



Treasurer's Report – December 2018

The Friends of Gedling Country Park was formed on 29th September 2014 and this report is for our fourth financial year for the period from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018.

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. Most recently, we have been awarded a grant of £5,000 from the OneFamily Foundation for the enhancement of bird nesting and other wildlife habitats in the country park. This will be allocated to us as we incur the relevant expenditure, with £978 awarded to us so far and remainder during the first half of 2019.

Following on from the generous donations made from Co-op Local Community Fund in 2017, we have continued to receive further donations in 2018. The recipients of this fund are voted for by local members of the Co-op in Mapperley and Gedling and for 2018, we have received donations totalling £2,932, for which we are very grateful to both the Co-op and its members. This has been used to implement a new Nature Trail in the country park as well as contributing towards the cost of two new memorial garden benches (along with contributions from Gedling Borough Council).

In 2017, we were awarded a £18,425 grant from Nottinghamshire County Council from its Supporting Local Communities Fund and working in partnership with Gedling Borough Council in 2018, we used 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.

Trustee Thanks

The ability to complete and pay memberships online via our web site¹ 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):

- Bloor Homes (donation of multiple trees for planting in the park and fittings for nesting platforms)
- Brownies (2nd Arnold, St. Marys)
- Co-operative Group Limited
- The Embroiderers' Guild Nottinghamshire Branch
- Gedling Borough Council and its Councillors
- Nottingham City Council Catering Services (who operates Cafe 1899 in the park and offers a 10% discount for all FGCP members)
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust
- OneFamily Foundation

¹ <https://www.gedlingcountrypark.org.uk/donate-or-join.html>



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

- Bob and Ann Douglas
- Councillor Gary Gregory
- Councillor Michael Payne
- Ian Sturgess
- David Williams

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 2018 to December 2018 (including the aforementioned donations and memberships) was as follows:

Category	Amount	Description
Donations	£3,596	Donations from various individuals and organisations listed above, and £72 in cash collection buckets in the park.
Grants	£19,403	£18,425 grant from Nottinghamshire County Council's Supporting Local Communities Fund for the installation of the memorial garden artwork. The first payment of £978 from the OneFamily Foundation for the enhancement of bird nesting habitats.
Membership Fees	£765	Membership fees taken for individual and family membership.
Sale of Honey	£188	Sales of honey from FGCP bee hives.
Fund Raising Events	£104	Monies raised from various fund raising activities, including the sale of event mugs (£75) and multiple wildlife walks we held in the park.
Calendar Sales	£43	Residual sales of the FGCP 2018 calendar (containing photos from our 2017 photography competition).
TOTAL	£24,099	

Expenditure

For the same period, expenditure was as follows:

	Amount	Description
Grounds Maintenance/Development	£25,554	Use of the grants and donations from Nottinghamshire County Council's Supporting Local Communities Fund and the Co-op Local Community Fund and others to purchase and install (in partnership with Gedling Borough Council), the memorial garden artwork, two memorial garden benches and interpretation board, and the memorial garden beds, flowers, trees and shrubs. The installation of new bird feeders, the creation of a new lagoon bird nesting island, and repairs to the lagoon overflow weir and outlet pipes.



		Also, in partnership with Gedling Borough Council, the installation of a new nature trail.
Plants/Trees/Seeds	£769	In addition to the installation of the memorial garden and its trees, flowers and shrubs included above, we planted various semi-mature trees around the park and collections of wild flower seeds.
Equipment	£473	The purchase of a bee hive vaporiser, and various gardening equipment.
Marketing, Communications and Web	£327	Web site hosting and domain charge, new membership cards, stamps and printing costs for membership forms, photo competition posters, laminate survey and walk posters.
Insurance	£235	Provision of public liability and personal accident insurance (replaced mid-year with new policy providing trustee, finance, libel and slander protection).
Travel/Delivery Costs	£118	Delivery costs for collection of trees and attendance at various council and heritage meetings plus mini-bus hire for memorial garden opening event.
Finance Charges	£106	Bank service charges from Unity Bank and transaction fees from PayPal.
Fund Raising and Volunteer Days	£49	Costs associated with the fund raising events and volunteer days, including refreshments.
Forums and Event Attendance	£40	Membership fee for Greenwood Community Forum and stand cost at Gedling Gala (July 2018).
Honey Making Costs	£27	Maintenance of underfloor bee hive entrance.
TOTAL	£27,698	

Bank Reconciliation

The opening balance as of 1st January 2018 was £9,001.30 (comprising of £8,708.98 held at Unity bank, £50.32 held with PayPal and £242.00 of cash holdings).

Total income for 2018 was £24,098.66 and total expenditure was £27,698.14.

The closing balance as of 31st December 2018 was £5,401.82 (comprising of £4,994.29 held at Unity bank, £407.53 held with PayPal and no cash holdings).

Nick Benedek, Treasurer, Friends of Gedling Country Park
31st December 2018