

The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2020

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Welcome from Ken



The pandemic has almost made 2019-2020 almost a distant blur. It was a year filled with moments of both loss and celebration. In May, we said goodbye to Dan, who had been with us for three years and in June, we welcomed Suzanna as our new Cemetery Park Officer. Milestone birthday celebrations for two of the longest standing members were had with the friends and family of Terry and Doreen. Terry celebrated his 80th birthday with nature walks and Doreen celebrated her 90th with a spectacular afternoon tea spread in the Soanes Centre.

The last year was busy as usual, with our Nature and Us project continuing across the borough, new grants being received to support it, as well as large numbers of volunteers and support from the corporate community. It was also another hot and dry summer with virtually all our ponds drying out, but that did provide us with an opportunity to do some essential weeding and maintenance in them. Every cloud and all that! The hot summer was followed by months of windy and wet weather, the impact of which will be seen over the 12 months.

We saw the arrival of the Coffee Room and their coffee kiosk at the main gates. A welcomed and much wanted sight by our many visitors. It was lovely to see people sitting and enjoying drinks alongside the company of others, or people and pets simply enjoying the view of the Cemetery Park with a drink and something to read. Sadly, the kiosk has now closed.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt thanks of appreciation, to my fellow colleagues both past and present, Dan, Michelle and Suzanna, without whom the mission of the FoTHCP wouldn't be delivered; all the FoTHCP Trustees whose knowledge and support is invaluable; and all our hard working volunteers such as Norayne who helps with the litter (even sorting out the recyclables by hand!) and Steven our trusty practical nature conservation volunteer. Finally, thank you to Dim who works for Setpoint London East but is always happy to lend a hand and support us. Without all these people and many more, giving us the most precious commodity of their time to the FoTHCP we wouldn't have had such an exciting, enjoyable and successful year. Thank you all.

Kenneth Greenway
Cemetery Park Manager

Welcome from the chair

It's been another busy year here, packed full of events, activities and awards. We won two gold awards in the Tower Hamlets in Bloom ceremony, with Michelle also winning an award for community engagement and participation; and Ken was awarded a Fellowship award from the London Environmental Educators Forum which recognises dedicated and exceptional environmental educators in London.

In the summer we were excited to welcome our new Cemetery Park Officer, Suzanna, to the team. We have also had the pleasure of hosting Louise Hildreth, as our artist in residence, as part of our commitment to support local art and culture. We received top marks again from the Green Flag Community Award, which recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces.

After two years of serious dedication by the heritage team, in November 2019, our book "Hidden Histories" on the 200+ servicemen buried in the Cemetery Park, was published and celebrated with a launch party. We will be building on our heritage activities, as in January 2020 we learnt that we had won a grant from The Heritage Fund to help fund our first ever Heritage Officer and to develop a conservation and management plan for the Cemetery Park. We have been trying for a long time to find the funds and we are excited for this project to start.

At the end of 2019 we were very sad to learn today that our patron and TV naturalist David Bellamy died aged 86. A popular broadcaster and scientist, he was hailed as a man who 'inspired a whole generation'.

As always a huge thank you to everyone that has supported and helped us this year. We value all the help we receive - whether you've helped to research a soldier, fundraised dressed as a Santa, pulled out goosegrass or packed up after the Summer Fair (in 39 degree heat!).

It is difficult to not mention that we ended this financial year with the start of the Covid-19 crisis. Although the impact of the pandemic has not fallen within the period of this annual report, it would be amiss of me to not take the opportunity to thank everyone for their support during this time. From those donating to our Crowdfunder appeal which raised its first £5000 in late March or those helping to pick litter during lockdown on your daily exercise. Thank you!

We approach our next 12 months with both anxiety and excitement. Whilst we will be dealing with the impact of Covid-19 we also look forward to welcoming our new Heritage Officer and hopefully being able to move into the Lodge after the council agreed to awarding us a 30 year lease for the Cemetery Park.

Fran Humber
Chair of Board of Trustees



The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

OUR STORY

Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park offers everyone a breathing space in the heart of East London. This 31-acre nature reserve is London's most central urban woodland and one of its 'Magnificent Seven' cemeteries. It's a people's park, a sanctuary for wildlife, a place for remembrance and a site for festivals, community events, field studies and forest schools. Always changing with the seasons and rooted in the unique heritage of the East End, it's a place full of history, discovery and possibilities for all.

The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park (FoTHCP) is an award-winning local charity working to protect, preserve and care for the Cemetery Park. Our passionate staff and volunteers share their energy, expert knowledge and vision to shape the future of the park for everyone's benefit.

OUR MISSION

To protect, care for and promote Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park as a place for public enjoyment and learning.

OUR VALUES

OPENNESS

We strive to make Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park and our charity open to everyone.

FRIENDSHIP

We work in friendship with our staff, volunteers and the wider community.

GROWTH & FREEDOM

We champion opportunities for Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park to support nature, cultural heritage, learning and personal development.

"I'm rarely disappointed by sites I judge for Green Flag, but equally am I rarely struck by a site that zings with energy that is a real exemplar showcase for the sector. Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park is one such site."

Green Flag Award Judge
July 2019



Photo by Mark Patterson

Our impact in 2019-2020

NATURE

BUTTERFLIES

We are proud to have recorded 25 species of butterfly this year, and visitors can't help but notice our butterfly populations on sunny days at the right time of year.

The highlight of the year was an increased number of sightings of the Small Blue (*Cupido minimus*), Britain's smallest butterfly, more than in any other year since its presence was first confirmed in 2011. It is an elusive butterfly and was almost certainly present even in the years when none were recorded. The Ringlet (*Aphantopus hyperantus*) had its best year yet with us, and seems firmly established. Butterfly Conservation organises systematic butterfly recording across the UK and this has shown a marked trend for several species to establish or extend populations within the London built-up area, coinciding with an increase in habitat conservation effort. We both benefit from, and contribute significantly to this trend.

During the summer, with grant funding from the Veolia Environmental Trust, we were able to create new chalk features in Scrapyard Meadow

and the Ackroyd Dive Greenlink. Many species of wildflower need the high alkalinity, low fertility and dryness that chalk provides. Kidney Vetch (*Anthyllis vulneraria*), the only food of Small Blue caterpillars, thrives on chalk. Very many other insect species are boosted by the chalk flora which should become well established in 2021.

HEDGEHOGS

We have what appears to be now the only known population of hedgehogs in Tower Hamlets and it appears to be thriving. Hedgehogs, especially young ones are not immune to fox attack, despite their spines. Tangled piles of dead wood, and dense bramble patches give our hedgehogs scope to evade foxes.

BEEES

2019 was a good year for bees in the Cemetery Park, with 50 species recorded in spring and summer including several nationally scarce and threatened species. The new Tower Hamlets Biodiversity Action Plan was launched and our bee monitoring has helped to form the new actions within the plan for pollinators in the borough.

We had the first confirmed breeding of the nationally rare Brown-banded carder bee (*Bombus humilis*) (see photo on p6), with 2 newly emerged queens filmed and photographed feeding side by side on kidney vetch blooms in late May around Scrapyard Meadows. This species is nationally rare and a UK BAP priority for conservation.

Other nationally scarce species having a good year were the Red-girdled mining bee (*Andrena labiata*) and the Large Scabious Mining Bee (*Andrena hattorfiana*). The latter is our largest mining bee, quite a bit bigger than a honey bee and one of the most specialised bees found in the Cemetery Park. This bee has benefited enormously from the excellent habitat creation work undertaken throughout Tower Hamlets and the Cemetery Park is vital linking

populations in East London.

SPIDERS

In this 12-month period 2594 spiders were collected by the various methods and 77 species were recorded. The total list now stands at 160 species.

A further five new spiders were found. An adult female *Nigma puella* was found with an egg-sac on the underside of an oak leaf in August. A single female of a newly recorded tangle-web spider *Cryptachaea blattae* was trapped close to the Soanes Centre in September. The other new records are three small money spiders: *Pocadicnemis pumila*, *Mermessus trilobatus* and *Lessertia dentichelis*. All three have also been recorded from nearby Mile End Park.

BEETLES

Fourteen new species of

beetle were recorded, taking the total list of species recorded to 471! There may even be one or two further new ones in the March 2020 collection that have yet to be identified.

The newly recorded species comprised three ground beetles (*Carabidae*), including the Nationally Notable species: *Acupalpus exiguus*, two rove beetles (*Staphylinidae*), two ladybirds (*Coccinellidae*), one clown beetle (*Histeridae*), one scarab (*Scarabidae*), three leaf beetles (*Chrysomelidae*), one ant-mimic (*Anthricidae*) and one weevil (*Curculionidae*). The scarab is *Othophagus medius*, a dung beetle normally associated with cow dung or sheep droppings; in urban areas it has apparently become adapted to rely on dogs.

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25 species of
butterfly recorded

1st confirmed
breeding of the
nationally rare
Brown-Banded
Carder Bee

5 new species of
spider recorded

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of beetle recorded



HERITAGE

It has been another busy year for the heritage team and volunteers, with the two particular successes: the launch of our book 'Hidden Histories' and a successful funding bid to The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

On 10th November, with ages ranging from 1 to over 90 years old, a congregation of over 120 Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, Trustees, local Councillors, Cadets from the 24 Cadet Detachment (The Rifles), Scouts from 4th and 23rd Poplar, as well as the local community, paid their respects to the fallen at our Remembrance Day service 2019. The Service of Remembrance was conducted by the Venerable Roger Preece, new Master of the Royal Foundation of St Katherine's, as the national emphasis switched from WW1 to the 80th anniversary of World War 2.

FoTCHP now care for the graves of the servicemen commemorated on the Commonwealth War Graves and the CWGC cares for Screen Wall. Flanders Hollow, a new pathway planted with red tulips, was created as part of the 'Hidden Histories' First World War Heritage Lottery Fund Project to be a centre of remembrance for all service personnel and civilians who died as a consequence of the First

World War.

To much acclaim November also saw the launch of our publication of our 'Hidden Histories' WW1 project on the 204 servicemen buried in the cemetery, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund too. A number of talks were given on the subject, and although we had further planned for the year many of these, as well as attendances at various fairs and events, they were postponed due to recent measures.

We received a wonderful review of the book from Lesley Iles, the Chair of the Southend Branch of the Western Front Association. "Congratulations Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park on a book which genuinely adds to the understanding of the war in general, as well as recognising the role played by those who lie in this lovely park."

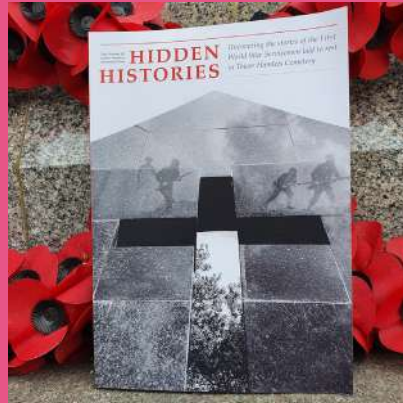
The end of year also saw us awarded £98,900 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, at our second attempt from their funding scheme to fund our work to unlock the hidden heritage of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park for the wider community. We will be employing a Heritage Officer to facilitate a Conservation and Management Plan to improve the management and long-term sustainability of the Cemetery Park.



240 page
Hidden Histories
book on WW1
servicemen
launched



2853 hours
volunteered by
heritage team



£4000
raised to help
repair damage to
monuments from
strong winds



£98,900
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National Lottery
Heritage Fund for
a Heritage Officer
and C&M Plan



"Everyone is familiar with the graves in France for those who died quickly, but for the complete story, it is necessary to understand deaths on the Home Front too. During the centenary years of World War 1, many books were written commemorating the fallen on various war memorials around the country: I even co-wrote one myself and collaborated on two others, but this is the biggest and best of all that I have seen! At A4 and with over 240 pages including colour photos and documents, it is thorough, factual and whilst respectful avoids sentimentality. To provide context, the beginning of the book gives an excellent summary of the war itself and also life in East London at the time. At the end is a section I've not seen anywhere else, 'What Killed our Great War Soldiers?' This adds a very different perspective to the story of casualties commemorated on war memorials - and you might find the statistics quite surprising."

Lesley Iles

Chairman WFA Southend-on-Sea Branch



COMMUNITY

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

With our positive profile in the community and beyond, along with our successful Nature and Us project, this year saw us deliver many of our regular, popular events for the community from guided walks, Forest Schools and our Summer Fair. We also took part in new events, such as the Cross Species Choir, which combined workshops and a performance to create a participatory, improvised cross species choir between people and common wild birds.

This year we delivered 165 events in total. They continue to be a great way for us to share and explore the Cemetery Park and the other sites we work in (such as Swedenborg Gardens) for the benefit of local charities, schools, and the community, as well as offering it as a backdrop for others to use. The myriad of uses and interpretations of the site help us ensure the Cemetery Park is for all.

A few highlights this year include:

- Monument Safety Training with Ron Dunn following his health and safety audit of the headstones in the Cemetery Park.
- Bushcraft session with the LBTH Virtual school network (children in foster care).
- Bow Beasties - our wildlife club for families.
- Our Artist In Residence, Louise Hildreth, ran Muddy Matter's art workshops for children.
- Forage London and our Wildfood event programme - with one walk given to the Australian Women's Society.
- City Nature Challenge – we spent time recording wildlife in THCP, Swedenborg Gardens and Shandy Park as part of a pan-London competition using the iNaturalist app.
- Bat Walk at Swedenborg Gardens – filmed as part of the Leytonstone Film Festival and came second at the festival.
- Botany Field Meeting with the London Natural History Society.
- Wild tea event at Shandy Park.
- 'Poet in Residence', Nelson Brooks, Poetry Walk around the Cemetery Park.
- Tours given to Brompton and Highgate Cemetery staff and volunteers.
- Taking part in London Month of the Dead.
- Cemetery Club returned for their seasonal tours over the Halloween period.
- Lauriston School Winter Fair – toasting marshmallows and popping corn.
- Mark Patterson, our bee recorder, did his Beeswax Products workshop which sold out.
- Our festive time events – wreath making, volunteer Jingle and Mingle and glo-wild workshop.



1544 nature
volunteers and
8918 hours
donated in total in
the Cemetery Park



165 events put
on by FoTHCP,
including our
annual Summer
Fair attended by
500 people.



Award
of Excellence
for Community
Engagement and
Participation from
LBTH



2470 people
attended
76 Nature & Us
events



"As my feet got better I wanted something to do, but I didn't think I'd be physically capable of doing the gardening [at THCP]. I'd never even been near a wheelbarrow in my life!

As my confidence grew in what I could do physically, I learned that I could do what I felt capable of doing. Nothing was expected of me, in a positive way.

[As a result] I've become a lot more active. I've got a bit stronger physically, and have done things I didn't think I was capable of doing.

I'm fitter and happier mentally because it's given me something to aim for and do."

Jackie

Nature Conservation Volunteer



NATURE & US

A lot has happened in the Nature & Us project over the last 12 months. We welcomed 2470 people to 76 events (from school assemblies, to bat walks, to wildflower courses). We partnered with over 70 organisations and delivered events across a variety of venues and greenspaces aside from the Cemetery Park, such as Stepney City Farm, Watney Market Idea Store, Ackroyd Drive Green Link, Aldgate Square, Shady Park and Swedenborg Gardens.

By October 2019, we completed the London Borough of Tower Hamlets' Community Cohesion Pilot Project, who funded the initial 2 year project. During this time we have seen FoTHCP's community engagement significantly transform, and we are recognised by many new groups and individuals across Tower Hamlets.

We have since been awarded a number of different grants for our community outreach and cohesion work:

- TFL and Groundwork – A walking project, in collaboration with Walk East, in the local area for residents wishing to become more active
- Groundwork: Our Space Award – Extensive planting in Shandy Park and removal of disused tarmac

- LBTH Small Grants – Regular elderly community group at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park
- Tower Habitats – Delivering a wildflower course and creating a wild flower meadow at Stepney City Farm
- Postcode Local Trust – Continuing Nature & Us across Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, Shandy Park and Swedenborg Gardens

Other highlights have included:

- Transforming our engagement with local children at Swedenborg Gardens, via regular drop-in after school sessions in Swedenborg Square Orchard and Swedenborg Gardens. The children even named the sessions themselves by repeatedly asking Michelle when the next "Nature & Us Wednesday" would be.
- Nature & Us featuring in two paper publications: London Landscape by London Parks and Gardens Trust; and the Swedenborg Review by Swedenborg Society.
- Michelle, Community Outreach Coordinator and project manager of Nature & Us, receiving an Award of Excellence for Community Engagement and Participation from London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
- Partnering with the Natural History Museum



"We all really enjoyed [ourselves] and it felt great to contribute something a lot more meaningful to the community than our day to day! Thanks for your dedication to the projects and hope to see you on another volunteering day soon."

Nature & Us Participant

Volunteer from Beazley PLC at Swedenborg Gardens

and other organisations to deliver City Nature Challenge 2019 across Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, Swedenborg Gardens and Shandy Park.

- Delivering six outdoor, community sessions with a small group of Morpeth Secondary School students, with Special Educational Needs and Disability, alongside a small group of Harry Roberts Nursery School students. The sessions were seen as a huge success by both the secondary and nursery schools, promoting learning and social skills in their students.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers continue to be the backbone of all the work of the Friends. This year we have hosted 100s of volunteers from organisations, as well as our regular nature conservation volunteers, who provide us with 1000s of hours of support to help maintain and transform the Cemetery Park. 49 individual people from the local community joined our weekly nature conservation volunteering days.

Our heritage volunteers helped 100s people locate their ancestors, released their Hidden Histories book and continue to research those buried in the Cemetery Park.

We also have a team working behind the scenes including our office support, trustees who also lead on nature and heritage plans for the Cemetery Park, and dedicated volunteers with expertise in social media, fundraising, marketing and branding. This year we have been particularly grateful for the support of Suzy Urch, our Communications volunteer, who helped with newsletters and social media until summer 2019; and to Olivia Chester who now helps with designing and sending our newsletters.

This year we were also lucky enough to have a team of six Santa Run runners who helped raise >£1000 for us in December!

It is hard for us to know the exact amount of time dedicated by all of our volunteers due to the nature of their work but we know we hosted at least 1544 nature conservation volunteers, who donated 8918 hours of their time. Once we add in all the time from our heritage team and other skilled volunteers - we are likely to be over 10,000 hours this year!

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS

1495 people from 66 organisations joined our corporate volunteering programme providing us with 7475 hours of support. The aims of the corporate volunteering programme are to



establish and maintain good links with local businesses who want to give back to their community, provide unrestricted income, and to give the FoTHCP a regular, active presence in the Cemetery Park. It's a very useful programme for us because it provides us with hands on maintenance support in volume, which enables us to do large-scale tasks that would otherwise be impossible. The regular presence of large, enthusiastic groups working in the Cemetery Park reflects well on the image and public opinion of the FoTHCP, because it ensures visitors see an active, visible organisation which takes consistent care of the Cemetery Park.

We recruited volunteers through seven partner organisations. One of these, The East London Business Alliance (ELBA) had previously helped us find groups for our conservation work, and through them we have also advertised for support roles in marketing and law.

One of the major works the corporate volunteers completed was to add 150 m² of chalk grassland meadows in Scrapyard Meadow and Cowslip Meadow. Over the summer volunteers helped us to build a chalk bank, two chalk hills, and put a layer of crushed concrete fines on top to reduce soil fertility which ultimately supports the meadow to develop. It did get a little rainy at

times – turns out wet chalk really sticks to your tools, shoes, clothes and face!

The great relationships with local businesses result in feedback to evidence the continued benefit of the corporate volunteering programme. Volunteers have commented, "[It was] good to be part of something that provided a community service, that you could visibly see the results of your efforts" and "I liked the fact that the day was very well structured and the team had a real plan for us. The staff were very engaging."

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Corporate Volunteers

2019



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Hildreth**
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49 nature
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"I had a great time doing this shift, the work was very rewarding in that you definitely saw the outcome of your efforts. I also met some great people too and enjoyed chatting with them as we worked. The place itself is quite a gem, being so heavily wooded and peaceful so close to the very centre of London. I'm looking forward to my second shift in a month."

Nature Conservation Volunteer
2019



“I’m so glad I found you because it’s so hard to get outside in nature with other people.”

Nature & Us Participant

mum at the Butterfly Count in Swedenborg Gardens

OUR PARTNERS

SETPOINT LONDON EAST

The Friends’ closest partner in the Cemetery Park continues to be SETPOINT London East. SETPOINT London East provides hands-on science workshops for thousands of school children and their teachers. We continue to work together closely to support each other's activities, collaborating to ensure the Cemetery Park remains a vibrant learning space for young people. We also thank them for their generous sharing of the Soanes Centre.

GROUNDED ECOTHERAPY & PRHA

We continue to have a strong partnership with Grounded Ecoterapy, one of London's most unique horticultural therapy and wellbeing projects for people that have suffered mental health, substance misuse issues or experience of homelessness. They offer recovery for people and create thriving green spaces from neglected urban environments. We welcome their support in maintaining the Cemetery Park and supporting many of our events and activities.

HERITAGE PARTNERS

We would like to thank the East London History Society and East London Family History Society for their ongoing support.

NATURE & US

We would like to thank everyone that has supported the Nature & Us project, including: London Borough of Tower Hamlets, City of London, Natural History Museum, Harry Roberts Nursery School, Solebay Primary Academy, Morpeth Secondary School, St Paul's Whitechapel C of E Primary School, East End Home, Ocean Regeneration Trust, Walk East, Lower Regents Coalition, Stepney City Farm, Queen Mary University of London, Tower Hamlets Idea Stores, Groundwork, Postcode Local Trust, Poplar HARCA, London Gardens Trust, The 1 Community Network, Communities Driving Change, Society Links, Whitechapel Safer Neighbourhood Team, Get Set Growth, Butterfly Conservation, Peabody Housing Association, Wapping and Bigland Children Centre, Four Corners, University College of London, Trapped in Zone One, Tower Hamlets Community Volunteer Service, Sunday Assembly East End, NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical Commission Group, Tower Hamlets Multi-Faith Forum, Enterprise Challenge Partner, Carney Green, Praxis, St. Mungo's, Swedenborg Society, JTP, Linnean Society.

VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS

We would like to thank the 66 organisations that have donated time and volunteered this year. Their time and energy continue to help transform



the Cemetery Park into one of London's most unique spaces. Thank you to: Accenture, AECOM, AllianceBernstein, Aon, Aqovia, Ashurst, Atrium, Auto Trader, Aviva, AXA XL, Bank of England, Barclays, BDO, Brewin Dolphin, Careys, Central Law Training, Checkmate, Citi, City & Guilds, City of London College, CRU Group, Cynergy Bank, Deloitte, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Department for Transport, Deutsche Bank, DocuSign, DUAL Group, Euromoney Institutional Investor, Farrer & Co, Financial Conduct Authority, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, FundApps, GoCardless, Hearst, Hermes, Howden, Hyperion, IHS Markit, Informa, IQVIA, ITV, Jefferies, LexisNexis, London CLT, Mace, Man Group, MAPP, Marsh & McLennan Companies, Morgan Stanley, NEX Group, PKF Littlejohn, Reed, RKH Specialty, Santander, Schroders, Shaftesbury, Sidley, Sparkler, Taylor Wessing, Telegraph Media Group, Tideway, Weil, Willis Towers Watson, Zopa.

FUNDERS

Thank you to our funders this year including The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Veolia Environmental Trust, Groundwork, LBTH Small Grants Fund, TFL and the Postcode Local Trust, a grantgiving charity funded entirely by players of People's Postcode Lottery.





The future

We are both excited and anxious about the next 12 months given the uncertainty around the impact of Covid-19 but the opportunities to support the local community and start our project with The Heritage Fund. In particular we aim to:

- Support our new Heritage Officer role and ensure their success.
- Plan the start of our conservation, management and maintenance plan to support its future sustainability - commissioning priority assessments, technical support and starting community consultations.
- Start our work to regenerate and improve Fairfoot Road.
- Continue to build upon the success of our Nature & Us project to continue to work with green spaces and partners across the borough.
- Rebuild the fallen monuments damaged in storms last year through public and private sector support with funds raised this year.
- Finalise our lease for Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park and make the Lodge usable as office and meeting space.
- Continue to build capacity within FoTHCP through staff, trustees and other key volunteers.
- Manage the financial impact of Covid-19 and build our financial sustainability.
- Ensure that with Covid-19 restrictions in place, we can offer meaningful and engaging activities in the Cemetery Park that support our local community's needs.
- Develop a proposal to redesign the civilian war memorial in the Cemetery Park, working with local architects and other interested individuals.
- Engage even more groups and individuals in the Cemetery Park and the work of the Friends to ensure the maximum number of people can benefit from our borough's natural and built heritage.



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Statutory Information

Governance and management

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park is a company limited by guarantee (registered company number 5233566) and is a charity registered in England and Wales (1107136) regulated by the Charity Commission.

It is governed by a Board of Trustees chaired by Frances Humber, defined in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The company has 273 members whose liability, in the event of the company being wound up, is limited to £1.00 each. Membership of the company is governed in accordance with regulations within our articles as agreed by the trustees.

The day-to-day running of the Charity is the responsibility of the Cemetery Park Manager and the Trustees.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees set the strategic direction and ensures the Charity achieves its objectives. It oversees governance and is responsible for upholding the Charity's values. The Charity's governance complies with the Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector, and other best practice guidelines published by the Charity Commission.

It has delegated many operational responsibilities for the Charity's activities to the staff and the Trustees provide advice, guidance and support on an ongoing basis. The Board of Trustees comprised of 11 Trustees as of 30th March 2019 and met four times during the year. It is also supported by a group of trustees and volunteers who support with fundraising, policy updates, research and other organisational activities.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees must comprise at least 2 trustees and are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Elected Trustees serve for a three-year term and are eligible to stand for a second three-year term, after which they must retire for a minimum of one term.

Trustee vacancies are advertised externally unless there are specific skills FoTHCP are looking for. On occasion, the trustees may identify and approach individuals thought to have the right skills and invite their application to the Board. New Trustees are formally appointed at the AGM.

The trustees may appoint Patrons or other honorary post-holders of the Charity. Such post-holders are honorary only and carry no vote or other rights.

RISK MANAGEMENT

FoTHCP's approach to risk management is proactive and integrated into the day-to-day working. The charity maintains a register of risks (governance, operational, financial, environmental) and maintains mitigation controls and contingency plans. Items from the risk register are reviewed quarterly by the board.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, and in implementing current and planning future activities. The Trustees have considered this matter and concluded:

- That the aims of the FoTHCP continue to be charitable;
- That the aims and the work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need;
- That the benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way and certainly not by ability to pay; and
- That there is no detriment or harm arising from the aims or activities.

ACTIVE TRUSTEES

The Trustees who served during the reporting period were:

- **Chair** - Frances Humber
- **Vice Chair** - Terry Lyle
- Treasurer - Colin Wiseman
- Marilyn Baltutis
- Helen Conford

- Diane Kendall
- Doreen Kendall
- Mike Keith
- Toby Sibley
- Sigrid Werner
- Sally Randall

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income for the year amounted to £221,796 (2018: £180,915). There was an increase from 2019 due to a successful grant to The National Lottery Heritage Fund in January 2020 and we received the first payment just before the end of the financial year. This will allow us to employ a 4th member of staff in the next financial year to lead this project. Total expenditure for the year amounted to £162,662 (2018: £148,047) which has slightly increased due to restricted project expenditure from a number of small grants.

Our key concern is to continue to be able to maintain our staff levels, which has increased our visibility across the borough, bought new skills to FoTHCP, and increased awareness of both the Cemetery Park and FoTHCP.

RESULTS OF THE YEAR

The results of the period and financial position of the charity are shown in the financial statements.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows net expenditure for the year of £59,134 and a total of £147,932 being carried forward.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS FOR USE BY THE CHARITY

Fixed assets are set out in Note 9 to the accounts.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity receives a modest Service Level Agreement from London Borough of Tower Hamlets. The rest of the costs of the Cemetery Park are covered by the Friends' fundraising via charitable activities and grants. The support costs of the Friends are pared to the minimum and the costs of maintaining the site are very carefully managed. The charity's method of estimating the appropriate level of reserves is aimed at protecting the continuity of the core work. In doing so, the trustees consider: (a) risk to income from grants, voluntary donations and

fees in an uncertain financial climate; (b) ability to meet replacement costs of essential equipment; (c) ability to finance immediate opportunity.

The charity aims to maintain unrestricted reserves of up to 6 months of core costs (staff, overheads that would maintain core activities) and 3 months of contingency costs (critical activities that can not be stopped).

FoTHCP have calculated a minimum target of £71,584 as follows:

Core operating costs (6 months)	£59,584
Contingency costs (3 months)	£12,000
Total:	£71,584

The current unrestricted reserves stand at £88,798 so we are currently meeting our reserve requirement. However, the optimum level of reserves is reviewed on an ongoing basis and at minimum once a year and may increase next year due to additional staff members and increasing operating costs.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the income resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explain in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the

going-concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees confirm that:

- So far as each Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditor is aware of that information.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Independent Examiner, Anthony Armstrong FCA of Armstrong & Co, has indicated his willingness to be proposed for reappointment.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 17th September 2020.

And signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Frances Humber

Fran Humber
Chair of the Board of Trustees

The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Charitable company information

for the year ended 31 March 2020

Status:	The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The directors of the charity are its trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.		
Charity name:	The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park		
Company registration number:	5233566 (England & Wales)		
Charity registration number:	1107136		
Registered office:	The Soanes Centre Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park Southern Grove London E3 4PX		
Operations address:	The Soanes Centre Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park Southern Grove London E3 4PX		
Trustees who held office during the year:	<div>Sigrid Werner</div> <div>Diane Kendall</div> <div>Terry Lyle</div> <div>Doreen Kendall</div> <div>Marilyn Baltutis</div> <div>Mike Keith</div> <div>Justin Leslie</div> <div>Helen Conford</div> <div>Frances Humber</div> <div>Toby John Sibley</div> <div>Sally Jane Randall</div> <div>Colin George Wiseman</div> <div>- Resigned 12 September 2019</div> <div>- Appointed 12 September 2019</div> <div>- Appointed 12 September 2019</div>		
Chair:	Frances Humber		
Vice chair:	Terry Lyle		
Independent Examiner:	Anthony Armstrong FCA Armstrong & Co <i>Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor</i> 4a Printing House Yard Hackney Road London E2 7PR		
Bankers:	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ		

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

I report on the accounts of The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park for the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, which are set out on pages 26 to 35.

This report is made solely to the trustees as a body in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As described on pages 22 - 23, the trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the the Charities Act and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 Act, or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination, or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Anthony Armstrong FCA, Independent Examiner
of Armstrong & Co
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

4a Printing House Yard
Hackney Road
London E2 7PR

Dated: 17 September 2020

The Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park

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Statement of Financial Activities

Incorporating the income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 March 2020

		2020			2019
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	64,159	70,866	-	135,025
Charitable activities	4	86,623	-	-	86,623
Investments	5	148	-	-	148
Total income		150,930	70,866	-	221,796
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	145,566	17,096	-	162,662
Total expenditure		145,566	17,096	-	162,662
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		5,364	53,770	-	59,134
Transfers between funds	16	9,732	(9,732)	-	-
Net movement in funds		15,096	44,038	-	59,134
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	12	63,725	25,073	-	88,798
Total funds carried forward	12	78,821	69,111	-	147,932

All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities incorporates an income and expenditure account.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 March 2020

	Notes	31 March 2020		31 March 2019	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets:					
Debtors	9	5,098		30,263	
Cash at bank and in hand	10	164,215		74,645	
Total current assets		<u>169,313</u>		<u>104,908</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>21,381</u>		<u>16,110</u>	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			147,932		88,798
Total net assets			<u>147,932</u>		<u>88,798</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	14		69,111		25,073
Unrestricted funds	15		78,821		63,725
Total charity funds	17		<u>147,932</u>		<u>88,798</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17 September 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



Frances Humber
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 31 to 35 form part of these accounts.

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Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	1	89,422	12,653
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		148	85
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		148	85
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		89,570	12,738
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	2	74,645	61,907
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	164,215	74,645

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement	2020 £	2019 £
1) Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	59,134	32,868
Adjustments for:		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(148)	(85)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	25,165	(13,562)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	5,271	(6,568)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	89,422	12,653
	2020 £	2019 £
2) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	164,215	74,645
Total cash and cash equivalents	164,215	74,645

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Accounting Policies

for the year ended 31 March 2020

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with:

- a) Applicable UK accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)';
- b) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102);
- c) the Companies Act 2006.

Public benefit entity

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The charity's income is mainly derived from non self-generated sources, such as grants, service level agreements and other governmental or NGO sources. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the likelihood that this support will continue, and accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Income recognition

Income is recognised when the company has a contractual or other right to its receipt, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably. Income with conditions attached to its receipt is recognised when those conditions have been fulfilled.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure recognition

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Expenditure included in Raising Funds includes amounts incurred in obtaining grants and other donations.

Charitable expenditure includes those costs expended in fulfilling the charity's principal objects, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees. These include grants payable, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs.

- Grants payable are payments made to third parties in furtherance of the charity's objects. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the charity.
- Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to the independent examination and legal fees.
- Rentals under operating leases are charged as incurred over the term of the lease.

Costs are allocated directly to projects where they can be identified as relating solely to that project. Other costs are allocated between the funds based on staff time spent on the fund activities or other appropriate criteria.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the funder. Direct and support expenditure which meets these criteria are identified to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds received which have no restrictions placed on their use and are available as general funds.

Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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Accounting Policies

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Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment	- 25% on cost
Furniture & fixtures	- 20% on cost

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Notes to the Accounts

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1 Incoming resources

The incoming resources and surplus are attributable to the principal activities of the charity.

2 Net incoming resources

Net incoming resources are stated after charging:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees - reporting service	1,280	1,280
Independent Examiner's fees - other services	480	480

Trustees' emoluments

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Emoluments include salaries, fees, bonuses, expense allowances and estimated non-cash benefits receivable. All trustees serve in a voluntary capacity and do not receive payment for their services.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations - individuals	7,378	-	7,378	4,853
Donations - organisations	186	-	186	8,534
Grants	52,371	70,866	123,237	56,584
Hosting - general	4,224	-	4,224	5,597
	<u>64,159</u>	<u>70,866</u>	<u>135,025</u>	<u>75,568</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Membership - individuals	3,500	-	3,500	1,737
LBTH SLA	31,900	-	31,900	32,100
Course Fees	16,295	-	16,295	15,193
Corporate days	34,928	-	34,928	41,382
Contract income	-	-	-	14,850
	<u>86,623</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,623</u>	<u>105,262</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Interest received	148	-	148	85
	<u>148</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>85</u>

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6 Expenditure on charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£
Repairs & maintenance	424	-	424	2,514
Purchases	3,711	11,217	14,928	9,244
Plants	1,713	3,488	5,201	4,234
Tools & accessories	1,920	777	2,697	4,144
Volunteers - hospitality	950	-	950	1,553
Events	7,911	360	8,271	5,551
Green waste	7,056	-	7,056	10,625
Teaching materials	426	50	476	347
Biodiversity professionals	2,962	-	2,962	2,904
Publicity - general	1,786	-	1,786	2,336
Heritage	2,358	-	2,358	2,579
Staff costs	97,419	-	97,419	81,597
Recruitment & training	859	1,204	2,063	2,273
Soanes office space	5,169	-	5,169	4,513
Provision for bad debts	2,172	-	2,172	3,566
Computer expense	5,746	-	5,746	7,263
Insurance - other	983	-	983	969
Interest paid	81	-	81	75
Accountancy fees	1,920	-	1,920	1,760
	<u>145,566</u>	<u>17,096</u>	<u>162,662</u>	<u>148,047</u>

7 Staff costs	2020	2019
	£	£
Staff salaries	88,728	75,228
Staff social security	5,672	4,192
Staff pensions	3,018	2,177
	<u>97,419</u>	<u>81,597</u>

Average number of employees during the year was:

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No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or their associates for services as a trustee during the year ended 31 March 2020 nor to 31 March 2019.

Employees paid in excess of £60,000 during the current year and previous year:

None	None
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8 Tangible fixed assets	Computer equipment	Furniture & fixtures	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 April 2019	5,597	727	6,324
As at 31 March 2020	<u>5,597</u>	<u>727</u>	<u>6,324</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2019	5,597	727	6,324
As at 31 March 2020	<u>5,597</u>	<u>727</u>	<u>6,324</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 March 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
As at 31 March 2019	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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9 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Operating debtors	1,908	2,382
Undeposited funds	-	476
Staff loans	3,026	2,933
Prepayments	164	164
Accrued income	-	24,308
	<u>5,098</u>	<u>30,263</u>

10 Bank and cash in hand	2020	2019
	£	£
CAF reserve account	165,831	68,782
CAF current account	(3,870)	5,658
PayPal account	1,955	68
Petty Cash	299	137
	<u>164,215</u>	<u>74,645</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
	£	£
Operating creditors	7,975	-
PAYE/NIC	8,664	4,076
Pensions	1,986	1,577
Accruals	2,756	10,457
	<u>21,381</u>	<u>16,110</u>

12 The funds of the charity: current year	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Other movements £	Closing balance £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Restricted income funds	25,073	70,866	(17,096)	(9,732)	69,111
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General funds	63,725	150,930	(145,566)	9,732	78,821
	<u>88,798</u>	<u>221,796</u>	<u>(162,662)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,932</u>

13 The funds of the charity: prior year	Opening balance £	Resources arising £	Resources utilised £	Other movements £	Closing balance £
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
Restricted income funds	12,404	23,673	(11,004)	-	25,073
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General funds	43,526	157,242	(137,043)	-	63,725
	<u>55,930</u>	<u>180,915</u>	<u>(148,047)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,798</u>

14 Restricted funds: current period	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers & gains/(losses) £	Closing balance £
Groundwork	-	7,236	3,172	-	4,064
Heritage Fund	-	49,450	320	-	49,130
Heritage Lottery Fund	3,028	-	-	-	3,028
Small grants	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
TFL	-	4,910	-	-	4,910
Tower Hill Trust	4,041	-	2,061	-	1,980
Veolia	18,004	4,270	11,543	(9,732)	999
	<u>25,073</u>	<u>70,866</u>	<u>17,096</u>	<u>(9,732)</u>	<u>69,111</u>

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15 Restricted funds: prior period	Opening balance	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers & gains/(losses)	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Heritage Lottery Fund	6,402	900	4,274	-	3,028
Tower Hill Trust	6,001	-	1,960	-	4,041
Veolia	-	22,773	4,769	-	18,004
	<u>12,403</u>	<u>23,673</u>	<u>11,003</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,073</u>

Restricted funds (continued)

Projects financed by restricted funds are supported by unrestricted funding where necessary. This occurs where the funding is in arrears or the incidence of expenditure on the project occurs disproportionately at the beginning of the project compared to the income flows. Where restricted projects end the year with a deficit, this is met by after year-end restricted income or transfers from unrestricted funds.

Groundwork	Improvements to Shandy Park through removal of tarmac and planting of bulbs and wildflowers, supported by educational events and activities for the community.
Heritage Fund	To hire a Heritage Officer to develop a community-led conservation, management and maintenance plan for Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park over 2 years. In doing so, the heritage of THCP will be accessible to a wider range of people.
Heritage Lottery Fund	Funds to support research into the lives of the 204 service personnel who lost their lives during World War One and are recorded on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission War Memorial inside the Park.
Small grants	Establishing an "Elder Trees" community group for the over 60s for two-hour sessions, once per week (37 in total). Sessions would include activities such as sit-and-sense, walk-and-talk, nature crafts, wild foods, planting and bird spotting.
TFL	Finding Your Feet: exploring Mile End, step by step' is a ten-week project designed to encourage inactive and reluctant walkers living in the Mile End neighbourhood – primarily the Ocean Estate, Leopold Estate and East End Homes – to walk more regularly and confidently.
Tower Hill Trust	Funds to support infrastructure and facilities development in the Cemetery Park, supported by training opportunities for partner Grounded Ecotherapy, and volunteering opportunities. Funds for the Wild Homes project, improving habitats and providing training in countryside skills. Funds for grass cutting.
Veolia	Funds for the improvement of meadow areas of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, Scrapyard Meadows and Ackroyd Drive including training opportunities for volunteers.

16 Transfers between funds	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
Restricted to general	9,732		(9,732)		-
	<u>9,732</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,732)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

17 Net assets attributable to funds: current period	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Current assets	100,202	-	69,111	-	169,313
Current liabilities	(21,381)	-	-	-	(21,381)
Net assets represented by funds	<u>78,821</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,932</u>

18 Net assets attributable to funds: prior period	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Current assets	79,835	-	25,073	-	104,908
Current liabilities	(16,110)	-	-	-	(16,110)
Net assets represented by funds	<u>63,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,073</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,798</u>

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19 Taxation

The company is a registered charity. Accordingly, it is exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

20 Post balance sheet events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

21 Pension commitments

The charity contributes to employees defined contribution stakeholder pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

	2020	2019
The unpaid contributions outstanding at the year end were:	£ 1,986	£ 1,577

22 Contingent liabilities

The charitable company had no material contingent liabilities at 31 March 2020 nor at 31 March 2019.

23 Related parties

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.

24 Transactions with trustees

There were no material transactions with the trustees during the year.

25 Gifts in kind and volunteers

During the year the charitable company benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

26 Major funders

In accordance with Section 37 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the following grants and their purpose is confirmed:

Funder	Project name / Purpose of	
London Borough of Tower Hamlets	Park maintenance and litter picking	£ 31,900

27 Company status

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The guarantors liability in the event the company is wound up is restricted to a maximum of £1 each.