

Trafford Wildlife AGM held 21.01.26 at 7pm.

Present were J. Wood (Chair), G. Densham (Secretary), D. Reeves (Treasurer), A. Rowlinson, A. Rowlinson, D. Densham, I. Madley, J. Turnbull, J. Banwell, M. Robinson, M. Baker, P. Collins, R. Marshall, T. Longlands & Y. Martinez

1. Apologies: B. Evans & A. McBrien.

2. Matters arising from previous AGM. Item 7.2 Nature walks at BMC & BGF hadn't really happened.

3. Reports.

3.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

This year I have seen TW going from strength to strength as our supporters increase in numbers alongside the work achieved.

We have managed to amass a dedicated team, some of whom have stepped up to take responsibility and lead tasks, but all of whom seem willing to attend work parties, despite battling transport problems, weather conditions and personal issues. The level of skills and knowledge of our volunteers is really impressive now.

Special thanks must go to Geoff who masterminds most of this, while working in the field and doing most of the liaison work the National Trust and other landowners. Communications within the group also work well, and for this we must also thank Geoff. Thanks too to everyone who contributes photos and items of interest.

We are also grateful to David for managing our finances, leading and coordinating the Sunday working parties, as well as taking responsibility for planning, ordering (and sometimes nurturing) of plants designed to enhance biodiversity on our sites.

Maura continues with her highly successful litter picks which usually morph into friendly social events at the cafe afterwards. She is involved in the Makers Market liaison where we have a TW presence a number of times in the year.

While we continue to make a difference, I will not underestimate the threat to wildlife in our area, posed by the new Carrington building programme, the proposed Relief Road and other developments throughout Trafford, including on the Timperley Wedge.

David and I attended Trafford consultation events including meeting most recently with the Ecological Company involved. It is unclear, as yet, as to how much our concerns are listened to, particularly around the destruction of the peat the danger of flooding and the loss of wildlife habitat. However, I believe that this makes it even more important to conserve and enhance the green environment at this time and that we can continue to make a real difference on the sites in which we work.

I feel the enjoyment, camaraderie, good humour and well being, we all gain from this will ensure TW continues to go from strength to strength again in 2026.

Thank you all.

3.2 SECRETARY'S REPORT

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number of tasks	76	115	141	157	157	172
Number of people	448	534	694	745	1284	1462
Number of volunteer hours	1782	1918	2638	3547	4600	4959

In October a second Wednesday task commenced with hedge laying

Communications to volunteers continue through Website, WhatsApp, Facebook and Email. Facebook is the least effective medium.

The website hosting through Site123 was renewed for 5 years in November 2025.

TW had a stall at Sale Makers Market 3 times this year (April, August and October) and a useful number of volunteer contacts have been made. We attempted to book a stall at Chorlton Makers Market but this is more competitive in the community sector.

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

TW was represented at the BEACON (Mersey Rivers Trust – Bollin Catchment) meeting. This contact has produced useful community funding from UU.

Tatton Group hosted a volunteer social event in August.

Accident report. There was 1 recorded accident this year in 2025, a slip off a log. More effort has gone into clearing brambles from paths as in 2024 this was the cause of 2 of the 4 recorded accidents.

There was discussion over tetanus injections. **All** to check with their GP. Some gentle reminders would be included over the year on task details.

4. Financial report – See separate document.

5. Existing officers were confirmed.

6. Conservation work:

6.1 Bow Green Farm (BGF) - Wait to see how tenancy evolves.

6.2 Rostherne Mere rhododendron removal will take at least a couple of years. Plenty of hedge laying opportunity. Awaiting Natural England funding decision on boardwalk replacement.

6.3 Birch Moss covert (BMC) – Stump removal was delayed due National Trust tree planting in early 2025 & will commence when time available.

6.4 Tatton Group – Bird surveys and tree aftercare.

6.5 Hogswood was closed for access so balsam will have increased.

6.6 Seamons Moss was closed due to ash dieback and is in the process of being banded so balsam will have increased.

7. AOB – None

Vote of thanks to Jennifer for providing venue and buffet.