

ART IN THE PARK
(A company Limited by Guarantee)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025
Company Reg. No 3686294
Charity Reg. No 1074551

CHARITY DETAILS

TRUSTEES

Florence Goodhand-Tait (Director): Appointed 26/9/2023

Sarah Jury (Director): Appointed 19/3/2019

Cynthia Smith (Director)

Alessandra Maragna (Director): Appointed on 16/09/2024

Helen Frances Burgess (Director): 01/10/2008, resigned on 16/9/2024

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PRINCIPAL OFFICE: Chumleigh Gardens, Burgess Park, London SE5 0RJ

COMPANY NUMBER: 3686294

CHARITY NUMBER 1074551

BANKERS HSBC, 23 Denmark Hill, London, SE5 8RP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Gavin Stoddart

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies herein and comply with the applicable law.

TRUSTEES

The trustee's names on page 2 have served throughout the full year, bar one trustee who retired 16/09/2024. The Board of Trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee.

AIMS AND OBJECTS

Art in the Park exists to:

- Promote, maintain, improve and advance education by encouragement of the arts.
- Encourage and assist people in the understanding and practical support of the natural and built environment.
- Provide art-based facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in order to improve the conditions of life of those people who have need of such leisure facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity, disablement, poverty or socio-economic circumstances.
- Increase awareness of disability issues among non-disabled people and organisations.

In setting objectives, developing strategies and undertaking activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Trustees were pleased to see an increase in income this year, and the variety of projects for the local community that this enabled. The Board is also aware that we must continue to increase income to ensure the survival of Art in the Park for future users. This year we welcomed funding from many sources and repeat funding from Southwark council, Southwark Charities, United St Saviours, Bede House Association, Elephant Community Hub, Rotherhithe consolidated charities, Community Southwark, Partnership Southwark, Neighbourhood fund, Urban Elephant and the National Trust. Our community Artists and Volunteers continued to run classes throughout the Borough to an increased number of diverse participants.

Through a variety of funding bodies, we have successfully sustained the Chumleigh Older Drawing Group workshop on Mondays, and the Intergenerational Saturday workshop, weekly throughout this financial year.

Our financial position at the end of March 2025 reflects several grants that are still in progress and were not due to be spent out at that time.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ended 31st March 2025 the trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be in line with expectations. The results of the years' operations are set out in the attached financial

statements. During the year, total income of **£65,851** was received against expenditure of **£54,383**, resulting in a surplus of **£11,468**.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil their charitable objectives.

RISK REVIEW

The trustees conduct periodic reviews of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems and procedures to manage those risks identified are implemented so as to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of those risks materialise.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- A. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- B. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- C. state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- D. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 25 February 2026 and signed on their behalf.

Name – Trustee

Melissa French



Name – Trustee

Sadie Bacon



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibility of Examiner

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 company 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

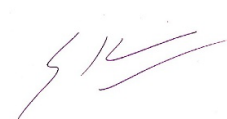
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - a. proper accounting records are kept; and
 - b. accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records. Or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 25 February 2025



Gavin Stoddart

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)	Total (£)	2024 (£)
Income from:				
Donations	2,500		2,500	2,400
Investment income	1		1	
Grants		63,350	63,350	48,137
Total income	2,501	63,350	65,851	50,537
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	(7,432)	(46,951)	(54,383)	(50,014)
Total expenditure	(7,432)	(46,951)	(54,383)	(50,014)
Net movement in funds	(4,932)	16,399	11,468	523
Funds brought forward at 1 April 2024	10,881	10,043	20,924	20,401
Funds carried forward at 31 March 2025	5,949	26,443	32,392	20,924

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Cash at bank and in hand	34,192	20,924
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,800)	
Net assets	32,392	20,924
 Funds:		
Unrestricted funds	5,949	10,881
Restricted funds	26,443	10,043
Total funds	32,392	20,924

- For the year ending 31st March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006.
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved and signed by the trustees on the 25 February 2026.

Melissa French



Trustee Date: 25/02/2026

Sadie Bacon



Trustee Date: 25/02/2026

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follow:

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations and similar incoming resources are accounted for on receipt by the charity, any pledges of income also gift aid refunds are accrued in the accounting period that they arise.

1.3 Investment income

Investment income consists of interest received from saving and deposit accounts at the bank.

1.4 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

- Restricted - these are funds which can only be used in accordance with the charitable specific purpose.
- Unrestricted (general funds) - these are funds which can be used in accordance with charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

1.6 Depreciation Tangible Assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is provided on assets in order to write off their cost less any residual value over their estimated useful life. There were no fixed assets during this financial year.

1.7 Staff costs and trustees' remuneration

Staff costs and trustees' remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustees		
Remuneration	0	0
Value of contributions to trustees pension	0	0
Total	0	0
Employees		
Wages & Salaries	0	0
Social security costs	0	0
Pensions	0	0
Total	0	0

The charity had no paid staff during the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: none).

2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The charity was under the control of the Trustees throughout the current year. No transactions with related parties were undertaken such as that required disclosure.