

# FRIENDS OF SANDALL PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1120679

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2007-08-29

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF WHEATLEY AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICT: TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION, EDUCATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROMOTION, SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF SANDALL PARK.

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## Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WHEATLEY AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICT, SOUTH YORKSHIRE.
- Doncaster

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£8,051	£19,016	-	-
2023-12-31	£17,322	£17,534	-	-
2022-12-31	£36,633	£17,207	-	-
2021-12-31	£6,252	£4,088	-	-
2020-12-31	£3,603	£6,076	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Mark Hudson</b>	Chair	2023-01-18
Barbara Susan Senior		2020-01-15
Carin Stoddart		2021-04-28
Dr SARAH STOKES		2012-01-31
JILL MAIRAID SMITH		
Kristen Louise Rawson		2017-01-01
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# Accounts

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## Annual Report 2022





**The Friends of Sandall Park**  
**Registered Charity 1120679**

**Annual Report**  
**January 2022– December 2022**



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## **Introduction**

This year has not been without its difficulties and hurdles, as in previous years. FoSP though has continued to function regardless, and maintained a high morale, despite setbacks with some projects. Many members have been ill or suffered with physical problems but have battled on through their ailments such is their commitment to the group, the park and its visitors.

A great deal of work has been undertaken and completed by a wonderful team. This is what 2022 saw:

### Volunteers

Sustainability is key to any group, and we continue to strive to attract new members from every culture. We do need people who can spend the time in the park to maintain the excellent facility that it is now, they are fundamental to the success of FoSP. The volunteers are observant – they are in the park daily, report things that need addressing, keep the public informed and ensure the park is developed and nurtured to a high standard.

We also have several local residents who visit the park regularly and inform us of anything that requires attention. They too take remedial action where required. We have the added advantage of many members of the public becoming involved by doing litter picks and reporting issues. So, in addition to our group members, we have 'unofficial' volunteers and supporters. Several volunteers involved in parkrun do litter picks when they have finished with the runs, and on additional days too.

### FoSP Volunteer Hours worked included:

The Friends of Sandall Park volunteered for 4,390 hours (which equates to 549 eight-hour shifts): this year, which includes:

- Admin: writing reports; minutes of meetings; letters; emails; dealing with telephone/Facebook/website/Instagram enquiries; authoring the Annual Report; updating the Business Plan and working with the council on the Management Plan for the park.
- Managing insurance policies, lottery licenses, ICO registration, charity commission registration.
- Reporting remedial work required to council.
- Litter picks.
- Gardening/planting.
- Maintenance.
- General volunteering in the park.
- Major new projects.
- Liaising with other groups and organisations, particularly in relation to health and wellbeing.
- Dealing with ASB, crime, offenders, and reparation of damage.
- Keeping Facebook pages (FoSP; FoSP Volunteering Group/Suppawters Group); Websites, Instagram and Twitter updated.
- Treasurer's book-keeping and enquiries; dealing with PayPal and GoFundMe.
- Printing articles to keep all three noticeboards in the park updated.
- Working towards retaining the Green Flag Award.
- Putting together funding bids, grant applications and organising fundraising appeals.
- Strategic Planning for the park.
- Research/communications with organisations for related issues (health; green space; exercise/mental health).

- Arranging for Corporate Volunteering days.
- Several volunteers attended training courses on Walk Leader; First Aid; Mental Health First Aid; Suicide Prevention; Bat Walk Leader and Food Hygiene. Some courses were one day: some half a day and some - 3 full days.
- A student offered to be our official Photographer: a sixth form leaver, she took portrait pictures at many of the events throughout the year.
- Parkrun volunteering is not included in these figures.

### Meetings

- At the beginning of the year FoSP meetings were conducted by Zoom online, and Microsoft Teams with the council and other organisations.
- Attending meetings/online meetings re the future development of the park: Management Plan and Future Parks.
- Potential new volunteers.
- Numerous about Sandall Park Café: with the private investor and council officials.
- DMBC Assets Dept. re plans for the park.
- Doncaster Green Space Network (via Microsoft Team Meetings and latterly in person).
- Visitor Economy Group (face to face and via MS Teams).
- Think Tanks and Workshops on Doncaster's Future Strategy in relation to Outdoors, Sports, Health, Fitness, the Arts. (Face to face and via MS Teams).
- GreenSpace Officer and other council officials re plans for the park.
- Attending meetings re possible events.

### The Junior Rangers

- The introduction of the Junior Ranger Scheme, bringing with it the families of Rangers, has assisted greatly in the upkeep of the park.
- Our 17yrs old Head Junior Ranger and her younger sister, a Lead Ranger, in conjunction with the Safer Communities team, organise the planning and running of events. They have done a tremendous job again this year, taking it forward and developing the scheme.
- There were numerous crafting and exploring adventures for the children.
- The sisters have both done a great deal of PR work for the group and have increased the Ranger membership through their enthusiasm and verve, supported by their parents.

### Projects/Work Undertaken

- General maintenance undertaken throughout the year including North Bank nature reserve fencing repaired several times.
- Bulb planting, tending the rockery and planting new plants. Tending Marshall's Garden; the Topiary Garden and the planters around the park, is continuous.
- Shrubs, plants, and trees which have been donated by volunteers and members of the community have been planted.
- A major project to create a permanent Jubilee Display for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a major technical creation which took many hours of design and construction. It will be a lasting memorial with changing plants and bulbs for the seasons.
- The Quiet Garden, for those people who want to sit and reflect or just have a quiet moment is continually being developed and had a magnificent show of wildflowers this year. Its promotion of Mental Health Wellbeing proved invaluable for people during the lockdowns and continues to be so to this day.
- Projects promoting health, well-being, and Mental Health: Numerous events were organised this year funded by Well Doncaster. They included yoga and mental health awareness, exercise and well-being planning sessions.

- Numerous ad hoc events were held for the children – book reading sessions; sensory play areas; free books placed around the park for youngsters to take away, read and return for others to read.
- A liaison was formed with the Literacy Trust's Doncaster Stories to promote reading and literacy.
- More purple crocus were donated by Rotary Club St Leger (to promote their eradication of polio in children campaign) and were planted with our volunteers, along with other seeds and bulbs, around the Jubilee Display.
- Benches painted.
- More bird boxes painted and put up along sensory trail.
- Bat boxes were made by a FoSP'er, and another batch by students at the Specialist Communication College. The council's Tree Team installed them.
- The Poppy display on the topiary garden was again created by the ladies. Knitted poppies were reused from previous years.
- Doncaster Mumblers displayed a pirate's trail round the park on several occasions during school holidays, including a Jubilee Trail in celebration of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- The 'garden birds' feeders on the sensory trail, and in the Quiet Garden are filled up on a regular basis by volunteers.
- A lot of work has gone into trying to get the 'no cycling' byelaws changed but without success. We have cycle training in the park, cycle routes converging on the park and the Get Doncaster Moving project trying to encourage more cycling. But officially there is no cycling allowed in the park. It has hit so many obstacles and is not a priority for the council. It must go to cabinet for approval, but it may have to go to Government for consideration if ratified by the Cabinet.
- A Cycle repair station was installed near to the café, donated by the Active Travel Team at the council, and is in constant use. Cyclists and wheelchair users have benefitted from it. Bike Shack attended the park to promote the bike station and cycling. They offered free maintenance of bikes which was hugely popular.
- Sandalhook Arts Barn is a project to turn the derelict Dutch Barn into an outdoor events and arts venue. An Action Plan has been submitted but this is dependent on the café development proceeding.
- A Successful application to Community Investment Fund reaped £13,250.00 for health events enabled us to engage professionals to conduct health sessions and guided walks in the park and Quiet Garden. Projects for 2022 included concrete table tennis and chess tables. The events took place, but the project has yet to be completed.
- We secured the services of an artist to complete a series of works for us in the park, and the mural in the Quiet Garden was completed in April 2022. A successful launch event was held to celebrate the installation.
- The same artist designed Seaside Peephole Boards for us – depicting the history of the park's boats and train. These are used at events and have proved popular.
- Literary Champion status was acquired as a result of the challenging work of one of our volunteers.
- The free CCTV was to be provided by Prosec UK (who would install, monitor and provide data controller services) but ongoing discussions have yet to provide a result
- The garden at Sandalwood Communal Hall was revamped by our volunteers and garden furniture purchased by St Leger Homes to provide a secluded recluse for service users. St Leger staff helped with the reparation.
- Lake edging/Footpath renewal: Funding has been acquired by DMBC to repair the footpaths around the lake and some lake edging. This is still in the preliminary stages and to be progressed by the council.

- We embarked on an ambitious plan to install an Inclusive Health Trail around the whole of the park so that people with disabilities can enjoy the whole park too. It would also be a bonus for runners and walkers when the ground becomes boggy. A honeycomb style grid that is backfilled for drainage and retains a grassy surface is proposed. This will make it an all-year path as it won't become muddy or water-logged. This is an ongoing project that will take some time to come to fruition. It is expected that the remainder of the 106 monies from the Leger Way development will contribute to this project.
- Funding has been applied for to seed the wilding areas of the golf course with proper meadow flowers rather than leaving it looking unkempt and abandoned. A project that the funding of which will be decided in 2023.
- New fencing on Thorne Road side of old golf course was replaced utilising 106 money and has made a dramatic difference to the appearance of the park.
- The defibrillator on the toilet block wall was used for an emergency, details unknown.
- Repairs to the cabin roof have been completed several times at great cost. (Youths were also climbing up and causing additional damage).
- A massive oak tree was lost in a storm and will be recycled by DMBC's Tree Team to provide benches for the park.
- The Tree Trail is being updated with more research conducted on the existing trees.

### Events

- A social evening with local dancers and local musicians was held at Armthorpe Community Centre and raised £1000 towards the Changing Place appeal.



- We have two volunteers who now organise all our events together and do a tremendous job between them.
- Two Princess, Pirates; and Superheroes events were all immensely popular, well attended and professionally organised by our volunteer who runs the Resident Inflatables Zone.
- Two bank holiday family fun days were also popular and well attended.
- A three-day event to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a real winner.
- A Ghostly Glow Walk to raise funds for the ME Project was a huge triumph – in the dark! Lots of activities, games and food to enjoy and the crowds were enormous.
- The RSPCA Dog Show attracted a good crowd and was extremely popular.
- The Doncaster Santa Dash, organised by Curly's Athletes, was a wholesome fun day with families participating and raising funds towards the park.
- Crafts and a Chat was organised at Sandalwood Communal Hall (thanks to St Leger Homes for the use of the hall) and was well received by all who attended. The money raised there - £325 - was donated to the DRI Serenity Appeal.
- GB Spring Clean: McDonald's and KFC both attended the park for a litter pick in March, joined by FoSP volunteers.
- BT volunteers also did a litter pick for The Great British Spring Clean with scout groups participating on a separate day.
- A Story Corner for youngsters was held in the Quiet Garden, with toys for added atmosphere.
- Well Doncaster staff did some gardening work on the bog garden

- Guided Bat walks led by DMBC Rangers were held, and we now have our own bat detectors to do walks led by our trained volunteers.
- The Lions held their annual fun day for families with disabilities. They won't be holding it in the park anymore but will be moving to private premises in future. A great shame for the park and park visitors.
- FakeFestival was as always an extremely popular family event.
- Tuby's annual Fair provides a week of entertainment for the family and is synonymous with the park.
- National Play Day in August saw sensory play activities put on for children by our volunteer.
- A walk in the park was organised for members of the Changing Lives group.
- A health/yoga session funded by Well Doncaster was provided specifically for Andy's Man Club (A mental health charity which supports men).
- The Caribbean Family Fun 2 Days was well received.
- Green Flag Award Presentations were held at a prestigious event at the Racecourse – the park having achieved GF status again. Two volunteers attended and benefitted from the Networking opportunities.
- Free cycle training continues to be held twice a week, provided by Pedal Ready.
- Three volunteers attended the BBC Radio Sheffield Make a Difference Awards at City Hall Sheffield and picked up a Highly Commended plaque.
- His Majesty the King and Queen Consort Camilla Visit attended the Mansion House to bestow City Status on Doncaster. The FoSP Chairman was invited to attend, meet His Majesty and speak with him. He asked about the park, and the volunteers. He thanked the group and the volunteers for everything they do for the park and the community. A proud day indeed for the city and the FoSP.

### Publicity/Communications/Networking

- The notice boards remain popular and a useful source of information for park users.
- Suppawters page – a Facebook page for all the dog lovers who come to the park.
- Instagram account set up and is well used, it has proved a valuable media outlet.
- Banners and flags displaying our logo are used at displays and on the park fence in agreement with council - to advertise events in the park.
- Trip Advisor received more comments and five\* ratings: Certificate of Excellence received – 4 stars again.
- Our events and meetings are advertised on the DMBC web site and newsletters and the SCT e-newsletters as well as local media.
- The closed Facebook page which was set up just for FoSP volunteers, so they can see what is happening and what needs doing in the park continues to be extremely useful in sharing ideas and work undertaken and for measuring volunteer hours contributed.
- Photos of the park are sent in via Facebook and Instagram by park users.
- The Doncaster Greenspace Network (DGSN) (originally Founded by FoSP) has now been taken over by Trust for Conservation Volunteers and is part of the Future Parks Strategy. It was a great accomplishment to make the transition and the Co-Ordinator has worked extremely hard to make it a winning formula. We continue to be members and participants.
- We continue to be members of Welcome to Yorkshire.



- Radio Sheffield: FoSP were shortlisted for radio Sheffield's Making a Difference "Environmental award" which our three volunteers attended and utilised the opportunity to do some Networking.
- The international group IFoSP (with members around the world) remain good friends and allies and regularly comment on our Twitter feed and Facebook page. They donate to our appeals.
- A video presentation to a board meeting of directors of One Call, to put forward a case for funding, was unsuccessful - FoSP was not selected as the recipient of their fundraising efforts.
- Liaison with Andy's Man Club; Well Doncaster; Changing Lives; Kingthorne Group Practice.
- Cycleway past the park, Barnby Dun Road.
- Get Doncaster Moving Seminar: Two members attended the meeting with a FoSP display and information, both making some useful contacts on the day.
- We reached over 11,000 followers on Facebook.

### Press releases

Our social media outlets provide a vital platform for informing the public of life in the park.

In publications/outlets:

- Doncaster Free Press (online and printed)
- Posters in park; café and locales
- DMBC publications and web site
- Facebook
- Twitter
- FoSP web site
- Sine FM
- TX1 Radio
- The Arrow (local magazine)
- Doncaster Echo (local magazine)

### Sandall Park Angling Club

- We are no longer involved with the Angling Club.

### Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

In the greater scheme of things Sandall Park suffers minor crime and ASB in comparison to other areas, but it is always acted upon immediately when it occurs. Our volunteers address any instances of damage and where necessary inform DMBC who complete repairs that the volunteers cannot undertake. All incidents and crimes are reported to the police and the council.

FoSP uniquely has its own Crime Reduction Strategy, based on the targeting of all our resources on the three main elements of crime and Anti-Social behaviour: protecting locations, informing victims, and targeting offenders. This strategy is not new to us and has been the backbone of all our work for 18 years.

We passionately believe that the presence of our volunteers and members of the public who are willing to challenge unacceptable behaviour goes a long way to preventing offending in the park. The visitors themselves police the park. Our volunteers always wear Hi Viz vests which shows a presence.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021, the Doghorn Campaign was signed up to. This originated from the comments on social media that people were afraid to walk their dogs on the golf course in case dog thieves were operating in the area. Joining the national campaign was a momentous success and within a short space of time the fear/threat of theft was alleviated, and normal service resumed. There were no further reports in 2022.

ASB by gangs of teenagers happens occasionally, usually in school holidays. We act on any information received and pass it on to the authorities when we have sufficient evidence to warrant action.

This is the known crime and anti-social behaviour for this year:

- Dog fouling remains a problem throughout the park. There is no deterrent or enforcement. DMBC require specific times and locations to take action, and this is not possible.
- Eight Graffiti attacks.
- Criminal Damage to trees and theft of supporting posts on the golf course and in the Quiet Garden.
- Unlawful camping of a vagrant on the sensory trail which brought its own problems. He was visited by the Stronger Communities Team and the Complex Lives Teams and eventually left after several weeks.
- Bird feeders were smashed, and trees snapped off in the Quiet Garden.
- The Springer children's playground was burnt by children using accelerants.
- Youths destroyed the Doncaster Story Trail by ripping posters down. The Stronger Communities officer stated that they had names and addresses for the antisocial behaviour but were unable to share photos of the offenders with schools, due to Information Governance preventing this.
- Youths drinking in the park, glass smashed on the paths.
- Part of the hedgerow along the nature reserve that had been secured, was breached again. This needed more repairs to prevent access to the nature reserve.
- Robbery of phones from teenagers: police action was taken, and it is believed the offenders were traced.
- Graffiti on the painted mural in the Quiet Garden: was cleaned off by a FoSP volunteer.
- The bug hotel was trashed on three occasions and took 5.5 hours to repair each time.
- Numerous ornamental grasses stolen from the topiary garden.

### Litter

Regular litter picks around the park have been performed by

- Members of the group.
- Carers and their charges.
- Cub scouts.
- Visitors to the park – of their own volition.
- Junior Rangers – independent of the group and with the group.
- A team of staff from Ardagh Glass, who also donated to the Changing Place campaign.
- BT Staff.
- KFC Staff.
- McDonald's staff.
- The Superbin (which contains all the equipment volunteers need to litter pick in the park, contained in a coded accessible cupboard) has proved to be invaluable for our volunteers and others.

Prosec UK offered to purchase, install, and monitor CCTV in the main car park area, this is still ongoing. The entire process has been laborious, took two years to get through DMBC processes and is still not finalised though it is now in Prosec's domain.

### The Management Plan

The Management Plan was developed five years ago in partnership with the Green Space Officer and Stronger Communities Team, to facilitate an application for Green Flag status. It sets the parameters for the maintenance and development of the park by both DMBC and FoSP and is a living document - designed to ensure that the park reaches its full potential and is sustainable for the future. Both FoSP and DMBC have signed up to it, and all our plans for the park are developed in line with this. The Plan is currently undergoing a major overhaul to go online and was reviewed in December 2022.

Our own Business Plan is a living document which aims to take the park forward over the course of the ensuing five years, it is revisited every year and was updated in December 2022.

The park was again awarded Green Flag Status – a proud moment for DMBC staff, FoSP and all the park visitors. The Green Flag Award ceremony took place at the Racecourse and was attended by representatives from across the north of England.

Discussions have taken place with DMBC to reduce the use of pesticides, as per the Management Plan, with volunteers offering to conduct strimming rather than use weedkillers.

### Café Development

The crucial issue that needs addressing which affects the future of the park for its visitors is the development of a new café. It is critical and still not getting through the quagmire of council bureaucracy, two years after Planning Permission was approved. A new café is paramount to the success of the park, we live in the hope that it will be resolved soon and that the work can begin. It is certainly frustrating for all concerned and will be a devastating blow to the park if it does not go ahead.

### Toilet Facilities

The closing of the toilets and cleaning continues to be completed by DMBC. The Covid restrictions were lifted in June and the toilets were then cleaned by street-scene once a day, the sanitisers being removed. A burst water pipe in December caused damage and the toilets were closed: time frame for re-opening unknown.

### Changing Place<sup>1</sup>

A Changing Place is a vital addition to the park. It is the way forward for all our disabled and special needs visitors – of which there are many. This is currently letting the park down on accessibility provision and offering a service for the families who cannot travel for the day without those facilities. Having a Changing Place would make Sandall Park **the** place to go to for a day out for families with disabilities. Funding has been achieved and the process of having it installed is in progress. Sixty-five donations from people and organisations have contributed to this, and they will be recognised on our 'Love Grows Here' sponsors tree which will adorn an internal wall. We hope to see the doors opening in January 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> Changing Places are purpose-built toilet and appropriate changing facilities for children and adults with disabilities.

## Finances

- Amazon Smile contributes to our income and so far, has raised £266.99.
- The One Hundred Club continues to raise funds on a monthly basis and currently has 89 members. It is now cashless for all new members.
- PayPal was problematical in that funds weren't being received from Go Fund Me appeals and communication with them was difficult - responses were not received from their office. This has now been resolved and funds are received electronically.
- A Credit card machine was purchased to enable more spending power at our events.
- Two separate accounts were instigated: one for FoSP monies and one for funding and grants, to keep them separate for an easier overview of the account totals.
- The treasurer completes returns to the City Council's licensing department given that the 100 club is considered a small society lottery.
- The charity is insured for its activities and the policy is administered by the Treasurer.
- An independent examiner, who produces a formal report, is used for the accounts when required by the Charity Commission.
- The financial history of Friends of Sandall Park is publicly available on the Charity commission website and the 2022 report will be available on the same page once it has been approved by the Trustees and submitted to the Charity Commission.  
<https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/...>

## The Charity's Policy on Reserves

The annual running costs for the charity are as shown and this amount should remain ringfenced for the charity to be able to continue its current activities throughout the year:

Insurance	300
Marketing/stationery/computer	600
Management/organisational	600
Gardening/repairs	1,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2.800</b>

## Grants/donations received

1. Ready Steady Store provide in-kind donation of storage space at their facility for all our equipment.
2. Donations from resident ice cream man.
3. Donations from resident Inflatable Zone man.
4. Donations received as a result of Santa Dash.
5. Donation from Fake Festivals.
6. Donations from Group Members.
7. Many donations of plants trees and shrubs: all planted by our volunteers.
8. Donations from CEFCO of sanitisers; and Green Fingers of seeds and compost.

## Park Future

Doncaster Council and FoSP work together to ensure the viability of the park, working within the Management Plan devised to ensure its sustainability and appropriate development.

We are keen to promote the development of Fitness areas across the whole park and have embarked on a massive project to have paths installed around the inside perimeter to benefit parkrun, walkers, and wheelchair users – an Inclusive Health Trail. This will be long-term project collaborating with the council to deliver it. Funding has yet to be acquired though fundraising has commenced.



#### In Conclusion: A statement from the Chairman

Sandall Park is everyone's back garden. It is in constant use every day of the year by dog walkers, runners & walkers: for fitness; football; cycling; angling; mental health, playtime; picnics and events. It's a great 'value for money' destination – and it's all free for users.

We continue to promote the park for fitness and mental health, to encourage people to make use of this facility on their doorstep. Our Quiet Garden has proved invaluable for peace, quiet and reflection, this has been evidenced by the feedback we've received. The weekly parkrun and junior parkrun – organised by volunteers – contributes to the health and mental wellbeing of so many - well done to them.

Inclusivity is the key to the success of everything we do and strive to achieve, and our vision is for a park for all to enjoy. FoSP will, as always, continue to work diligently, with energy and enthusiasm to ensure that Sandall Park thrives and grows for future generations to enjoy. We will continue to strive to develop the park for the benefit of all.

The residents of Doncaster and beyond, who are regular visitors to the park, have played a tremendous part in maintaining the park's upkeep and status quo. Never has the 'Friends of' group been so all encompassing to include park visitors. They have all contributed in one way or another to ensuring the park's cleanliness and upkeep. I hope this continues and grows, as I'm sure it will. Thank you!

This coming year will see a change in the Friends of Sandall Park. I am standing down as Chair and a new Chair will be taking over at the AGM. You probably won't even notice there's been a change.

When I attended my first ever meeting of FoSP in 2004 Don (my husband) said, "don't volunteer for anything and don't try to get me involved". Not much later, I was Chairman, and he was developing our first web site.

From then on it was full steam ahead with the fabulous group that is the Friends of Sandall Park, and the transformation of the park followed: Crime Reduction Strategy; Business Plan and projects aplenty. We wanted to make the park so nice that families would use it, and others would want to come and organise events. That has been achieved, and so much more. Our team has built up a reputation as a group that doesn't just 'talk the talk,' it puts words into action and gets things done. It is proactive, initiative taking, progressive and positive!

We could have achieved a great deal more though, and without the hardship, if we had received the full support of the people in the council that matter – the decision makers. It has been constant battles and it has been this that has driven me to stand down as Chair. It has become too tedious and mentally exhausting.

I want to thank those in the council who *have* backed us through thick and thin, the businesses that have been behind us all the way; the public and visitors who have supported the group at

every level; and most of all our team – friends and volunteers - who give their all for the group and the park.

The new Chair will take the group forward and develop it in their own way. I wish them all the absolute best, as I'm sure you will. The FoSP will go on to ensure the park is at its finest for you, the visitors, for many years to come.

**Thank you!**

*Sandra Crabtree*

Sandra Crabtree, Chairman 2022  
31.12.22

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

**Current FoSP Committee Members**

Sandra Crabtree* (Chair)	Kristen Rawson* (Treasurer)
Mark Hudson (Vice Chair)	Victoria Stokoe (Secretary) *
Don Crabtree*	Carin Stoddart*
Sarah Stokes*	Ron Ketley*
Mairaid Smith*	Barbara Senior*
Colwyn Pugh	Eva Hughes
Frank Woolley	Margaret Richards
Neil Marshall (SCT)	Brian Greathead
Matthew Pickering	Aimee Pickering
Emma Pickering	Katie Pickering
Daniel Barwell	

**Non committee FoSP members**

Wendy Barclay	Les Jones
Derrick Bewell	Marianne Downing
Peter Poppy	Emma Muddiman-Rawlings (Cllr)
Yetunde Elebuibon	

**International FoSP**

Noelle Finn (Westville New Jersey, USA)  
Ester Schrijent (The Netherlands)  
Kimberley Van Cleve (Fort Lauderdale Florida USA)  
Amanda Browning (Fredericksburg, Virginia USA)  
Tabitha Fenton (Wagga Wagga, Australia)

\*= Trustees

SCT = Stronger Communities Team

Cllr = Councillor

## **Appendix A**

### International FoSP

Whilst not available to volunteer – we have an international branch of FoSP (IFoSP) with members in America, the Netherlands and Australia. We are followed on Twitter by them - a fan group of Louis Tomlinson. As a result, they follow 'all things Doncaster' and follow FoSP on social media.

They designed our Quiet Garden logo and have contributed financially and with material items such as decorated stones for our Covid Memorial, they have also sent donations to our Changing Place campaign.

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

|                     |        |    |        |
|---------------------|--------|----|--------|
| For the period from | Jan-22 | To | Dec-22 |
|---------------------|--------|----|--------|

**Section A Receipts and payments**

|                                                       | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds  | Total funds      | Last year        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                       | to the nearest £   | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Fundraising Events                                    | 2,373              | -                | -                | 2,373            | -                |
| Donations, Legacies and Grants                        | 8,443              | -                | -                | 8,443            | -                |
| Grant - Well Doncaster                                | -                  | 13,735           | -                | 13,735           | -                |
| Bank Interest                                         | 9                  | -                | -                | 9                | -                |
| Donations - Changing Places Project                   | -                  | 10,969           | -                | 10,969           | -                |
| Grant - Anticipate                                    | -                  | 500              | -                | 500              | -                |
| Grant - Barrier Buster                                | -                  | 429              | -                | 429              | -                |
| Donations - Amazon Smile                              | 175                | -                | -                | 175              | -                |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>11,000</b>      | <b>25,633</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>36,633</b>    | <b>6,252</b>     |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>11,000</b>      | <b>25,633</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>36,633</b>    | <b>6,252</b>     |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Management Costs                                      | 642                | -                | -                | 642              | -                |
| Grant -Well Doncaster                                 | -                  | 7,344            | -                | 7,344            | -                |
| Cost of Fundraising Events                            | 878                | -                | -                | 878              | -                |
| Transfers to Fundraiser for Income                    | 1,049              | -                | -                | 1,049            | -                |
| Donations Made (Parkrun)                              | 100                | -                | -                | 100              | -                |
| Insurance                                             | 258                | -                | -                | 258              | -                |
| Merchandise                                           | 2,542              | -                | -                | 2,542            | -                |
| Repairs, Maintenance, Gardening                       | 3,982              | -                | -                | 3,982            | -                |
| Grant - Anticipate                                    | -                  | 247              | -                | 247              | -                |
| Grant - Barrier Buster                                | -                  | 165              | -                | 165              | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>9,451</b>       | <b>7,756</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>17,207</b>    | <b>4,088</b>     |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|                                                       | -                  | -                | -                | -                | -                |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>9,451</b>       | <b>7,756</b>     | <b>-</b>         | <b>17,207</b>    | <b>4,088</b>     |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>1,549</b>       | <b>17,877</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>19,426</b>    | <b>2,164</b>     |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>1,549</b>       | <b>17,877</b>    | <b>-</b>         | <b>19,426</b>    | <b>2,164</b>     |

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

| Categories                                          | Details                 | Unrestricted funds          | Restricted funds                | Endowment funds          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                     | Details                 | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional)                 | Current value (optional) |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | Generator               |                             | 488                             | -                        |
|                                                     | Leaf Blower             |                             | 110                             | -                        |
|                                                     | Card Payment Machine    |                             | 119                             | -                        |
|                                                     | Peephole Boards         |                             | 1,411                           | -                        |
|                                                     | Tea Boiler              |                             | 77                              | -                        |
|                                                     | Event Barriers          |                             | 117                             | -                        |
|                                                     | Outdoor Play Mats       |                             | 392                             | -                        |
|                                                     | Waterproof Event Radios |                             | 177                             | -                        |
|                                                     | Play Trays and Sand     |                             | 186                             | -                        |
|                                                     | <b>B5 Liabilities</b>   |                             | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional)    |
|                                                     |                         |                             | -                               |                          |
|                                                     |                         |                             | -                               |                          |
|                                                     |                         |                             | -                               |                          |
|                                                     |                         |                             | -                               |                          |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

|           |                  |                  |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| Signature | Print Name       | Date of approval |
|           | Kristen L Rawson | 12/07/2023       |



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Friends of Sandall Park

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1120679

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**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018~~31<sup>st</sup> D / MM / YYYY~~.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 .

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

G. Rawson

**Date:**

28/8/23

**Name:**

Grahame Rawson

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

QBE. Over 30 years of working in accountancy practice.

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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.**

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