



Treasurer's Report – December 2017

The Friends of Gedling Country Park was formed on 29th September 2014 and this report is for our third financial year for the period from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017.

We are a UK registered charity number: 1167205.

Key Events

The group has had many fantastic donations and grants received during this year and a full list is included below. We were successfully added to the list of charities eligible to receive donations from Co-op Local Community Fund. The recipients of this fund are voted for by local members of the Co-op in Mapperley and Gedling and for 2017, we have received two donations totalling £5,857, for which we are very grateful to both the Co-op and its members.

We successfully applied for a £18,000 grant from Nottinghamshire County Council from its Supporting Local Communities Fund. Working in partnership with Gedling Borough Council we will use this grant to commission and install a piece of memorial artwork in the Gedling Country Park Memorial Garden to commemorate the many miners and others who lost their lives at the former Gedling Colliery. The grant will be paid in early 2018, once installation has been completed.

Trustee Thanks

The ability to complete and pay memberships online via our web site has resulted in not only regular memberships and renewals, but also a significant number of donations from both individuals and organisations. For these, the Trustees are grateful and would like to thank those involved – as well as all the other people and organisations who have contributed towards the success of the Friends group.

Here is the list of organisations who have generously supported the Group this year (in alphabetical order):

- Co-operative Group Limited
- The Embroiderers' Guild Nottinghamshire Branch
- Frank Key Limited
- Gedling Borough Council and its Councillors
- Magpie Brewery
- Netherfield and District Women's Institute
- Nottingham City Council Catering Services (who operates Café 1899 in the park)
- Nottinghamshire County Council

And here is the list of individuals who have also generously supported the Group this year (in alphabetical order):

- Bob and Ann Douglas
- Councillor Payne
- David Williams
- Diane and Peter Moore
- Graham Tavner
- John Gordon
- Roger Howett



We would also like to thank those people who ticked the Gift Aid box when making membership payments or donations. This will allow us to claim from HMRC an extra 25% on these amounts.

Income Received

The income received for the period from January 2017 to December 2017 (including the aforementioned donations and memberships) was as follows:

Category	Amount	Description
Donations	£7,518	Donations from various individuals and organisations listed above, and £114 in cash collection buckets in the park.
Grants	£1,655	£1,395 grant from Gedling Borough Council's Councillors towards the cost of the memorial garden and £220 from Councillor Payne of Nottinghamshire County Council.
Membership Fees	£755	Membership fees taken for individual and family membership.
Calendar Sales	£571	Sales of the FGCP 2018 calendar (containing photos from our 2017 photography competition).
Sale of Honey	£308	Sales of honey from FGCP bee hives.
Fund Raising Events	£63	Monies raised from various fund raising activities, including multiple Xplorer Family Orienteering Events and attendance at the Arnold Carnival.
TOTAL	£10,870	

Expenditure

For the same period, expenditure was as follows:

	Amount	Description
Equipment	£2,473	The purchase of an FGCP branded eventing tent, bee keeping equipment including respirator and bee suit, personal protection equipment for volunteers (gloves, hi-viz vests, safety goggles), various gardening equipment and walkie-talkies.
Grounds Maintenance/Development	£994	Installation of drainage pipe near new northern walkway, raised water barrier for central lagoon, gravel and chippings, memorial garden fencing.
Plants/Trees/Seeds	£866	Planting of wild flowers, fruit trees and shrubs for the memorial garden and willow trees for near the storage container and play area.
Marketing, Communications and Web	£679	Web site hosting and domain charge, new membership cards, stamps and printing costs for membership forms, photo competition winner prints, history booklets & posters, 'Bee Sheets' for school activity days.
Calendar Production	£558	Production of 150 x 2018 calendars.



Insurance	£650	Provision of public liability and personal accident insurance (replaced mid-year with new policy providing trustee, finance, libel and slander protection). A refund of £181.66 is due to be received in Jan18 on this policy.
Fund Raising and Volunteer Days	£199	Costs associated with the fund raising events, Members Event on 25Nov17, multiple Memorial Garden Artwork Review Meetings and volunteer days, including bird boxes, refreshments and Xplorer maps.
Honey Making Costs	£164	Honey jars & labels and sieves.
Finance Charges	£90	Bank service charges from Unity Bank and transaction fees from PayPal.
Travel/Delivery Costs	£58	Delivery costs for collection of fruit trees and attendance at two forums
Forums & Event Attendance	£35	Membership and attendance at Greenwood Forum and NTU BAG Conference.
TOTAL	£6,765	

Bank Reconciliation

The opening balance at the bank account held at Unity Trust was £5,088.54 on 1st January 2017. There was also £179.00 held with PayPal and £5 of cash holdings.

However, there was £415.53 of expenditure posted to the 2016 accounts but not paid until January 2017, and there was also £40 of income posted to the 2016 accounts that was not cleared at the bank until January 2017.

The opening balance of available bank and cash assets at the start of the year was therefore £4,897.01.

Total income for 2017 was £10,869.63 and total expenditure was £6,765.34.

The closing balance as of 31st December 2017 was £9,001.30 (comprising of £8,708.98 held at Unity bank, £50.32 held with PayPal and £242.00 of cash holdings).

**Nick Benedek, Treasurer, Friends of Gedling Country Park
31st December 2017**