The Friends of Cotgrave Country Park

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

THE FRIENDS OF
COTGRAVE COUNTRY PARK

Charity registration number: 1199132

FoCCP 2025 Chairman's review

Dear all,

I would like to thank the trustees, members and volunteers, all the community, and those from within Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) who support our group, for another great year of projects and experiences centred around the park.

We have continued to work closely with NCC both in terms of park maintenance and new infrastructure. This year has seen the much-needed footbridge built next to Dragonfly Pond and our 2 kingfisher nesting banks completed, as well as finishing touches to the Nature Trail. Lee Scudder has also led a couple of Nature Walks which were as popular as ever. Thanks to Lee for his unstinting work over the year. I have also been collaborating with NCC senior management on the long-awaited Visitor Hub project with a variety of planning meetings being held during the year. It looks very promising that spades will be in the ground in the spring of 2026. This will give the community a fantastic facility within the park and allow other groups and hopefully young children to learn about and enjoy nature in this beautiful green space.

For all the good work this last year there has, regrettably, been a small number of instances of antisocial behaviour, vandalism and arson as well as some poor dog/dog owner behaviour. We must all be vigilant to report this through the correct channels whenever it happens, to safeguard the ethos of the park as being a place for all to enjoy in peace and in partnership with all in the community, as well as preserving the delicate ecosystem. The growing number of new houses within Cotgrave will also put increased pressure on the park in the future and we must all work hard to manage the impact.

We have worked closely again with a number of local conservation groups like the Notts Bat Group (NBG) and the Notts Amphibian and Reptile Group (NARG) to survey what wildlife is making the park their home with really positive results. Lee has also done his yearly wildflower, butterfly and fungi walks which are a great health check for those species.

The finances of the group are looking really healthy thanks to Coop, Postcode Lottery and village brochure funds still to be expended, and 2026 will represent a key year in which to deliver results with these monies.

As always, we desperately need more volunteers to help us, so please get involved where you can.

Let's all look forward to an exciting and busy 2026.

Thanks for your support,

Alan Holmes
Chair of Friends of Cotgrave Country Park.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Cotgrave Country Park.

Activities and Events on The Park 2025

In the summer we were able to enhance use of our new Nature Trail and had two successful sessions with children and families using 'goody bags' with material and guidance to encourage use of this fantastic resource.

Our big event this year took place on the 30th of August where we had a three-hour session (kindly, rain just held off!), for Children's Fun Nature Activities. All activities were fully interactive and 'hands-on'. Included were crafts such as a Clay Creature Modelling and Making Nature Crowns. Proactive activities were run with Selina from 'Wild Kids'. With safety equipment children were able to do work such as using mallets and tools to shape wood. We also had many visits to the Nature Trail, with resources and help to use the rubbing posts, spot features such as the insect hotels and encourage children to record their experiences.



Children's Fun Nature Activities

The group received many thanks and compliments from parents as well as lots of enthusiasm from the children about The Nature Trail and The Fun Nature Based Activities.



Wild Kids

During the year our park manager, Lee, again led a Wildflower and Butterfly walk in June and a Fungi walk in October. With Lee's encyclopaedic knowledge and enthusiasm these were very much appreciated by those taking part.



Wildflower and Butterfly walk

Contribution made by volunteers

The volunteer task days are now established on a regular pattern four times a month. While important for the maintenance and improvements to the park and its environment these days also benefit the participants as a form of "green gym" exercise as well as experiencing and learning about the natural world.

During 2025 members of the Friends of Cotgrave Country Park and others associated with the Group attended 51 task days on the park. This was a significant increase on the 36 days the previous year. The work carried out throughout the year represented some 380 individual volunteer days or 1900 hours, more than double last year.

The range of work undertaken included woodland wildflower planting and seed sowing, tree planting, rebuilding kingfisher nesting banks, building a bridge across a drainage ditch, and development of the nature trail areas. An area has been prepared for a Wild Kids Club, which we hope will be up and running in the coming year.

Maintenance tasks have included paths and drainage repairs, repairs and clearance to signage and other furniture, litter picking, and tree clearing. Scrub clearance on the Toe is an ongoing task and other areas of the park have been kept clear by cutting back vegetation.

This year local volunteers have been joined by groups from Sygnature Discovery and Belvoir Farm using their employer-supported volunteering allowances. Our thanks to all of them for their contribution to the maintenance and improvement of the park.

Also thanks to NCC's Countryside Management (Project) volunteers who join us on weekday task days.

The unseen 'behind the scenes' contribution of volunteers is the work done by Trustees and others who have helped in the organisation of events, producing education and informational materials about the park, managing our website, and communicating with the Public. The input of ideas and comments at meetings are also valuable in ensuring that the group have been able to deliver so much this year. Over 720 hours of meetings, organisation and administration have been recorded.

Message from Lee Scudder, NCC Land Management Officer

At Appendix II there is a breakdown of the work that the Friends and other volunteers working with us have achieved at the Country Park over the past year - a truly impressive effort.

For my part I`d like to highlight a couple of projects we have undertaken which have achieved significant improvements, indeed, created new assets for the park.

Back in October 2024 we had started the project to rebuild the collapsed artificial kingfisher nesting banks to a new, more robust design. The work - including woodwork and engineering as well as a lot of soil-shifting - continued apace through spring and summer. The face of each bank was replaced, and the nesting tunnels were reset within the structures. We finally finished off both banks in August, with the help of volunteer`s teams from Games Workshop and Signature Discovery companies providing labour to finish barrowing the soil and completing the landscaping.

The Park now has two new artificial banks containing 4 nest box tunnels and we await interest from kingfishers……one was seen flying over the bank alongside the kingfisher pond during January 2026.

Another Project involved developments to improve the Nature Trail which had been started the previous year. We had a load of bark mulch donated by a local business and used this, along with constructing some woven hazel fencing, to finish off and give a naturalistic feel to the viewing area. This was well received and the trail began to experience more footfall and use by families. Indeed, one person has offered to donate a new woodland seat, a memorial to her late Husband, to the project, which will be sited within the viewing area.



Nature Trail viewing area

Following an idea by a regular park user, we undertook to create *a* new access route connecting the perimeter pathway to the Multi-user pathway. This provides an alternative, more user-friendly route for walkers and involved building a new footbridge over a drainage ditch and laying of a short section of stone path through the woodland. Construction of the bridge was rather technical and challenging but enjoyable and we worked together as a team over several tasks to achieve an outstanding output which has been much appreciated by the Public.



Construction the bridge

I'd also like to say a word about the social aspects of the park's task programme. The sessions are friendly and fun. Participants regularly get to meet new individuals and groups of people. Getting to know others is rewarding for all and the sessions often a good laugh.



Volunteers

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Friends who have volunteered their time, the Park Wardens who turn out regularly in all weathers, along with all the other volunteers and groups that have helped achieve so much over the year.

Lee Scudder, Land Management Officer
NCC Green Spaces Team

Achievements and Performance

The work of the Friends is to keep the park in great condition for the public that use it for recreation and relaxation as well as the nature that inhabits it. The events described in the previous section have ensured that people from the area have been able to enjoy the park and find out more about the fauna and flora that can be found there.

Social media

We have continued to utilise Facebook which has seen an increase of 200 followers to now over 2000 followers on the platform. We use Facebook to advertise task days, events, and project updates, demonstrating that we are an active group to the wider community.

Biodiversity and Conservation

To start the year we carried out our bird box clearance, which showed some promising signs of use by both blue tits and great tits.

We set up reptile and amphibian surveys, following advice and guidance from Nottinghamshire Amphibian & Reptile Group. We recorded over 100 toads, around 10 frogs and there has been a sighting of a grass snake.

Our volunteers helped to plant 300 wildflowers along our Nature Trail during one of our monthly task days – including species such as wild garlic, spindle and cowslip.

FOCCP Nature Trail Wildflower Planting, March 2025!



Our wildflower and butterfly walk identified floral species such as selfheal, buttercup and lesser hawkbit. As well as this, large white, ringlet and gatekeeper butterflies were spotted. A full list is at Appendix III.

In September Notts Bat Group carried out a survey of the bat boxes on the park. In Bluebell Spinney there was a Brown Long Eared Bat in 1 box, 3 Pipistrelle species together in another box and 1 Pipistrelle alone in another box.

In the Nature Trail area 3 of the recently installed boxes had fresh bat droppings, indicating that they were in use. (1 was full of an empty European Hornet's nest.)

Beside the lock 1 box had fresh droppings and the other had a mating roost with 1 male and 6 female Soprano Pipistrelles. A third box had a Pipistrelle species in it.

> *"It has been another busy year for the FOCCP who continue to do so much work for Cotgrave Country Park. This is done in all their own time.*
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> *Some of their work is seen and obvious, such as the task days, tidying and clearing that all visitors see and benefit from. Although the country park is owned and under the overall responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council, it cannot be underestimated as to how the Friends make it what it is. I know that officials at the county council are very appreciative and grateful for their work and efforts.*
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> *Other involvement of the FOCCP is attending meetings with officers from Nottinghamshire County Council to discuss hopes, plans and ambitions for our wonderful park to continue its improvement. Sometimes processes and procedures can, by their very nature be perhaps frustrating and complex, but the FOCCP work hard and diligently for the good of Cotgrave Country Park. I pass on my genuine thanks and appreciation to them."*
> County Councillor Richard Butler, Member for Cotgrave Division

Further Development

We can expect to see a significant development in the park in the coming year as a visitor hub and toilets finally become a reality. FoCCP have been consulted at all stages of the development of this project and we hope that the facility will bring benefits to the group as well as to the local community and park users.

There are several housing developments near to the park that is likely to significantly increase the footfall on the park. The effect this will have on the facilities, infrastructure and wildlife is not yet known but will need to be considered when discussing the continued management and support for the park.

> *"As we look back over last year and leave the dark dull days of winter behind, it is great to see the early shoots of spring popping up all over the park. Nature at its best.*
> *A new year and new plans for the continuous development of the park which is enjoyed and loved by so many.*
> *As liaison officer between FoCCP and the Town Council, let us continue to support this voluntary group of like-minded people known as the" Friends of Cotgrave Country Park" as they strive to maintain and improve this wonderful space."*
> Councillor Leo Healy, Cotgrave Town Council.

Financial Review

Financial Review

The audited statement of accounts can be found at Appendix II. The savings of the group are held in a single charity bank account and use of these funds are determined by Trustees.

Fundraising

The charity's principal sources of funds have come from grants, supplemented by membership fees which provide an assured income, totalling over £900 this year. Bids for funding have included:

- Co-op Community Fund. The distribution between the chosen causes is decided by shoppers. The final amount raised was £2137.32, which we have permission from Coop to expend throughout 2026 on aspects of our group's activities and projects that fulfils the Good Causes campaign requirements.
- Post Code Lottery win within the village also meant that we received £5000 which we are seeking to invest on the dog pool refurbishment project but have other options open to ensure the money is spent within the scheduled dates. .
- £300 donation from Councillor Richard Butler, Rushcliffe Borough Council, to cover the cost of printing the Cotgrave village leaflet. Advertising in the leaflet raised a further £935 for FOCCP.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have a legal duty to have regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit when they exercise their powers or duties. This means that they must be aware of the guidance, take it into account when making a decision to which the guidance is relevant and if they have decided to depart from the guidance, they have good reasons for doing so.

The purpose of the charity is to provide an environment that is of benefit to the public and does not limit access to that environment in any way. The Trustees have been provided with copies of the Commission's guidance, and all decisions are made with the purpose and guidance in mind.

The stated aims of the charity are specifically designed to bring benefit to the public by enhancing the experience of all who use the park.

> *"The County Council continues to appreciate the considerable efforts the Friends group put into supporting the Country Park, acting as eyes and ears on the ground, developing projects and funding bids and contributing significantly to maintenance activities through volunteer tasks. Whilst managing land always comes with challenges, together we continue to plan and deliver incremental improvements to the park for the benefit of local people and wildlife."*
> Nick Crouch, Natural Environment Manager, Nottinghamshire County Council.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It is governed by a constitution adopted on 27 May 2022.

3 Trustees are ex-officio office holders of the charity (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary). Others can be elected by the membership. There are currently 6 Trustees.
Nottinghamshire County Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council and Cotgrave Town Council may each appoint one charity trustee, although there are no council Trustees at present.

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the constitution and any amendments made to it and a copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.

The charity's elected officials are Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising Lead, Activities and Events Lead.

In addition, Rachel Ollerenshaw is Environmental and Conservation Lead. This is a discretionary appointment made by the Trustees.

Nottinghamshire County Council own Cotgrave Country Park and allow the Friends to conduct agreed activities in the park under guidance and supervision. Regular meetings are held between the Friends group and the County Council Park management.

The Friends liaise and network with Rushcliffe Borough Council and Cotgrave Town Council, both of which have representatives attend the group's meetings. Both councils continue to be supportive of the group.

Reference and Administrative details

Friends of Cotgrave Country Park
Charity registration number 1199132
7 Vine Farm Close
Cotgrave
Nottingham

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Alan Holmes	Chair
Trevor Chapman	Secretary
Sharon Broadbent	
Paul Phillips	Fund Raising
Rachel Tindsley	Events & Publicity
Rachel Ollerenshaw	Treasurer
	Environment & Conservation

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Alan Holmes	Trevor Chapman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date		

Appendix I

Accounts 1st January 2025 – 31st December 2025

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance brought forward	8197.44		
Membership	910.00	Stationery	77.89
Rotary	150.00	Nature trail	1059.88
Coop	2137.32	Sundry expenses	565.65
Post code lottery	5000.00	Insurance	173.62
Leaflets	1235.00	Materials	822.46
Tickets	42.00	Children's fun day	186.93
		Village leaflet	289.97
		Balance at bank	14495.36
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Appendix II

A 2025 Diary

07/01/25	Task Day: Cutting back opposite Leaky Hollow. (6 volunteers)
	Trustee's Meeting.
12/01/25	Task Day: Continued cutting back. (6 volunteers)
16/01/25	Task Day: Finished cutting back and strimming woodland edge opposite Leaky Hollow. Built kingfisher bank support below Leaky Hollow. (8 volunteers)
21/01/25	Work started on planting trees as part of the Trees for Climate initiative, woodland creation.
22/01/25	NCC investigated and then cleared the ditch along the path running parallel with Stragglethorpe Lane to take water from the roadside ditch which was blocked causing flooding. An overflow channel to be dug from the road through the wood into the ditch, de-vegetated and deepened as necessary. Path closed temporarily whilst plant is on site.
26/01/25	Task Day: Path repair from towpath towards bluebell spinney. 'Dogs on Leads' signs erected in green Shelter area. (5 volunteers)
28/01/25	AGM.
29/01/25	Formal opening of the green shelters by local councillors and Nottinghamshire County Council Green Spaces management team with Friends of Cotgrave Country Park.
03/02/25	Chair met with NCC Seniors and ARC to get a full picture of the plan for spending the s106 monies and delivering the community facility in the park before the May 2026 deadline.
04/02/25	Task Day: Continued back filling kingfisher bank; cutting hazel for nature trail; adding to hazel fences on nature trail; cutting back near kingfisher bank; took delivery of memorial bench; posts put in for notices around shelter area. (7 volunteers)
	Donation of £150 received from Rushcliffe Rotary Club.
09/02/25	Task Day: Continued work on kingfisher bank. Completing hazel fencing on nature trail. Review and cleaning of the bird boxes. (7 volunteers)
18/02/25	Trustees WhatsApp group set up.
20/02/25	Task Day: Further work on kingfisher bank. Laminated notices put up in Shelter area. Cutting back trees on Rill. (6 volunteers)

23/02/25	Task Day: Continued work on kingfisher bank and cutting back on the Rill. (7 volunteers)
	Number of various trees donated by Jane Bostock.
24/02/25	Report of bat box down in Bluebell Spinney. Box retrieved.
25/02/25	Trustees meeting.
04/03/25	Task Day: Putting up memorial seat at coffee van area. Planting donated trees in viewpoint field. Continued work on kingfisher bank and cutting back. Repairs to vandalised footbridge at top of the steps from Bluebell Spinney. (9 volunteers)
08/03/25	First reptile and amphibian surveys carried out.
09/03/25	Task Day: Further work on Kingfisher bank and cutting back. (6 volunteers)
20/03/25	Task Day: Nature Trail wildflower planting, Kingfisher bank and cutting back. (12 volunteers)
23/03/25	Task Day: Kingfisher bank completed, path from steps repaired following bike damage. (9 volunteers)
25/03/25	Group meeting: presentation about Wild Kids Club.
01/04/25	Task Day: Hazel cut and used to build Nature Trail fence, base of new seat near coffee station finished, path to shelters tamped, dug area for steps to nature trail, notices fixed to bug hotels, redundant nature trail sign removed. (9 volunteers)
10/04/25	Task Day: Cleared and made safe area for Wild Kids Club. Meeting with Wild Kids Club organiser and with landscaper regarding plans for Green Shelter planting and bridge to Multi User Route (MUR). (6 volunteers)
13/04/25	Task Day: Wood chip moved to Nature Trail area in preparation for path. Ramp to Nature Trail dug out. (4 volunteers)
14/04/25	Trustee Meeting: project planning.
17/04/25	Task Day: Stoned the ramp at the start of the Nature Trail and affixed the Nature Trail start sign. Put bark chippings on the bird viewing area entrance path. Cleared litter from one of the woodland copses adjacent to Heron Lake (3 bags). Cleared away the fire damaged trees at the viewpoint as well as clearing some litter. (14 volunteers)
24/04/25	NCC volunteers dampened and compacted the stone path at the canal bridge. Also put in 7 replacement bollards.

27/04/25	Task Day: Put in one bollard at the lakeside and did a litter clearance around the lake, including around the `bin` on the far side. Some scrub clearance from the Toe and water samples from the water bodies taken for testing. (7 volunteers)
06/05/25	Task Day; Fencing Wild Kids Club area. (9 volunteers)
06/05/25	Trustees meeting.
07/05/25	Meeting with NCC to discuss the CCP Community facilities and changes to site layout following review of FoCCP user specification.
11/05/25	Task Day: Continued fencing Wild Kids Club area. Cleared fire debris from viewpoint. (7 volunteers)
15/05/25	Task Day: More work on fencing and cutting back of Wild Kids Club area. Gate put in Nature Trail viewing area. (11 volunteers)
	2 bird boxes donated by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust during a visit and tour of the park.
20/05/25	Approach from Environment Agency for corporate Task Day.
03/06/25	Task Day: Fencing of Wild Kids Club area completed and stile removed. Cutting back on lock side path. Removal of sea buckthorn on the Toe. (5 volunteers)
08/06/25	Task Day: Strimmed shelter area. Nature trail path topped up with remaining woodchip. Vegetation cut back on Toe. (8 volunteers)
19/06/25	Task Day: Removed fallen tree on nature trail. Cut back on track to viewpoint. Took delivery and stored sleepers. (8 volunteers)
22/06/25	Task Day: Cutting back on track to West Viewpoint. Taking down a den. (6 volunteers)
24/06/25	Trustees Meeting.
25/06/25	Approach from Sygnature Discovery for a corporate Task Day
29/06/25	Wildflowers and Butterflies walk.
01/07/25	Task Day: (6 volunteers)
06/07/25	Nature Trail awareness. Manned the Trail with materials and advice; went well. There were only a few attendees, but lots of positive feedback.
12/07/25	Enquiry from U3A about a wildflower walk or foraging.
13/07/25	Task Day: Work on the dog pond and other general duties. (5 volunteers)

17/07/25	Task Day: Cut the woody vegetation colonizing the butterfly/beetle banks going up past the Toe; Started clearing the second kingfisher bank to prep it for the corporate volunteer's job in early September. (8 volunteers)
27/07/25	Task Day: Strimmed Kingfisher bank area; Cut back vegetation up past Toe. (7 volunteers)
05/08/25	Task Day: Repair to vandalism on bridge over canal; strengthening of nature trail fence; Digging holes in preparation for Kingfisher bank work; Litter picking; fallen tree cut back; grass strimmed around bench above Leaky Hollow. (7 volunteers)
08/08/25	Dog Pond closed due to warning levels of blue-green algae.
10/08/25	Task Day: Further cutting back woody vegetation colonizing the butterfly/beetle banks going up past the Toe, beside Colliers Mount; Completed strengthening of nature trail fence; Chained dog pond gates due to blue green algae, replaced damaged Nature Trail sign. (4 volunteers)
21/08/25	Nature Trail awareness. Manned the Trail with materials and advice. A very successful two hours; twenty children plus assorted adults and dogs. Children and adults were very complementary and enthusiastic. Task Day: Further cutting back on path from Colliers Mount towards Colliers Way. Building framework for Kingfisher Bank. Strimming around picnic benches. (12 volunteers) Approach from Nottingham Post for comment re toxic algae levels in the park. Referred to NCC.
24/08/25	Task Day: Cutting back at bottom of Colliers Mount. Lining fixed on Kingfisher Bank. Rail on bridge at top of steps tightened. Dog Pond depth measured. Structure in den area made safe. Pallets and sleepers behind storage restacked. (7 volunteers)
26/08/25	Approach from Molson Coors regarding volunteering opportunities.
30/08/25	Children's Fun Nature Activities.
02/09/25	Task Day: Finishing structural work for Kingfisher nesting bank ahead of corporate task day. (11 volunteers)
03/09/25	Corporate Task Day for Sygnature Discovery. Continued rebuilding work on Kingfisher nesting bank. (15 volunteers)
14/09/25	Task Day: Filling 2nd kingfisher nesting bank; replacing dog signs, measuring for flood diversion bridge, cutting back overhangs on towpath. (3 volunteers)

18/09/25	Task Day: Joined by group from Belvoir Farms; work on clearing kingfisher banks. (17 volunteers)
28/09/25	Check of Bat Boxes by Nottingham Bat Group: In Bluebell Spinney there was a Brown Long Eared in 1 box, 3 pipistrelle species together in another box and 1 pipistrelle alone in another box. In the Nature Trail area with the new Schwegglers 3 has fresh bat droppings so in use. Beside the lock 1 Schwegler had fresh droppings and the other had a mating roost with 1 male and 6 female Soprano pipistrelles. 1 pipistrelle species was in a Kent box there.
	Task Day: Cutting back around kingfisher bank. (2 volunteers)
07/10/25	Task Day: Laid a membrane to prevent growth in front of kingfisher bank; cleared fallen tree from rill path; cutting back of copses by Heron Lake; cleared area along rill by first kingfisher bank; clearing dog pond feeder pipe. (8 volunteers)
12/10/25	Fungi Foray.
16/10/25	Task Day. (5 volunteers)
26/10/25	Task Day: Cutting back on Toe; litter picking. (5 volunteers)
04/11/25	Task Day: Began to clear vegetation around new bridge area; cutting back around car park. (5 volunteers)
09/11/25	Task Day: Continued to clear the vegetation from the ditch where the new bridge will be. Found a Harvest mouse nest in a tangle of brambles, grass and nettles we were clearing (probable first record of evidence of a harvest mouse at the site.) Cutting back around car park and litter pick. (6 volunteers)
20/11/25	Task Day: Started to build new bridge. (6 volunteers)
23/11/25	Task Day: Continued to build bridge. Some cutting back near start of MUR. (7 volunteers)
25/11/25	Task Day: An additional day to continue work on the bridge. (5 volunteers)
	Group Meeting: A review of the last 5 years and identifying some roles for volunteers.
29/11/25	Christmas tree decorated in Cotgrave Methodist Church as part of Cotgrave Christmas Tree Festival.
	Approach from Nottinghamshire Amphibian and Reptile Group offering to take part in a scrub clearing session.
02/12/25	Task Day: Completion of bypass bridge. (7 volunteers)

11/12/25	Additional work by NCC volunteers on path adjoining bridge and anti-slip material on bridge. NCC contractor filled potholes in car park. (3 volunteers)
14/12/25	Task Day: Cleared back the horse trail around the edge of the fields from Colliers Way. This now allows better access for horse riders and walkers along this previously overgrown path. (6 volunteers)
15/12/25	Approach from Belvoir Farm to take part in task day in 2026.
18/12/25	Task Day: Clearing and burning scrub on the Toe. (6 volunteers)
21/12/25	Nottinghamshire Amphibian and Reptile Group provided with information regarding task days in January/February.

Appendix III

Wildflower walk Sunday 29th June 2025 led by Lee Scudder of Nottinghamshire County Council.

Agrimony	Goat's Rue	Pineapple Mayweed
Bettony	Good King Henry	Purple Loosestrife
Birdsfoot Trefoil	Greater Bindweed	Ragwort
Black Knapweed	Greater Plantain	Red Bartsia
Burnet Rose	Greater Trefoil	Red Clover
Caucasian Crosswort	Greater Willow Herb	Reed Mace
Clover	Hedge Bedstraw	Ribwort Plantain
Clustered Docks	Hogweed	Rose Bay Willow Herb
Common Centaury	Honeysuckle	Self Heal
Common Mallow	Ladies Bedstraw	Sow Thistle
Cowslip (Seed Pod)	Lesser Hawkbit	St. John's Wort
Creeping Cinqfoil	Meadow Buttercup	Teasel
Creeping Thistle	Meadowsweet	Tufted Vetch
Crosswort	Mouse-Eared Hawkweed	Wild Carrot
Field Bindweed	Orange Hawkweed (Garden Escape)	Yarrow
Field Scabious	Ox-Eye Daisy	Yellow Rattle
Goat's Beard	Perennial Sow Thistle	
Moths and butterflies		
6 belted clearwing moth	Gatekeeper	Green veined
Large white	Ringlet	

Fungi Foray Sunday 12th October 2025 led by Lee Scudder of Nottinghamshire County Council.

Fungi		
Bracket Fungi		
Birch Polypore or razor strop fungus	Blushing bracket fungus	Turkey Tail fungus
Gilled mushrooms		
Bitter-sweet fibre-cap	Blackening Waxcap	Brown Roll-rim
Crumble-caps	Fairy-ring mushroom	Meadow waxcap
Mouse-pee pink gill	Pleated Inkcap	Poison Pie
Snowy Waxcap	Straw mushroom	Verdigris Roundhead
Weeping Widow	Woolly Milk-cap	
Boletes		
Red -Stemmed Boletus	Rough Stalked Boletus	
Others		
Dog Lichen	Reindeer Lichen	



speckled bush cricket





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BALANCE SHEET 2025 Friends of Cotgrave Country Park

Income			Expenditure		
Cash in hand 1/1/25		8197.44			
			Stationary	77.89	
Membership	910		Nature trail	1059.88	
Rotary	150		Sundry expenses	207.69	
Coop	2137.32		Projector and cables	357.96	
Post code lottery	5000		Insurance	173.62	
Leaflets	1235.00		Materials	822.46	
Tickets	42		Children's fun day	186.93	
			Village leaflet	289.97	
Total income:		9474.32	Total costs:		3176.4
			Closing balance 31/12/25		14495.36
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Audited by 1 Feb 2026