

Friends of Mickleover Manor Woodland

Trustee Report 01 Jun 2024 to 31 May 2025

Introduction

Mickleover Manor Woodland is a 1.85 ha woodland, owned by Derby City Council and located in Mickleover, a residential suburb on the western edge of Derby City. Mickleover Manor was a country house with significant grounds, but most of the land was sold for building in the late 1970's and the house itself converted into a number of residences. The area of grass and garden/woodland is almost totally surrounded by roads and/or housing and had been in slow decline as funding allowed DCC to do little more than grass cutting a few times per year. In early 2023 a group of local residents came together to arrest the decline, improve the biodiversity and provide a recreational asset for local people, with an emphasis on accessibility. Consequentially, the organisation was formed as a CIO (charitable incorporated organisation) and was registered on 31 May 2023. There are five trustees.

Objects

The objects of the CIO as stated in the Governing Document are:

1. To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the land known as Mickleover Manor Woodland, situated within the City of Derby.
2. To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in particular, but not limited to, the land known as Mickleover Manor Woodland.

Funding in 2024-25

The total income for the year to 31 May 2025 was £481, consisting of:

Donations	£402
Gift Aid payments from HMRC	£76
Bank interest	£3

The total expenditure was £353, of the biggest single item (£116) was plants and bulbs for the woodland.

Objectives for 2024-25

The following objectives were set for 2024-25. See comments in *italics* for each objective.

1. Design and manufacture a notice at each end of the woodland to explain to visitors what the woodland is and what we are trying to do. *Two signboards installed.*

2. Remove invasive ivy from the three specimen Sequoia (redwood) trees, which have been confirmed as some of the oldest in the country (early 1860's). *Two of the three Sequoias completed. One requires more ivy clearance.*
3. Organise a planting event to use volunteers to plant woodland bulbs for Spring 2025 flowering. *Volunteers planted crocus corms supplied by Rotary Club Derby South, which were unfortunately mostly eaten by the grey squirrels.*
4. Remove invasive ivy from significant areas of woodland to allow planting of bluebells and other native woodland plants. *Successfully cleared a significant area of invasive ivy – see attached picture.*

There are a number of pictures on the following page.

Objectives for 2025-26

1. Clear further areas of ivy to enable regeneration of the woodland floor.
2. Restore the benches in the grassed area.
3. Plant spring bulbs and other wildflowers throughout the woodland.
4. Develop links with local schools.
5. Continue to work with Community Payback workers through the Ministry of Justice.

Andrew Baker

Secretary and Trustee, Friends of Mickleover Manor Woodland

November 2025



This sequoia had been restricted by invasive holly and ivy for many years. It is only 150 years into a potential 2000 year life, so hopefully it has a lot more growing to do.



This area had been covered by invasive ivy which is still visible in the bottom left corner of the picture. It has been cleared and planted with native plants to create a more diverse environment capable of supporting insect and plant species, as well as looking really

Registered number
1203331

Friends Of Mickleover Manor Woodland

Report and Unaudited Accounts

31 May 2025

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Friends Of Mickleover Manor Woodland

Chartered Accountants' report to the board of directors on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts of Friends Of Mickleover Manor Woodland for the year ended 31 May 2025

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Commission, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Friends Of Mickleover Manor Woodland for the year ended 31 May 2025 which comprise of the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

We can confirm that the attached represents an accurate statement of the finances of Friends Of Mickleover Manor Woodland for the year ended 31 May 2025.

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20 October 2025

Friends Of Mickleover Manor Woodland
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 May 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Turnover	481	2,311
Administrative expenses	(353)	(2,003)
Operating profit	<u>128</u>	<u>308</u>
Profit before taxation	<u>128</u>	<u>308</u>
Tax on profit	-	-
Profit for the financial year	<u><u>128</u></u>	<u><u>308</u></u>

Friends Of Mickleover Manor Woodland**Registered number:** 1203331**Balance Sheet****as at 31 May 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	436	308	
Net current assets		436	308
Net assets		<u>436</u>	<u>308</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		436	308
Shareholders' funds		<u>436</u>	<u>308</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

A. Baker**Director****Approved by the board on 20 October 2025**

Friends Of Mickleover Manor Woodland
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 May 2025

	Share capital	Share premium	Re- valuation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 June 2023	-	-	-	-	-
Profit for the financial year				308	308
At 31 May 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>308</u>
At 1 June 2024	-	-	-	308	308
Profit for the financial year				128	128
At 31 May 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>436</u>	<u>436</u>

Friends Of Mickleover Manor Woodland
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 May 2025

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2025	2024
	£	£
Sales		
Unrestricted income	481	703
Restricted income	-	1,608
	<u>481</u>	<u>2,311</u>
Administrative expenses		
Employee costs:		
Room hire	75	88
Fete (2023)	-	58
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust Report	-	1,108
Tools and equipment	28	700
Website	53	49
Signage	56	-
Planting	116	-
Marketing	25	-
	<u>353</u>	<u>2,003</u>
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