

FROYLE WILDLIFE

Trustees' Report for the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020



The trustees of Froyle Wildlife present their Report and accounts for the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020.

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 (recorder)
Alan Dyos (secretary)
Jayne Fisher
Nigel Hughes
Jenny Matthews
Jonathan Pickering (treasurer)

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 re-election.

Susan Clark and Jonathan Pickering have indicated they will retire and seek re-election.

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 meadow area and on Froyle Recreation Ground the wildflower area.

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) rearranged the programme of activities due to Covid-19 restrictions. 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 areas 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 at an appropriate modest entrance fee, generally £3 (designed to cover both staging and general operating expenses) and free for members.



Froyle Park Pond area June 2020



Wildflowers on Froyle Recreation Ground

3. Achievements and performance

Froyle Wildlife had to cancel most of our 'walks and talks' in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions and lockdown. Although there were far fewer events than in previous years these still 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/>. During lockdown we continued to look after the wildflower area on Froyle Recreation Ground and the wildlife pond area near Gid Lane with individual volunteers rather than groups. Formal recording of amphibian species at the wildlife pond could not take place this year.

Last October Hugh Milner gave an informative talk about our wonderful Ancient Woodlands and trees. Hugh worked for many years at nearby Alice Holt for the Forestry Commission. He told us that with sympathetic management ancient woods can create ecological impact, enhance biodiversity and benefit ancient trees. The age of a woodland can be estimated by surveying for indicator species such as spindle, butcher's-broom, wood-sorrel, hart's tongue fern and by physical features such as ditch and bank boundaries. Ancient semi-natural woods are woods that have developed naturally, often managed for timber and other industries over the centuries they have had woodland cover for over 400 years.



At the 'drop-in' day in July, 19 visitors came to see the wildlife pond and surrounding meadow near Gid Lane (with social distancing). The wildflowers looked splendid especially the purple loosestrife, knapweed and hedge bedstraw. Seen on the day were 14 species of butterfly, 6 species of dragonfly/damselfly, ladybirds, hoverflies, bees, grasshoppers and beetles. Certainly an amazing hotspot for local biodiversity since construction in 2016.

Community involvement:

Last September our competition of photos taken in Froyle attracted 41 entries from 12 individuals see <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/photo-gallery/2019-photo-competition/>. A selection of the images sent in were used to publish a 2020 Froyle Wildlife calendar. Nearly all of the 50 glossy colour printed copies were sold locally to recover printing costs.

Froyle Wildlife



2020 Calendar

At the beginning of March prior to lockdown, we completed a new willow dome construction on Froyle recreation ground taking 51 hours of work. Thanks to the 10 volunteers who transformed bundles of willow rods into a structure that has since rooted and grown. We have received positive comments from visitors and the dome provides a lovely natural place for residents (mainly the younger ones!) to



use. Willow domes are also beneficial for wildlife, specifically insects and birds. The project was supported and approved by Froyle Parish Council.

In Spring volunteers again sowed an area of cornfield annuals on Froyle recreation ground after cultivating the soil. It flowered well in summer despite the lack of rain and in July corn marigolds, cornflowers, corn camomile and poppies were half their usual height. In July the adjacent perennial wildflower plot had its annual cut and rake up (socially distanced) as part of the maintenance plan. Many locals enjoyed seeing the colourful wildflowers realised by 10 volunteers involved for 51 hours work.



Cultivate soil for annuals March Perennial meadow scything July Juvenile great crested newt 2020

Managing the wildflower meadow surrounding Froyle Park Pond has involved only 6 volunteers for 149 hours of hands on work to maintain the habitat. With this effort, the wildflowers have thrived and the pond continues to support breeding amphibians, dragonflies and damselflies. Work included removing perennial weeds; cutting paths to enable access for visitors; and removing excess pond vegetation. In order to avoid knapweed outcompeting lower growing wildflowers, an area was mown until the end of July and knapweed pulled in another area. The high number of plants, insects and amphibians that would otherwise be absent from the area is due to our management such as selective cutting and sheep grazing in winter months.

We encourage local people to send us their wildlife sightings in Froyle with photos if possible. Our new social networking on Instagram had 34 posts since starting in April at www.instagram.com/froylewildlife/ -including 7-spot ladybird, hedgehog, badger, hummingbird hawkmoth, toad and hornets' nest. We also publish monthly articles in the Froyle Village magazine to inform about local wildlife.

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; 25 species of butterfly; 103 species of moth and 112 species of flowering plants. Records at the pond area for the first time this year include; Fox,



Chalkhill Blue August 2020

Moorhen, Fennel Pondweed, Chalkhill Blue butterfly, Tawny Longhorn Beetle, Long-winged Conehead.



White Ermine moth May 2020

We ran a moth lamp at night twice in a Froyle garden recording 37 species this year plus daytime species such as Silver Y, Hummingbird Hawkmoth, Jersey Tiger moth. Although we could not invite others to see these recording events. Butterflies and moths are useful indicator species for the health of our environment.



Jersey Tiger moth



Long-winged Conehead



Common Darters mating

4. Financial performance

Froyle Wildlife's opening funds were £2,247 of which £468 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. As a result of the reduction in activity and the suspension of collection of membership subscriptions in the Covid-19 pandemic, overall there was a surplus of income over expenditure of £11. Closing funds were £2,258 of which £113 are restricted. All trustees approved the financial statements and 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 2020

Income & expenditure statement

	Year ended 31 August 2020			Year ended 31 August 2019		
	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Grants	550.00		550.00	400.00		400.00
Subscriptions	244.00		244.00	433.00		433.00
Donations	219.53		219.53	176.41		176.41
Refreshment receipts	56.20		56.20	150.28		150.28
Raffle takings	27.00		27.00	40.00		40.00
Calendars and seeds	245.00		245.00	13.50		13.50
Door entries	46.00		46.00	114.00		114.00
Total income	1,387.73	-	1,387.73	1,327.19	-	1,327.19
Expenditure						
Hall hire	60.00		60.00	90.00		90.00
Meeting equipment hire	5.00		5.00	15.00		15.00
Food & drink	89.35		89.35	102.56		102.56
Donations to speakers	80.00		80.00	171.65		171.65
Stationery	19.75		19.75	43.34		43.34
Insurance	117.60		117.60	117.60		117.60
Sundries	50.84		50.84	28.75		28.75
Maintenance		25.49	25.49			
Calendar costs	242.00		242.00			
Depreciation	356.67	329.95	686.62	246.83	270.10	516.93
Total expenditure	1,021.21	355.44	1,376.65	815.73	270.10	1,085.83
Surplus of income over expenditure	£366.52	(£355.44)	£11.08	£511.46	(£270.10)	£241.36

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

Balance sheet at 31 August 2020

	31 August 2020			31 August 2019		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Fixed assets						
Plant & equipment	1,070.00	989.85	2,059.85	740.48	810.29	1,550.77
Less: depreciation	(756.24)	(966.91)	(1,723.15)	(399.57)	(636.96)	(1,036.53)
Net book value	<u>313.76</u>	<u>22.94</u>	<u>336.70</u>	<u>340.91</u>	<u>173.33</u>	<u>514.24</u>
Total fixed assets	<u>313.76</u>	<u>22.94</u>	<u>336.70</u>	<u>340.91</u>	<u>173.33</u>	<u>514.24</u>
Current assets						
Cash at bank	1,785.15	89.93	1,875.08	1,403.48	294.98	1,698.46
Petty cash	<u>46.50</u>	<u></u>	<u>46.50</u>	<u>34.50</u>	<u></u>	<u>34.50</u>
Net current assets	<u>1,831.65</u>	<u>89.93</u>	<u>1,921.58</u>	<u>1,437.98</u>	<u>294.98</u>	<u>1,732.96</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>£2,145.41</u>	<u>£112.87</u>	<u>£2,258.28</u>	<u>£1,778.89</u>	<u>£468.31</u>	<u>£2,247.20</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	1,725.39	468.31	2,193.70	1,213.93	738.41	1,952.34
Surplus/(deficit)	<u>366.52</u>	<u>(355.44)</u>	<u>11.08</u>	<u>511.46</u>	<u>(270.10)</u>	<u>241.36</u>
Closing reserves	<u>2,091.91</u>	<u>112.87</u>	<u>2,204.78</u>	<u>1,725.39</u>	<u>468.31</u>	<u>2,193.70</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 2020

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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 2020.
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:

	Refreshments	Calendars
	£	£
Receipts	56.20	245.00
Cost of sales	<u>(89.35)</u>	<u>(242.00)</u>
Net (cost)/proceeds	<u>(£33.15)</u>	<u>£3.00</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 2020			31 August 2019		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
<i>Cost</i>						
Opening balance	740.48	810.29	1,550.77	305.48	779.35	1,084.83
Acquisitions	329.52	179.56	509.08	435.00	30.94	465.94
Closing balance	<u>1,070.00</u>	<u>989.85</u>	<u>2,059.85</u>	<u>740.48</u>	<u>810.29</u>	<u>1,550.77</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>						
Opening balance	399.57	636.96	1,036.53	152.74	366.86	519.60
Charge for year	356.67	329.95	686.62	246.83	270.10	516.93
Closing balance	<u>756.24</u>	<u>966.91</u>	<u>1,723.15</u>	<u>399.57</u>	<u>636.96</u>	<u>1,036.53</u>
Opening 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>
Closing net book value	<u>£313.76</u>	<u>£22.94</u>	<u>£336.70</u>	<u>£340.91</u>	<u>£173.33</u>	<u>£514.24</u>