



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2021 To 31st March 2022

Charity name: The Friends of Marbury Country Park and Anderton Nature Park

Charity registration number: 1178545

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The preservation, protection and improvement of Northwich Woodlands in the region of Anderton and Marbury for the public benefit as a recreational amenity for exercise and recreation and to educate the public regarding the natural, historical and cultural value of the area.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The objects of The Group shall be met by: i) making the natural, historical and cultural value of the area known to a wider public; ii) undertaking various activities, such as organising walks, talks and events, particularly those which engage community interest; iii) organising projects; iv) assisting the Greenspace Officers in various practical ways; v) raising funds by direct action or application for external funding; vi) liaising with other significant local industry and organisations (notably The Mersey Forest, Canal and Rivers Trust and the Lion Salt Works Museum) as well as the Greenspace Officers; vii) maintaining contacts with other relevant Friends groups and national organisations; viii) keeping local management informed of the wishes and perceptions of The Group; ix) promoting the Woodlands and work of The Group and undertaking any other activities determined by the Committee, consistent with the objects.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Group's activities have been severely impacted by the pandemic. It was not possible to hold our normal series of events during 2021/22 because of government social distancing and other restrictions. As government and Council restrictions relaxed, a tentative start has been made to running an events programme with a successful series of family fun events. Other events are also restarting. The Committee met throughout the year by Zoom, to enable progress to be made. The 22rd AGM was held in person on Monday 23rd May 2022 and was very successful, with 72 people attending on the night.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Financial Statement for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 was posted on the Group's website and emailed to Members. It was approved by Members at the 23rd AGM on 23 May 2022. Some income sources have reduced or stopped during the year, but membership numbers have remained largely stable. Despite the challenges arising from the pandemic, the overall financial position remains robust.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	A portion of the one-off membership fee paid by life members is put into a provision and released annually, to provide services over a 10-year period. Reserves are also held for specific projects and other activities.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Provisions and Reserves held at 31 st March 2022 totalled £6,996.00.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Group's income and reserves are sufficient to enable it to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution. Last amended and approved by Members at the AGM held on 21st May 2018.
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed by Members and the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are elected annually by Members at the AGM.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Friends of Marbury Country Park and Anderton Nature Park.
Other name the charity uses	Friends of Anderton and Marbury (FoAM)
Registered charity number	1178545
Charity's principal address	The Friends of Anderton and Marbury c/o Rangers' Cabin Marbury Country Park, Comberbach, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 6AT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alan John Redley	Chair		Member appointed
2	David Bullock	Treasurer		Member appointed
3	Michael Shaw Allen	Secretary		Member appointed
4	Debbie Antrobus			Member appointed
5	Melanie Louise Bradley			Member appointed
6	Howard James Fearn			Member appointed
7	Frances Dianne Findlay			Member appointed
8	James Jeeves			Member appointed
9	Mary Jeeves			Member appointed
10	Roy Samuel Leigh			Member appointed
11	Joan Ann Redley			Member appointed
12	Brenda Yates			Member appointed

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

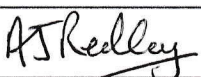
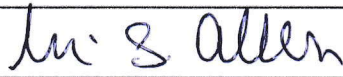
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Alan John Redley	Michael Shaw Allen
Position (eg Secretary, Chair etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date 23 September 2022