



Faringdon Folly – Report to Faringdon Town Council on Woodland Maintenance Funding 2024/25

The Faringdon Folly Trust was awarded £2,000 to support its activities to maintain the 4 acres of woodland that surround the Folly Tower. The general public have permissive access to roam wherever they wish through the woodland, be it following the sculpture and black bird trails, walking dogs or school classes taking time to learn about nature in Faringdon's only easily accessible forest.

The Folly management team also organise activities under the canopy of the trees. In 2024 the residents of Faringdon had the opportunity to get involved in events such as:



NONE of this would have been possible if the Folly management team hadn't done everything it could to ensure that the forest was a safe environment.

Last year we commissioned a formal tree safety inspection and also removed a number of hazardous trees. These were both paid for using the FTC grant. The grant also enable us to hire a 'chipper' as part of a woodland tidy up and contributed towards the purchase and installation of 4 new replacement oak benches.



The Faringdon Folly Trust is very grateful to Faringdon Town Council for its continued support. Our volunteers remain committed to ensuring that the tower and the woodland are maintained and developed and in this, the FTC grant has been a great help.

Paul Peel

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