

AGM Trafford Wildlife

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I am pleased to report that despite 2020 being the year of the pandemic, Trafford Wildlife has accomplished a great deal in the last 12 months.

This has been largely down to the enthusiasm, dedication and organisational abilities of Geoff Densham and David Reeves, along with the stalwart efforts of many volunteers, too numerous to mention.

It has been difficult at times due to Covid 19 restrictions and the need to adhere to national laws and guidelines. Nevertheless, Geoff has generally managed 2-6 sessions per week, in liaison with the National Trust who own most of the sites and provide support where needed. David has also managed to continue the monthly Sunday sessions with Volunteers for most of the year. Amongst the many tasks accomplished this year has been the clearing and maintenance of paths, notably in Birch Moss Covert and Black Moss, pool clearance at Sinderland Green Woods, and the regeneration of heather at Birch Moss. Amongst other tasks, Geoff has been particularly active in hedge laying and the clearance of balsam, and the removal of redundant wire fences, litter and debris from various sites. Young trees at a number of National Trust plantations have been maintained and in White Oak covert a significant project to eradicate invasive rhododendron has commenced.

The involvement of so many volunteers, each bringing their own skills and knowledge, has been particularly gratifying and can only bode well for the state of Nature in Trafford. Our involvement with the Friends of Carrington Moss has been a fruitful one and is an example of how we play our part in the wider network of wildlife and environmental groups, while helping to raise the profile of Trafford Wildlife in the community.

We should all be proud that so much has been accomplished this year by an organisation which is so newly formed.

I look forward to next year being even more successful.

Jennifer Wood

Chair