

# Friends of Carrington Moss

## Annual Report



This document provides a report of the achievements of the Friends of Carrington Moss between July 2018 and July 2019 and summarises the meetings, activities and events arranged, hosted and/or undertaken by the Friends of Carrington Moss Committee members. It also includes a financial report, completed by our Treasurer.

### Our Key Aims: Current Status

Aim	Status
Engaging with the community (both on-line and in person) and acting as their voice for issues relating to Carrington Moss	
Increasing community involvement in decisions relating to the future of Carrington Moss	
Assisting in the preservation and restoration of Carrington Moss and to encourage developments that are appropriate	
Relationship building with organisations with an interest in the future of Carrington Moss	
Encouraging, enabling and promoting physical activity & community activities across all routes in the area and progressing claims for public rights of way	
Promoting social responsibility and increasing community enjoyment of Carrington Moss	
Undertaking and promoting activities which protect and enhance the ecological value of Carrington Moss	
Working in partnership with the landowners of Carrington Moss and TMBC to ensure Carrington Moss is managed and maintained to a high standard	
Raising funds to achieve the above aims	

We are disappointed that more effort is still not being made to involve community groups, such as ours, and residents, at the early stages of planning and decision-making, despite Trafford's Statement of Community Involvement.

### Key Achievements

The key achievements of the Committee during the period covered by this Annual Report include:

- Formally constituted Friends of Carrington Moss Committee
- Built and maintained strong relationships with local residents, landowners, environmental groups, SGMGB, regional bodies, local authority officers, national bodies, media representatives, Councillors, and MPs
- Commenced monitoring of air quality on and around Carrington Moss
- Sought and received formal confirmation that HIMOR:
  - will extend the lease on the Transpennine Trail
  - will not be using netting on trees or shrubs
  - will not be objecting to the PROW claim for Birch Road
- Raised awareness of the impact of the plans for Carrington Moss, including communicating with local people who are not connected to the internet:

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- Number of active Followers on Facebook 1612
  - Number of active Followers on Twitter 224
  - Number of active Followers on Email Circulation 304
  - Number of active Followers not connected to Internet\* 23
- \*some of our followers are also sharing information with other residents

- Published Friends of Carrington Moss formal response to Trafford Plan documents (detailed responses to Issues Paper, Scoping Report, Call for Sites)
- Published Friends of Carrington Moss formal and very detailed response to GMSF Consultation
- Launched Friends of Carrington Moss website
- Gathered 600+ signatures on petition against the roads across Carrington Moss
- Launched national petition for an immediate moratorium on builds on peat mosses followed by legislation to secure this change to planning guidance
- Raised the following funding:
  - For Friends of Carrington Moss: £1,195
  - For Violet: £ 750
  - For Mayor of Trafford's Charities £ 53.64

### Committee Members Estimated Hours Contributed

On average your Committee members collectively spend around 20-25 hours per week on Friends group business. This average typically rises to between 40 and 60 hours per week when meetings, events or activities are being arranged and/or held, when research is undertaken, or when there is a significant response to be created and published. As an example, during the period of the GMSF consultation, the average time collectively contributed by Committee members was over 60 hours per week, with even more time being spent in the week leading up to the GMSF response.

A summary of the activities, events and meetings hosted by, or attended by, Friends of Carrington Moss Committee members is attached at Appendix A below. This list is not exhaustive but gives a flavour of the efforts we have been carrying out on your behalf.

### Key Deliverables

Committee members have created and published the following over the period:

Date	Deliverable	Author	Comments
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Template Planning Objections	Marj Powner	
6 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Template – Letter to MP	Marj Powner	
13 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Heath Farm Lane Planning Objection Example	Marj Powner	
11 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Trafford Local Plan Response	FOCM Committee	3 documents:
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Map of Carrington Moss in scope for protection	Martin Hampar (Peak & Northern Footpaths Society)	As requested by Trafford to accompany the Call for Sites document
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Tree Charter	FOCM Committee	Electronic Signature (Woodland Trust)

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Date	Deliverable	Author	Comments
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Protecting and Enhancing England's Trees and Woodlands Consultation	Marj Powner	
13 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Issue of Initial GMSF Commentary	Marj Powner	Review of 1700+ pages, simplified & presented
28 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Template letter to MPs / Councillors	Marj Powner	
5 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Carrington Moss Initial Research on Peat Moss	Charlotte Starkey	Presentation & Report
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	GMSF Consultation Guidelines	Barbara Blaber	Presentation & One Page Guide
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Horse-riding, Carrington Rides & other key input for GMSF Response	Mary Lennon	Report, map & documentation
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	GMSF Commentary	Marj Powner	Further review of 1700+ pages, simplified & presented
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	GMSF Response	FOCM Committee	Further review of 1700+ pages, drafted, discussed and completed response
29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	FOCM Fundraising Page	Barbara Blaber	
7 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Petition Against the Roads across Carrington Moss	FOCM Committee	
9 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	FOCM Website	Karen Worsley	
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Carrington Moss Trough	Valerie Hughes	Participating in the Ashton in Bloom event
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Changing the Conversation Presentation	Marj Powner	Presented to Councillors, MPs and other interested parties
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	History of Carrington Moss Presentation	Charlotte Starkey	
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2019	Scarecrow	Valerie Hughes	A4A Scarecrow Safari
17 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	AGM Report	FOCM Committee	

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### Treasurer's Report

Our main financial focus in this first year has been to build our funds to support awareness raising initiatives such as posters and leaflets, the website and supporter badges. Through the generosity of our donors and supporters we have also been able to launch our air quality benchmarking project.

We will continue to incur costs for our ongoing air quality monitoring and for further publicity to promote awareness of the plans for Carrington Moss, but we may also need to commission specialist expertise, such as undertaking our own environmental review or seeking legal advice, which could incur significant costs. So, it's vital that we increase our "fighting fund" substantially over the forthcoming months to support the next phases of our campaign.

Summary of income and expenditure:

Description	Value
Income	
Individual donations	£622
Manchester marathon sponsorship	£450
Other fundraising - tombolas, collecting boxes, football cards etc	£110
Sale of badges	£13
Total	£1,195
Expenditure	
Printing & Publicity	£45
Website	£112
Air quality monitors	£130
Badges	£40
Bank charges and fees	£19
Total	£347
Bank balance as at 31/7/2019	£848

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### And Finally!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our followers, our Committee members and, also, the organisations we have been working with throughout the year. They have been particularly patient as we have been learning about the processes, challenges and issues surrounding the plans for Carrington Moss.

As you will appreciate, there are lots of views and opinions about the future of Carrington Moss, so we would particularly like to thank those whose views differ from our own but who, nevertheless, took the time to meet with us, to share their thoughts and to collaborate with us in a very professional way.

Special thanks to all who have donated time, money or prizes throughout the year – we could not have done what we have done without you.

We would also particularly like to thank Florrie Andrews for her support. We are delighted with the design of our pin badge, which has been raising funds for us. Florrie also recently hosted a Landscape Painting activity on our behalf.

And a final special mention to our Committee members, Valerie Hughes, who spent loads of time making our trough (for the Ashton in Bloom event) and our scarecrow (for the Scarecrow Safari), and to Karen Worsley, who developed our fantastic website.

We are looking forward to another year of great community activities, engagement and, hopefully, some success in achieving our key aims.

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## Appendix A

### Community Activities

The Friends group has arranged and/or attended lots of community activities over the period:

Date	Location	Activity	Comments
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Carrington Moss	Community Walk	20 Attendees
5 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Carrington Moss	Community Dog Walk	25+ Attendees
15 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Carrington Moss	Sponsored Walk	Raising Funds for Violet 50+ Attendees
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Carrington Moss	Woodland Walk	20 Attendees
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Carrington Moss	Community Walk with Kate Green (MP)	50+ Attendees
22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019	Dainewell Park	Kite Flying	70+ Attendees Granada Reports Interviews re Carrington Moss
5 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Carrington Moss	Community Dog Walk	25 Attendees
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019	Carrington Moss	Brookheys Covert	20 Attendees
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	Manchester	Carnival of Creatures	250+ Attendees (5 FOCM followers)
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Carrington Moss	Landscape Painting	Hosted by Florrie Andrews 7 Attendees
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Carrington	History of Carrington Moss	Talk by Charlotte Starkey – 20+ Attendees

### Meetings

Committee members have arranged and/or attended lots of meetings during the period, including the following:

Date	Location	Activity	Comments
10 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Coppice Library	Labour Group	Bucklow St Martins Councillors & FOCM
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2018	Coppice Library	Public Meeting	Election of FOCM Committee
26 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Partington Fuse	Redrow Homes	Public Presentation

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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018</b>	Coppice Library	FOCM Committee	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b>	Equestrian Centre	Landowner Meeting	Meeting with Lance Knight
<b>13<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b>	Elmwood	Planning Guidance	Meeting with Councillor Dan Bunting
<b>18<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b>	Elmwood	FOCM Committee	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b>	Carrington Moss	Executive Member for Community Engagement	Walk on CM with Councillor Mike Freeman
<b>6<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>	Elmwood	FOCM Committee	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>	Carrington Business Park	Landowner Meeting	HIMOR
<b>4<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	Flixton	Save Flixton Green Belt Committee	FOCM meet SFGB
<b>5<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	Trafford Town Hall	Trafford Officers	Richard Roe (Corporate Director, Place)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	Carrington	Landowner Meeting	Manchester United
<b>17<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>	Flixton	Future of Trafford	Public Meeting
<b>9<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>	Carrington	Landowner Meeting	Sale Sharks
<b>21<sup>st</sup> November 2018</b>	Elmwood	FOCM Committee	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>	Partington	Kate Green MP	FOCM Committee meet Kate Green
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>	Carrington	Landowner Meeting	HIMOR
<b>25<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	Trafford Town Hall	Trafford Officers	Richard Roe (Corporate Director, Place)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019</b>	Manchester	Andy Burnham & SGMGB	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	Carrington	Landowner Meeting	HIMOR
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	Coppice Library	Public Drop In	70+ Attendees
<b>12<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	Carrington	Landowner Meeting	Sale Sharks
<b>14<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	Carrington	GMSF Consultation Event	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	Sale West	GMSF Consultation Event	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b>	Trafford Town Hall	Trafford Officers	Clare Taylor-Russell, Stephen James, Sarah Todd

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Date	Location	Activity	Comments
2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2019	Ashton on Mersey	Public Meet & Greet	Raising awareness
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Ashton on Mersey	Green Party	Raising awareness
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Carrington	Landowner Meeting	HIMOR/Lexington
9 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Coppice Library	Public Drop In	100+ Attendees
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	Elmwood	FOCM Committee Meeting	
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Coppice Library	Public Meeting	30+ Attendees
15 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Trafford Town Hall	Trafford Officers	Richard Roe (Corporate Director, Place)
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Carrington	Landowner Meeting	Manchester United
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Carrington	Landowner Meeting	HIMOR
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Coppice Library	Landowner Meeting	Dunham Massey
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019	Ashton on Mersey	Landowner Meeting	HIMOR
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Flixton	Save Flixton Green Belt Committee	Update on FOCM
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Coppice Library	Labour Group	Next steps for FOCM
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Conference Call	National Trust	
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Coppice Library	Green Party Group	Next steps for FOCM
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Carrington Moss	Walk on Moss with HIMOR	
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Sale	Sale RFC	
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Manchester	Clean Air Parents / TfGM	
18 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Sale	Cheshire Wildlife Trust's Northern Group	Future management of SBIs
21 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	Coppice Library	Sir Graham Brady (MP)	Next steps for FOCM
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Manchester	SGMGB Meeting	
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Carrington	HIMOR/Cheshire Wildlife Trust Northern Group	Future management of SBIs
26 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Partington	Kate Green (MP)	Update on FOCM

### Other Events

Committee members have arranged and/or attended a number of other events over the period:



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Date	Location	Activity	Comments
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Manchester	CPRE Workshop	Brownfield Sites
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Timperley	Radio Trafford	Talking about GMSF issues
7 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Sale West	Trafford Marathon	Raise funding and awareness, commence signatures on petition
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Carrington Moss	Air Quality Review	Walk with Peter Bagnall to test Air Quality
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Carrington Moss	Manchester Evening News	Meeting & walk with Lisa Meakin
15 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Trafford Town Hall	Trafford Cycling Forum	
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Carrington Moss	All Saints Catholic Primary School Field Trip	60 children plus parents and teaching staff
30 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Waterside Centre, Sale	Mayor's Question Time	Andy Burnham in the hot seat
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Elmwood & Epping	Air Quality Monitors Installed	Thanks to the support of Peter Bagnall
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	Manchester	Carnival of Creatures	Parade/March
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Carrington Moss	HIMOR team	Walk on Moss with Angela Fielding & Rosie Elwick
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	All Saints Catholic Primary School	School Assembly	Focused on Carrington Moss
19 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Carrington	Public Rights of Way Workshop	Attended by HIMOR, FOCM, Peak & Northern, Ramblers Trafford, Trafford Cycling Forum, British Horseriding Rep
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Sale West	Globe Multicultural Event	
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	Carrington Moss	Firs Primary School	60 children plus parents, teaching staff & FOCM volunteers
30 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Carrington Moss	Trafford Officers	Walk on Moss with Clare Taylor Russell & Sarah Todd (Planning)