

FRIENDS OF BOGGART HOLE CLOUGH

Protecting our natural heritage

Restoring the Clough's biodiversity health

Friends of Boggart Hole Clough (FoBHC), replacing the name Boggart Hole Clough Community Action Trust (BHCCAT), was founded in 2000.

The Clough (its local abbreviation) became a Municipal Park in 1894 and a Local Nature Reserve in 2008.

We aim to ensure the Clough is a thriving place for people & wildlife.

FoBHC works with, among others, Manchester City Council, the landowner of the Clough.

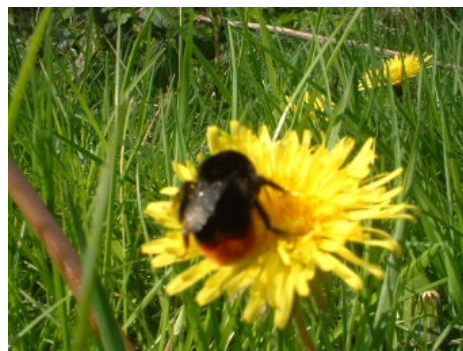
All the photos below were taken in the Clough, mostly by FoBHC stalwart Paul McCrystal.



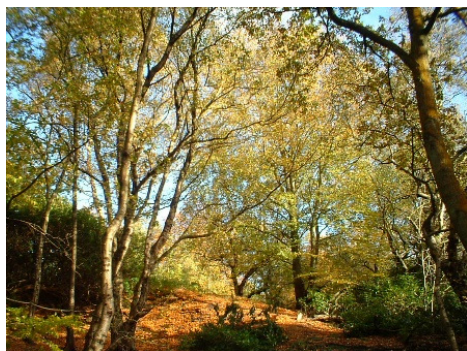
Grey Heron, 16.4.2008.



Catkins, 27.3.2005.



Bumble Bee, 24.4.2005.



Autumn leaves, 24.10.2009.



Fairy-tale play, 6.9.2008.



Lakeside Café, 23.6.2009.

The Clough, 190 acres, contains grassland, two lakes & steep sided valleys covered with Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ASNW). The government's adviser on the environment describes ASNW as "irreplaceable" (English Nature, 2002) & "of prime ecological & landscape importance" (Natural England, 2014).

However, the *Biodiversity Management Plan for Boggart Hole Clough* (Ecology Services UK Ltd, 29.6.2007), which can be seen on our website, describes the woodland as being in an "unfavourable condition" due to the "high proportion of non-native tree & shrub species .. as well as .. invasive non-native species such as Japanese knotweed, rhododendron and Himalayan balsam .."

This factor, among other adverse environmental factors, explains our commitment to the ecological regeneration of the Clough, restoring its biodiversity health, as the only sustainable way of protecting its conservation value / wildlife interest. Please see our website for details regarding FoBHC's endeavours to expedite this matter.

There is always at least one friend of the Clough ready to welcome new friends every Saturday 10am outside the Lakeside Café. These meetings often lead to walks around the Clough.

Everyone can join in FoBHC activities, as our Equal Opportunities Policy affirms. Joining is free. All ages welcome. Under 16s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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