

FROYLE WILDLIFE

Trustees' Report for the period 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018



The trustees of Froyle Wildlife present their Report and accounts for the period 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018.

1. Reference and administrative details

Froyle Wildlife is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered charity number 1171997. Its registered address is:

Braemore
Husseys Lane
Lower Froyle
Alton GU34 4LX.

The trustees of Froyle Wildlife throughout the period were:

Barry Clark (chairman)
Susan Clark
Alan Dyos
Jayne Fisher
Jenny Matthews
Jonathan Pickering

At each annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. Any person who retires as a charity trustee by rotation is eligible for reappointment. Jayne Fisher and Jenny Matthews have indicated they will retire and seek reappointment. A new trustee Nigel Hughes will seek appointment.

2. Governance, management and trustee recruitment

Froyle Wildlife is run by its trustees, who meet as often as required during the year to manage its affairs. They also arrange the events which Froyle Wildlife puts on in the village, and recruit and manage volunteers to assist with the upkeep and maintenance of the Froyle Park pond and the wildflower meadow on Froyle Recreation Ground.

The trustees of Froyle Wildlife share an interest in local wildlife and the natural environment, and the importance of its conservation and protection. Potential new trustees are sought from the residents of the local area who share the values and objectives of Froyle Wildlife.

3. Objectives and activities

The objectives of Froyle Wildlife are:

(a) to promote for the benefit of the public resident in and around the villages of Upper Froyle and Lower Froyle, Hampshire the conservation, protection and improvement of the local physical and natural environment, in particular but not exclusively by identifying and recording species of flora and fauna in the local area;

(b) to advance the education of the public resident in and around the villages of Upper Froyle and Lower Froyle, Hampshire in the conservation, protection and improvement of the local physical and natural environment.

During the period Froyle Wildlife (FW) has continued the programme of activities similarly to previous years. The trustees confirm that activities have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Our plan is to carry out the following activities, either separately or in conjunction with each other:

1. providing talks, preferably illustrated, by relevant knowledgeable individuals on aspects of species, local wildlife conservation, protection and natural environmental improvement;
2. providing guided walks in the local countryside, led by relevant knowledgeable individuals, to observe and where possible record various elements of the local flora, fauna and, if appropriate, related topography;
3. offering opportunities to participate in the development, maintenance, upkeep and renewal of local natural facilities including, but not limited to, the wildlife pond and meadow area in Froyle Park, and the wildflower area on the Froyle Recreation Ground;
4. providing forums in which interested people can meet to discuss and share experiences, observations and opinions relating to local flora, fauna and conservation matters generally, all of which will be open to members of the public and of Froyle Wildlife at an appropriate modest entrance fee, generally £2 (designed to cover both staging and general operating expenses).



Aerial view of Froyle Park Pond area



Wildflowers on Froyle recreation ground

4. Achievements and performance

Froyle Wildlife has organised '**walks and talks**' that were open to all and attended by the public. These have effectively supported our purposes and form part of a year on year programme, see our website for more information

<http://froylewildlife.co.uk/news/past-events/>.

Zoologist Dr Francesca Pella spoke last October about her work on Harvest Mice in Selborne. First recorded by Gilbert White in 1767, the good news is that 11 local farmers around Selborne covering 10,000 acres are now working to improve habitats for key species. The Harvest Mouse is the only British mammal to have a prehensile tail able to grasp plant stems as they move through long vegetation and their nests have also been found in Froyle.

Local wildlife enthusiast Alan Wynde gave an informative talk in November about the 'Seabirds of Skokholm'. The island lies off the south-west coast of Pembrokeshire and despite being only 240 acres it is an internationally important breeding site for many seabirds. It holds 52,000 pairs of Manx Shearwaters and 20% of Europe's population of Storm Petrels.

Wildlife author Dominic Couzens took us on an entertaining journey in March through the year he spent trying to show his children 50 British mammals. On the Ardnamurchan peninsula they saw their highest daily record mammal count of 26 including wild cat. In Hampshire the family explored Brownsea Island to see red squirrels only to find them next to the café.



In April we had an enjoyable evening when John Buckley enlightened us with tips on how to identify our native species of 'Hampshire's Amphibians and Reptiles' concentrating on the Smooth, Palmate and Great Crested Newts, Common Frog, Common Toad, Common Lizard, Slow-worm, Grass Snake and Adder

– all found locally. We also learnt something of their habitats and had the opportunity to examine live newts closely.

We were treated to an inspiring talk in May about 'Wild Orchids' with some amazing photos by Rosemary Webb. We discovered that Hampshire is the best county for orchids, having 35 of the 52 species in the British Isles. An old disused chalk quarry at Noar Hill was highlighted as the jewel of Hampshire for orchids.

The weather was good for our walk at Broxhead Common SSSI in June with dozens of the rare Silver-studded Blue butterflies seen on the heathland, along with the usual Red-banded Sand wasp.





Our destination in August was Magdalen Hill Down, a large chalk downland reserve managed by Butterfly Conservation. Guided by reserves manager Jayne Chapman we had lovely views from the steep, south-facing hillside. Ten species of butterfly were seen including Chalkhill Blue and Small Heath and wonderful wildflowers such as Clustered Bellflower, Harebell, Common Rockrose, Horseshoe Vetch and Kidney Vetch.

Community involvement: Managing the wildflower meadow surrounding 'Froyle Park Pond' has involved 12 volunteers for 268 hours of hands on work to improve and maintain the habitat. With this effort, the wildflowers have thrived and the pond now supports breeding amphibians. Work included removing weeds such as docks, thistles and nettles; cutting paths to enable access for visitors; and removing excess pond vegetation. In July visitors came to see what was flowering and flying and were not disappointed with 13 species of butterfly and 8 species of dragonfly spotted on the day - a happy occasion with many lovely comments. The increased number of plants, insects and amphibians that would otherwise be absent from the area is due to our work. The wildflower meadow is managed by selective cutting and sheep grazing in winter months.



In Spring volunteers sowed a new area of cornfield annuals on Froyle recreation ground after removing turf and cultivating the bare soil. It flowered well this summer despite the exceptional heat and lack of rain. In July the poppies were at their peak and then the corn marigolds and corn camomile extended the flowering season. The adjacent perennial wildflower meadow had its annual cut and rake up as part of the maintenance plan. Many locals enjoyed seeing the colourful wildflowers realised by 11 volunteers involved for 74 hours work and supported by Froyle Parish Council.

Display boards with seasonal information about local wildlife have been shown at talks, the annual village fete, once at St.Mary's Church Froyle and occasionally at the 'meeting place' in Froyle Village Hall. This provides a forum for informal discussion with people about what can be seen and how we can help biodiversity. Monthly articles are published in the Parish Magazine to promote events and to encourage an interest in nature. This year 90 local people are members of Froyle Wildlife paying a small annual membership fee of £3.

Species recording: Observations have been made to record what species are present in the local area throughout the seasons. These add to the information from previous years accessible from our website <http://froylewildlife.co.uk/recording/>.

We have informally monitored the new habitat at the wildlife pond and wildflower meadow and records include the following:- 14 species of dragonfly/damselfly; 4 species of amphibian; 22 species of butterfly; 10 species of daytime moths; and 87 species of flowering plants. A significant observation this year was that Great Crested Newts are breeding in the new pond (verified by an independent professional survey) only 2 years after construction.



We ran a moth lamp in July at the wildflower meadow that surrounds the new pond and recorded over 40 species from the large Privet Hawk Moth to the small (10mm long) Apple Ermine. Butterflies are useful indicator species for the health of our environment.

Members of Froyle Wildlife have assisted with the formal transects at Bentley Station Meadow SSSI as well as informal recording in local gardens. Members have taken part in garden bird surveys including the BTO's House Martin survey scheme.

5. Financial performance

Froyle Wildlife's opening funds were £1,813 of which £1,021 were restricted to use in the development, maintenance and upkeep of the pond. During the year it received grants of £272 from Froyle Parish Council for the purchase of equipment and to create the cornfield annual plot on Froyle Recreation Ground. Overall there was a surplus of income over expenditure of £475. Closing funds were £2,006 of which £738 are restricted. Froyle Wildlife has no debts.

The trustees manage Froyle Wildlife to allow the purchase of essential items of equipment or consumables to enable it to carry on its conservation activities, and aim to maintain a small positive cash balance as working capital to enable the production of local events. The subscription amount is set at a level to meet these objectives: the trustees do not consider it is necessary or appropriate to generate significant reserves to be held by the charity.

Other matters

Froyle Wildlife holds no funds as custodian trustee, and has not taken advantage of any exemptions from disclosure.

**FROYLE WILDLIFE
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018**

Income & expenditure statement

	Year ended 31 August 2018			18 March - 31 August 2017		
	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Grants	272.45		272.45		558.55	558.55
Subscriptions	258.00		258.00	75.00		75.00
Donations	212.84		212.84	56.90		56.90
Refreshment receipts	143.70		143.70	17.70		17.70
Raffle takings	96.00		96.00			
Plant sales				2.50		2.50
Door entries	442.00		442.00	84.00		84.00
Total income	1,424.99		1,424.99	236.10	558.55	794.65
Expenditure						
Hall hire	120.00		120.00	20.00		20.00
Meeting equipment hire	20.00		20.00			
Food & drink	125.60		125.60	45.00		45.00
Donations to speakers	300.00		300.00	50.00		50.00
Stationery	28.76		28.76	11.94		11.94
Insurance	117.60		117.60	117.60		117.60
Plant hire	81.60		81.60			
Sundries	54.29	23.04	77.33			
Depreciation	101.83	259.78	361.61	50.91	107.08	157.99
Total expenditure	949.68	282.82	1,232.50	295.45	107.08	402.53
Surplus of income over expenditure	£475.31	(£282.82)	£192.49	(£59.35)	£451.47	£392.12

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Balance sheet

	31 August 2018			31 August 2017		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
Fixed assets						
Plant & equipment	305.48	779.35	1,084.83	305.48	642.53	948.01
Less: depreciation	(152.74)	(366.86)	(519.60)	(50.91)	(107.08)	(157.99)
Net book value	152.74	412.49	565.23	254.57	535.45	790.02
Total fixed assets	152.74	412.49	565.23	254.57	535.45	790.02
Current assets						
Cash at bank	1,092.19	325.92	1,418.11	515.05	485.78	1,000.83
Petty cash	22.50		22.50	22.50		22.50
Net current assets	1,114.69	325.92	1,440.61	537.55	485.78	1,023.33
TOTAL FUNDS	£1,267.43	£738.41	£2,005.84	£792.12	£1,021.23	£1,813.35

Represented by:

Capital introduced	53.50		53.50	53.50		53.50
Opening reserves	738.62	1,021.23	1,759.85	797.97	569.76	1,367.73
Surplus/(deficit)	475.31	(282.82)	192.49	(59.35)	451.47	392.12
Closing reserves	1,213.93	738.41	1,952.34	738.62	1,021.23	1,759.85
TOTAL FUNDS	£1,267.43	£738.41	£2,005.84	£792.12	£1,021.23	£1,813.35

Approved on behalf of the Committee by:

Barry Clark

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Jonathan Pickering

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Date:

6 September 2018

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018**

1. Froyle Wildlife is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (no.1171997) formed to take over the activities of Froyle Nature Conservation Group (FNCG).
2. The accounts cover the year ended 31 August 2018.
3. The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis, as agreed by the Trustees.
4. In accordance with recommended practice, the gross income and expenditure for various ancillary activities have been shown in the accounts, rather than the net figures, which are as follows:

	£
Refreshment receipts	143.70
Cost of food & drink	<u>(125.60)</u>
Net income from refreshments	<u>£18.10</u>

5. The restricted funds represent the balance of grants from East Hampshire District Council for the creation of a wildlife pond on the Froyle Park Estate remaining after the expenditure incurred to date. The remaining funds may only be used for the future maintenance, upkeep and improvement of the wildlife pond. All pond-related activities have been treated as on capital account.
6. Fixed assets acquired from FNCG are stated at their value on acquisition from FNCG as shown in FNCG's accounts. The original acquisition cost of fixed assets is written off over a three year period on a straight line basis.

7. **Fixed assets**

	31 August 2018			31 August 2017		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	General funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
<i>Cost</i>						
Opening balance	305.48	642.53	948.01	27.88	83.98	111.86
Acquisitions		136.82	136.82	277.60	558.55	836.15
Closing balance	<u>305.48</u>	<u>779.35</u>	<u>1,084.83</u>	<u>305.48</u>	<u>642.53</u>	<u>948.01</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>						
Opening balance	50.91	107.08	157.99	-	-	-
Charge for year	101.83	259.78	361.61	50.91	107.08	157.99
Closing balance	<u>152.74</u>	<u>366.86</u>	<u>519.60</u>	<u>50.91</u>	<u>107.08</u>	<u>157.99</u>
Opening net book value	<u>254.57</u>	<u>535.45</u>	<u>790.02</u>	<u>27.88</u>	<u>83.98</u>	<u>111.86</u>
Closing net book value	<u>£152.74</u>	<u>£412.49</u>	<u>£565.23</u>	<u>£254.57</u>	<u>£535.45</u>	<u>£790.02</u>