

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019
for
Friends of Everton Park

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Objects of the CIO are:

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for those living in Everton Park and surrounding neighbourhood.

To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Everton Park.

Public benefit

In considering the Objects and activities covered by this report, the Trustees have also considered the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit to ensure that Friends of Everton Park is meeting these important requirements and obligations.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

2019 has been perhaps our busiest year since we were established in October 2010. Our organisation was set up to be the recognised community partner in Liverpool City Council's new Everton Park 'transformational project' - the park was to be a 'catalyst' for the transformation of the Everton Park neighbourhood. This report outlines some of the excellent community events and activities we have undertaken with our friends and partner organisations across the park neighbourhood during 2019. This work has been carried out by our brilliant volunteers and in partnership with the many friends, residents and local and city wide organisations who share our vision to make Everton Park 'a great place to live, to work, to play, to visit and to learn'.

We are building for the future for our community, but we have a strong memory and respect for our history and heritage. Big thanks are due to the sterling work of trustee Ken Rogers who followed up the success of his play '.....' (staged in venues across the park neighbourhood at the end of 2017) - with a touring exhibition of the fascinating history of the park neighbourhood, taking it out to the wider city-region as well. This enabled former residents and their neighbours to learn more about how the park came into being and of the roots of our amazing community. Many of the Lost Tribes came back to the park in July for the tenth annual reunion of the Lost Tribes held in St Georges Church in the top park. This latter event also saw the launch of the new Lost Tribes Memory Bank now widely accessed by folk far and wide.

Inspired by the original social pioneer and founder of the 17th century 'Diggers' movement General Winstanley, our very own green-fingered volunteers have been growing beautiful flowers, fruit and vegetables on our very own Everton Community Gardens beside Faith Primary School throughout 2019. They invited the community in to an auction of produce and a barbecue on 6th July as well as holding the ever popular Harvest Festival on 7th September. All this in addition to foraging out into the park planting bulbs, pruning fruit trees and sowing wild-flower seeds across the slopes of the park in all weathers!

'Wild flowers' equals Richard Scott, FoEP trustee, ex-Land Life and now Liverpool representative with the Eden Project - thank you Richard for establishing Everton Park as the flagship of the Northern Flowerhouse - a source of joy to our visitors throughout 2018. Especially at the special event on 31st May when hundreds enjoyed a Picnic in the Park, planted loads of wild-flowers, and the children were able to ride the donkeys we brought to join in the fun! Our beautiful wildflower meadows, together with the amazing views from the top park and the history under our feet, are probably the park's USPs (unique selling points!) for our many, many visitors.

A first for Friends - with the help of Shewsy Youth Club, Peleton Bikes, the Sollie Boxing Club and local schools - was THIS GIRL CAN! - on Saturday June 9th in the park around the Shewsy club. Big thanks for local mum and trustee Annmarie Coakley for leading on this and showing by example just what sporting and dancing talent our girls have, given the opportunity and encouragement! Thanks too to our local Costa on Groatie for providing free drinks to all the helpers and the 75 girls taking part. Well done all of you!

Friends worked with partners Shewsy and WECC to make the Great Get Together on Saturday 23rd June a smashing community event with the ever-popular OUT OF THE BLUE music stage featuring local musical talent and a band from Brazil!. Big thanks to Adam Byrne and John Dumbell and staff for bringing great music to our park - again!

The NATURE GARDEN is one of the most popular treasures in the park and our volunteers have enabled it to be open to visitors many times in 2019 and local schools have made increasing use of the facility as a kind of 'forest school'. We are so pleased to host the WEA's Mindfulness course run by Lucy Page who creates a haven of peace and inspiration for park-lovers, many paying their first visit to the park and leaving delighted with the place.

We have also worked closely with Peleton on the Wheels park, particularly assisting in enabling the maintenance of the BMX track. Big thanks go to Danny Robinson and his team in making this facility come alive and introducing wheels skills to so many youngsters from all over the city.

For the third year running our volunteers have staffed the water-station in the top-park as thousands of runners stagger through our park from all over the country and beyond in the Liverpool Rock n' Roll Marathon on Sunday May 20th. The incredible view from the top of the park caused many of the runners to take a rest and photograph themselves against the amazing skyline out towards the Welsh hills and beyond.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

Friends of Everton Park takes great pride in our special relationship with our park schools and 2018 was very special! We were delighted to welcome Lord Mayor Christine Banks to give out the medals and trophies at the third Everton Park Primaries School Run in May and to Dan Carden MP and Mrs Toni Lappin who gave medals out at the Blue Run Challenge for Joseph Lappin in the top-park in November. This latter event was led by staff and pupils from North Liverpool Academy with Friends providing back-up volunteers - NLA is now a great Friend of the park and we look forward to working closely with them on a range of initiatives going forward. As ever the Family Blue Run in October was enjoyed by the many families who took part in the run from the Shewsy around the lower park, again in honour of Joseph Lappin.

Unfortunately our work to bring about the major improvements to the management of the park and to accelerate the regeneration of the wider park neighbourhood has been much less fruitful in 2018. The council has suffered major cuts and loss of key staff, including keen enthusiasts of the original vision - we have had to push hard to get movement and any kind of progress on several fronts and it has been a real struggle at times. We became interested in the potential offered by a new form of vehicle to take things forward - a COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (CLT) - and in this regard, had discussions with a social enterprise called Capacity Lab which may yet bear fruit in the form of new housing on the edges of the park and improvement to community facilities in the park. But this is early days...

I shall finish by saying how we are particularly proud of how we as Friends of Everton Park brought together the whole community in and around the park - the schools, the youth and sporting clubs, the churches, the community and training organisations and our elected representatives - in a fabulous show of practical solidarity in support of Millstead Special School in the heart of the park after it had been mindlessly vandalised in late November. We coordinated a special fundraising appeal and sponsored run/walk around the park and raised hundreds of pounds for them in the process the park community in action! A great and heart-warming day in these hard times. Thanks so much to all those who made this happen.

I trust it is clear from this report that we the Friends of Everton Park are as determined as ever to play our part in realising the original vision to make the park neighbourhood a great place to live, to work, to visit, to play and to learn.

So a huge THANKYOU! To all those who made all the above happen - especially John Hutchison and our loyal trustees Andrew Williams our treasurer, Simon Abrams, John Colfar, Annmarie Coakley, Richard Scott, Ken Rogers . Thanks too to Ann Roach and Adam Byrne who stood down as trustees this year but have continued to play their part in so many of the activities in and around the park in 2019. Thanks too to the brilliant volunteer gardeners brightening up the park and feeding the world in the process! To Paul Edwards at Solly Boxing Club and all his helpers and members who turn out for every run in the park. To Danny O'Shaughnessey for all his work on our communications output, and to Jess Daley our first ever JMU intern who put in a smashing shift in the summer. To the hard-working teachers and staffs of Faith Primary, Beacon, Our Lady's and Millstead and to our secondary schools North Liverpool Academy and Notre Dame too. Special thanks to John Dumbell and Michael Duffy and all the staff at the Shewsy Youth Club, to the Everton Children's Centre and EDT who always go the extra mile for the park community. To Henry Corbett at St Peters for all his active encouragement and a big welcome to Adam and his family now ensconced up at St George's and ever-willing to help the park community and to Debbie and Dennis at SFX. Thanks to our councillors Ian Byrne and Jane Corbett who always support our events - you know we'll be knocking hard on your doors as we move forward in hope! Thank you all sincerely for helping to make Everton Park truly 'A Common Treasury For All' (Gerard Winstanley 1647)

Paul Edwards - Chair Friends of Everton Park

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission in November 2015 under charity number 1164519 and is governed by a constitution dated 20 October 2015.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting, and meet at least bimonthly to progress and conclude all project and governance business. No staff are employed - Trustees, members, and a small team of freelancers work together to ensure that all projects are delivered as planned.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1164519

Friends of Everton Park

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

Principal address

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Trustees

Dr S Abrams
A F Williams
J D Colfar
P H Edwards
K Rogers
Ms AM Coakley
R Scott

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22 April 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A F Williams - Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	31.12.19 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.18 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		35	1,050
Charitable activities			
Community activities		1,741	8,620
Total		<u>1,776</u>	<u>9,670</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	2	522	-
Charitable activities			
Community activities		7,975	14,686
Other		<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>
Total		<u>8,497</u>	<u>14,786</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>(6,721)</u>	<u>(5,116)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		21,275	26,391
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>14,554</u></u>	<u><u>21,275</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Friends of Everton Park

Balance Sheet

31 December 2019

	Notes	31.12.19 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.18 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		14,974	21,695
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(420)	(420)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>14,554</u>	<u>21,275</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		14,554	21,275
NET ASSETS		<u>14,554</u>	<u>21,275</u>
FUNDS	6		
Unrestricted funds		<u>14,554</u>	<u>21,275</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>14,554</u>	<u>21,275</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22 April 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

A F Williams - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. RAISING FUNDS

Raising donations and legacies

	31.12.19	31.12.18
	£	£
Support costs	522	-
	<u>522</u>	<u>-</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2019 nor for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2019 nor for the year ended 31 December 2018.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	1,050
Charitable activities	
Community activities	8,620
Total	9,670
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Community activities	14,686
Other	100
Total	14,786
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(5,116)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	26,391
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	21,275

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.19 £	31.12.18 £
Other creditors	420	420

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	21,275	(6,721)	14,554
TOTAL FUNDS	21,275	(6,721)	14,554

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,776	(8,497)	(6,721)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,776</u>	<u>(8,497)</u>	<u>(6,721)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.18 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	26,391	(5,116)	21,275
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,391</u>	<u>(5,116)</u>	<u>21,275</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,670	(14,786)	(5,116)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,670</u>	<u>(14,786)</u>	<u>(5,116)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	26,391	(11,837)	14,554
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>26,391</u>	<u>(11,837)</u>	<u>14,554</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,446	(23,283)	(11,837)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>11,446</u>	<u>(23,283)</u>	<u>(11,837)</u>

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	31.12.19 £	31.12.18 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	35	1,050
Charitable activities		
Fundraising income	293	270
Grants	1,448	8,350
	<hr/> 1,741	<hr/> 8,620
Total incoming resources	1,776	9,670
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Community projects and events	7,555	13,604
Advertising	-	167
Subscriptions	-	49
	<hr/> 7,555	<hr/> 13,820
Other		
Donations	-	100
Support costs		
Other		
Insurance	522	446
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	420	420
	<hr/> 8,497	<hr/> 14,786
Total resources expended		
	<hr/> (6,721)	<hr/> (5,116)
Net expenditure		