## THE FRIENDS OF KELLY AVENUE PARK (Charity No. 1181726)

### **TRUSTEE REPORT 2019 - 2020**

The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park is a community organization based in Peckham, South London. Our broad aim is to ensure that Kelly Avenue Park and the surrounding area provides a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for the local community.

Our roots lie in the Peckham branch of Citizens UK and the successful campaigning of children in two local primary schools. This campaign earned us our first funding award back in January 2016. It enabled us to organise and host a community fun day to raise awareness of the many negative issues facing the park, the community building within it, and the immediate surrounding area.

Since then, we have gone from strength to strength, winning further funding awards that have allowed us to make the community fun day an annual event, to extend a path right through the park for better access and to increase footfall, and to set up art workshops for local children. We also host monthly "working parties" where we gather to clean up the park and work on the garden to enhance the environment while meeting with other local, like-minded people.

The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park was registered as a charity (No. 1181726) in January 2019, under our constitution, originally adopted on 03.12.16, which sets out its mission and regulations.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

New Trustees are recruited and appointed from within the membership, principally those engaged in volunteer activities. As a part of their induction, they receive a copy of the Constitution and Rules. The Friends is run voluntarily and has no paid member of staff.

Names of the Trustees, all of whom served throughout the year 2019 - 2020 set out below:

Tracy Brook

Sagal Guleed

Fiona Campbell

Joanna Ruth Brinton

Victor Bayfield

The principal address of The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park is:

c/o The Copleston Centre, Copleston Road, SE15 4AN

#### **OBJECTIVE AND ACTIVITIES**

The objectives of The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park, in summary, are to:

- bring local residents together to maintain Kelly Avenue Park and the surrounding area as a clean, safe, and welcoming place for local residents and their families.
- empower ourselves and other local people to make positive change to our local community, working with the local Council to create the safe, attractive and welcoming environment that local people want, to work and play in.

To achieve these objectives, The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park host monthly "working parties" where the Friends' volunteers undertake practical work such as litter-picking and gardening while socializing with their neighbours. We also host our annual Community Fun Day. We have also provided an outdoor learning environment for local schoolchildren and held creative workshops for families with young children during the summer holiday.

### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR

This year was a challenging year for The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park. We were forced into 'shutting down' all our regular activities – the Next Steps meetings, the monthly working parties; and for the first time in five years, we had to cancel our Community Fun Day. Furthermore, we were not able to go ahead with plans for further workshops in the park.

On a strangely positive note, this year was our most successful year ever.....financially. We received our largest grant from the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Fund to facilitate further improvements to the outside environment. We again received a Neighbourhood Fund grant to subsidise the Community Fun Day. However, as this could not go ahead, we decided to return the grant to the Council to put it towards their COVID-response program. We also received a large grant from the National Lottery Celebrate25 Fund to facilitate the hosting additional activities for children and young people within our local community.

We also, in January 2020, celebrated our long campaign with the re-opening of the wonderful park building, which now is home to a Nursery, a couple of church groups, as well as various community organisations.

# The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park

# Financial Statement for the year ending 1 Dec. 2020

## **ACCOUNT**

Opening balance		£1.58
TOTAL INCOME	£ 956	
TOTAL EXPENSES		£0
CLOSING STATMENT		£ 957.58
LIQUID ASSET		
Bank		£ 20.58
Petty cash		£ 26
Grant Account		£870
Accured Donation		£ 40
TOTAL	£95	7.58

## **INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 DEC. 2020**

Donation	£ 80
Christmas Card Sale	£6
Grant	£870
TOTAL	£ 956

## **EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 DEC. 2020**

Zurich 1 year insurance	£ -
TCV subscription	£-
TOTAL EXPENSES	f-

## ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE FRIENDS OF KELLY AVENUE PARK

I have prepared the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 1 <sup>t</sup> December 2020, based upon my examination of accounting records of The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park information and explanations provided.
I certify that, in my opinion, this to be a true and fair view of Income Funds as of 1 Dec. 2020
Mohamed Jama
Financial Advisor of
Thames Accounts Ltd
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APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTANTS BY THE FRIENDS OF KELLY AVENUE PARK

Approved and signed on its behalf:

Treasurer

Date

Chairperson