

Friends of  
Netherclay  
Community Woodland  
local nature reserve



# Netherclay Community Woodland LNR Update Friends of Netherclay

Presentation to the Parish Council Annual Meeting  
Thursday April 4th 2024

Remember this!



...now this!



# Current officers & committee

- Chair – David Gurr
- Vice – Mike Amos
- Treasurer – Nick Lang
- Secretary – Rob & Chris Morgan
- Parish Council Representative - Vacant
- Minutes secretary – Jill
  
- + Committee, Colin Leppard, Colin Davies,

# Background

Purchased in 2003 with contributions from Entrust & Bishops Hull Parish Council – owned by TDBC

Woodland planted 2003 – to Forestry Commission standards.

Over 7,000 trees and shrubs planted.

## **Objectives**

To provide an improved habitat for wildlife

To slow the rate of local rainwater runoff, thereby reducing flood risk further downstream.

To be an attractive amenity for the quiet enjoyment of the local community



# Timeline

Maintained for 4 years by private contractor

Paths cut – 4 times a year - TDBC

Maintained by various voluntary groups over the years.

Friends of Netherclay Group  
2018



# The FON Constitution

To protect and enhance Netherclay Community Woodland.

To ensure Netherclay Community Woodland remains an attractive, safe amenity for the enjoyment of the local community

To promote and enhance the environmental benefits and wildlife habitats of Netherclay Community Woodland.







Rural Payments  
Agency

# Woodland Management Plan

- Major project 2021/2
- Felling licence for 10 years.
- “Thank you for sending your CS 2021 agreement acceptance. This means you have entered into a Countryside Stewardship agreement with us effective from 01/06/2021.”
- FWAG helped us to create the document
- £1,000 grant paid for this.



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# Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier

- Major project 2023
  - FWAG created the document
  - Extension of the Woodland Management Plan.
  - Community Involvement – educational visits
  - Grant of £1,000 p.a. for next 5 years
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- FINANCIAL POSITION
  - £2,280 in the bank
  - Insurance due shortly
  - No grant from the PC last year
  - Sale of logs so far has raised £540.

# TCV Membership

- TCV - The Conservation Volunteers
- Help with insurance
- Free trees each year



# Regular Volunteers

A core team of regulars, led by Mike, keeps the work on site moving along.



# Working with others

Includes:

Taunton Green Parents (TGP)

Cannington College Students & Tutors

SCAT – Bridgwater & Taunton College

Bishops Hull Primary School

Family volunteers e.g. bulb planting

Input from David Northcote-Wright of  
SWT



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A stylized leaf logo is positioned to the right of the word 'Netherclay'. The leaf is green with a central vein and several smaller veins branching off. The right edge of the leaf is curved and colored orange, suggesting a flame or a sunburst.