Friends of Freeman's Wood CIO

Charity Number 1202583

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT - 1 APRIL 2025 TO 31 MARCH 2026

Friends of Freeman's Wood CIO oversees the management of Freeman's Wood, a woodland on the outskirts of Lancaster which is a designated Town Green.

We continued work on the accessible path project. History- and nature-themed interpretation boards were consulted on and designed, and sections of industrial fencing that blocked large sections of the wood for people and wildlife were removed. We also planted four black poplar trees on the site as part of a national project to increase the numbers of this rare species.

Regular volunteering sessions included cutting and scarifying the meadow area and planting 500 wildflower plugs to augment the meadow in the open section of the woods, monitoring the tree planting from January 2025, recording excellent survival rates, and clearing brambles from the accessible path.

The inaugural Wild Roots Nature Fest took place in Lancaster in June 2025. Coinciding with the Great Big Green Week, the festival aimed to help people reconnect with the natural world through wildlife walks, creative workshops, and wellbeing sessions hosted in local green spaces.

As we prepare for current trustee terms coming to an end, a trustee skills audit was undertaken to help inform the recruitment for new trustees and with upskilling existing trustees.

Trustee meetings are held at least quarterly and are well attended by trustees and other valued advisors.

Projects for the next twelve months include installing the interpretation boards, completing the accessible path project, installing a bicycle rack at one entrance, completing the work of removing the industrial fencing and starting work on a charity membership scheme to help fund day-to-day running costs of the charity.

Friends of Freeman's Wood CIO
Annual Accounts to 31st March 2026

Unity Trust Bank

Opening balance	**25,455**
Income	
LEF Grant Funding (path)	6,221
Donations - Standing orders	110
Donations - Wonderful	270
Donations - Other	153
Interest	481
	7,235
Expenditure	
Open Spaces Society membership	(45)
Insurance	(385)
Bank fees	(73)
Web hosting	(161)
Maintenance	(815)
FFW Social	(225)
Accessible Path	
LWT	(5,040)
Interpretation Boards	(690)
Scrub Clearance	(720)
	(8,154)
Funds held in Unity Bank	24,535
	0

BALANCE SHEET

Land	50,309
Bank	24,535
Grants due	6,925
Total Assets	**81,770**
Land Reserve	50,309
Restricted Funds	10,866
Unrestricted Funds	10,594
Cash Reserves	10,000
Total Reserves	**81,770**

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Cashflow Projections

	Gen Funds	Shed Grant	PPL Grant	LEF Grant	Total
Opening at 1st April 2025	10,109	17,871	0	(2,526)	25,455
Donations - Standing orders	110				110
Donations - Wonderful	270				270
Donations - Other	153				153
Interest	481				481
					0
Admin Expenditure	(619)				(619)
Maintenance	(815)				(815)
Open Spaces Society Membership	(45)				(45)
FFW Social	(225)				(225)
Accessible Path Project					
LEF Grant Funding (path)				6,221	6,221
LWT		(1,915)		(3,125)	(5,040)
Interpretation Boards		(76)		(124)	(200)
Scrub Clearance		(274)		(446)	(720)
					0
NOT YET FUNDED					
Interpretation Boards		(186)		(304)	*(490)*
Closing at 31st March 2026	**9,419**	**15,420**	**0**	**(304)**	**24,535**
					0
PROJECTED					
Accessible Path Project					
LEF Grant				6,933	6,933
Other spend TBC - see tab		*(4,249)*		*(6,629)*	(10,879)
					0
					0
Regular Costs					0
JK Treatment	(600)				(600)
Grass cutting and removal	(3,600)				(3,600)
Reallocations	4,781	(4,781)			0
Reserves	(10,000)				(10,000)
Available funds	**0**	**6,389**	**0**	**0**	**6,390**
					0

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