



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/03/22  
Period end date

Period start date To 28/02/23

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**Charity registration number:**1165691

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Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>At Feb 2023 the Working Account had a balance of £4,675 and the Reserve Account had funds of £19,461</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
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A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

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Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Elected by members ie residents of Horseman's Green</b>

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Full name(s)

Barbara Weeks

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Position (eg Secretary,  
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