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This document details current status of projects to develop Carrs Green Common, Inskip.

Expenditure to Date

The following expenditure has been committed by the Parish Council on this project:

Boardwalk	£12,795.44
Path upgrade	£5,110.09
Scraping out ponds	£1,040.00
Bird feeders and bird feed	£223.04
TOTAL	£19,168.57

The following moneys have been recovered from Lancashire Environmental Fund grant payments and from HMRC via VAT recovery:

LEF seed money upfront September 2020	£6,838
LEF claim August 2021	£1,853
LEF claim October 2021 (awaiting cheque)	£4,007
VAT reclaim February 2021	£1,137.13
VAT reclaim July 2021	£995.44
TOTAL	£14,830.57

Funding Status

The original LEF grant covered expenditure was for £34K ex VAT of which £27,350 could be reclaimed from LEF.

LEF funding has been extended until the end of January with a potential further extension until the end of March. Any funding after end of the current financial year is likely to require a new application.

To date a further £1,000 can be reclaimed via VAT.

Further steps Autumn / Winter 2021

Install information panels – budget £6K inclusive of VAT (original budget £3K)

Other items on the draft management plan proposed by scientific and naturalist partners are:

- Pollard willows adjacent to main road by Tank Trap and prune or coppice willows encroaching into lower course of Tank Trap into an arch-like structure (Wyre Rivers Trust)
- Clear section of Tank Trap sympathetically by willows towards downstream end of Tank Trap (Parish Council with advice from Wyre Rivers Trust)
- Remove Sycamore tree adjacent to south side of the main road (Parish Council)
- Remove willow saplings from old pond and saplings across the Common focusing on removing non-native specimen such as sycamore but leaving native species such as oak when practical. Removed saplings to be made available for replanting elsewhere (Wyre countryside volunteers / members of the local community to assist)