preschool on a regular basis. The grant has also allowed us to engage Julie Lloyd Evans to lead a whole array of woodland based activities for youngsters and adults. We have purchased some equipment to help with these sessions.

Our second grant, from Heart of Bucks, was received in September 2022 and at the date of these accounts we had purchased native bulbs and plug plants to increase the biodiversity of the woodland floor.

We were also thankful to receive a grant of £500 from the Wates Family Enterprise Trust, which has helped with various administrative fees and the purchase of equipment.

Towards the end of the financial year, a Stripe Account was set up with Ticket Tailor to receive payments and donations.

Everything we do is covered by the grants and monies we fundraise for, but we rely heavily on volunteers , who have helped with activities, spent time putting up bird boxes, monitoring the moths, planting the woodland floor, or joining in with litter picks. I would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way. Without you, it would not happen!

Lastly, I would like to thank Mark Taylor for his valuable help with accounting procedures and providing the independent examination for the year.

Tina Mitchell, Treasurer, Greener Padbury Group, 10/10/2022

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Approved

Ch. Blintz

TREASURER

26/9/2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Greener Padbury Group for the period ending 5 April 2023.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention. I am satisfied that the accounts are true and fair.

Mark Taylor

MARK TAYLOR FCA

26/9/2023

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