NEWINGTON CEMETERY NATURE TRAIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TOTAL GRANT - £1,500

First event budget

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|  | Projected | Actual spend£ | Donations (in kind) |
| Event shelter | 80 | 99.99 |  |
| Literature box | 30 | 20.35 |  |
| Prizes, pens and balloons |  | 17 |  |
| Bug hotel hay | 25 | 5 |  |
| Bird boxes - materials | 240 | 0 | Materials to make 10 bird boxes. |
| Seeds for bird feeders | (10 all materials) | 3 |  |
| Bird feeder bamboo sticks, wipes |  | 5.30 |  |
| Fruit for butterfly and bird feeders |  | 8 (missing receipt) |  |
| Insect book |  | 7 |  |
| Bug viewers | 100 | 2 x 3.99 = 7.98 |  |
| Public liability insurance | 180 | 0 | – covered by GPCC insurance |
| Leaflets | 23 | 11.49 |  |
| Printing (scavenger hunt and colouring pages) | 7 | 0 | Donated by Derek McNaught |
| TOTAL | 685 | 184.82 |  |

Second event budget

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|  | Projected | Actual spend £ | Donations |
| Craft materials | 20 | 16 | Fairy door wood and materials |
| Child scissors and stickers | 10 | 5.72 |  |
| Bug hotel materials | 37 | 32.34 |  |
| Peat, scissors, bucket for bug hotel | 10 | 10.25 |  |
| Prizes (bouncy balls) |  | 3 |  |
| Trailmarker stones |  |  | Council staff donation |
| Printing (scavenger hunt) |  | 4.50 |  |
| Flyers (250) | 23 | 33.58 |  |
|  | 100 | 105.39 |  |

Doors Open Day budget

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|  | Projected |  |
| Hi vis vests | 6 x 2.50 = 15 |  |
| Banner | 85 |  |
| Signs | 830 |  |
| Print conversion | 15 |  |
| Leaflets (scavenger hunt) | 30 |  |
| Additional craft materials? | 15 |  |
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| Total | 1,000 |  |
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Current surplus - £228

The second nature trail event was another great success, mostly down to the wonderful efforts of Amber Jenkins from the RSPB, and all our volunteers, but particularly Barbara and Derek McNaught, Hazel Dunn, Tony and Janet.

We had a similar number of visitors (40-50) as the previous event and many families who had not visited the cemetery before, or who had not been since the adults were children. We were also visited by a small fox out enjoying the sunshine!

The new and improved bug hotel was built under Hazel’s supervision and with suggestions from Carolyn about appropriate planting. It is much greener than the first structure, with a turf roof and encircled by foxgloves, scabious and forget-me-not. We last visited on 1 July and saw several ladybirds, bees, and spiders as well as evidence that other creatures had been investigating the lower chambers. Its foliage and position seems to have deterred would-be fire raisers, so far!

We also planted more wildflowers, made fairy doors and painted trailmarkers ‘bug’ stones. The craft activities were a huge hit – all the fairy doors were taken away by participants and 20 of the 35 trailmarkers. Several families took part in the scavenger hunt, which seemed to work well as a basis for the nature trail. Some people have suggested that pictures on the sheet would help to identify plants and trees. Again, there was a lot of interest in the cemetery’s birdlife and the gravestone carvings.

Assuming that we are accepted as part of doors open day, I would propose to create a new, fuller scavenger hunt (perhaps printed double sided on one sheet of paper), to put out the painted trailmarker stones at ‘points of interest’ and to make some small bird feeders. As ever, though, I’d really welcome different ideas!

We have a few options for the signs. If we still want to have two signs, one idea might be to have one dedicated to bird and animal life and one for the plants and gravestone imagery. People have offered some lovely photographs of birds that have been seen in the cemetery. Alternatively, we could have one sign that is seasonal (what to look out for at different times of the year) and that is directly about the bug hotel and bird boxes. Another possibility is to have only one more general sign.