

FRIENDS OF WHIRLOW BROOK PARK  
Treasurer's report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

The year's accounts show an overall excess of expenditure over income of £1,672.

Last year we received a grant of £8,450 for a Climate Action Project of which, at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, we hadn't spent anything. During this year the project has been completed at a cost of £7,503. Details of this project can be found in the Chair's report.

On our other activities we show an excess of income over expenditure of £5,831.

Subscriptions were 26% more than last year, though still not as high as we would like.

We were fortunate to receive 2 very generous donations, one of £2,150 and another of £600.

We seek grants for our work whenever possible and during the year received grants totalling £1,227.

Fund raising events have been successful, raising £2,404 after deducting costs.

Expenditure includes an amount of £991 for park facilities - £676 for a boardwalk and £315 for bat boxes.

Last year's accounts showed 3 restricted funds. During the year we completed the work on two of the projects and, having considered the terms on which the funds were given, determined that the balances could be released to the general funds.

We have now submitted an application to the Charity Commission to register Friends of Whirlow Brook Park as a charity. As outlined at the Extraordinary General Meeting at which the members authorised this application successful registration will have a number of benefits, including the ability to claim gift aid.

During the year our bankers imposed charges on our account. The committee decided not to change bankers as to do so would involve having to get members to change their standing orders and on current tariffs we will not be charged once we become a registered charity.

Overall the Friends finances are in good order but, as you will have read in the Chair's report, there are plans afoot that will require more money than we currently have. Fund raising and grant applications will continue.

Chris Cave

17/4/2023