

Friends of the Flitch Way and Associated Woodlands Trustees' Annual Report



The Trustees present their Annual Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 March 2025. The Accounts comply with the current statutory requirements and with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

Constitution

The charity was constituted on 24th January 2006 and revised on 10th July 2006, 12th August 2014 and 3rd May 2019. The trust is registered as a charity under number 1115617. The registered address is 13 Keats Avenue, Braintree, Essex CM7 1HB.

Objectives and Activities

In conjunction with Essex County Council (ECC) Country Parks Service, the Friends of the Flitch Way and Associated Woodlands work for the benefit of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of sites which may come under the management of the Essex Country Park Ranger Service. The aims are:

- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
- To act as a channel whereby members of the public can give user feedback to ECC Country Parks Service.
- To carry out specific projects designed to enhance the facilities of the Flitch Way and Associated Woodlands subject to the approval of the site manager and the head of ECC Country Parks service.
- To work as part of the ECC Parish Paths Partnership opening up large numbers of overgrown rights of way throughout the county, replacing way markers, building bridges and improving access for everyone.
- To provide opportunities for members and supporters to meet and socialise

Achievements and Performance

In the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, we were able to carry out similar activities to last year:

- 89 members and 40 active volunteers are recorded on our database.
- 3,454 total volunteer hours recorded from the Carriage Stewards, Flitch Way work parties and the Footpath work group, down slightly from 3,745.
- The Railway Carriage Museum was open for 116 sessions.
- We improved the High Cross Lane/ picnic area benches and information boards with financial assistance from Little Canfield Parish Council.
- We refreshed Stane Street Halt and Bannister Green Halt.

Further information is held in the Notes from Annual General Meeting dated 9 May 2025.

Financial Review

The results for the year show our charity received income of £8,104 and had expenditure of £9,711 giving a net loss of £1,606. Further details are on page 3 of the Financial Report.

Trustees

The Trustees of the charity throughout the past year are shown on Page 2 of the Financial Report. The Executive Committee consists of the Trustees and representatives from ECC Country Parks Service. Executive Committee Members are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting and elected members become Trustees.

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Alan Trigg
Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees

Date 9 May 2025