



Treasurer's Report – December 2016

The Friends of Gedling Country Park was formed on 29th September 2014 and this report is for its second financial year for the period from 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016.

Key Events

The group successfully registered in May 2016 with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and has the registered charity number of 1167205.

In September 2016, the group registered with HMRC as a recognised charity and can now claim back gift aid on memberships and donations – and the online and paper forms have been amended to include a gift aid declaration.

It also registered with PayPal in September 2016 and can now receive donations and membership fees electronically via our web site (<http://www.gedlingcountrypark.org.uk/donate-or-join.html>) and via a portable card reader for use at fund raising events.

Trustee Thanks

This online method of receiving funds has resulted in some generous donations and many memberships completed and paid. For these, the Trustees are grateful and would like to thank those involved – as well as all of the other people and organisations who have contributed towards the success of the Friends group.

Income Received

The opening balance at the bank account held at Unity Trust was £2,486 on 1st January 2016.

The income received for the period from January 2016 to December 2016 (including the aforementioned donations and memberships) was as follows:

Category	Amount	Description
Grants	£5,336	£3,675 grants from Gedling Borough Council, £961 from Veolia to fund a honey bee extractor purchase, £400 from Magpie Brewery for butterfly walk improvements, £300 from Councillor Payne of Nottinghamshire County Council.
Donations	£729	Donations from various individuals, the Embroiderers' Guild Nottinghamshire Branch and £42.80 in cash collection buckets. A storage container was also donated by North Midland Construction.
Membership Fees	£580	Membership fees taken for individual and family membership.
Fund Raising Events	£143	Monies raised from various fund raising activities, including multiple Xplorer Family Orienteering Events and attendance at the Arnold Carnival, Gedling Show and Gedling Gala.
Sale of Honey	£95	Sale of honey from FGCP bee hives.
TOTAL	£6,883	

Of the above income received, there was £35 of membership cheques not yet banked as of 31st December 2016.



Expenditure

For the same period, expenditure was as follows:

	Amount	Description
Equipment	£2,953	The purchase of bee keeping equipment including extractor, trolley, storage cabinet for use by parkrun, moth trap and nets, gardening equipment, night cameras and sat nav with OS maps, equipment for donated storage container.
Marketing, Communications and Web	£500	Web site hosting and domain charge, stamps and printing costs for membership forms, history booklets & posters, gift vouchers for school activity day.
Grounds Maintenance/Development	£256	Brush cutting and mowing of butterfly walk and replacement of volunteer spade.
Fund Raising and Volunteer Days	£162	Costs associated with the fund raising events and volunteer days, including refreshments, litter bags and generator petrol.
Insurance	£143	Provision of public liability and personal accident insurance.
Plants/Trees/Seeds	£136	Mixed shrubs and seeds on behalf of Magpie Brewery grant for butterfly walk improvements, wild flower seeds, pots and compost.
Honey Making Costs	£108	Honey jars & labels and bee hive maintenance.
Travel/Delivery Costs	£79	Delivery costs for purchased equipment, travel mileage for trustees and volunteers.
Forums & Event Attendance	£47	Attendance at Gedling Gala and Notts BigBag Annual Forum and membership of The Friends of Greenwood Community Forum.
Finance Charges	£46	Bank service charges from Unity Bank and transaction fees from PayPal.
TOTAL	£4,430	

Of the above expenditure, there was £359 of expenses not yet paid as of 31st December 2016.

The bank account is held at Unity Trust and the balance as of 31st December 2016, was £5,088.54 There was also £174.00 held with PayPal.

Nick Benedek, Treasurer, Friends of Gedling Country Park
31st December 2016