



Friends of Freeman's Wood CIO

Charity Number 1202583

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
	30,852
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)
	(51,339)
Funds held in Unity Bank	25,455

BALANCE SHEET

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

Bethany Haughey



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

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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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> Here is the link for the 2024-25 accounts folder, within which you will find the bank statements.

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> Here is the link for the 2024-25 working document in Excel.

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> Summary tab – columns A to D: this shows the income

> and expenditure for the year

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> Summary tab – columns F to M: this shows the I&E per grant/funding stream, with the closing figure in M32 matching the bank balances at year end, and then the projected spend over the coming year, coming down to row 49, which shows “free” funds of £13,335.

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> Current tab– this categorises each bank transaction in Column I and shows where any relevant documentation is in Column J which will be stored in the subfolders within the Accounts 2024-25 folder.

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> Savings tab - this categorises each bank transaction

> in Column I, just transfers and interest

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> Wonderful tab – this breaks down the transactions

> received and the Gift Aid that we can claim (none claimed so far as

> too minor)

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> Feel free to browse any other folder!

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> Should you have any queries, just let me know.

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> Many thanks

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> Bethany

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

> From: friendsoffreemanswood@gmail.com

> <friendsoffreemanswood@gmail.com>

> Sent: 13 June 2025 11:06

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

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

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> Hi Peter

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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

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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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