



The  
Friends of  
Manor Road Community Woodland

22 January 2004

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Your ref: CAMJ/cj/chq/acc

Dear *Paul*

RE: Community Woodland Network Grant Cheque Issue

With reference to your letter of 1 October 2003 addressed to our Chairman, Nigel Jacks, I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Manor Road Community Woodland to report on expenditure from the grant of £1,000.

The grant has enabled the Friends to purchase a wide range of equipment so that our working parties can function independently on task days in carrying out essential maintenance at the woodland. Previously we had to rely on British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) for the loan of equipment, although they were always happy to help in this way.

The largest item purchased is a petrol driven brush cutter, costing £144 plus VAT. Other large tools include spades, shovels, forks, loppers, pruners and scythes. The range of smaller items includes saws, grass hooks, trowels, secateurs and safety knives. We have also purchased safety wear including eye protectors and boots for the brush cutter operator, and hi-vis vests for use when working on roadside hedges. Photographs of members using some of the equipment on a recent task day are enclosed.

Details of the purchases totalling £821 are shown on the 3 copy invoices attached. The balance of £179 has been used towards the design and production of a publicity leaflet aimed at introducing new visitors to the woodland. A copy of the invoice from Bath & North East Somerset Council for the total cost £263 is enclosed together with a copy of the leaflet.

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The 17,000 trees planted at Manor Road Community Woodland over the years 1993 to 2001 are well established and will require increased care in the years to come. For example, guards now need to be removed from 4,000 trees planted in February 2001. We also look forward to six more hectares being developed as part of the woodland, on release from arable farming in autumn 2004.

The Friends of Manor Road Community Woodland will be pleased to supply any more information that The Woodland Trust may require.

Yours sincerely

Dennis Hill  
(Hon. Treasurer – The Friends of Manor Road Community Woodland)