Friends of Portbury Wharf Nature Reserve

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2025

Charity registration number	1212702
Principal address	2, Chaplains Wood, Portishead. BS20 8GA
Trustees	Paul A. Gardner, R. Giles W. Morris, Hilary Kington, Sarah A. Kennedy, Susan E. Blackmore, Michael J. Toogood, Tish Russell.
Bankers	Metro Bank

Structure, governance and management

The CIO is governed by constitution dated 6th March 2025. Trustees are appointed by selection and the approval of existing trustees for a term of three years. New trustees receive an introduction to the charity s purposes, finances, safeguarding responsibilities and key policies.

The trustees meet monthly and are responsible for strategy, oversight, risk management and compliance. Day-to-day activities are carried out by volunteers and trustees.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Friends are, for the public benefit:

(1) to secure the preservation, protection and improvement of Portbury Wharf Nature Reserve, including the areas known as the Ecology Park and the Portbury Wharf Saltmarsh as a place of ecological interest and beauty;

(2) to promote the conservation of the natural plant, animal and bird life of the reserve;

(3) to educate the public in the biodiversity, natural history and other aspects of the reserve.

To achieve its objects, Friends of Portbury Wharf Nature Reserve (FPWNR) will:

- Make information about Portbury Wharf Nature Reserve (PWNR)and its wildlife available to the public.

- Raise the awareness of the local and wider public to the value of PWNR both as a key site of wildlife and conservation importance and as a valued public amenity.
- Work with the owners and management of PWNR to develop and implement a management plan for PWNR that both safeguards and enhances the habitats and species diversity of the reserve.
- Promote and enhance PWNR as a public amenity area insofar as this does not conflict with the other aims.
- Encourage the use of PWNR as an environmental resource for the education of the wider public and educational establishments.
- Seek information and take advice from recognised bodies and persons to inform the ongoing management plan to promote the habitats and biodiversity of PWNR.
- Assist with surveys of key species on PWNR to provide necessary data to appraise and update the management plan.
- Develop and maximise an income stream through donations, grants and fund-raising activities to secure the expertise, materials and labour needed to achieve the aims of FPWNR.

During the year, the trustees pursued these purposes by:

- Completing the installation of a permanent 'Wetlands Nature Trail' on time and on budget with monies granted by the National Grid Community Fund.
- Swapping the winter information panels on the above for summer ones when appropriate and adding further seasonal squares regularly.
- Continuing to provide maps and monthly spotting cards for collection from dispensers on the reserve.
- Continuing to maintain our website and keep it relevant.
- Producing a self-guided trail and quiz for World Wetlands Day.
- Developing a project to monitor the changes in the coastline by installing a fixed post for photography and accompanying information panel. This will be funded by a private donation.
- In association with Natural England, installing a series of posts and notices along the coastline to encourage people to walk along the shore and not across the saltmarsh. Renewing ropes as required and installing notices for continued preservation and education of the salt marsh
- Discussing management ideas with representatives of North Somerset Council.

- Surveying the reserve for: birds, butterflies, bats, mosquitoes and dragonflies.
- Providing a display in the library celebrating World Wetlands Day.
- Providing a nature trail and quiz in the library for half term week.

The principal beneficiaries were the general public, both local and visitors, but trustees also gave an illustrated talk to a local group, guided walks for another group and our local MP and hosted a group of youngsters from The Prince s Trust. We also facilitated a Duke of Edinburgh Award student by changing the day of our bird count to the weekend so he was able to attend.

Financial review

Total income for the year was £1717.46 and total expenditure was £752.17, resulting in a surplus of £965.29. At the year end, the charity held total funds of £1,323.28.

This report was approved by the trustees on 11.10.26 and signed on their behalf by:

Susan Blackmore

Trustee

Signature: SBlackmore

FRIENDS OF PORTBURY WHARF NATURE RESERVE
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	£
Income	
NSC Lottery	
Donations	
Gift Aid - on Mike Toogood's donations	
Expenditure	
Website Hosting and Management	140.84
Printing maps	292.00
Public Liability Insurance	134.40
Stall hire	64.80
Purchases	110.28
Postage	9.85
Profitit for the year	

Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2025

Assets	
Balance at Bank	1,323.28
Accrued income:	
Just Giving Donations not yet banked	145.93
Expected Gift Aid	235.00
Liabilities	
Accrued expenses	
Net Assets	
Represented by:	
National Grid Grant	
Balance brought forward	54.03
Expenditure for the year	54.38
General Fund	
Balance brought forward	739.27
Profit for the year	965.29

Prepared by Susan Blackmore, Treasurer, Friends of Portbury Wharf Nature Reserve

£
57.00
1,425.46
235.00
1,717.46
752.17
965.29
1,704.21
0.00
1704.21
-0.35
1704.56
1704.21

24.1.26