



Local Nature Reserve.

Annual report – for the year ended March 2026

36 years and we're still going!

Locals and passers-by have always been generous with their praise. This was again evidenced when I launched a **Go-fund-me** page to raise funds for a new mower.

An amazing £1,000+ was raised in 12 hours and we very soon passed our target with substantial extra for the funds.

Pill & Easton-in-Gordano and **Abbots Leigh Parish Councils** continue to give tremendous support, though like all public funding this cannot necessarily be relied on so public support remains very important.

North Somerset Council staff remain helpful and supportive, particularly when liaising with utilities regarding groundworks.

It is probable that they may not be able to offer any financial support for some time.

Our annual **Christmas tree collection** and shredding was really well supported, especially as other organisations have set up in 'competition' – this was our **24th year!**

Volunteers, including the Committee remain committed and, when weather allows (!), as many as 13 turn out for work-parties.

Callum and Aaron (**Koala Tree Care 07403 668840**) make such a difference with Callum's 'motorised wheelbarrow' – his tipping pickup truck – makes hauling hay and Christmas trees so much easier!

Josh (<https://www.kingtreebristol.com/>) does a great job shredding those Christmas trees.

Another who continues to stand out for her dedication is **Jean**, who almost every single month monitors fungi on the whole reserve and continues to discover new ones

The list now stands at **190!!**

Another who has put in a big shift is **Justin Saunders** who has completely re-vamped and updated our website. <https://www.flowerbank.org.uk/>

Site Management remains much the same – late Summer haycut and wintertime coppicing/removing invasive garden escapes. It sounds simple – but it works!

Once again we have been awarded "**Outstanding**" in the

RHS South West in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' scheme – the 9th year running.

Bob Buck Chairman