

FRIENDS OF FREEMAN'S WOOD

England & Wales · Charity number 1202583

Details

Other names	FRIENDS OF FREEMAN'S WOOD AND CORONATION FIELD
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2023-03-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	145 Willow Lane Lancaster LA1 5PU
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF CORONATION FIELD AND FREEMAN'S WOOD, LANCASTER INCLUDING BY PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH LOCAL GREEN SPACES.

Activities: FFW promotes for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of Freeman's Wood and Coronation Field, Lancaster. Our activities include enhancing biological diversity and public access, and organising educational guided walks and other community engagement events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£30,852	£51,339	-	-
2024-03-31	£51,107	£5,165	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JON BARRY	Chair	2023-05-15
Amanda Bannon		2023-05-15
Bethany Joy Speir Haughey		2023-05-15
Dr Emily Heath		2023-05-15
Rosalind June Gwenda Jones		2026-04-14
Sarah Catherine Hester		2024-01-05
Shawn Duckers		2024-01-05

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT - 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

Friends of Freeman's Wood CIO oversees the management of Freeman's Wood, a woodland on the outskirts of Lancaster which is a designated Town Green.

We are continuing work on the accessible path project. The path itself was officially opened in September 2024 and is now being enjoyed by many visitors to the woods. Further work is planned for the remainder of 2025 to make the wood even more accessible with the installation of bike racks at one entrance and the removal of some of the industrial fencing that blocks large sections of the wood.

The tree planting scheme was a success: grant funding was received and many volunteers of all ages helped with planting 750 native saplings in January 2025.

Regular volunteering sessions have helped to keep litter and brambles under control, and wood chippings have been spread on the muddy path from Coronation Field.

A new website has been built which enables visitors to sign up for volunteering sessions, subscribe to the newsletter and donate.

We have organised occasional guided walks to share knowledge about local history and wildlife.

Trustee meetings are held at least quarterly and are well attended by trustees and other valued advisors.

Projects for the next twelve months include wildflower planting on the meadow area and design and installation of interpretation boards.

Friends of Freeman's Wood CIO
Annual Accounts to 31st March 2025

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Opening balance	45,942
Income	
LEF Grant Funding (path)	26,846
Tree Council - tree planting grant	2,046
United Utilities	1,000
Wonderful platform	55
Refund of cash on hand from purchase	70
Fundraising	202
Interest	635
	<u>30,852</u>
Expenditure	
Fundraising costs	(80)
Open Spaces Society membership	(45)
Insurance	(420)
Bank fees	(71)
Web hosting	(263)
Wildflower planting	(922)
Accessible Path	
Peter Whittle	(755)
Tools	(358)
LWT	(46,079)
JK Treatment	(300)
Tree planting	
Tree planting - trees	(2,046)
	<u>(51,339)</u>
Funds held in Unity Bank	<u>25,455</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Land	50,309
Bank	25,455
Total Assets	<u>75,764</u>
Land reserve	50,309
I&E Reserve	25,455
Total Reserves	<u>75,764</u>

Bethany Haughey



Bethany Haughey (Jul 9, 2025, 5:00pm)
09 Jul 2025

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Peter Fielding (Jul 14, 2025, 3:36pm)
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From: friendsoffreemanswood@gmail.com
Sent: 09 July 2025 16:55
To: 'Peter Fielding'
Subject: RE: FFW | Annual Accounts 2024-25

Hi Peter

I hope you had a wonderful trip to Italy.

Thanks for reviewing the accounts. Yes, the notes page was next on my list which I am now updating. I will send you a Signable link to sign in just a mo.

Many thanks,
Bethany

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Fielding <peterfielding200@gmail.com>
Sent: 29 June 2025 09:15
To: friendsoffreemanswood@gmail.com
Subject: Re: FFW | Annual Accounts 2024-25

Hi Bethany.

Just carried out my review of the accounts on a private terrace overlooking a smouldering Mount Etna!! Sorry I didn't get back to you last week - Work and SORP deadlines got in the way!

Anyway, I've gone through the bank statements and accounts working papers and (which will come as no surprise) everything is perfectly in order - very easy to follow and all classifications correct.

And I'm sure you know that the Notes tab is 23/24, so this will need updating - unless I'm just missing this year's version.

Hope you are well and just send me the link through for signing whenever you are ready.

With very best wishes

Peter

On Tue, Jun 17, 2025 at 1:38 PM <friendsoffreemanswood@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Dear Peter
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> It was great to catch up with you earlier and apologies again for my hopeless laptop !
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> I have just sent you an invite to view the Treasurer folder of our Google Drive. From here, go to FFW Accounts folder.
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> That's great. I'll send an invite for 11.30am on Tuesday, Jun 17th at the Printroom Café, The Storey.

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> See you then,

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> Bethany

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> -----Original Message-----

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> From: Peter Fielding <peterfielding200@gmail.com>

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> Sent: 12 June 2025 18:12

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> To: Freemans Wood <friendsoffreemanswood@gmail.com>

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> Subject: Re: FFW | Annual Accounts 2024-25

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> Thanks Bethany.

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> Tuesday 17th works for me - you choose the time and place - I'll buy the coffees.

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> See you next week,

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> Peter

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> On Tue, Jun 10, 2025 at 7:22 PM Freemans Wood <friendsoffreemanswood@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Hi Peter

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>> I hope you're well and that you had a good trip to the States.

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>> Might you be free to run through the accounts at some point? A couple of dates that work for me are Tue Jun 17 (11-5) or Fri Jun 20 (2-3).

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>> Many thanks
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>> Bethany
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>> On 21 May 2025, at 15:21, Peter Fielding <peterfielding200@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> Hi Bethany.
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>> Very well thank you and hope you are too. A pleasure of course and
>> no
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>> need for a new letter
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>> I'm over in America at the moment returning June 1st so we could meet for coffee early June if that works for you? I'll send some suggested dates when I get back, but what time of the day works best for you.
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>> Lancaster Green Spaces remains virtually financially dormant but
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>> things might change with the prospect of a new grant this year
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>> Will be in touch soon
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>> With best wishes
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>> Peter
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>> On Tue, 20 May 2025 at 13:00, <friendsoffreemanswood@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>> Dear Peter,
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> >> I hope you are well.
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> >> I wonder if you might be happy to review the Freeman's Wood accounts again this year. I'd be happy to reciprocate as normal.
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> >> If so, is the attached Appointment letter from last year sufficient or would you like a new one issued?
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> >> Many thanks,
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> >> Bethany
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> >> PS I am using this address now for all FFW related things.
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Friends of Freeman's Wood CIO was registered on 1st September 2022. Four new trustees were appointed and managed the closure of the community organisation and the transfer of funds to the new CIO.

Freeman's Wood was purchased using funds raised through a successful campaign which invited £5 donations to "buy" a square of land corresponding to a What Three Words location across the site.

A wood management plan has been drawn up to help manage the site better for nature, to increase and improve access and to deal with the industrial pollution on the site. As part of this, treatment for the Japanese knotweed at the woods has been started and has been successful. Options are also being considered for deterring the motorbikes and quad bikes that illegally use the woodland.

Monthly walks, covering a range of topics, such as wildflowers, foraging, local history and a bat walk have been well attended.

A tree planting scheme is currently being worked on which should come into fruition by Spring 2025.

A new bank account has been set up and many policies have been drawn up and approved.

Since registration, two new trustees have been appointed. Trustee meetings are held quarterly and are attended by trustees and other valued advisors.

During the year, we were awarded £56,000 to create a new accessible path through the Wood which has opened up the space for wheelchair users and buggies. The money will also be used to create benches and new signage.

Friends of Freeman's Wood CIO
Annual Accounts to 31st March 2024

Opening balance	0
Income	
From Old FFW	13,798
Grant - Shed	20,000
Grant - People's Postcode Lottery	16,140
Fundraising	618
<i>Interest</i>	550
	51,107
Expenditure	
Fundraising costs	(300)
Consultancy Fees	(3,314)
Site repairs and maintenance	(1,020)
Printing	(43)
Open Spaces Society membership	(45)
Insurance	(248)
Bank fees	(58)
Social - December	(29)
Web hosting	(108)
	(5,165)
Funds held in Unity Bank	45,942
	0

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Land	50,309
Bank	45,942
Total Assets	96,251
Land reserve	50,309
I&E Reserve	45,942
Total Reserves	96,251
	0

Prepared by Bethany Haughey
Date 4th June 2024

Signed Bethany Haughey
Bethany Haughey (Jun 4, 2024, 7:42pm)

Reviewed by Peter Fielding

Date 25 Jun 2024

Signed Peter Fielding
Peter Fielding (Jun 25, 2024, 8:40am)



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Email trail below – report in GREEN, response in YELLOW.

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Fielding <peterfielding200@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 9:42 AM
To: Bethany Haughey <bethany.haughey@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: FFW Accounts to 31st March 2024

Hi Bethany,

Now back from leave and have signed the accounts this morning - thanks for sending through the additional information.

Just let me know if you need anything else.

With best wishes,

Peter

On Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 9:18 AM Bethany Haughey <bethany.haughey@outlook.com> wrote:

>
> Hi Peter
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> I hope you had a lovely holiday.
>
> Thanks so much for doing the review.
>
> Please find attached a confirmation note and here is a link to the bank statements.
>
> Regarding the Shed grant, I have only shown it separately for internal purposes. It is being used in part to fund the accessible path so made for easier reading by the other trustees in the accounts.
>
> Any questions, just let me know.
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> Thanks
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> Bethany
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Peter Fielding <peterfielding200@gmail.com>
> Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 1:23 PM
> To: Bethany Haughey <bethany.haughey@outlook.com>
> Subject: Re: FFW Accounts to 31st March 2024
>
> Hi Bethany.
>
> Good to meet you again and thanks for talking me through the accounts.
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> And thanks for link re the independent person - I agree with your assessment that I meet the criteria. Within that link was guidance (link below) as to what an independent examiner must and should do.
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> It's quite a helpful guide actually and details what work I should do and also the requirement for me to keep working papers for future reference.
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> https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/60d9dc0a8fa8f50abecebb89/CC32_independent_examination_of_charity_accounts_Version_June_2021.pdf.
>
> So just two observations
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> 1. I'm required to see a confirmation note from the Trustees confirming my appointment as the Independent Examiner.
>
> 2. Best practice is to see a copy of the actual bank statements for the year, so I wonder if you could send me copies of the two accounts?
>
> And one question on the accounts themselves. The accounts are showing a grant for a shed of £20,000 and a transfer from old FFW of £13,798.
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> I've had a look back at the old accounts that you and I signed last year and it looks like the £20k was reported as income last year in the old FFW accounts. In total everything balances of course but I'm just wondering if you meant to show this separately?

> All the working papers are absolutely perfect and easy to follow.

> I hope the above queries are ok? I trust you of course 100% but think it would be good to cover off the points above in case either of us are ever challenged.

> I'm going away early tomorrow morning but very happy to sign before then if you are able to answer later today - or equally happy to sign in a couple of weeks when I'm back from leave.

> Very best wishes,

> Peter.

> On Tue, Jun 4, 2024 at 8:42 PM Bethany Haughey <bethany.haughey@outlook.com> wrote:

>> Hi Peter,

>> Great to see you earlier.

>> To confirm, you should be qualified to sign off the accounts because our income was less than £1m and our assets are less than £3.26m, and therefore do not need an audit. I am also happy that, even as treasurer of LGS, you still count as an "independent person". Should you read the guidance and disagree with my opinion, please just let me know.

>> Attached is the workings document I have used to collate the accounts, I hope it is straight forward to follow. You will shortly receive an email from Signable with the accounts to sign off.

>> Any questions, just let me know and again, please don't worry if this isn't possible before your holiday.

>> Many thanks,

>> Bethany

>> From: Bethany Haughey <bethany.haughey@outlook.com>

>> Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 9:12 AM

>> To: Peter Fielding <peterfielding200@gmail.com>

>> Subject: Re: FFW Accounts to 31st March 2024

>> Hi Peter,

>> That's brilliant, thanks !

>> No rush, so just let me know some dates when you're ready. Mornings tend to work a bit better for me if that's good for you too.

>> Enjoy the sunshine,

>> Bethany

>> On 30 Apr 2024, at 07:34, Peter Fielding <peterfielding200@gmail.com> wrote:

>> Morning Bethany

>> Absolutely fine and it's my turn for coffees so very happy to meet at the Storey

>> Just need to confirm work schedule over the next few weeks so I'll email tomorrow with a couple of dates

>> See you soon

>> Best wishes

>> Peter

>> On Sun, 28 Apr 2024 at 21:57, Bethany Haughey <bethany.haughey@outlook.com> wrote:

>> Dear Peter

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>> I hope you are well. How is life at Citizen's Advice?
>
>> Would you mind casting your eye over the FFW accounts to 31st March 2024 and if happy, give a "true and fair" view?
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>> I'd happily meet for a coffee at The Storey again or if it's more convenient, I can send the Excel working doc and then a PDF for signature.
>
>> I am of course more than happy to reciprocate if required.
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>> Many thanks
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>> Bethany