

Trafford Wildlife AGM held 12.02.25 at 7pm.

Present were J. Wood (Chair), G. Densham (Secretary), D. Reeves (Treasurer), A. Turnbull, B Evans, D. Densham, H. Bell, J. Turnbull, J Banwell, M Fraser & Y. Martinez
Apologies: C. Petts, M. Baker & J. Johnson

1. Matters arising from previous AGM. TW wouldn't formally attend the Trafford Green Spaces meetings. Beth offered to advise if anything relevant came up.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

I write as wild fires rage in California and unprecedented floods have ravaged our own backyard, so it sometimes feels that we can do little in the face of global warming and climate change. However, I am immensely proud to be part of a group of people who are still dedicated to conserving and improving our own bit of green space wherever we can.

In a time when the green belt is rapidly diminishing all around us, I think it is even more important to value what we have in a predominantly urban borough. So thanks to you all.

I know that not everyone is an ecowarrior but I think that our group is also an example of the mental, physical and social benefits of working with others alongside Nature. Our presence on social media and at the Sale Makers Market will hopefully bring others along.

I will not list all our achievements and successes this year as Geoff is going to do that in his presentation. But, I must thank Geoff personally, for his tireless work in organising up to 2 groups a week in all weathers, liaising with other organisations, overseeing the website and keeping everyone up to date, as well as much else.

I must also thank David, our careful and prudent treasurer for keeping us solvent, for organising the Sunday working parties throughout the year, and for taking responsibility for the purchase of new plants to increase biodiversity on our sites.

I will single out Maura too, for leading on the Sale Makers Market stall and for organising the much needed Litter Picks, which she always ensures is an enjoyable experience for all.

I cannot mention everyone individually but a special thank you to all the working party group leaders and to everyone of you who have given your time, your muscle and your photos. You have all helped to make this a very successful year.

We face formidable challenges but we have made amazing progress. Long may it continue.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Number of tasks	76	115	141	157	157
Number of people	448	534	694	745	1284 (1)
Number of volunteer hours	1782	1918	2638	3547	4600

Note 1. Includes estimate for number of Monday litter-pickers.

Communications to volunteers continue through Website, WhatsApp, Facebook and Email.

The website hosting through Site123 is due for renewal for 3 years in November 2025.

TW had a stall at Sale Makers Market 4 times this year and a useful number of volunteer contacts have been made.

TW had a stall at Sale West volunteer event in November.

TW represented at the BEACON (Mersey Rivers Trust – Bollin Catchment)) meetings. These have produced some useful contacts and joint tasks.

Accident report. There were 4 recorded accidents in the year. Two trips over bracken/bramble, one blackthorn in scalp and one back cut of hand using hand saw.

Discussion: Eye protection with glasses or side pieces for prescription glasses needs to be enforced. Hard hats to be encouraged when in woodlands. **Action ALL**

Timperley Tidiers (Julie J)

Not many litterpicks last year due to a back injury but that is now settling down. The first litterpick of 2025 was cancelled due to snow/ice. There will be a litterpick on 8th Feb. There will be an afternoon midweek one towards the end of Feb as this is more convenient than weekends.

Thank you for continuing to provide public liability insurance.

4. Financial report – See separate document.

5. Existing officers were confirmed.

6. Conservation work:

6.1 Thin on tasks generally for next winter season

6.2 Bow Green Farm (BGF) ponds (9 off) will be condition assessed.

6.3 Birch Moss covert (BMC) – Clear birch from around central oak to improve light to oak.

7. AOB

7.1 Hard hats – out of date after 3 years so GD attempting to find some way of recycling.

7.2 Nature walks with a plant specialist will be organised for JoJ & BMC. **Action GD**

7.3 JoJ historical plant list from 1982 to be included in minutes. Consider additional ground flora planting in addition to bluebells. **Action DR**

Plant list addendum of Latin names by Phil Newton to Ian Fitch letter dated 5.8.82 to Mike (unknown surname). GD has added common plant names

Asperula odorata - Sweet woodruff

Cardamine amara - Large bitter-cress

Carex pendula - a large sedge

Carex remota - Remote sedge

Circaea lutetiana - broad-leaved enchanter's nightshade, in the evening primrose family

Malus sylvestris - crab apple

Petasites albus - white butterbur (map showing approximately located at w3w///tidying.copper.yacht). Letter advises possibly only site in Cheshire.

Saxifraga granulata - meadow saxifrage (map showing approximately located at w3w///bitter.curiosity.mops & w3w///rationing.asks.hotdog)

Sorbus aucuparia - rowan tree

Stellaria neglecta - greater chickweed

Vote of thanks to Jennifer for providing venue and buffet.