

Friends of Handsworth Park

Charity Number: 1177786

{For Charitable Incorporated Organisation}

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

27th April 2020

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: Friends of Handsworth Park

Charity number: 1177786

Charity's operating address: 18 Grestone Road, Handsworth, Birmingham,
B20 1NL

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity (Add extra rows as required)

| | <i>Trustee Name</i> | <i>Office (if any)</i> | <i>Appointed</i> | <i>Retired</i> |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Graham Winfield | Chair | 3.4.18 | |
| 2 | Rachel Chiu | Treasurer | 3.4.18 | |
| 3 | Tonia Clark | Secretary | 3.4.18 | |
| 4 | Theo Daniel | | 3.4.18 | |
| 5 | Rose Blair | | 3.4.18 | |
| 6 | Lee Southall | Exofficio BCC | 3.4.18 | |
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Names & Addresses of Advisors

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Address & Postcode</i> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Bank: | Lloyds Bank, Box 1, BX1 1LT |

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document: Constitution

How the Charity is Constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee Selection Methods: Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Local people with an interest in the park are approached to join the committee.

How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained: Prospective trustees are asked to attend a meeting before they commit. They meet with the Chair who explains the history and the role of the charity.

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document

The objects of the CIO are for the benefit of the inhabitants of Handsworth and surrounding areas, to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit in particular but not exclusively by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Handsworth Park.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects

The charity organises events to educate and inform local people about the park and its benefits. It also manages the Community Garden which provides free gardening sessions and specialist workshops about fruit, vegetables and herbs.

FOHP also monitors the upkeep of the park by the Council and feeds back comments from local people to the Council Parks Team.

Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year – Chair's Report

As I write this report we have entered a second lockdown in England. Thankfully parks and playgrounds will remain open to the public. Our local parks and open spaces have proved so important for our well being this year.

Everyday people have been meeting (socially distanced) in the park. Many of us have come to rely on this chance to see people and chat and get some exercise, especially those of us who are not so socially media savvy. Between the lockdowns, on weekdays at 10am people have been meeting at Silvercroft Avenue to go for a walk across HillTop which takes them through meadows, woods, by lakes, a river and a bird sanctuary and all this in Handsworth.

Recently, there have been concerns that the park's resourcing was under threat of being severely cut but this is not true. The park remains properly staffed. There is a need for additional funding for plants which I feel the Friends group could pursue, perhaps by getting sponsorship for flower beds, including the re-instatement of some beds. The maintenance yard is not going to be closed, although due to repeated break-ins to the yard, the gardeners' tools and equipment are stored overnight at Summerfield Park. Two trucks have been provided to transport the equipment to our park each day. The transport time is not included in the hours worked in the park which is restricted to 6 hours per day per gardener due to the lack of toilet facilities open in the park. There are other toilets at the Sons of Rest which the Council could consider using.

Lockdown has restricted some activities in the park. There were no major events in the park and the Leisure Centre is currently closed. Tai Chi has continued, led by a volunteer instructor and some cricket was played over the summer.

The lease situation with the Sons of Rest building is still not resolved.

In spite of the restrictions, lots of things have been happening in the park. The Community Garden continued to be very active until the lockdown in March. With the ending of lockdown, Eleanor, the community gardener, resumed socially distanced activities. Family bubbles were very happy to get back as were the Saheli women's group bubble on Wednesdays. Work on the wild flower meadow continues. During lockdown Eleanor made gardening videos for the families so that they could practice at home. A grant from the National Lottery obtained by local group Crafting Communities, means that the Forest School, which ran until March, can continue independently from Active Parks which seems to have changed its focus. Eleanor is waiting for the City Council's approval of the projects risk assessment to allow activities to restart.

The garden did have produce taken during lockdown but that stopped once activities resumed and there is still a need for a shed to store tools in. Rachel has obtained a grant for the Community Garden from the National Lottery of £5,000 for staffing costs and project development.

Handsworth Park Arts Trail has been brought to beautiful completion by the finishing of Tim Tolkein's and Graham Jones' magnificent 'Roots and Branches' sculpture. The trail has added an exciting new dimension to the park which deserves wide publicity as an important addition to Birmingham's cultural landscape. Jan Kimber and Pauline Bailey from Handsworth Creative are to be congratulated for this fine piece of work.

In October 2020, Crafting Communities organised a lantern parade funded by the Arts Council for the Forest School families. It ensured social distancing for the thirty people that took part. Each family had been given a pack beforehand which included a video guide on how to make a lantern. It was an enjoyable evening.

Our park, with the exception of some benches and the bandstand roof that need urgent repairs, is in good shape and we want to thank Mick the head gardener and his team, and Lee Southall the park manager, Handsworth Creative, Crafting Communities, Birmingham Trees for Life and the FOHP committee for all their efforts.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The charity does not intend to build up reserves as there are no employees and no capital assets to maintain.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

None

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the CIO

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s): *Graham winfield*

Rachel chiu

Full Name(s): Graham Winfield

Rachel Chiu

Position(s): Chair

Trustee

Date: 10th November 2020

10th November 2020



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Handsworth Park

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Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | 01/04/19 | To | 31/03/20 |
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Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Tesco Grant | | - | - | - | - |
| BCC Community Chest | | | - | - | 2000 |
| Simmerdown | 150 | | - | 150 | 450 |
| Seven Up | 150 | | - | 150 | |
| Votes for Women Grant | | | - | - | |
| BOSF | 130 | | - | 130 | 140 |
| Greggs | | | | - | 1,500 |
| Tree Calendar | | | | - | 782 |
| other | | | - | - | 404 |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 430 | - | - | 430 | 5,276 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 430 | - | - | 430 | 5,276 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| The Big Sleuth | | | - | - | |
| Community Garden | | 1000 | | 1,000 | 7,147 |
| other | 70 | | | 70 | 188 |
| Votes for Women Grant | | | | - | 527 |
| Tree Calendar | | 265 | - | 265 | 330 |
| | | | - | - | - |
| | | | - | - | - |
| | | | - | - | - |
| | | | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 70 | 1,265 | - | 1,335 | 8,192 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 70 | 1,265 | - | 1,335 | 8,192 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 360 | -1,265 | - | -905 | -2,916 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 1809 | 3251 | - | 5,060 | 7,977 |
| Cash funds this year end | 2,169 | 1,986 | - | 4,155 | 5,061 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash in bank | 2169 | 1986 | |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 2,169 | 1,986 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |
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| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | BCC Entertainment Licence | | 70 | |
| | T Clark DBS Check for E Hoad | | 52.99 | |
| | | | - | |
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| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
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