

Treasurer's report to the members of
The Friends of Whirlow Brook Park

Once again I'm able to present a very healthy set of accounts.

Income is down on last year. In 2024/25 we received a generous legacy of £14,682 and grants, which are very much related to the tasks being undertaken, are down by £4,561. On the plus side this year we received a very generous personal donation of £5,000 together with a gift aid declaration, enabling us to reclaim £1,250 from Her Majesties Customs & Excise, and our fund raising activities generated £2,178 more than last year. Having mentioned gift aid can I encourage anyone who can sign a gift aid declaration but hasn't done so to do so. It costs you nothing and enables us to claim another £2.50 from HMRC – maybe not a lot but they all add up.

Turning to the balance sheet the significant figure is the £43,562 bank balance. The committee consider that there should always be £5,000 in hand to meet unexpected matters. Shelagh has already referred to the plans for the rest of the money so I won't repeat them here.

All in all another satisfactory financial year but looking to the future we can't expect to continually have income exceeding expenditure and an ever increasing bank balance. Some years expenditure will exceed income when we are paying for the larger, more expensive projects.