



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 1 April 2022

To: 31 March 2023

Charity name: The Friends of Finsbury Park

Charity registration number: 1104450

Company number: 04343874

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>(1)to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Finsbury Park, London; and</p> <p>(2)to promote, for the benefit of those persons living near to or using Finsbury Park, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political religious or other opinions, by associating together with the said persons and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and leisure-time occupation of such persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Ecology work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Planting by volunteers: 693 saplings and young trees were planted, as well as hedge-planting and other environmental work.Pressed Haringey Council to stop using glyphosate. Use is being reduced greatly.Launched the Ecology page on our website. <p>Work to protect the park from major events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Organised a well-attended Stroud Green Local Election Hustings about the Park.Monseigneur Bruce Kent, an active member of the Friends of Finsbury Park, passed away in June, and a well-attended community tree-planting ceremony was held in remembrance - celebrating the value of the Park and the need to protect this.The Wireless Festival was agreed, by Haringey Council, to run in 2022, with barriers and machinery in the Park for weeks in the summer. We organised a Petition against this major event, which over 2,400 people signed. There was much coverage in the national and local press due to concerns about safety.In November 2022, a community meeting at the Muslim Welfare House was held about the mega events, and over 70 people attended to raise their concerns.Trustees gave a presentation to the Council's Environmental Scrutiny Panel about the

		<p>impact of these on the Park.</p> <p>Work to improve safety in the Park: At the meeting in November, a senior police officer spoke about their <i>Operation Taipan</i> aimed at crime reduction in Finsbury Park. Other meetings were held with officers on safety matters.</p> <p>Skatepark: Continued work was undertaken with users and Haringey Council to develop an improved Skatepark, having fundraised towards this project in 2021/22.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Ecology Work and Volunteers - trees and saplings planted, and other environmental work, have improved the Park ecologically and visually. Increasing number of volunteers (now about 20 per session) has been inspiring.</p> <p>Increasing support to protect the Park- By the end of the year we had 446 Supporters signed up on our website, nearly doubling the number in one year. Our newsletters are forwarded to many more people, and our Twitter Followers numbered more than 3,600.</p> <p>Safety improvements – lighting is now (2023) being installed, and there is more of a police presence.</p> <p>Skatepark- design options have been drawn up, and are going out for final consultation, for build early 2024.</p>
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Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the period the charity had cash in bank total of £53,106.93
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds restricted reserves for improving the skatepark in Finsbury park in business instant access savings account and any interest accrued is also ringfenced to that account.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£49,851
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

The charity's principal	Para 1.47	Personal donations and book sales
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sources of funds (including any fundraising)		
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Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document:	Para 1.25	Memorandum and articles of association
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Company limited by guarantee
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	Trustees are elected by supporters at Annual General Meetings.

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	The Friends of Finsbury Park
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1104450
Charity's principal address	Manor House Lodge, Seven Sisters Road, London N4 2DE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tom Graham	Co-Chair		
2	Bethany Anderson	Co-Chair		
3	Eldridge Culverwell			
4	Katie Dawson			
5	Lorraine Bewes	Treasurer	Appointed 2nd Feb 2023	
6	Douglas Palin	Treasurer & Co Sec	Resigned 25th Jan 2023	
7	Clive Carter			
8	Jonathan Kenyon			
9	Kevin Duffy			
10	Lawrence Singha	Vice-Chair & Co Sec		
11	Louise Wass			
12	Catherine Harkell			
13	Diane Burridge			

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	As above
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	As above

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

Other optional information

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Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Bethany Anderson / Tom Graham	Lorraine Bewes
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Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc.)	Co-Chair / Co-Chair	Treasurer
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Date

21 November 2023



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The Friends of Finsbury Park			1104450	
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	1-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23	

Section A Statement of financial activities

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources					
General donations		2,250	-	2,250	10
Skatepark campaign		-	25	25	48,006
Skatepark interest		-	280	280	66
Park staff Crowdfunder		-	-	-	187
Book sales		63	-	63	64
Legal Crowdfunder surplus		-	-	-	-
Total		2,313	305	2,618	48,333
Resources expended					
Book expenses		37	-	37	54
Park staff expenses		-	-	-	187
Campaign expenses		4	-	4	60
General expenses		274	-	274	355
Total		315	-	315	656
Net income/(expenditure)		1,998	305	2,303	47,677
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		3,460	50,060	53,520	5,843
Release of legal reserve		514	(514)	-	-
Total funds carried forward		5,972	49,851	55,823	53,520

This statement of financial activities was approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Tom Graham - Co-Chair

Bethany Anderson - Co Chair

Lorraine Bewes - Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of

The Friends of Finsbury Park

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no.:

1104450

Company no.:

04343874

Set out on pages

Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

10 November 2023

Name:

PETER TALBOT

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

CITP

Address:

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LONDON N7 2EL

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern
(see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and
guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.