

Thursday 23 February 2023

Therfield Heath and Greens Open Meeting



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Rights of the Common



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- From the 1888 Act

“reserved to the inhabitants of Therfield, Royston and neighbourhood at all times free access to the Commons and a privilege of playing cricket and other games and of enjoying reasonable recreation”

Role of Conservators from the Act



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“The draining , manuring and levelling of the said common”

“The planting of trees on parts of the said common, or in any way improving or adding to the beauty of the same”

“The making of byelaws and regulations for the prevention and protection from nuisances and for keeping order on said Common”

“The general management of said common”

Can derive income from “racehorses” and “booths”

Further Legislation



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Commons Act (2006)

Duties to protect SSSI and Historic Monuments

We are advised by Natural England on management of SSSI and they would prosecute us under Wildlife and Countryside act 1981 if we damage the SSSI by our actions

Similar role for Historic England with respect to Ancient Monuments



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The Conservators





**Paddy Grove,
The Clerk**



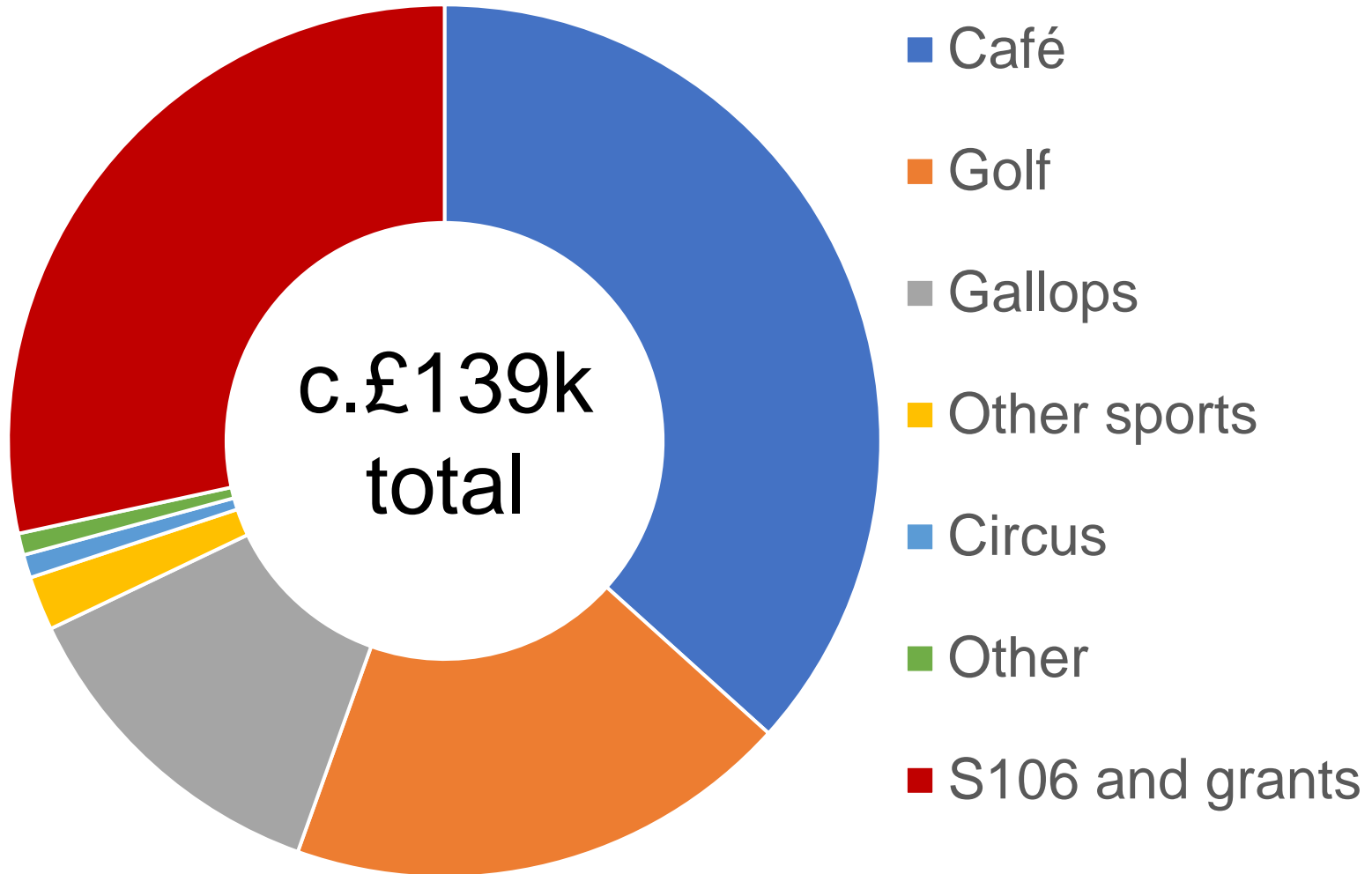
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**Cat Wright, Ranger Intern.
From 1/3/23 Ranger and
Conservation Manager**

**Cheryll Wilson, Head
of Conservation and
Development to
1/3/23**

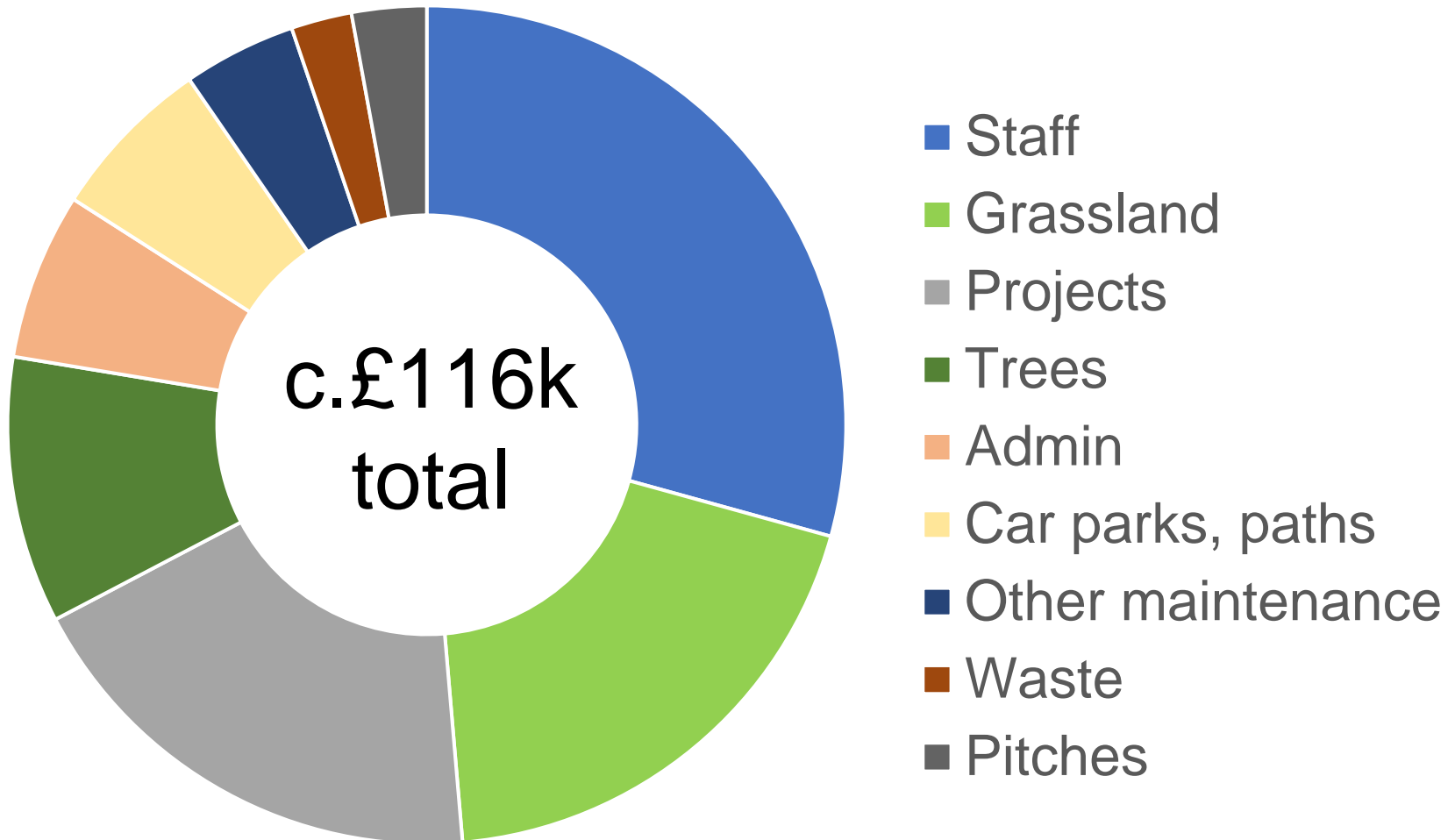


2022 Income breakdown



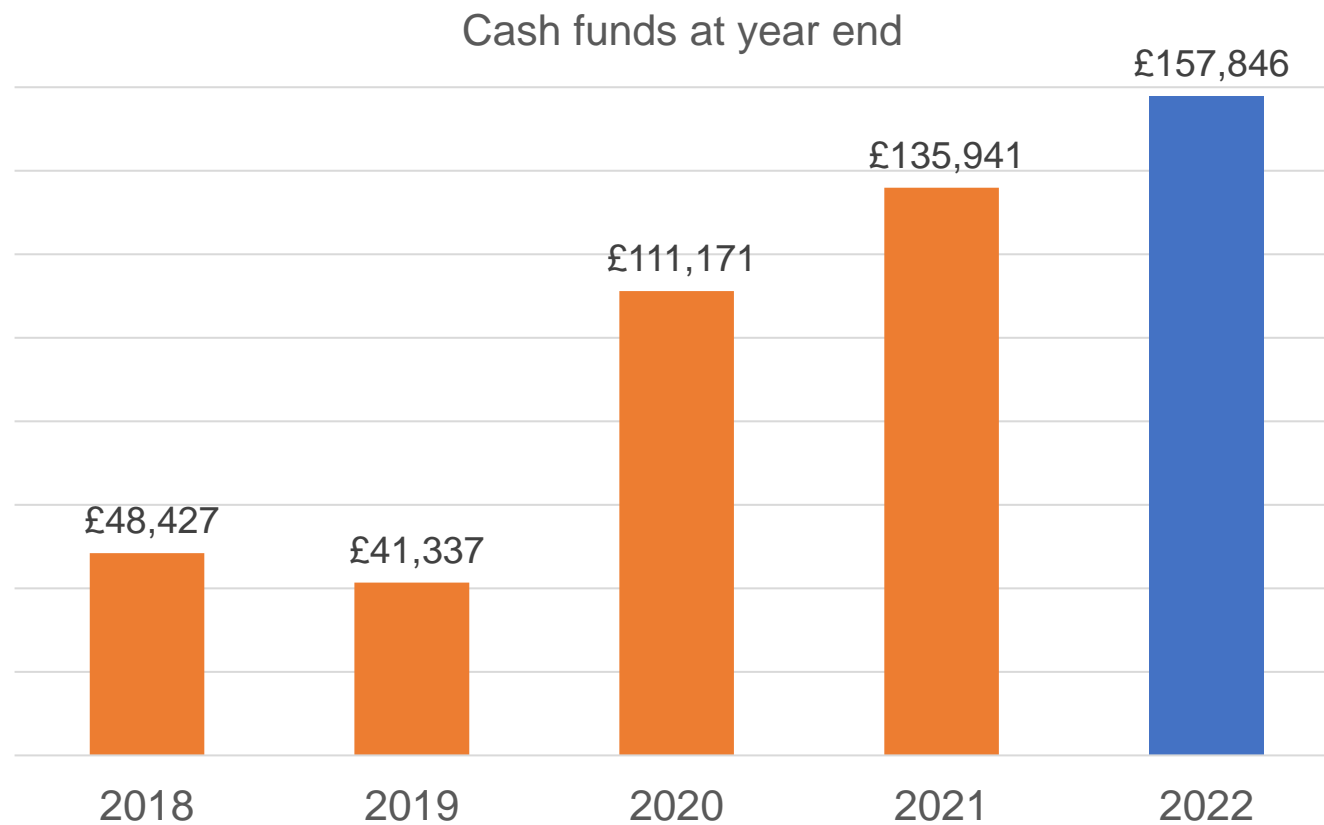
2021 total income: £98k

2022 expenditure breakdown



2021 total expenditure: £67k

Cash status 2022



Major Activities 2022



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- AWL, bollards and fence permissions
- Remove benches from Barrows
- Repair Victoria Memorial
- Agreed Habitat Management Plan with NE
- Appointed Ranger
- Tree planting with FOTH
- Tree maintenance (mainly Ash Dieback)
- Suggested Route during Pasque Flowers
- Implemented Therfield Greens Plan
- Discussions with tenants and licensees

Planned Activities 2023



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- Infrastructure including:
 - Dog bins
 - Signs
 - Height barrier on New Road Carpark
 - Benches returned to Heath
- Review of the governance
- Scoping of an education and outreach centre
- Continued conservation work including scrape of sheep enriched area on Pen Hill



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Q&A and next steps

Some Dog Bin Designs



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Rubbish Issues



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Path Suggestions in Pasque Flower season



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Scrub Clearance



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