

Friends Of Owley Wood Report

We chose to spend the grant money on equipment for the group and some vital training.

The grant has also made us develop a constitution for the group and we are about to hold an AGM where committee members will be elected into specific posts.

Your grant money paid has paid for a considerable number of items which are listed within the spreadsheet attached.

The main purchase was a multi changeable head strimmer. This allows a scrubcutter and pruner attachment to be added. In addition an extendable pole can be added for high branches and hedge work. This piece of equipment is ideal for the group and the tasks that will face us into the future. Other power equipment purchased included a Shredder Vac to speed up operations for our relatively small group.

A number of personal protective equipment were bought as well as oil for maintenance of the equipment bought and our existing chainsaws.

Loppers and hand saws have been bought to allow members without chainsaw certificates involvement in management work.

We also spent a large proportion of the money on a digital camera and photographic paper/print cartridges that will allow us to produce photographs for display.

We identified the need to have members of the Friends trained in First Aid and to stay within current legislation brushcutter courses have been arranged for two members of the group.

The management plan for the site is currently under review by the owners, Cheshire Wildlife Trust and we hope as a group to feed in and support areas of this plan. The equipment that we have built up is now available for management of the site and also loan to other Friends groups in the area. This is something we have already discussed with friends groups at Anderton and Marbury, Storeton Woods and Murdishaw Woods.

Through your generous grant we have now established an excellent array of equipment to help us manage the woodland both for wildlife and for public access. The wood means a lot to the group and the whole village. By getting people involved in management of the wood it allows a connection to be made between the public and their environment and at the same time highlight the need to protect Ancient Woodland.

Thanks again for all your support and monetary help.

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Budget for WT Grant Project

Mar-04

Income

Woodland trust Grant

£2,000

Expenditure

Item	Cost
Combi powerhead with a variety of detachable heads including	£314.51
A scrubcutter	£191.25
A trimmer	£109.65
A pruner	£148.75
An extendable pole for the combi	£67.15
Shredder Vac	£228.65
3 x Long arm loppers	£63.72
A clear Visor	£24.65
Brushcutter 4 tooth 9' blade	£8.50
Brushcutter Blade	£18.70
Brushcutter Saw tooth blade	£20.06
Chainsaw oil	£16.45
2 stroke oil	£9.94
Mesh goggles	£8.50
Bow saw	£10.99
Pruning saw	£22.95
Bar clamp	£4.98
Grease tubes	£10.50
Rigger gloves	£3.97
Heavy duty gloves	£26.91
Sony Digital Camera	£190.34
Colour Print cartridges	£70.00
B & W Print Cartridges	£60.00
Ink Cartridge	£29.95
Copy Paper	£3.95
Photographic Paper	£97.00
First aid Course x 3	£90.00
Brushcutter Course x 2	£150.00
TOTAL	£2,002.02



Above: Members of Friends of Owley Wood displaying newly acquired equipment.

Left: Steve tries out our scrubcutter attachment head on the strimmer.