

FROYLE WILDLIFE

Trustees' Report for the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019



The trustees of Froyle Wildlife present their Report and accounts for the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019.

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
Nigel Hughes
Jenny Matthews
Jonathan Pickering

At each annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. Any person who retires as a charity trustee by rotation is eligible for reappointment. Barry Clark and Alan Dyos have indicated they will retire and seek reappointment.

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.

2. 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 similarly to previous years. 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 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 with an entrance fee of £3 and free entrance for members of Froyle Wildlife (designed to cover both general operating expenses).



Ragged Robin by Froyle Park Pond



Wildflowers on Froyle recreation ground

3. 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/>.

Last October Geoff Lunn gave a fascinating and entertaining talk 'Surrey Safari' about the wildlife he has observed and recorded over the years, mainly within his garden near Farnham. It was illustrated with his own superb photographs and demonstrated the impressive variety of wildlife that can be attracted into gardens within this area. Particularly memorable was his rescue and rearing of a young green woodpecker which he eventually successfully released back into the wild.

Dr Nikki Gammans from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust gave an informative talk in March entitled 'Plight of the Bumblebee'. We learned about the three types of bees -solitary, honey and bumblebee their lifecycle and ecology. We can all help bumblebees by planting some bee-friendly plants in our gardens, to flower between March and September. As gardens cover over one million acres in the UK, this presents a great opportunity to provide food for bumblebees. By using these spaces more effectively, everyone can get involved in making the landscape friendlier to bumblebees, and help reverse the declines of the past century.



Our fascinating and entertaining walk in April was hosted by Mark Howard, a local hurdle maker and coppicer. Starting at a hedge which he had laid a year ago, Mark explained the techniques and benefits of hedge-laying. We moved on to a woodland copse near Crondall, to be greeted by a fabulous carpet of bluebells. Coppicing has been practiced for hundreds of years, Mark showed us various stages of hazel and sweet chestnut coppice stools. Operated on a roughly eight-year cycle, a coppice wood offers a range of habitats for flora, including huge patches of euphorbia, bluebells, yellow archangel, a few orchids, and fauna such as roe deer and numerous woodland birds.



Mike Coates from the RSPB told us about the conservation success story of Farnham Heath in April. Centuries ago heathland developed from Common Land that was used for grazing and digging turfs. It is now a rare habitat, Surrey having lost 90% of its heathland. In 2004, an area of conifer forest was cleared in sections over 10 years. The heather seeds, which had laid dormant for decades, sprung to life and this attracted a number of rare birds including nightjars, woodlarks, and

Dartford warblers; reptiles including endangered sand lizards; and invertebrates including field crickets and silver studded blues.

Our walk in May looked at local flora in Upper Froyle at St Mary's Churchyard and a nearby wildflower meadow. 68 plant species were identified including Bush Vetch, Salad Burnet, Sweet Violet and Thyme-leaved Speedwell.



Plant identification

We visited Noar Hill SSSI near Selborne in June where we enjoyed seeing the wonderful array of wild orchids that thrive there on the thin chalky soil. Common



Spotted, Chalk Fragrant and Pyramidal orchids were everywhere we also saw Common Twayblade, Musk and a couple of Frog Orchids. There were many other wild flowers too including Knapweed Broomrape, Dragons Teeth (*Tetragonolobus maritimus*), Kidney Vetch, Meadow Vetchling, Mouse-ear Hawkweed, Milkwort, Yellow Rattle, Salad Burnet, Rockrose and Wild Thyme. Butterflies such as Small Heath, Marbled White, Painted Lady, Common Blue, Small Blue and Dark Green Fritillary skipped amongst the flowers.

Our walk in August took us to Old Winchester Hill NNR complete with ancient Hill Fort, stunning views and wonderful flora and fauna. We didn't see it at its best as shortly after we had set off the rainclouds burst and hardly let up during the next two hours! However, we pressed on to the Hill Fort and saw myriads of wildflowers such as round-headed rampion, harebell, fairy flax and yellow-wort.

A moth evening at the meadow surrounding the Froyle Park Pond in late August recorded 31 species of moth. A highlight was the Gold Spot moth that had not been recorded in Froyle before. Also seen were; Hawthorn and Red-legged Shieldbugs; scores of Water Boatman and two Wasp Spiders. Additionally, Pipistrelle and Soprano Pipistrelle bats were detected on the bat recorder.



Gold Spot moth

Community involvement: Managing the wildflower meadow surrounding 'Froyle Park Pond' has involved 16 volunteers for 177 hours of hands on work to improve and maintain the habitat. With this effort, the wildflowers have thrived and the pond continues to support breeding amphibians. Work included removing weeds such as docks, thistles and nettles; cutting paths to enable access for visitors; and removing excess pond vegetation. The increasing number of plants, insects and amphibians that would otherwise be absent from the area is due to our work. The wildflower meadow is managed by selective cutting and sheep grazing in winter months.



Pond dipping

In August a pond dipping event organised for children and adults saw some keen young wildlife watchers meet the inhabitants of the pond. 24 local visitors called in on 7th July to see the pond and surrounding meadow with sightings of Great Crested Newt larvae in the water. The wildflowers looked splendid especially the purple loosestrife, knapweed and hedge bedstraw. Others sightings included 6 species of dragonfly, a handsome Ichneumon wasp and ten species of butterfly including a painted lady which was new to the site. The most unusual sighting of the day was a Kingfisher flying past.

In Spring volunteers again sowed an area of cornfield annuals on Froyle recreation ground after cultivating the soil. It flowered well in summer with poppies at their peak in July and then corn marigolds, cornflowers and corn camomile extended the flowering season. The adjacent perennial wildflower meadow had its annual cut and rake up as part of the maintenance plan. Many locals enjoyed seeing the colourful wildflowers realised by 11 volunteers involved for 59 hours work and supported by Froyle Parish Council.



Display boards with seasonal information about local wildlife have been shown at talks, the annual village fete, once at St.Mary's Church Froyle 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 84 local people are members of Froyle Wildlife paying a small annual membership fee of £5.

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 habitat at the wildlife pond and wildflower meadow and records include; 15 species of dragonfly/damselfly; 4 species of amphibian; 24 species of butterfly; and 89 species of flowering plants. Records at the pond area for the first time this year include; Grass Snake, Lime Hawkmoth, Mother Shipton, Scarlet Tiger, Hummingbird Hawkmoth, Small Heath, Migrant Hawker, Perforated St John's-wort, Smooth Tare, Slender Groundhopper, Kite-tailed Robberfly, Crab Spider, 14-spot Ladybird, Woundwort Shieldbug, Shrew and Field Vole.



Migrant Hawkers

We ran a moth lamp at night several times in Froyle recording over 100 species in



Examining the moth lamp

the parish this year. Our purchase of a portable generator allowed operation of the moth lamp where there is no mains electricity. Butterflies and moths are useful 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 in local gardens. Members have taken part in garden bird surveys including the BTO's House Martin survey scheme.

Wild orchids made an unexpected appearance this year, when a group of 8 Bee Orchids were recorded in the central grass strip of the A31 dual carriageway. Pyramidal Orchids are often seen along stretches of this roadside verge. Near the War Memorial in Froyle we protect the White Helleborine that grows there by putting markers in place each Spring to prevent them being cut during grass mowing.



White Helleborine

4. Financial performance

Froyle Wildlife's opening funds were £2,006 of which £738 were restricted to use in the development, maintenance and upkeep of the pond. During the year it received a grant of £400 from Froyle Parish Council to help with funding its general activities. Overall there was a surplus of income over expenditure of £241. Closing funds were £2,247 of which £468 are restricted. 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.

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 YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Income & expenditure statement

	Year ended 31 August 2019			Year ended 31 August 2018		
	General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Income						
Grants	400.00		400.00	272.45		272.45
Subscriptions	433.00		433.00	258.00		258.00
Donations	176.41		176.41	212.84		212.84
Refreshment receipts	150.28		150.28	143.70		143.70
Raffle takings	40.00		40.00	96.00		96.00
Plant sales	13.50		13.50			
Door entries	114.00		114.00	442.00		442.00
Total income	1,327.19		1,327.19	1,424.99		1,424.99
Expenditure						
Hall hire	90.00		90.00	120.00		120.00
Meeting equipment hire	15.00		15.00	20.00		20.00
Food & drink	102.56		102.56	125.60		125.60
Donations to speakers	171.65		171.65	300.00		300.00
Stationery	43.34		43.34	28.76		28.76
Insurance	117.60		117.60	117.60		117.60
Plant hire				81.60		81.60
Sundries	28.75		28.75	54.29	23.04	77.33
Depreciation	246.83	270.10	516.93	101.83	259.78	361.61
Total expenditure	815.73	270.10	1,085.83	949.68	282.82	1,232.50
Surplus of income over expenditure	£511.46	(£270.10)	£241.36	£475.31	(£282.82)	£192.49

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Balance sheet at 31 August 2019

	31 August 2019			31 August 2018		
	£ General funds	£ Restricted funds	£ Total funds	£ General funds	£ Restricted funds	£ Total funds
Fixed assets						
Plant & equipment	740.48	810.29	1,550.77	305.48	779.35	1,084.83
Less: depreciation	(399.57)	(636.96)	(1,036.53)	(152.74)	(366.86)	(519.60)
Net book value	<u>340.91</u>	<u>173.33</u>	<u>514.24</u>	<u>152.74</u>	<u>412.49</u>	<u>565.23</u>
Total fixed assets	<u>340.91</u>	<u>173.33</u>	<u>514.24</u>	<u>152.74</u>	<u>412.49</u>	<u>565.23</u>
Current assets						
Cash at bank	1,403.48	294.98	1,698.46	1,092.19	325.92	1,418.11
Petty cash	<u>34.50</u>	<u></u>	<u>34.50</u>	<u>22.50</u>	<u></u>	<u>22.50</u>
Net current assets	<u>1,437.98</u>	<u>294.98</u>	<u>1,732.96</u>	<u>1,114.69</u>	<u>325.92</u>	<u>1,440.61</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>£1,778.89</u>	<u>£468.31</u>	<u>£2,247.20</u>	<u>£1,267.43</u>	<u>£738.41</u>	<u>£2,005.84</u>
Represented by:						
Capital introduced	<u>53.50</u>	<u></u>	<u>53.50</u>	<u>53.50</u>	<u></u>	<u>53.50</u>
Opening reserves	1,213.93	738.41	1,952.34	738.62	1,021.23	1,759.85
Surplus/(deficit)	<u>511.46</u>	<u>(270.10)</u>	<u>241.36</u>	<u>475.31</u>	<u>(282.82)</u>	<u>192.49</u>
Closing reserves	<u>1,725.39</u>	<u>468.31</u>	<u>2,193.70</u>	<u>1,213.93</u>	<u>738.41</u>	<u>1,952.34</u>
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Approved on behalf of the Committee by:

Barry Clark

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Jonathan Pickering

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Date:

29 September 2018

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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 year ended 31 August 2019.
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	150.28
Cost of food & drink	<u>(102.56)</u>
Net income from refreshments	<u>£47.72</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 2019			31 August 2018		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
<i>Cost</i>						
Opening balance	305.48	779.35	1,084.83	305.48	642.53	948.01
Acquisitions	<u>435.00</u>	<u>30.94</u>	<u>465.94</u>	<u>305.48</u>	<u>136.82</u>	<u>136.82</u>
Closing balance	<u>740.48</u>	<u>810.29</u>	<u>1,550.77</u>	<u>305.48</u>	<u>779.35</u>	<u>1,084.83</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>						
Opening balance	152.74	366.86	519.60	50.91	107.08	157.99
Charge for year	<u>246.83</u>	<u>270.10</u>	<u>516.93</u>	<u>101.83</u>	<u>259.78</u>	<u>361.61</u>
Closing balance	<u>399.57</u>	<u>636.96</u>	<u>1,036.53</u>	<u>152.74</u>	<u>366.86</u>	<u>519.60</u>
Opening net book value	<u>152.74</u>	<u>412.49</u>	<u>565.23</u>	<u>54.57</u>	<u>535.45</u>	<u>790.02</u>
Closing net book value	<u>£340.91</u>	<u>£173.33</u>	<u>£514.24</u>	<u>£152.74</u>	<u>£412.49</u>	<u>£565.23</u>