Smithills Nature Trail Volunteer Project

Email: smithillstrailvolunteers@gmail.com

To: Barb Hackett, Bolton Green Umbrella.

1st October 2026

Dear Barb,

Re: Update of Utilization of a £200 BGU grant to Smithills Trail Volunteers awarded in May 26.



I am writing to provide an update regarding the use of the £200 grant from Bolton Green Umbrella. This has significantly supported our volunteering activities within Smithills Country Park and its woodlands by the provision of PPE and safer cutting equipment.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Acquisition.



We acquired a range of PPE for our weekly, monthly, and corporate events. This included gloves and eye protection. These items have been invaluable, particularly as we have carried out over 2,000 hours of volunteer activity to date this year alone. Our PPE had deteriorated significantly so this has reduced the risk of injury to our growing band of volunteers. In addition, the loppers we were using to remove invasive bushes (rhododendrons) prior to the grant were old and ineffective. Therefore, to avoid injuries and improve the effectiveness of removal we bought new loppers for our volunteers.

Photographic Evidence and Gratitude.

I have included a link to our photograph album, which documents the activities undertaken and demonstrates the value of your support:

https://photos.app.goo.gl/P2STrhmQubSsXu488

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Regards,

Jane Carwardine