

FROYLE WILDLIFE

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the period 18 March to 31 August 2017

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The trustees of Froyle Wildlife present their Report and accounts for the period 18 March to 31 August 2017.

1. Reference and administrative details

Froyle Wildlife is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered charity number 1171997. Its registered address is:

Braemore
Husseys Lane
Lower Froyle
Alton GU34 4LX.

The trustees of Froyle Wildlife throughout the period were:

Barry Clark (chairman)
Susan Clark
Alan Dyos
Jayne Fisher
Jenny Matthews
Jonathan Pickering
Jenny Shaylor
June Trim.

All the trustees are required to resign at the first Annual General Meeting of Froyle Wildlife. Jenny Shaylor and June Trim have indicated that they do not wish to stand for election as trustees at the AGM. The remaining trustees are standing for election.

2. Governance, management and trustee recruitment

Froyle Wildlife is run by its trustees, who meet as often as required during the year to manage its affairs. They also arrange the events which Froyle Wildlife puts on in the village, and recruit and manage volunteers to assist with the upkeep and maintenance of the Froyle Park pond and the wildflower meadow on Froyle Recreation Ground.

The trustees of Froyle Wildlife share an interest in local wildlife and the natural environment, and the importance of its conservation and protection. Potential new trustees are sought from the residents of the local area who share the values and objectives of Froyle Wildlife.

3. Objectives and activities

The objectives of Froyle Wildlife are:

(a) to promote for the benefit of the public resident in and around the villages of Upper Froyle and Lower Froyle, Hampshire the conservation, protection and improvement of the local physical and natural environment, in particular but not exclusively by identifying and recording species of flora and fauna in the local area;

(b) to advance the education of the public resident in and around the villages of Upper Froyle and Lower Froyle, Hampshire in the conservation, protection and improvement of the local physical and natural environment.

During the period Froyle Wildlife (FW) has continued the programme of activities started by Froyle Nature Conservation Group. The trustees confirm that activities have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Our plan is to carry out the following activities, either separately or in conjunction with each other:

1. providing talks, preferably illustrated, by relevant knowledgeable individuals on aspects of local species, local wildlife conservation, protection and natural environmental improvement;
2. providing guided walks in the local countryside, led by relevant knowledgeable individuals, to observe and where possible record various elements of the local flora, fauna and, if appropriate, related topography;
3. offering opportunities to participate in the development, maintenance, upkeep and renewal of local natural facilities including, but not limited to, the wildlife pond and meadow area in Froyle Park, and the wildflower area on the Froyle Recreation Ground;
4. providing forums in which interested people can meet to discuss and share experiences, observations and opinions relating to local flora, fauna and conservation matters generally, all of which will be open to members of the public and of Froyle Wildlife at an appropriate modest entrance fee, generally £2 (designed to cover both staging and general operating expenses).

4. Achievements and performance

Froyle Wildlife has organised '**walks and talks**' that were open to all and attended by the public. These have effectively supported our purposes and form part of a year on year programme, see our website for more information

<http://froylewildlife.co.uk/news/past-events/>.

In March 2017 Jon Stokes from the Tree Council talked about 'Hedgerows for Wildlife'. There are 500,000 miles of hedgerow in Britain which could be looked on as our largest nature reserve. We learned how less cutting can improve biodiversity by providing flowering and fruiting on second year wood.



Glen Skelton from the Surrey Wildlife Trust, talked in April about rivers being 'Nature's Super Highways'. After rising from a chalk aquifer in Alton, the River Wey flows through Froyle and Farnham, ultimately joining the River Thames. This chalk stream is an approximately 80km wildlife corridor.

At Noar Hill, Selborne in May we had a leisurely walk to spot summer butterflies and wildflowers at this SSSI. We saw 9 species of butterfly including Duke of Burgundy, Dingy Skippers and Green Hairstreak, many of the group had never seen these delightful species before.



The new wildlife pond and surrounding wildflower meadow was officially opened in June. After a slideshow about building the pond and display from Freshwater



Habitats Trust at Froyle Park, we walked to the pond area near Gid Lane where Glynis Watts from East Hampshire District Council cut the ribbon. The wildflower meadow that surrounds 'Froyle Park Pond' looked superb and we lingered to observe what was flying over the pond.

Dragonflies and newts have already found the new habitat as well as pond insects. This successful project was lead by volunteers from Froyle Wildlife.

In July we visited Bentley Station Meadow SSSI to observe woodland edge habitat adjacent to Alice Holt Forest. The abundant nectar of the Water Mint was clearly a favourite with the Silver-washed Fritillary butterfly. Plants spotted included Herb Paris, an indicator species for semi-natural ancient woodlands.

The new wildlife pond welcomed 19 children with their accompanying parents and grandparents in August. It was perfect weather for pond dipping and children and adults had fun finding and identifying many interesting inhabitants of the pond. These included greater and lesser waterboatmen, juvenile ramshorn snails, damselfly nymphs and at least three different species of dragonfly larvae.



Community involvement: Managing the wildflower meadow surrounding 'Froyle Park Pond' has involved 21 volunteers for 219 hours of hands on work from March to August to improve and maintain the habitat. Without this effort, the wildflowers sown

last year may not have thrived. Work included removing weeds such as docks, thistles and nettles; cutting paths to enable access for visitors; and building a log pile as new habitat. The large number of flowering plants and insects that would otherwise be absent from the area demonstrates the increase in local biodiversity due of our efforts. We have received favourable comments from people visiting the pond area. We obtained funds with an EHDC councillor community grant for equipment needed to manage the wildflower meadow by sheep grazing in winter months.



In July the wildflower meadow on Froyle recreation ground had its annual cut and rake up as part of the maintenance plan. This involved 8 volunteers for 15 hours work and used traditional scythe to cut the hay. The pile of cutting stacked by the hedgerow also gave children fun as a temporary natural heap for climbing on.

Display boards with seasonal information about local wildlife have been shown at talks, the annual village fete and occasionally at the 'meeting place' in Froyle Village Hall. This provides a forum for informal discussion with people about what can be seen and how we can help biodiversity. Monthly articles are published in the Parish Magazine to promote events and to encourage an interest in nature. This year 80 local people are members of Froyle Wildlife paying a small annual membership fee of £3.

Species recording: Observations have been made to record what species are present in the local area throughout the seasons. These add to the information from previous years accessible from our website <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/recording/>. We have informally monitored the new habitat at the wildlife pond and wildflower meadow and records include the following:- 13 species of dragonfly/damselfly; 2 species of amphibian; 22 species of butterfly; 8 species of daytime moths; and 86 species of flowering plants. A surprising new record was the Wasp Spider. Last year a Great Crested Newt was photographed at the pond area and is a European protected species.



Butterflies can be useful as indicator species for the health of our environment. Members of Froyle Wildlife have assisted with the formal transects at Bentley Station Meadow SSSI as well as informal recording at Mill Farm Organics and local gardens.

Members have taken part in garden bird surveys including the BTO's House Martin survey scheme.

5. Financial performance

Froyle Wildlife acquired the assets of Froyle Nature Conservation Group in exchange for assuming any of its past or present actual or contingent liabilities, when it was formed in March 2017. It therefore started its existence with funds of £1,368. During the period it had a surplus of income over expenditure of £392, principally as a result of having received a grant from the local councillor to enable the purchase of temporary electric fencing for the pond. Closing funds at 31 August 2017 were £1,813, of which £1,021 were restricted to use in the development, maintenance and upkeep of the pond. Froyle Wildlife has no debts.

The trustees manage Froyle Wildlife to allow the purchase of essential items of equipment or consumables to enable it to carry on its conservation activities, and aim to maintain a small positive cash balance as working capital to enable the production of local events. The subscription amount is set at a level to meet these objectives: the trustees do not consider it is necessary or appropriate to generate significant reserves to be held by the charity. All grants received by the charity are earmarked for specific projects.

6. Other matters

Froyle Wildlife holds no funds as custodian trustee, and has not taken advantage of any exemptions from disclosure.

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 18 MARCH 2017 TO 31 AUGUST 2017**

Income & expenditure statement

	General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income			
Grants		558.55	558.55
Subscriptions	75.00		75.00
Donations	56.90		56.90
Refreshment receipts	17.70		17.70
Raffle takings			
Plant sales	2.50		2.50
Door entries	84.00		84.00
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Total income	236.10	558.55	794.65
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Expenditure			
Plant hire			
Hall hire	20.00		20.00
Meeting equipment hire			
Food & drink	45.00		45.00
Donations to speakers	50.00		50.00
Speakers' expenses			
Stationery	11.94		11.94
Insurance	117.60		117.60
Depreciation	50.91		50.91
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Total expenditure	295.45	107.08	402.53
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Surplus of income over expenditure	(£59.35)	£451.47	£392.12
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Balance sheet at 31 August 2017

	£ General funds	£ Restricted funds	£ Total funds
Fixed assets			
Plant & equipment	305.48	642.53	948.01
Less: depreciation	<u>(50.91)</u>	<u>(107.08)</u>	<u>(157.99)</u>
Net book value	<u>254.57</u>	<u>535.45</u>	<u>790.02</u>
Total fixed assets	<u>254.57</u>	<u>535.45</u>	<u>790.02</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank	515.05	485.78	1,000.83
Petty cash	<u>22.50</u>		<u>22.50</u>
Net current assets	<u>537.55</u>	<u>485.78</u>	<u>1,023.33</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>£792.12</u>	<u>£1,021.23</u>	<u>£1,813.35</u>
Represented by:			
Capital introduced	<u>53.50</u>		<u>53.50</u>
Reserves introduced	797.97	569.76	1,367.73
Deficit/(Surplus) for the period	<u>(59.35)</u>	<u>451.47</u>	<u>392.12</u>
	<u>738.62</u>	<u>1,021.23</u>	<u>1,759.85</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>£792.12</u>	<u>£1,021.23</u>	<u>£1,813.35</u>

Approved on behalf of the Committee by:

Barry Clark

Barry Clark

Jonathan Pickering

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Date:

9 September 2017

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 18 MARCH 2017 TO 31 AUGUST 2017

1. Froyle Wildlife is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (no.1171997) formed to take over the activities of Froyle Nature Conservation Group (FNCG).
2. The accounts cover the period from the acquisition of FNCG's activities and assets, subject to its liabilities, on 17 March 2017, as shown in its accounts on that date, until its accounting date of 31 August 2017.
3. The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, as agreed by the Trustees.
4. In accordance with recommended practice, the gross income and expenditure for various ancillary activities have been shown in the accounts, rather than the net figures, which are as follows:

	£
Refreshment receipts	17.70
Cost of food & drink	-
Net income from refreshments	<u>£17.70</u>

5. The restricted funds represent the balance of grants from East Hampshire District Council for the creation of a wildlife pond on the Froyle Park Estate remaining after the expenditure incurred to date. The remaining funds may only be used for the future maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the wildlife pond. All pond-related activities have been treated as on capital account.
6. Fixed assets acquired from FNCG are stated at their value on acquisition from FNCG as shown in FNCG's accounts. The original acquisition cost of fixed assets is written off over a three year period on a straight line basis.

7. Fixed assets

	31 August 2016		
	£	£	£
	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
<i>Cost</i>			
Opening balance	27.88	83.98	111.86
Acquisitions	<u>277.60</u>	<u>558.55</u>	<u>836.15</u>
Closing balance	<u>305.48</u>	<u>642.53</u>	<u>948.01</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>			
Opening balance	-	-	-
Charge for year	<u>50.91</u>	<u>107.08</u>	<u>157.99</u>
Closing balance	<u>50.91</u>	<u>107.08</u>	<u>157.99</u>
Opening net book value	<u>27.88</u>	<u>83.98</u>	<u>111.86</u>
Closing net book value	<u><u>£254.57</u></u>	<u><u>£535.45</u></u>	<u><u>£790.02</u></u>