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## **Financial Report 2022 – 2023**

### **Save Danes Moss Community Group**

29 September 2023

**Save Danes Moss Community Group** is a community action group whose aims are:

- To oppose urban development on or near the Danes Moss peatland
- To advocate for as much of Danes Moss as possible to be re-wetted and restored to active lowland raised peat bog.
- To preserve the existing wet woodland habitat.

Our objectives are:

- To raise sufficient funds to mount a legal challenge against any proposed urban development or other damaging proposals likely to harm to Danes Moss.
- To raise funds to be used in the restoration and protection of Danes Moss, such as commissioning independent surveys.
- To inform people, locally and nationally, of the value of Danes Moss and the threat it faces, through visible and online media campaigns and public events.



- To scrutinise all those involved in development proposals and hold them to account.

There are 10 executive group members, including:

Chair – Thomas Eccles

Secretary – Clair Dempsey

Treasurer – Samantha Hatton

The work of Save Danes Moss is enhanced by more than 2,000 dedicated supporters, including local residents, academics and renowned naturalists and environmental campaigners. The campaign has benefitted from advice and practical help from other organisations involved in the protection of nature.

### **Finances & fundraising**

The Save Danes Moss fundraiser was created on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 using the website **GoFundMe.com** and had raised £23,890 as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 the group was self-funded.

The purpose of the fundraiser is stated on

[www.gofundme.com/f/save-danes-moss](http://www.gofundme.com/f/save-danes-moss) as:

***“...to pay for legal fees, wildlife studies and running costs [of the campaign].”***

With provision made for any monies not spent by the end of the campaign:

***“Any money not used will be used to restore the site to nature OR donated to a similar group campaigning to protect peatland.”***



All Save Danes Moss funds are held in the group bank account (opened 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022), which can be accessed by all 10 Executive Committee members, in accordance with the group spending rules.

The spending rules stipulate that any expenditure must ideally be made with the Treasurer and one other group member being made aware beforehand.

When any expenditure exceeding £100 is planned the Treasurer and one other member of the group must be made aware of the planned spending with reasonable notice. The Treasurer is able to veto any proposed purchases.

All invoices and receipts of expenditure must be passed to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

The group finances are managed by the treasurer, Samantha Hatton.

### **Group account**

Name: Save Danes Moss Community Group  
Account: 2195 6060  
Sort code: 30 99 50

### **Incomings**

*Between 02/07/22 and 31/03/23 (incl) **£29,707.81** was paid into the Save Danes Moss bank account.*

£23,048.12 - From fundraiser -(2.9% + £0.25 per donation)  
£3,014.70 – Donations paid directly into bank account  
£2,564.44 - Events  
£492,90 – T-shirt sales  
£587.65 – Sale of donated merchandise



## Outgoings

*Between 02/07/22 and 31/03/23 (incl) **£2,082.01** was debited from the account to cover campaign expenses.*

£661.52 – Printing costs

£576 – Leaflet delivery costs

£394 – Merchandise

£231.98 – Supplies and services

£59.11 – Bank service charges

**‘Printing costs’** covered the production of a leaflet, which set out the environmental and ecological consequences of proposed development. (Hand delivered by volunteers) to Macclesfield residents.

A further leaflet was produced for Cheshire East residents outside of Macclesfield (**‘Leaflet Delivery Costs’** refers to the cost of having these delivered by a professional company).

**‘Printing costs’** also relates to production of postcards, posters and event flyers.

**‘Merchandise’** includes the purchase of Save Danes Moss beer mats and badges used to raise funds and awareness.

**‘Supplies and services’** are the costs of home printing materials, payment made to a ‘window artist’ and the purchase of pens and paints to make placards.

**‘Bank Service Charges’** are a monthly fee, equating to 1% of value of cash, cheques handled by Lloyds bank.



The Save Danes Moss bank account was subject to fraudulent activity between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (incl), when 4 x transatlantic purchases were made totalling £101.96 via an American Amazon account. All purchases and associated charges were refunded in full.

The group accounts have been independently reviewed and signed by Mr David Partington (retired Chartered Accountant) of Gawsworth, Cheshire on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2023.

### **Treasurer's comments**

Thank you for reading the Save Danes Moss Community Group financial report 2022 – 2023.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed so generously to the campaign.

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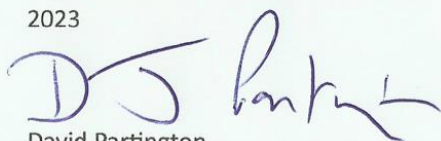
Samantha Hatton,  
Treasurer (Save Danes Moss Community Group)

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Accountant's report

### ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

I have independently reviewed the bank records and the invoices/annotations supporting the expenditure and confirm that the accounts statement is an accurate record of the income and expenditure of the Save Danes Moss Community Group for the period 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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David Partington

25 august 2023

Retired Chartered Accountant