20/10/2026

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD

June 2025 to June 2026

Charity Name: Friends of College Wood

Charity Registration Number: 1196877

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Summary of the purpose

Our aims are to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and biodiversity of College Wood, and to encourage others to engage with, understand, enjoy, protect and enhance the woodland habitat

Summary of the main activities 2025/6

During the past 12 months we have

- Undertaken a project to remove rampant ivy from a targeted 80% of the trees that had ivy growing on them. Removing the ivy will allow proper inspection of the tree stock going forward. The target was achieved by the end of the summer.
- Removed overgrown brambles, pernicious weeds and ivy bushes allowing regeneration of an area as per the rotation plan set out in our Small Woodland Management 10-year document.
- Tamed the road verge strip, and trained/ shaped the adjacent bramble line to allow motorists and the walking public to have unfettered vision around the perimeter of the wood.
- Invested in 2 items of battery-operated equipment. A 70cm raised mower for the verge and the “second cut” of the footpaths, and a hedge trimmer to greatly assist in keeping the bramble under control.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary of the main achievements

The main achievements of the charity in the period have been the in establishing

- a regime for the maintenance and care of the trees. This includes enhancing the Woodland plan to focus on regular undergrowth clearance rotation and a start on developing an organised safety inspection regime.
- Re-working the entrance path way and widening the internal pathways to open up and encourage more of the public into using the Woods.

It should be noted that the effect of the ongoing undergrowth clearance, widening of paths and regular cutting back of the verges has launched a much-welcomed revival of many plants that have not been seen for many years. Bluebell swathes, Snowdrops along the path verges, cow parsley flourishing under the canopy in the early spring – all very much adding to the experience of a walk in the wood

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Background structure.

The Charity has one banking account (Lloyd's bank)

The Charity relies on grant funding for each project that is identified as requiring funds to reach completion.

Projects are not started until funding has been secured and banked.

Our supporters continually promote new projects and, in tandem, we source funding wherever we can further our aims.

The charity has no specific reserves as there is no identified need.

Current Account Balance

The charity currently holds a balance of **£388.72** at bank

Other declarations

The charity has no uncertainties about its continuation as a going concern.

Principal Sources of Funds (this period 2025/6)

There was no grant funds sought nor received this 12-month period as there was not a project undertaken that required funding.

During the period a total of 4 donations totalling £ 250.00 were received from supporters of the work we do in the woods.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is governed Constitution.

Constituted as a Foundation model Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Day to day administration is by elected committee – Chair/ Vice chair/ Treasurer/ Secretary

Governance is undertaken through a panel of Trustees.

Trustees and the Committee are drawn from all the “Friends” group. Volunteers are appointed at the Annual General Meeting held in June of each year.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name	Friends of College Wood
Other name the charity uses	None
Charity Registration Number	1196877
Charity’s Principal Address	58 Manor Park South, Knutsford, WA16 8AN

TRUSTEES Panel 2025/2026

There were 5 Trustees who all served for the full 12 months of 2025/26.
They were all appointed at the AGM in June 2025.

Andrew Malloy – Lead Trustee.
Robert Taylor
Malcolm Thomas
Paul Davies
Joyce Taylor

The charity has no corporate trustees.
No trustees hold title to property belonging to the charity.
No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 20/10/2026

Signature

Andrew Malloy

Position; Lead Trustee of the Panel and

Chairman of the Friends of College Wood Charity.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Friends of College Wood is an organized charity currently existing under the UK laws. The Chairman of our Team is Andrew Malloy who has many years' experiences as a Town Councillor in Knutsford.

Friends of College Wood was established in 2021 and obtained registration as a CIO on 1st December 2021

The purpose of the FoCW is to ensure and protect the future of the College Wood amenity for the benefit of the community and the resident wildlife.

The 2025/2026 prime focus for the year has been to improve the health of the wood. Ivy infestation of 60% of the trees needed to be dealt with. This project took precedence and was completed before the onset of the Autumn storms.

The ongoing program of planned mowing and the general maintenance of the verge and associated undergrowth continued throughout the year.

The rolling clearance across 6 areas of the wood continued in tandem. This is a six-year rotation Area 4 has been completed – on schedule and to plan.

In the following year-end financial report, you will find an insight into Friends of College Wood current financial position.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Balance at Bank on the closing of 2024/2025 was £383.70.

There were no projects that required funding undertaken during the 12 month- period. All works were “volunteer labour” only ventures.

The ongoing maintenance of the verges and the paths though had been “expensive” on the personal machines used by Volunteers. It was decided that we needed to upgrade to some equipment belonging to the FoCW. A battery powered mower and a similarly powered hand-held hedge trimmer were sourced and, subject to approval by the Trustees and Committee members, these were purchased in July 2025 for the sum to the funds of £244.98.

Two ad hoc donations were received during the year totalling £110.00.

A further £130 income was received from our share of a Community Mulled Wine Store.

The Balance at the bank on the closing of 2025/2026 (1st June 2026) is - £388.72.

We ended the year £5.02 better off than when we started.

Looking forward into 2026/27, we have only one firm agreed commitment that will require funding. A Community Barbeque event: This has a budget of £75 earmarked, which is well within our funds at hand.

All and any new projects identified will, as always, need to be fully funded by donations or grants before any “commitment to proceed” will be sanctioned by the Trustees.

Lloyds Bank Statement attached.

Conclusions

After presenting the related data on Friends of College Wood income, expenses incurred and projected liabilities, for the year June 2025 to June 2026 and reconciling Known future liabilities and projected incomes we are confident that the organization is in sound financial health.

Expenditure to date and known liabilities are outweighed by the cash at the bank.

Accordingly, The Trustees have hereby approved the continuation of the program into the next fiscal year (2026/2027), with evaluations to be held on a quarterly basis.