



# Friends of Basingbourne Park



## Annual General Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> March 2026



# Agenda

- ▶ Refreshments and socialising!
  
- ▶ Chairman's review of 2025
- ▶ Treasurers report 2025
- ▶ Questions from Members
  
- ▶ Official business:
  - 1) Accept the accounts for 2025
  - 2) Appoint the committee for 2026
  
- ▶ Guest Speaker: Adam Green - Countryside Manager, Hart District Council
  
- ▶ MORE Refreshments and socialising!



# Chairman's Review 2025

Dave  
Harrison

# FoBP Objectives:

- ▶ To promote improved health and wellbeing of the local community through the use and improvement of Basingbourne Park

by

- ▶ Maintaining and improving Basingbourne Park
- ▶ Preservation and maintenance of our woods and heathlands, and maintaining SINC status
- ▶ Promote use of Basingbourne Park for community activities.

# Focus for the 2025



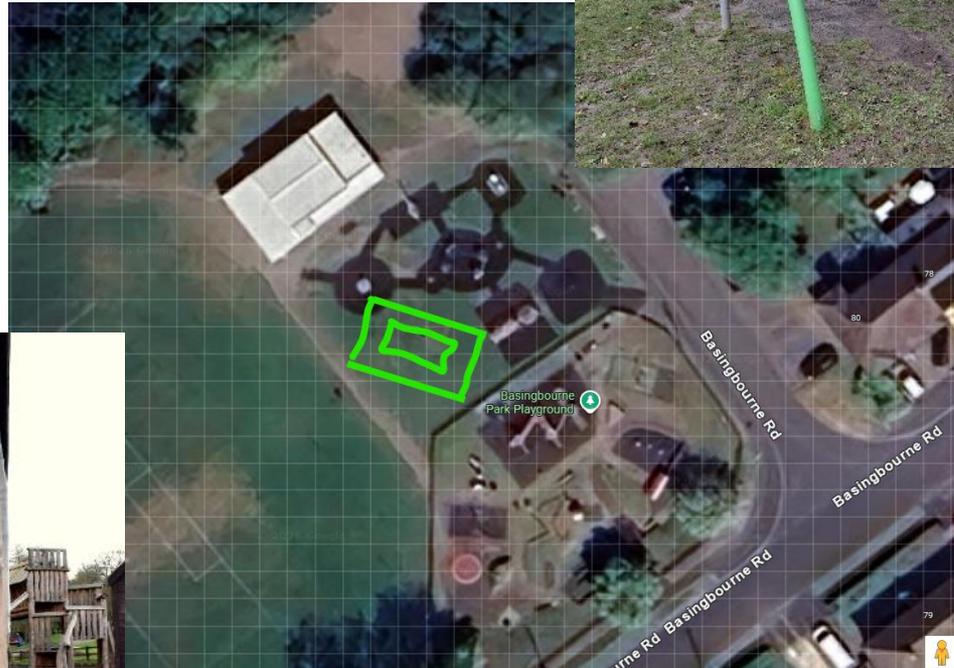
# Brass rubbing nature trail

- ▶ 15 posts reflecting wildlife found in the park
- ▶ Encourage younger visitors to make greater use of the park, and more shaded in high summer
- ▶ Installed by Guides and Scouts
- ▶ Grant from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Fund



# Fundraising New Play Equipment

- ▶ Actively fundraising again
- ▶ Old wooden climbing frame condemned
- ▶ Fill the gap left
- ▶ Encourage physical activity, social interaction and teamwork
- ▶ £5,900 raised to date
- ▶ Needs c.£20k
- ▶ Seeking s106 support



# Community events



# Easter Egg Hunt

- ▶ Our cornerstone event of the year
- ▶ c.120 children participated
- ▶ £614 raised towards new play equipment



# Family Fun Run

## Our second Family Fun Run

- c.20 children plus parents/carers
- Choice of 1km, 2km or 3km runs
- Led by FoBP members Al & Suzanne Lott - thanks!

## Questionable Success

- Only c.£30 in donations
- Over £100 costs (paid from group funds)
- Insufficient volunteers to host refreshments stand, undermined future viability

Viability for 2026 to be assessed



# Hot Choc Mondays

- ▶ c.125 cups of hot chocolate & snacks each term time Monday morning
  - ▶ Dec, Jan & Feb to half term
- ▶ 2 stands - Pavilion & Heather Drive Path
- ▶ Always well received!
- ▶ With support of Fleet Methodist and Church Crookham Baptist Churches



# Christmas Carols

- ▶ Around 30 to 40 attendees
  - ▶ Mulled wine or apple juice
  - ▶ Mince pies and snacks
  - ▶ £140 donations
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- ▶ No Mistletoe sales this year
    - ▶ Fleet Pond Society clearly have too much money!



# Christmas Social, Quiz and Raffle!

- ▶ Xmas Quiz and Social
  - ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> event in latest format
  - ▶ 10 tables
  - ▶ c.60 participants
  - ▶ £970 tickets, raffle & donations
  - ▶ Very positive feedback again
  
- ▶ Shout outs
  - ▶ Thanks to Paul & Ros Einchcomb, our Quiz Management team!
  - ▶ Thanks to Lisa for prompting us to try this again (and helping organise)



## Quiz Night

**Monday 22nd December 2025, 7:30pm**  
**At the Guide Hall, Basingbourne Park**

Raising funds for new playground equipment  
Register your team of up to 8 members at  
[xmas@basingbournepark.org.uk](mailto:xmas@basingbournepark.org.uk)

Entrance £5 per person, to be paid in advance  
Bring your own drinks/cups and snacks  
Also fund raising raffle with a choice of prizes

This is an adult event, but older children are welcome at parents discretion subject to a full priced ticket

[www.basingbournepark.org.uk](http://www.basingbournepark.org.uk)  
[info@basingbournepark.org.uk](mailto:info@basingbournepark.org.uk)  
[@BasingbournePark](https://www.facebook.com/BasingbournePark)



## Sponsors & Supporters:

- Summit Defence Ltd
- Premier Newsagents on the Verne
- Premier Newsagents on Linkaway
- Good Taste Bakery on the Verne
- KJM Hair Salon in the Hart Centre
- Fleet Guide Hall
- Hampshire County Council

# Travellers

- ▶ Further Traveller incursion on the Sports Field
- ▶ Moved on in under 24 hours
- ▶ Not before:
  - ▶ causing damage
  - ▶ littering
  - ▶ dumping human waste on site.



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I further believe that:

- Damage, disruption and/or distress has been caused by trespassers on the land.
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Name	Boughay	Force ID	25051
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		Rank	A/Insp

SERVING OFFICER			
Name	Boughay	Force ID	25051
Location	SMINGHAMNE OAK	Date	3/7/24
		Time	1005

You must leave this land as soon as reasonably practicable or by the latest

Date & Time: 3/7/2024 1400hrs

If you fail to leave this land as soon as reasonably practicable or enter the land again as a trespasser within twelve months of this date, you commit an offence and could be arrested and/or prosecuted as well as having your vehicles removed by the Police.

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# ▶ Conservation

# Conservation Community Engagement



## ▶ Pond dipping in Basingbourne Stream

- ▶ 9 children joined us
- ▶ Lots of bugs and newts!

## ▶ Dawn Chorus Walk

- ▶ 27 species identified this year!
- ▶ (including going up to canalside!)

## ▶ Bat Surveys

- ▶ Pipistrelles, Soprano Pips, Noctules spotted this year
- ▶ Hosted Guides and Oddfellows
- ▶ No owlets this year ☹️

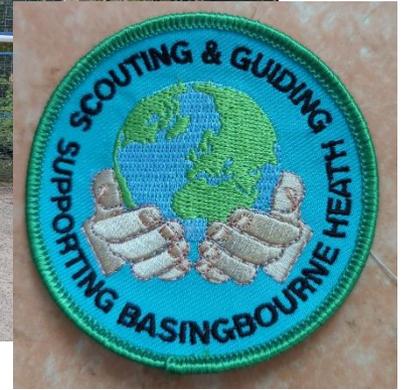
## ▶ Summer Nature Walk and talk

## ▶ Wildlife Explorers “Fungi Foray”



# Scouts & Guides Community Service

- ▶ Over 100 young people helping over 5 nights
- ▶ Tasks included:
  - Ditch clearing
  - Woodland trail trim back
  - “Popping” saplings on heath
  - Orienteering course maintenance
  - Himalayan Balsam Bashing (6<sup>th</sup> year)
  - Playpark and sign washdown
  - Leaky dam/woodland pools
  - Graffiti cleaning
  - Litter picking



# Conservation

## ▶ Longdown Scrub bashes

- ▶ 3 events
- ▶ Removed large amounts of gorse, saplings and other materials
- ▶ Continued trying to remove root nodes, not just cut saplings



# Membership 2025

2025		2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
Adult	Jnr										
94	27	68	15	101	33	64	18	81	20	121	38
121		83		134		82		101		159	

2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014	
Adult	Jnr										
91	34	69	20	59	23	56	19	52	24	26	9
125		89		82		75		76		35	

Thanks to all members and  
volunteers!

# 2025 Last Year's Objectives

Committee is at capacity, so objectives are “more of the same”!

Restore membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Slumped again; need active/personalised e-mails. Membership officer?</li></ul>	
Park Development Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•(expired Jan 2022!)</li></ul>	
Play Park Renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Raise Funds</li><li>•Install new exciting equipment</li></ul>	1/2
Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•More Nature Walks</li><li>•Brass Rubbing posts</li><li>•Greater vision for heathland management (engaging FTC/NJS)</li><li>•More tree-location</li></ul>	
Community events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Easter Egg Hunt</li><li>•Carols &amp; Xmas Quiz and Social</li><li>•Family Fun Run</li><li>•New Summer Event (Barbeque?)</li></ul>	
Community collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Continue: Guides &amp; Scouts, Boys Brigade; Wildlife Explorers &amp; RSPB; Church Crookham Baptist Church</li></ul>	

# ....and what next?

Attendees were asked to mark the sheets around the room - 3 votes each and/or add new ideas!

Suggestion	Votes
Restore Lily Ponds	8
Re-wetting of Heathlands	8
Heathland restoration	5
Scrapes (to restore plants)	5
Rhododendron Removal	5
Prevent Traveller access to sports field	5
Coffee Shop Franchise in Pavilion	3
Meandering of streams	3
Resurface Under 8s park & painted trainlines	2
Footbridges and paths	2

Noted: this was a “conservation heavy” audience, so not necessarily reflective of all members or park users!

# 2026 Objectives

Committee is at capacity, so generally “more of the same”!

## Restore membership

- Maintain or grow membership again
- (dedicated Membership officer?)

## Park Development Plan

- expired Jan 2022!
- Survey for New Ideas and Priorities
- Issue new Plan

## Play Park Renewal

- Raise MORE Funds
- Install new exciting equipment

## Conservation

- More Nature Walks/Pond dipping
- Greater vision for heathland management (engaging FTC/HDC)
- More tree-location

## Community events

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Carols & Xmas Quiz and Social
- Family Fun Run???
- New Summer Event (?)

## Community collaboration

- Continue: Guides & Scouts, Boys Brigade; Wildlife Explorers & RSPB; Church Crookham Baptist Church



**Any  
questions  
for the  
Chairman?**



# Treasurer's Statement 2025

Kevin Delf

## Friends of Basingbourne Park

### Receipts and Payments Account for year ending 31st December 2025

#### Receipts Amount (£)

##### Funds brought forward

General funds	558.30
Members projects fund	2673.98
Conservation Fund	3.00
Pavilion fund	53.00
Table tennis fund	220.00
New Play Equipment	3896.49
Gym equipment fund	10.00
Canal Path & Bridge Funds	3273.00
Equipment & Orienteering Course (HCC Grants)	35.57
Total b/f	<b>10723.34</b>

##### Funds acquired during year

Membership Subscriptions & FTC grants	349.50
Donations & Lottery	315.50
Fundraising Events	1806.25
Other Income (Conservation, Pavilion)	107.00

**2578.25**

**Total Receipts** 13301.59

##### Balance

#### Payments Amount (£)

Repayment of Loans 0.00

##### Expenditure during year

General expenses	595.02
Equipment (litter picking)	35.57
Conservation (Rubbing posts, Easter activitie	1514.99

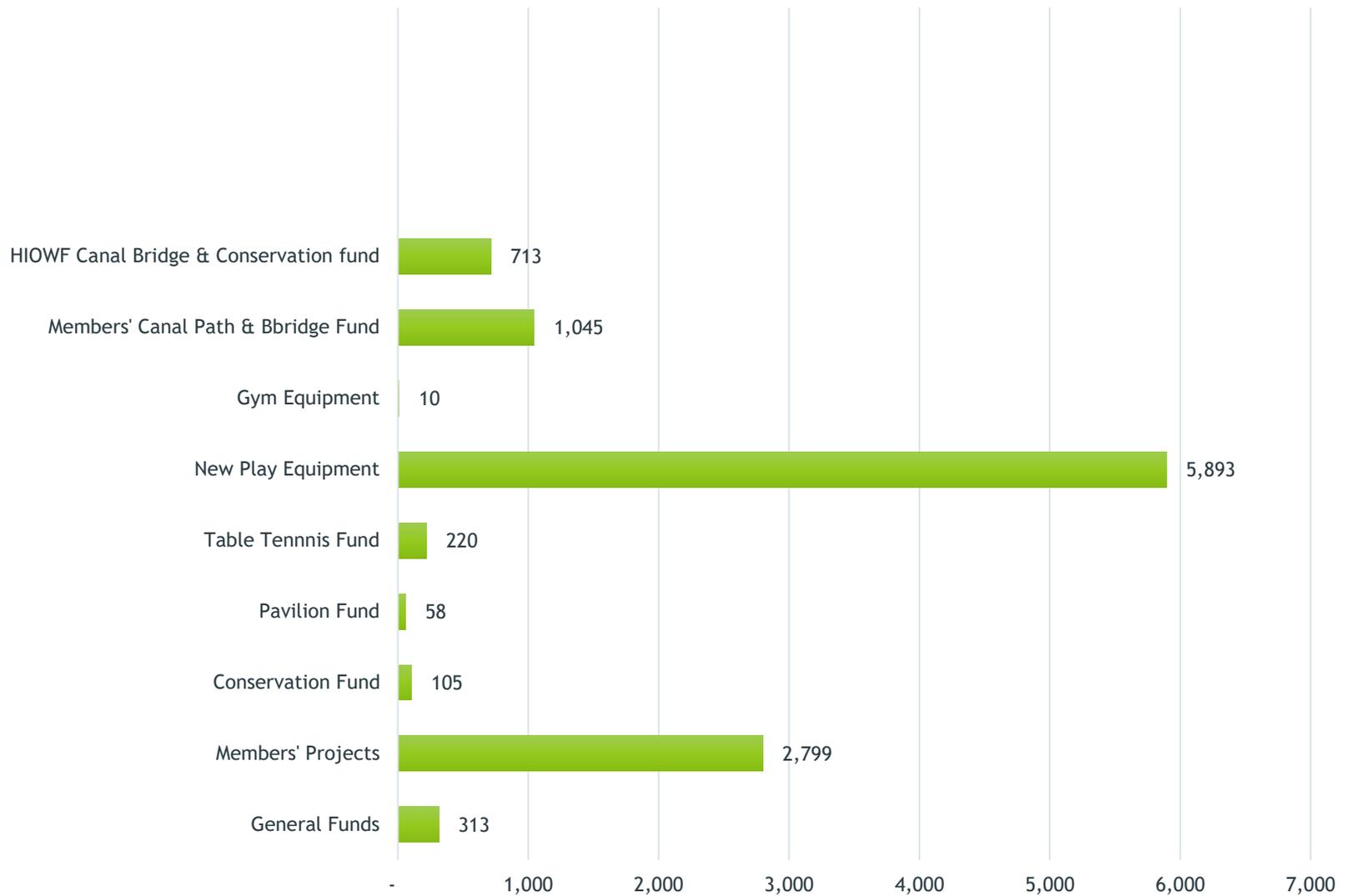
**2145.58**

**Total Payments** 2145.58

**11156.01**

1. Accounts are for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.
2. They have been scrutinised and signed off by a Chartered Accountant.
3. The summary report shows Funds Brought Forward from the previous year, Funds acquired during 2025 and the expenditure in 2025.
4. Income (£2,578) was from four sources:
  - Fundraising events (70%) – Easter Egg Hunt, Fun Run, Christmas Events
  - Member subs and FTC reimbursement of insurance (14%)
  - Donations and Lottery (12%)
  - Other – Donations specific to Conservation and Pavilion fund (4%)
5. Expenditure (£2,145) was apportioned as follows:
  - General (28%), including events (£422), e.g. race clock, prizes, Easter eggs; & insurance (£127).
  - Equipment (2%) – litter pickers.
  - Conservation – (70%) Rubbing Posts (£1,355) and Trolley (£160).
6. We are grateful to Fleet Town Council for reimbursing the cost of our insurance.
7. Some points of note:
  - We use general funds to fund our community fundraising events e.g. fun run, Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Quiz and Carols.
  - All income raised by these events has been assigned to the fund for new park play equipment.
  - Likewise lottery income has also been assigned to the play equipment fund.
8. We have been able to increase the play equipment fund from £3,896 to £5,893
9. Funds brought forward to 2025 are shown on next slide.

## End of Year 2025 - Funds Carried Forward (£)



**Any questions for the Treasurer?**

**Acceptance of the Accounts?**

## **Nominations:**

- ▶ Dave Harrison - Chairman
- ▶ Kevin Delf - Treasurer
- ▶ Ruth Williams – Secretary, Social Events & Safeguarding Officer
- ▶ Vacant – Website, Newsletter, Publicity & Promotion, Social Events
  - ▶ Currently non-Exec website & social media support
- ▶ Louise Williams – Guides/Scouts Liaison
- ▶ Nigel Williams – Conservation Lead
- ▶ Pauline Earwicker – Horticulture, Conservation
- ▶ Paul Einchcomb – FTC Liaison

**New volunteers are always welcome!!! Please volunteer**

# Election of Committee



# Guest Speaker

## Adam Green

Ecology and Countryside Manager

Hart District Council

# Thank you

Please refresh your glasses, grab refreshments have a chat!