LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1156063

Details

Other names	LPGSF
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08561415
Registered	2014-03-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE PUBLIC BY THE IMPROVEMENT OF PARKS AND GREEN OPEN SPACES IN GREATER LONDON IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS THE CHARITY WILL PROVIDE AN UMBRELLA GROUP FOR OTHER INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS

Activities: The Forum exists to ensure that London's green infrastructure continues to thrive now and into the future, enabling the people who plan, design and manage London's parks and green spaces to share knowledge and experience, maintain and improve quality, maximise services and benefits and get the most from available resources.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£205,039	£195,992	-	-
2024-03-31	£193,291	£242,124	-	-
2023-03-31	£228,466	£276,297	-	-
2022-03-31	£214,306	£201,812	-	-
2021-03-31	£186,909	£134,857	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Chloe Elizabeth Evans Kane	Chair	2022-07-01
Alexander Guerin Lacy		2026-02-12
Bernie Watson		2018-06-12
Dr Ian Caleb MELL		2022-07-01
Emma Gregory McNamara FLI		2026-02-12
Hannah Elizabeth Sayers		2026-02-12
Kate Brown		2017-09-14
Natalie Beth Daniels		2021-02-01
Oliver Stephen Jones		2022-07-01
Sean William Faulkner		2026-02-12
Shamila Kumari Jansz		2026-02-12
Ulrika Madeleine Hogberg		2021-02-01

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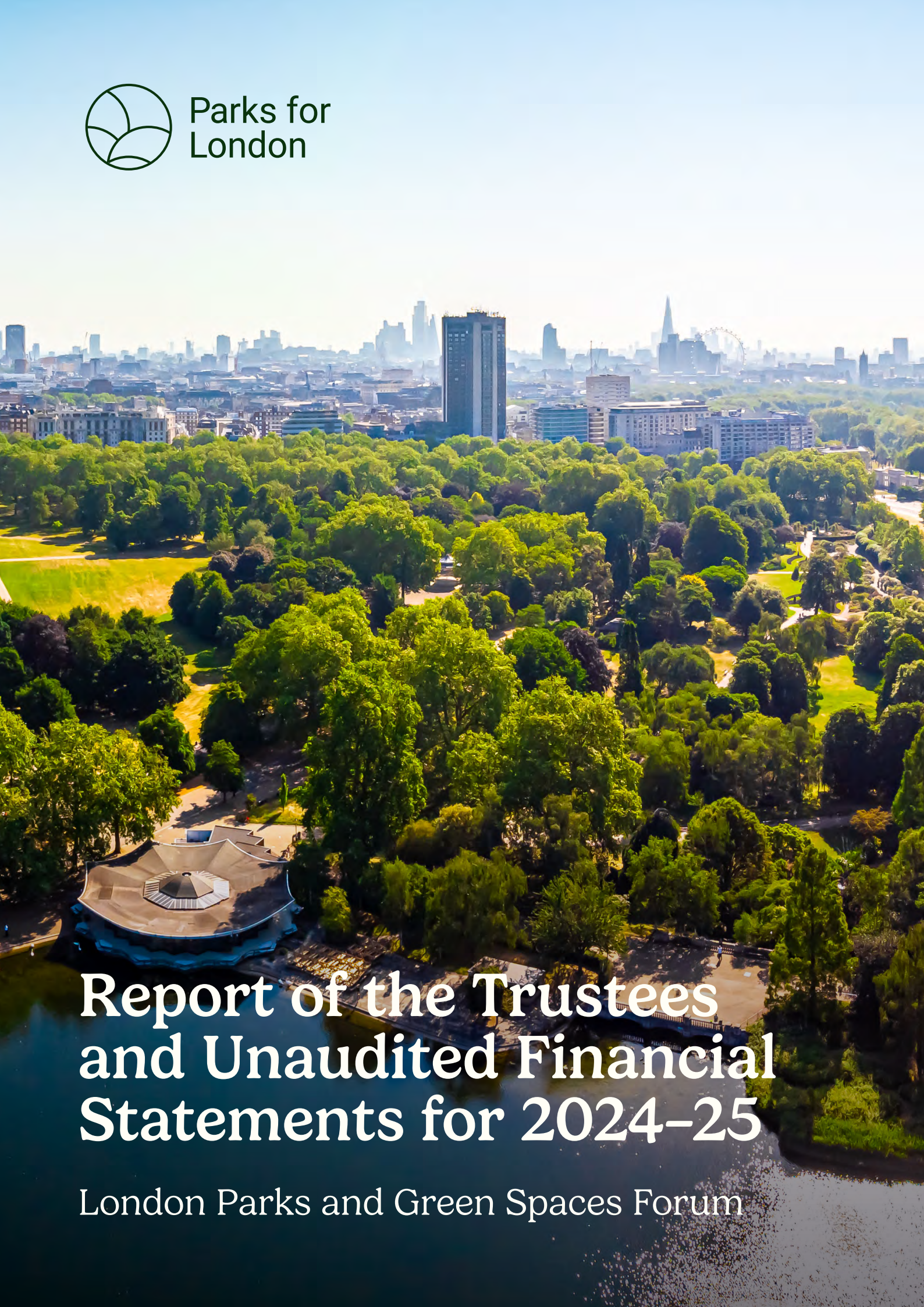
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Accounts

Parks for London



Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements for 2024–25

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chief Executive

Tony Leach (left 31 August 2024)

Executive Director

Ed Stannard (from 1 September 2024)

President

Mike Fitt OBE

Board of Trustees

Nigel Thorne (Chair)
Chloe Kane (Vice Chair)
Bernie Watson (Honorary Treasurer)
Kate Brown
Natalie Daniels
Ulrika Hogberg
Oliver Jones
Dr Ian Mell
Dolly Oladini (left 22 May 2025)

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Olayinka Tomori

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About the Charity

Registered in England & Wales

Trading Name: Parks for London

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ending 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are also directors of the Charity, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second edition effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, Governance, and Management

Governing document

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum ("the Charity") is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity trades as Parks for London.

The Charity has adopted the Charity Code of Governance for smaller charities. Each of the seven principles are addressed by the Board in rotation. During the year ended 31 March 2025, trustees discussed the following principles: Organisational purpose, Equality, diversity & Inclusion openness and accountability and Decision making, risk and control.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Board of trustees is made up of a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen trustees. As of 31 March 2025, there were nine trustees.

Induction, training, and ongoing support of trustees

New trustees undergo an induction programme to brief them on their obligations under charity and company law and the Charity's governing documents being the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Trustees are made aware of the Charity's decision-making processes and its financial performance; and provided with resources including NCVO's trustee guide, Parks for London Trustee Induction Pack, and the current annual report and business plan. The Chair acts as a source of information and guidance.

Trustees are offered training and personal development opportunities during their tenure. A trustee skills audit was conducted in 2022 and will be reviewed in 2025 to assess training needs and inform future appointments.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees governs the Charity. The Board meets every three months in March, June (combined with a strategic review and updating session), September and December.

The Board takes strategic responsibility for the Charity whilst the day-to-day running of the Charity is the responsibility of the Executive Director.

Related parties

The trustees confirm that there were no transactions with related parties during the year.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error.

The trustees review new and significant risks that the Charity might face at each quarterly Board meeting, additionally the assessment and management of risk is integrated into the annual strategic and business planning process. The Board comprehensively reviewed the risk register in June 2025 with reference to the Charity Governance Code Principle 4 – Decision making, risk, and control guidance.

The Charity's main income is derived from annual voluntary partnership contributions from its supporters; we therefore endeavour to deliver a high quality, flexible, and valuable service, and our performance is measured annually.

Objectives, Activities, and Achievements

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit and that the activities carried out by the Charity during the period were all undertaken to further the Charity's objects. A detailed explanation is given under Activities and Achievements below.

Objectives

The Charity was set up with the following objectives:

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by the improvement of parks and green open spaces in Greater London. In furtherance of this, the charity will provide an umbrella group for other interested organisations.

Activities and Achievements

The last financial year was one of change for the organisation, following the retirement of Chief Executive, Tony Leach in September 2025. This allowed us to take a step back to reevaluate and improve, not only the way we work and what we deliver, but how we can more effectively communicate our role, and collaborate and engage with external strategic level networks and partners. This review has helped us to set the tone and direction for the charity as it enters a new and exciting chapter, both internally and externally.

The appointment of the new Executive Director, Ed Stannard, provided a great opportunity to rework our Vision and Mission into a new simpler and more easily articulated format, encapsulating our work and what we look to achieve for the sector, into three overarching pillars: **Connect**, **Support**, and **Advocate**.

Instead of rearticulating our role, we have defined five key areas that we care about: **P**eople, **A**ccess and inclusion, **R**esilience, **Q**uality, and **S**kills (PARQS), around which we will build our body of work as we look forwards.

During the year the overarching pillars and new vision, mission, have been introduced into our internal and external communications, as well as the way we organise structure ourselves internally.

Following the dissolution of the London Parks Benchmarking Group in September 2024, we took over their associated network, relaunching it as the Green Space Operations Network, as well as the accompanying Discuss email platform helping us to expand our offering to supporters.

People

Access & inclusion

Resilience

Quality

Skills

Our Vision

a connected and valued green space sector, delivering for people and the environment

Our Mission

to **connect**, **support**, and **advocate** for those who own, manage, and maintain London's parks and green spaces

We are pleased to report our activities in the year around our newly defined pillars, as follows:

Connect

The **Heads of Park Services** network met four times in the year, and provided a valuable forum for round table discussions, information sharing, and troubleshooting.

The **Independent Green Spaces Managers Network** met three times, bringing together representatives from parks trusts, Business Improvement Districts, commons conservators, the NHS, housing associations, and other land managers operating independently of local authorities.

We launched and ran two meetings of the **Green Space Operations Network**, the new network that succeeds the London Parks Benchmarking Group's operationally focussed meetings and provides a platform for parks staff and managers to share innovation and inspiration as well as troubleshoot operational issues.

The **Discuss** interactive email platform that we also acquired from the London Parks Benchmarking Group now connects over 160 green space managers across Greater London, and significant work has already been undertaken to integrate it into the Parks for London tech ecosystem, iron out complexities and issues and create a seamless and more intuitive user experience for those engaging. We are thankful to the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists for the pro-bono support they provided, to improve and update the hosting arrangements for the platform.

Support

We received funding from Defra to support an update and redesign of our ***Integrated Weed Management Reference Guide*** and supplementary templates. The funding will also enable us to make it freely available nationally. We are pleased to have been working with the Amenity Forum and Kersten UK on the update, which will be launched in June 2025.

Through our **Women's Safety in Parks Action Group**, progress was also made on the development of an Environmental Visual Evaluation (EVE) tool to allow peer and stakeholder assessment of green spaces through the lens of safety of women and girls. The EVE has been trialled by several boroughs and feedback is being actioned ahead of a launch in mid-2025.

We published ***Good Parks for London 2024***, our latest biennial assessment of how borough parks services are performing against the ten Good Parks criteria. This edition, which focussed on Collaborative Solutions, features 11 case studies from London and beyond, highlighting innovative, collaborative approaches to some of the sector's most pressing challenges.

We unveiled a **refreshed visual identity** for Parks for London, marking a new chapter for the organisation. The new branding features a bright and optimistic colour palette that breaks away from sector clichés, a distinctive suite of icons and graphic elements, and a modernised logo that brings greater flexibility across formats. The chosen fonts lend a personable yet professional tone, and the unified aesthetic now runs through our reports, newsletters, social media, and beyond.

We assembled a cohort of 17 staff members from environmental and built environment NGOs for an active bystander training session delivered by Protection Approaches and funded by the Mayor of London. Organisations involved included GiGL, Future of London, Royal Parks, TCV (The Conservation Volunteers), and London Wildlife Trust.

Advocate

In October, we launched the 2024 edition of the ***Good Parks for London*** report. The biennial publication celebrates the amazing work that London boroughs and other land managers do to maintain and develop London's parks and green spaces.

The aim of the reports is to promote good practice, raise quality standards and help lobby to protect park budgets and resources. The reports also assess how London borough parks services perform against the Good Parks criteria and showcase exemplary work in ten key areas.

In a year where we saw incredible improvements across the board, special recognition goes to **Brent**, **Croydon**, **Haringey**, and **Wandsworth** for their significant improvements since our last assessment in 2022, demonstrating their dedication and commitment to improving their parks services and green spaces, and congratulations to **Lewisham**, **Hackney**, and **Lambeth**, the top three performing boroughs of 2024. The report production and launch was kindly sponsored by WSP.

Following the launch we wrote to all boroughs to share specific feedback on their submissions, whilst also detailing their engagement with Parks for London over the last four years, to highlight the range of supporter benefits available to them and their colleagues and encourage greater uptake.

We continued to work closely with sector partners including the London Green Space Skills Hub, CPRE London, London Tree Officers Association, the Horticulture and Landscape Institute Apprenticeship Trailblazer groups, the Amenity Forum, Greater London Authority (GLA), London Sport, National Park City, Midlands Parks Forum, London Parks Benchmarking Group, and the More Natural Capital Coalition.

Parks for London also represent the sector at various meetings and events throughout the year: The Royal Parks Guild's apprentice's discovery day, the Royal Parks Winter Reception, London Parks and Gardens Trust summer reception, London GI Partnership and, MHCLG's Parks Working Group.

Looking forward

In 2025–26 we are planning an ambitious programme of network meetings and events as we look to embed the new Green Space Operations Network into the Parks for London ecosystem.

We are exploring how to renew and refresh our role as a Centre for Excellence, both as a mechanism for increasing the support to our core stakeholders, and as a vehicle for engaging with audiences that are not as familiar with us.

We will continue to influence, convene, and speak out on behalf of the sector to help our supporters understand, adapt, and initiate strategies and plans to achieve these goals, as well as use our voice to fly the flag, lobby, and advocate to Government and other political stakeholders.

Skills remain a core issue for the sector, and our supporters, and we are identifying opportunities for increasing support in this area.

We will also consider how we can better collaborate with other cities across the UK and Europe, to bring the best of London to a wider audience, whilst bringing the best exemplars and practice from outside to benefit London's green space sector.



Financial Review

Results for the year

As described above, the trustees undertook activities during the year in accordance with its charitable objectives, which generated a general funds net income of £14,046 (2024: net expenditure of £43,656) and restricted fund net expenditure of £4,999 (2024: net expenditure of £5,177). These resulted in general funds of £71,282 and restricted funds of £5,001 carried forward into the next financial year.

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of unrestricted funding during the year were through Partnership Contributions from land owners and managers, with 29 Boroughs, or their grounds maintenance contractors supporting the Charity, in addition to major and independent landowners and managers (including housing associations and the NHS), grounds maintenance contractors supporting independently, and other green space sector bodies involved with land management and training. Furthermore, the Trustees are pleased to report that an NHS Foundation Trust and a new grounds maintenance contractor joined the Parks for London community during the year. The Trustees are very grateful to all the organisations who support us, a full list of which can be found on our website. Total Partnership Contributions in the year were £185,120 (2024: £178,125).

Reserves policy

The trustees of the Charity review the reserves policy of the Charity each year in June. The Board has agreed to hold unrestricted general funds covering between three- and six-months' planned core expenditure and statutory redundancy costs, which equates to: £73,040 to £128,930, as of June 2025. The fund amounts to £71,282 (2024: £57,236).

Funds in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees have the authority to invest the charity's assets as they deem fit. Deposits not immediately required in current accounts of £40,000 are held with Shawbrook Bank Limited. The account generated income of £1,229 (2024: £479).

Funds held as custodian for others

The Charity did not hold funds within this year for others, following the dissolution of the London Parks Benchmarking Group in 2024.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of London Parks and Green Spaces Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

a. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

b. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

c. make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

d. state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

e. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 25 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Nigel Thorne (Chair & Trustee)

Date: 25 June 2025

Independent Examiner's Report

to the Trustees of London Parks and Green Spaces Forum

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees of the charitable company (and its Directors 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 charitable company are not required to be audited 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

a. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

b. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

c. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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

d. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.



Olayinka Tomori ACA DChA

Date: 7 July 2025

Longmeade Consult Ltd The Old Rectory Springhead Road Northfleet Kent, DA11 8HN

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ending 31 March 2025

	2024/25			2023/24
	Unrestricted £	**Restricted** (see note 9) £	**Total** £	**Total** £
Income and Endowments				
Donations and legacies	3,381	-	3,381	72
Investment Income (see note 2)	1,229	-	1,229	479
Partnership Contributions (see note 3)	185,120	-	185,120	178,125
Income from charitable activities	15,309	-	15,309	8,365
Trees Call to Action grant	-	-	-	6,250
Total income and endowments	205,039	-	205,039	193,291
Expenditure				
Charitable activities (see note 4)	190,993	4,999	195,992	242,124
Total expenditure	190,993	4,999	195,992	242,124
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	**14,046**	**(4,999)**	**9,047**	**(48,833)**
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	**57,236**	**10,000**	**67,236**	**116,069**
Total funds carried forward	**71,282**	**5,001**	**76,283**	**67,236**

All activities are continuing.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2025

	2024/25			2023/24
	Unrestricted £	**Restricted** (see note 9) £	**Total** (As at 31 March 2025) £	**Total** (As at 31 March 2024) £
Current assets				
Debtors (see note 7)	35,452	-	35,452	26,468
Cash at bank	96,256	5,001	101,257	90,659
Subtotal	131,708	5,001	136,709	117,127
Creditors				
Amounts falling due within one year (see note 8)	60,426	-	60,426	49,891
Net current assets	71,282	5,001	76,283	67,236
Net assets	**71,282**	**5,001**	**76,283**	**67,236**
Unrestricted funds				
General (see note 9)	61,283		61,283	57,236
Designated (see note 9)	9,999		9,999	-
Restricted funds				
Grants (see note 9)	-	5,001	5,001	10,000
Total funds	**71,282**	**5,001**	**76,283**	**67,236**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

a. ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

b. preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 25 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Nigel Thorne
Chair & Trustee

Date: 25 June 2025



Bernie Watson
Honorary Treasurer & Trustee

Date: 25 June 2025

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Account

For the year ending 31 March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second edition effective 1 January 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical costs or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees have considered the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Due consideration has been given to assessing future income and expenditure including cash flow. The trustees believe that the level of reserves and prudence will ensure the charity will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Income

All income is included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind are included in income at their estimated monetary value; staff time gifted by third party organisations is not included in the accounts. Where gifts in kind are received by way of vouchers, the face value of such vouchers is included in incoming resources.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Irrecoverable VAT is included with the category of expense to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets

The company owns no fixed assets, other than laptop computers which are expensed on acquisition or replacement.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pensions

The charity contributes to pensions for its employees. Employees may elect to take their pension contribution as salary. The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity and the employee during the year.

Statement of cash flows

As a small charity, the charity is exempt from the requirement to produce a Statement of Cash Flows.

2. Investment Income

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Bank account interest (£)	1,229	479

3. Partnership Contributions

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Amounts receivable from supporters (£)	185,120	178,125

4. Expenditure

	2024/25			2023/24
Charitable activities	**Unrestricted** £	**Restricted** £	**Total** £	**Total** £
Staff costs (see note 5)	167,434		167,434	208,377
Consultancy & other fees		4,999	4,999	3,763
Support costs				
Payroll administration	690		690	792
HR – outsourced service	5,248		5,248	4,242
Travel	3,591		3,591	2,666
Telecoms	1,657		1,657	1,566
Website costs	162		162	162
Office supplies & furniture	608		608	682
Home workers allowance	1,124		1,124	1,322
Meeting costs	1,149		1,149	1,013
Events	-		-	6,463
Staff accommodation costs	171		171	878
IT (hardware & software)	1,183		1,183	437
IT outsourced service	492		492	744
Staff training	142		142	2,043
Insurance	1,070		1,070	897
Marketing & Comms	91		91	625
Subscriptions & memberships	3,413		3,413	3,355
Recruitment costs	829		829	-
Sundry costs	443		443	764
Subtotal	189,497	4,999	194,496	240,791
Governance costs				
Independent examination fee	1,380	-	1,380	1,260
Trustee resources, training, and memberships	60	-	60	60
Annual Return to Companies House	56	-	56	13
Subtotal	1,496	-	1,496	1,333
Total expenditure	**190,993**	**4,999**	**195,992**	**242,124**

2024 comparative

	2023/24		
Charitable activities	**Unrestricted** £	**Restricted** £	**Total** £
Staff costs (see note 5)	203,200	5,177	208,377
Consultancy & other fees		3,763	3,763
Support costs			
Payroll administration	792	-	792
HR – outsourced service	4,242	-	4,242
Travel	2,666	-	2,666
Telecoms	1,566	-	1,566
Website costs	162	-	162
Office supplies & furniture	682	-	682
Home workers allowance	1,322	-	1,322
Meeting costs	1,013	-	1,013
Events	6,463	-	6,463
Staff accommodation costs	878	-	878
IT (hardware & software)	437	-	437
IT outsourced service	744	-	744
Staff training	2,043	-	2,043
Insurance	897	-	897
Marketing & Comms	625	-	625
Subscriptions & memberships	3,355	-	3,355
Recruitment costs	-	-	-
Sundry costs	764	-	764
Subtotal	231,851	8,940	240,791
Governance costs			
Independent examination fee	1,260	-	1,260
Trustee resources, training, and memberships	60	-	60
Annual Return to Companies House	13	-	13
Subtotal	1,333	-	1,333
Total expenditure	**233,184**	**8,940**	**242,124**

5. Staff Costs

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Gross wages and salaries	142,902	163,161
Employer's National Insurance	10,223	11,311
Employer's pension costs	14,309	33,905
Total	**167,434**	**208,377**

The average number of employees in the year was four (2024: five).

No employee had remuneration (excluding employer pension and national insurance contributions) over £60,000 in the year (2024: none).

The key management personnel were the Chief Executive (up to 31 August 2024) and the Executive Director (from 1 September 2024). The Chief Executive received employment benefits (which consists of gross salary, employer pension and National Insurance contributions) of £23,743 (2024: £76,819) until his departure on 31 August 2024. The Executive Director received £35,221 from his commencement date of 1 September 2024 to 31 March 2025.

6. Transactions with Trustees

No trustees received any remuneration in the year either for their work as trustees or for providing other services (2024: none).

7. Debtors

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Partnership contributions	34,950	24,390
Other debtors	502	2,078
Total	**35,452**	**26,468**

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Independent examination fee	1,380	1,260
Staff salaries and expenses	569	1,010
Other taxes and social security	4,968	4,563
Other creditors	209	13
Deferred income	53,300	43,045
Total	**60,426**	**49,891**

9. Movement of Funds

Unrestricted funds

Designated fund: We received funding from Defra to update and relaunch our *Integrated Weed Management Reference Guide* and accompanying documents and make it nationally available. This funding was received in 2024–25, however the activities will take place at the beginning of 2025–26, we have therefore set up a designated fund for this purpose as we are not required by Defra to hold it as a restricted fund. The funds will be fully expended in 2025–26 and the designated fund closed.

Restricted Funds

GLA – Centre for Excellence (CfE) grant: The grant closed in 2022–23. Funds have been carried forward, with permission from the GLA, to cover the costs of the external impact evaluators. The final payment will be made in 2025–26.

	As at 31 March 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	As at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	57,236	195,040	(190,993)	61,283
Designated fund	-	9,999	-	9,999
Subtotal	57,236	205,039	(190,993)	71,282
Restricted funds				
GLA – CfE grant	10,000	-	(4,999)	5,001
Subtotal	10,000		(4,999)	5,001
Total	**67,236**	**205,039**	**(195,992)**	**76,283**

2024 comparative movement in funds

	As at 31 March 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	As at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	57,236	195,040	(190,993)	61,283
Subtotal	57,236	205,0139	(190,993)	71,282
Restricted funds				
GLA – CfE grant	10,000	-	-	10,000
GLA London Urban Forest Plan grant	5,177	-	(5,177)	-
Trees Call to Action grant	-	3,763	(3,763)	-
Subtotal	15,177	3,763	(8,940)	10,000
Total	**116,069**	**193,291**	**(242,124)**	**67,236**

10. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (2024)

	2023/24		
	Unrestricted £	**Restricted** (see note 9) £	**Total** £
Income and Endowments			
Investment Income (see note 2)	479	-	479
Partnership Contributions (see note 3)	178,125		178,125
Other charitable income	8,437		8,437
GLA – CfE grant	-	-	-
Trees Call to Action grant	2,487	3,763	6,250
Gifts in kind	-	-	-
Total income and endowments	189,528	3,763	193,291
Expenditures			
Charitable activities (see note 4)	233,184	8,940	242,124
Total expenditures	233,184	8,940	242,124
Net income/(expenditure) before transfers	(43,656)	(5,177)	(48,833)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	**100,892**	**15,177**	**116,069**
Total funds carried forward	**57,236**	**10,000**	**67,236**



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LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1156063

Accounts

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2023-24

Registered Company No: 8561415 (England & Wales)
Registered Charity No: 1156063

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of the Charity, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second edition effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum ("the Charity") is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity trades as Parks for London.

The Charity has adopted the Charity Code of Governance for smaller charities. Each of the seven principles are addressed by the Board in rotation. During the year ended 31st March 2024, trustees discussed the following principles: Decision making, risk and control; Leadership; Board effectiveness; and Integrity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Board of trustees is made up of a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen trustees. As of 31st March 2024, there were nine trustees.

Induction, training, and on-going support of trustees

New trustees undergo an induction programme to brief them on their obligations under charity and company law and the Charity's governing documents being the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Trustees are made aware of the Charity's decision-making processes and its financial performance; and provided with resources including the NCVO trustee guide, Parks for London Trustee induction pack and copies of the current annual report and business plan. The Company Secretary and Chair act as a source of information and guidance.

Trustees are offered training and personal development opportunities during their tenure. A trustee skills audit was conducted in 2021 and updated in 2022 for new trustees, which help assess training needs and inform future appointments.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees governs the Charity. The Board meets every three months in March, June (combined with a strategic review session), September and December.
The Board takes strategic responsibility for the Charity whilst day-to-day running of the Charity is the responsibility of the Chief Executive.

Related parties
The trustees confirm that there were no transactions with related parties during the year.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error.

The trustees review new and significant risks that the Charity might face at each quarterly Board meeting, additionally the assessment and management of risk is integrated into the annual strategic and business planning process. The Board comprehensively reviewed the risk register in June 2024 following the Charity Governance Code Principle 4 - Decision making, risk, and control guidance.

The Charity's main income is derived from annual voluntary partnership contributions from its supporters; we therefore endeavour to deliver a high quality, flexible, and valuable service, and our performance is measured annually. This is especially important against a backdrop of budgetary pressures faced by local authorities and a competitive charity market.

To improve financial planning, reporting, and forecasting the Charity has introduced QuickBooks and the CRM system adopted in 2022 is invaluable to keep up to date with supporters and stakeholders.

OBJECTIVES, AND ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit and that the activities carried out by the Charity during the period were all undertaken to further the Charity's objects. A detailed explanation is given under Activities and Achievements below.

Objectives

The Charity was set up with the following objects:

> *To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by the improvement of parks and green open spaces in Greater London. In furtherance of this, the charity will provide an umbrella group for other interested organisations.*

Activities and Achievements

During 2023/24 we continued to support the owners and managers of London's publicly accessible green and open spaces, bringing them together to inspire, engage, inform, and celebrate their work. We delivered four key events, in addition to our regular strategic and operational network meetings, to share good practice, and help our supporters meet the challenges presented by climate change, budgetary pressures, capacity, procurement, and recruitment issues.

Good practice

In April 2023, we were funded by the Greater London Authority (GLA) to arrange and lead an updating session on Biodiversity Net Gain and Local Nature Recovery Strategies and Plans, which was kindly hosted by the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority. The event was well attended, and formal feedback shows it was highly regarded by attendees. A post event toolkit was produced to aid and share learning.

In July 2023 we convened two events kindly hosted by the London Legacy Development Corporation, by the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The first explored managing grass and grasslands in an urban setting, through a series of presentations, which are now available as a learning resource on our website. This was followed by the launch of the Good Parks for London 2023 report, bringing together 10 exemplar case studies around the theme of place-keeping. The report launch was sponsored by GL Hearn, part of WSP.

In December 2023 we ran a joint event at Lambeth Town Hall, with Keep Britain Tidy, to launch the new edition of our Green Space Quality Manual, followed by the annual Green Flag judges debrief. The Manual is designed to help owners and managers of green spaces of any size, define, develop, and refine their maintenance quality objectives, as well as monitor improvements, effectiveness, and performance over time. It is freely available to supporters and is attracting significant interest both in and beyond London.

Partnership working

We continued to work closely with sector partners including the London Friends of Green Spaces Network, London Green Space Skills Hub, CPRE London, London Tree Officers Association, the Horticulture and Landscape Apprenticeship Trailblazer group, the Amenity Forum, the GLA, London Sport, National Park City, the Midlands Park Forum, The London Parks Benchmarking Group, and the More Natural Capital Coalition.

Networks

The Heads of Park Services network met four times in the year, and provided a valuable forum for round table discussions, information sharing, and troubleshooting. Topics covered included Nature Recovery Strategies, Level 5 horticulture apprenticeships, and asset management. Presentations were given from ActiveXchange on movement data, Swing Fitness, London Sport, and Pollinating London Together. These meetings continue to be well attended and most London boroughs are represented.

The newly formed Independent Green Space Managers Network met three times and covered a range of topics including pollinator friendly planting, green social prescribing, using data to enable better green space decision making, and activating spaces for sport and leisure.

Activities and Achievements

Our Women's Safety Action Group, which has over 30 members, met twice online, with presentations from Make Space for Girls and GoJauntly. The Group developed a draft Environmental Visual Evaluation template which is being tested before its review and launch later in 2024.

Advice

Parks for London provided advice to the following organisations and projects during the period: Camden and Islington's Highways Greening Programme Board; EFRA's Inquiry on urban green spaces; EFRA's commissioned research on pest, weed and disease management across the UK Amenity Sector; Bloomberg's work to support the City of Bratislava, to improve the management of their parks and green spaces; the Elms for London Committee; the All England Lawn Tennis Club, and the Future Gardeners programme. In addition, we also delivered a lecture to Kew Diploma final year students.

Parks for London were represented at various meetings and events throughout the year, highlights included: The Royal Parks Guild's apprentice's discovery day, at Hampton Court Palace; the London Sport Awards; the Royal Parks Winter Reception, the London Tree and Woodland Awards, London Parks and Gardens Trust Reception, Jubilee Gardens Summer Party, and the Canal & River Trust 10 Year Celebration.

Communications

The quality, range, and methods of communications continued to evolve and improve in line with our communications strategy and plan. This year we set up the Parks for London microsite to highlight latest content and resources and make them more immediately accessible.

Our website is a key resource for supporters and work to improve and refine it is ongoing. This year saw significant interest in the jobs board and funding page, with over 5,000 combined visits.

Followers on our key social media platform LinkedIn, grew by nearly 40% to over 1,000; followers on X and Instagram also grew to 3,406 and 992 respectively.

Our regular communications outputs include bimonthly e-newsletters, funding updates, and thought leadership pieces, as well as posts across all social media platforms.

Research

Our Researcher in Residence contributed to LinkedIn blogs to stimulate conversations between individuals working in research, policy, and practice, enabling the charity to provide thought leadership and direction to supporters.

Development

With an increased development function, we have actively engaged and supported new audiences, such as non-local authority landowners and managers, through the Independent Green Space Managers Network. This has supported the sustainability and resilience of the charity, by bringing on board new supporters, including Jubilee Gardens, Chiswick House, Gunnersbury Park, and Dukes Meadow Trust.

We have continued our work on training and skills, supporting both the Mayor of London's Green Space Skills Hub, in which we are a partner, and via other sector partnerships such as the Horticulture and Landscape Apprenticeship Trailblazer Group, and Chartered Institute of Horticulture's education and training committee. We also co-delivered a report with the London Tree Officers Association looking at the skills, capacity, and recruitment challenges faced by those working with trees and woodland in Greater London. This piece of work was funded by the GLA and National Lottery Heritage Fund 'Trees Call to Action' fund.

We focused on delivering the current three-year business plan adopted in 2023, by better articulating the range and breadth of the products and services we offer under key thematic areas, with key activities and initiatives articulated as the golden threads that link these together.

The business plan, and accompanying sustainability/income diversification action plan, are helping develop Parks for London's resilience. Currently 94% of our income is derived from voluntary partnership contributions from supporters, including the GLA, to whom we are immensely thankful. We are also grateful to, the London Borough of Camden for providing meeting rooms for our face-to-face monthly team meetings; GL Hearn, for sponsoring the Good Parks for London report, and the organisations that have provided us with pro bono spaces or catering for events and meetings.

Evaluation

Parks for London recognises the importance of monitoring and evaluating its' work on an ongoing basis and has been working closely with independent evaluators JB Research and DC Research over this period, following up on their 2022/23 report into Parks for London's impact and effectiveness.

The 2023 report, one of three, was designed to set a baseline from which future evaluation and impact monitoring can be based off. Headline results included:

- 94% of respondents found Parks for London's support quite or very useful
- 96% of respondents found that Parks for London's content is quite or very relevant
- 88% of respondents gave Parks for London a quality rating of 7 out of 10 or more

Encouragingly 62 per cent of respondents reflected on an increase in quality in Parks for London's support and activities since they first engaged with the Charity, further reinforcing the value of the increased and sustained investment in the organisation through the capacity building grant.

The findings of the follow-up survey, undertaken for 2023, are due to be published in June 2024.

The future

As Parks for London enters its second decade, we will continue to adapt, refine, and develop the range and breadth of our offer in response to supporter feedback and the annual impact report.

The need for greater protection and enhancement of green infrastructure for people and wildlife will remain high on many political agendas because of the challenges of climate change to urban areas like London.

The re-election of Sadiq Khan as Mayor of London for a third term of office is likely to sustain the momentum of support for the provision and protection of green space for local authorities through the London Plan and Environment Plan. The next year could see a change in national government which will lead to changes in some aspects of environmental policy, local government funding and appointment of new Ministers responsible for environment, skills, and other services.

The implementation of Biodiversity Net Gain and Nature Recovery Strategies and Plans will lead to some changes in the way that green spaces and infrastructure are provided, funded, designed, managed, and maintained. These changes will call for greater cross-sectoral collaboration and leadership.

Many landowners and managers will need support for the preparation and implementation of these changes. We will continue to influence, convene, and speak out on behalf of the sector to help our supporters understand, adapt, and initiate strategies and plans to achieve these goals.

We are also exploring how we can better collaborate with cities across the UK and Europe, around research and development, whilst the governance of London's green spaces is unique compared to other cities the issues facing green space provision, design, management, and maintenance are common to most cities both nationally and internationally.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023-24



Green Space Quality Manual New Edition

We launched the 2024 edition of our Green Space Quality Manual with new sections and covering more landscape elements. Supporting land managers to improve quality.



Bringing the Green Space Sector Together

We set up a new Network bringing independent green space owners and managers together, to share expertise, inspire, learn from, and find solutions to shared challenges.



Green Space Events

We run several events during the year including managing grass and grasslands; and exploring the impact of policy drivers: biodiversity net gain and local nature recovery strategies.



London Tree and Woodland Skills Survey Report

In collaboration with the London Tree Officers Association, we published findings from the skills survey, highlighting challenges faced by professionals in the sector, in the areas of skills, recruitment and retention.



Good Parks for London report

We launched the 2023 report focusing on place-keeping bringing together 10 exemplar case studies.



Women and girls' safety in parks

We produced an environmental visual audit for green space managers to trial with community groups to explore ways of making parks and green spaces safter for women and girls.



Lobbying for more investment in parks

We wrote to Council Chief Executives and cabinet members highlighting the case for greater investment in London's parks and green spaces.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

As described above, the trustees undertook activities during the year in accordance with its charitable objectives, which generated a general funds net expenditure of £43,656 (2023: net income of £12,714) and restricted fund net expenditure of £5,177 (2023: net expenditure of £60,545). These resulted in general funds of £57,236 and restricted funds of £10,000 carried forward into the next financial year.

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of unrestricted funding during the year were Partnership Contributions, and 27 London or Royal Boroughs supported the Charity, in addition to major and independent landowners and managers, housing associations, ground maintenance contractors, a training provider, and other green space sector bodies. Furthermore, the Trustees are pleased to report that four new independent landowners, and one grounds maintenance contractor joined the Parks for London community. The Trustees are very grateful to all the organisations who support us, a full list of which can be found on our website here. Total Partnership Contributions in the year were £178,125 (2023: £139,100).

Reserves policy

The trustees of the Charity review the reserves policy of the Charity each year in June. The Board has agreed to hold unrestricted general funds covering between three- and six-months' planned core expenditure and statutory redundancy costs, which equates to: £80,100 to £135,000, as of June 2024. The fund amounts to £57,236 (2023: £100,892).

Funds in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees have the authority to invest the charity's assets as they deem fit. Deposits not immediately required in current accounts of £40,000 are held with Shawbrook Bank Limited. The account generated income of £479 (2023: £362).

Funds held as custodian for others

The Charity held funds within this year for the London Parks Benchmarking Group, these being annual membership fees collected on their behalf, for the year ended 31st March 2024, fees totalling £5,050 were received. At the LPBG AGM held on 26th April 2024, their committee agreed that these funds would be donated to the Charity in full for its own charitable purposes.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of London Parks and Green Spaces Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees' and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 25th June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Nigel Thorne (Chair & Trustee)

LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees of the charitable company (and its Directors 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 charitable company are not required to be audited 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

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Olayinka Tomori ACA DChA

26 JUNE..... **2024**

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LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds (see note 9) £	2023-24 Total Funds £	2022-23 Total Funds £
Investment Income (see note 2)	479	-	479	362
Partnership Contributions (see note 3)	178,125		178,125	139,100
Other charitable income	8,437		8,437	3,784
GLA Centre for Excellence Grant	-	-	-	75,000
Trees Call to Action Grant	2,487	3,763	6,250	3,750
Gifts in kind	-		-	6,470
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	**189,528**	**3,763**	**193,291**	**228,466**
Charitable activities (see note 4)	233,184	8,940	242,124	276,297
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**233,184**	**8,940**	**242,124**	**276,297**
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfers	**(43,656)**	**(5,177)**	**(48,833)**	**(47,831)**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward:	**100,892**	**15,177**	**116,069**	**163,900**
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**57,236**	**10,000**	**67,236**	**116,069**

All activities are continuing.
The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
There are no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above in the Statement of Financial Activities.

LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024 Company Number: 8561415

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds (note 9) £	31.03.24 Total Funds £	31.03.23 Total Funds £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors (see note 7)	26,468	-	26,468	31,005
Cash at bank	80,659	10,000	90,659	138,776
Sub Total (current assets)			**117,127**	**169,781**
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year (see note 8)	49,891	-	49,891	53,712
NET CURRENT ASSETS	57,236	10,000	67,236	116,069
NET ASSETS	**57,236**	**10,000**	**67,236**	116,069
FUNDS				
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:				
GENERAL	57,236			100,892
RESTRICTED FUNDS:				
GRANTS		10,000		15,177
TOTAL FUNDS	**57,236**	**10,000**	**67,236**	116,069

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2024

The trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

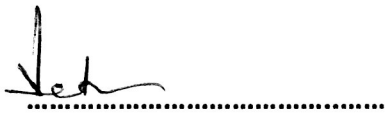
b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024 **Company Number: 8561415**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 25th June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Nigel Thorne
Chair & Trustee



Bernie Watson
Hon. Treasurer & Trustee

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second edition effective 1 January 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical costs or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis
The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees have considered the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Due consideration has been given to assessing future income and expenditure including cash flow. The trustees believe that the level of reserves and prudence will ensure the charity will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Income
All income is included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind are included in income at their estimated monetary value; staff time gifted by third party organisations is not included in the accounts. Where gifts in kind are received by way of vouchers, the face value of such vouchers is included in incoming resources.

Expenditure
Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Irrecoverable VAT is included with the category of expense to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets
The company owns no fixed assets, other than laptop computers which are expensed on acquisition or replacement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pensions
The charity contributes to pensions for its employees. Employees may elect to take their pension contribution as salary. The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity and the employee during the year.

Statement of cash flows
As a small charity, the charity is exempt from the requirement to produce a Statement of Cash Flows.

		2023/24	2022/23
2.	INVESTMENT INCOME		
	Bank account interest	479	362
3.	PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS		
	Amounts receivable from supporters	178,125	139,100

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4. EXPENDITURE	2023/24 General Fund (Unrestricted) £	2023/24 Grants (Restricted) £	2023/24 (Totals) £	2022/23 (Totals) £
Charitable Activities:				
Staff costs (see note 5)	203,200	5,177	**208,377**	230,153
Consultancy & other fees		3,763	**3,763**	9,996
Support Costs:				
Payroll administration	792	-	**792**	846
HR – outsourced service	4,242	-	**4,242**	4,320
Travel	2,666	-	**2,666**	2,188
Telecoms	1,566	-	**1,566**	2,068
Website costs	162	-	**162**	3,373
Office supplies & furniture	682	-	**682**	893
Home workers allowance	1,322	-	**1,322**	1,576
Meeting costs	1,013	-	**1,013**	4,591
Events	6,463	-	**6,463**	2,730
Staff accommodation costs	878	-	**878**	373
Computer costs (hardware & software)	437	-	**437**	(6)
IT – outsourced service	744	-	**744**	1,764
Staff training	2,043	-	**2,043**	585
Insurance	897	-	**897**	832
Marketing & Comms	625	-	**625**	49
Subscriptions/memberships	3,355	-	**3,355**	2,450
Recruitment costs	-	-	**-**	-
Sundry costs	764	-	**764**	6,308
	231,851	**8,940**	**240,791**	275,089
Governance Costs:		-		
Independent examination fee	1,260	-	**1,260**	1,140
Trustee resources, training, and memberships	60	-	**60**	55
Annual Return to Companies House	13	-	**13**	13
	1,333	**-**	**1,333**	1,208
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**233,184**	**8,940**	**242,124**	276,297

4.	**EXPENDITURE (continued)**	**2022/23 General Fund (Unrestricted) £**	**2022/23 Grants (Restricted) £**	**2022/23 (Totals) £**
	2023 COMPARATIVE			
	Charitable Activities:			
Staff costs (see note 5)		114,084	116,069	**230,153**
Consultancy & other fees			9,996	**9,996**
Support Costs:				
Payroll administration		846	-	**846**
HR – outsourced service		4,320	-	**4,320**
Travel		2,188	-	**2,188**
Telecoms		2,068	-	**2,068**
Website costs		3,373	-	**3,373**
Office supplies & furniture		893	-	**893**
Home workers allowance		1,576	-	**1,576**
Meeting costs		851	3,740	**4,591**
Events		-	2,730	**2,730**
Staff accommodation costs		373	-	**373**
Computer costs (hardware & software)		(6)		**(6)**
IT – outsourced service		1,764	-	**1,764**
Staff training		585	-	**585**
Insurance		832	-	**832**
Marketing & Comms		49	-	**49**
Subscriptions/memberships		2,450		**2,450**
Sundry costs		441	5,867	**6,308**
	Sub totals	**136,687**	**138,402**	**275,089**
Governance Costs:				
	Independent examination fee	1,140	-	**1,140**
	Trustee resources, training, and memberships	55	-	**55**
	Annual Return to Companies Hse	13	-	**13**
	Sub Totals	**1,208**	**-**	**1,208**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**137,895**	**138,402**	**276,297**

5. STAFF COSTS

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	163,161	184,012
Employer's National Insurance	11,311	13,836
Employer's pension costs	33,905	32,305
Total	**208,377**	**230,153**

The average number of employees in the year was 5 (2023: 6)
No employee had remuneration (excluding employer pension and national insurance contributions) over £60,000 in the year (2023: None).

The Chief Executive constitutes the key management personnel and received employment benefits (which consists of salary, and employer pension and national insurance contributions) in the year, of £76,819 (2023 - £74,943).

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

No trustees received any remuneration in the year either for their work as trustees or for providing other services (2023: none).

7. DEBTORS

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Partnership contributions and charitable activities	26,466	6,000
Grants	-	25,000
Other debtors	2	5
Total	**26,468**	**31,005**

8. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Independent examination fee	1,260	1,140
Staff salaries and expenses	1,010	653
Other taxes and Social Security	4,563	4,215
Other creditors	13	6,204
Deferred income	43,045	41,500
Total	**49,891**	**53,712**

9.

	As at 31.03.2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31.03.2024
	£	£	£	£
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
General funds	100,892	189,528	(233,184)	**57,236**
	100,892	189,528	(233,184)	**57,236**
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
GLA Grant CfE main grant	10,000	-	-	**10,000**
GLA Urban Forest Plan grant	5,177	-	(5,177)	**-**
Trees call to action grant	-	3,763	(3,763)	**-**
	15,177	3,763	(8,940)	**10,000**
TOTAL	**116,069**	**193,291**	**(242,124)**	**67,236**

Restricted Funds

Greater London Authority - Centre for Excellence grant – The grant closed in 2022-23. Funds have been carried forwards with permission from the Greater London Authority to cover the final payments to the impact evaluators, due in 2024-25 and 2025-26.

Trees Call to Action grant – Parks for London and the London Tree Officers Association produced and published a report highlighting the findings of the workforce skills survey conducted in 2022 and funded by the first tranche of the grant. This was the second tranche of funding; the grant was fully expended by the year ended 31st March 2024.

The Urban Forest Plan Grant was fully expended by 31st March 2024, this tied in with work on the Trees Call to Action grant, and funds were used to offset Parks for London staff time spent to support this area of work.

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2023 COMPARATIVE MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	As at 31.03.2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Funds Transfer £	As at 31.03.2023 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds	88,178	154,621	(137,895)	(4,012)	**100,892**
	88,178	154,621	(137,895)	(4,012)	**100,892**
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Gifts in kind:					
GL Hearn	-	2,730	(2,730)	-	-
Camden Council	-	3,740	(3,740)	-	-
GLA CfE grant -set up	29,401	-	(33,413)	4,012	--
GLA CfE grant - main	40,311	65,625	(95,936)	-	**10,000**
GLA Urban Forest grant	6,010	-	(833)	-	**5,177**
Trees Call to Action grant	-	1,750	(1,750)	-	-
	75,722	73,845	(138,402)	4,012	**15,177**
	163,900	**228,466**	**(276,297)**	-	**116,069**

10. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2023)

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	**Unrestricted Funds £**	**Restricted Funds (Note 9) £**	**2022/23 Total Funds £**
Income			
Investment Income (see note 2)	362	-	362
Charitable activities			
Partnership Contributions (see note 3)	139,100	-	139,100
Other charitable income	3,784	-	3,784
GLA grants	9,375	65,625	75,000
Trees call to action grant	2,000	1,750	3,750
Gifts in kind	-	6,470	6,470
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	**154,621**	**73,845**	**228,466**

EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities (see note 4)	137,895	138,402	276,297
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**137,895**	**138,402**	**276,297**

Net Income/(expenditure)	**16,726**	**(64,557)**	**(47,831)**
Transfer between funds	(4,012)	4,012	-
Net Movement in Funds	**12,714**	**(60,545)**	**(47,831)**

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	88,178	75,222	163,900
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**100,892**	**15,177**	**116,069**

LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1156063

Accounts

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Registered Company No: 8561415 (England & Wales)
Registered Charity No: 1156063

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

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Registered Charity number
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also directors of the Charity, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second edition effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum ("the Charity") is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity trades as Parks for London.

The Charity has adopted the Charity Code of Governance for smaller charities. Each of the seven principles are addressed by the Board in rotation. During the year ended 31st March 2023, trustees discussed the following principles: Decision Making Risk & Control, Organisational purpose, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, and Openness and Accountability. Integrity will be discussed at the June 2023 Board meeting.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Board of trustees is made up of a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen trustees. As of 31st March 2023, there were eleven trustees. Three trustees stepped down in June 2022 and three new trustees were appointed in July 2022. Two trustees will step down in June 2023 at the AGM.

Induction, training, and on-going support of trustees

New trustees undergo an induction programme to brief them on their obligations under charity and company law and the Charity's governing documents being the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Trustees are made aware of the Charity's decision-making processes and its financial performance; and provided with resources including the NCVO trustee guide, Parks for London Trustee induction pack and copies of the current annual report and business plan. The Company Secretary and Chair act as a source of information and guidance.

Trustees are offered training and personal development opportunities during their tenure. A trustee skills audit was conducted in 2021 with updates in 2022 for new trustees, to help reassess trustee training needs.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees governs the Charity. The Board meets every three months in March, June (combined with a strategic review session), September and December.

The Board takes strategic responsibility for the Charity whilst day-to-day running of the Charity is the responsibility of the Chief Executive.

Related parties

The trustees confirm that there were no transactions with related parties during the year.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error.

The trustees review new and significant risks that the Charity might face at each quarterly Board meeting and the assessment and management of risk is integrated into the annual strategic and business planning process. The Board comprehensively reviewed the risk register in June 2022 following the Charity Governance Code Principle 4 - Decision making, risk, and control guidance. As the charity has more than doubled its establishment and all staff work from home the IT, HR and H&S functions have been outsourced to provide specialist on-call services. The Board approved changes to external, regulatory & compliance, financial and operational risks that are all documented in the June 2022 Board minutes. A CRM system has been adopted to capture stakeholder information and a new business plan, approved in March 2023, sets out a clear plan for diversifying income support for the Charity.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit and that the activities carried out by the Charity during the period were all undertaken to further the Charity's objects. A detailed explanation is given under Activities and Achievements below.

Objectives

The Charity was set up with the following objects:

> *To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by the improvement of parks and green open spaces in Greater London. In furtherance of this, the charity will provide an umbrella group for other interested organisations.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 – continued

Activities and Achievements

2022/23 was a busy and productive period for Parks for London as we continue our evolution as a Centre for Excellence for London's parks and green spaces. We continued to grow our audience and supporter base, establishing strong and meaningful partnerships with a range of organisations and individuals across the public, private, charity and academic sectors as we work towards our vision of a London as a healthy and sustainable world city, with parks and green spaces integrated into all areas of urban living.

We continued to facilitate collaboration between the diverse range of landowners and managers of London's publicly accessible green and open spaces, bringing them together to inspire, engage, inform, and celebrate their work during a year which required significant adaptation, ingenuity, and strategy when faced with the challenges of an ever-changing climate and funding landscape.

Best practice

In September 2022, we launched our sixth Good Parks for London report, in a joint event with the Cross River Partnership and with GL Hearn (part of WSP) as sponsor - for which we are most grateful. As well as evaluating how well London Boroughs protect and invest in their parks and green spaces and perform against the '10 good parks criteria', the 2022 report focused on the theme of 'Clean Parks', showcasing how landowners and manager have been tackling litter and waste. The report included inspirational and informative case studies featuring examples of community volunteering initiatives, modernising waste infrastructure, trialing new management structures, and adopting radical no-bin policies.

Following the launch, two-page summary reports were sent to all borough chief executives and parks portfolio holders along with bespoke feedback and accompanying one-to-one follow up sessions were held with 16 boroughs on request.

Partnership

We continued to work with close partners in the sector including the London Friends of Green Spaces Network, CPRE London, London Tree Offices Association, the Amenity Forum, Ground Control, LEDnet, London Sport, National Park City, and Midlands Park Forum. We organised two meetings of the London Parks Benchmarking Group, focusing on managing green space for, and with communities and green space assets and sports pitch management, each attended by about 50 delegates.

Our partnership with the GLA strengthened, building on the Centre for Excellence capacity building grant. Alongside contributing to the London Green Infrastructure Partnership, we helped assess their Grow Back Greener Community Grant applications and advised on the implementation of the London Urban Forest Plan.

Networks

By popular demand we increased the number of Heads of Park Services meetings from three to four a year, which provide a valuable forum for discussion, information sharing, and troubleshooting. A new network was formed for representatives of non-local authority owned and managed spaces, including independent parks trusts, housing associations, business improvement districts, and public-private spaces. This Independent Green Space Managers Network aims to meet three times a year and aims to collectively raise the profile and understanding of these sorts of spaces alongside addressing topics of perennial interest such as volunteering, fundraising, and community development.

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Both our Women's Safety and Asset Management Action Groups met several times, enabling a wider range audience to engage with and present to our networks, including representatives from Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), University of Leeds, and Waltham Forest, Greenwich, and Ealing's community safety teams.

Advice

Parks for London provided advice to the following organisations and projects during the period: Camden & Islington Parks for Health Reference Group; Islington's Highways Greening Programme; Defra's consultation on Integrated Pesticide Management; the Department of Justice, Community Payback scheme; a Dutch philanthropic charity supporting the regeneration of a major park in Rotterdam; advising on the Wimbledon & Putney Commons appointments of staff and Conservators; supporting Crystal Palace Park Trust select and interview new staff; supporting the Elms for London Committee; and the Future Gardeners trustee strategic awayday.

We were also represented at several meetings and events throughout the year, the highlights being: Camden & Islington's Health Parks launch; The Royal Parks Guild's apprentice's discovery day at RHS Wisley; the All Party Parliamentary Group for Parks and Green Spaces; London Sport Awards; the Royal Parks Winter Reception and the Canal & River Trust 10 Year Celebration.

Presentations were delivered to Kew Diploma final year students, the Ground Control Green Spaces Advisory Board, Urban Design London's 'Safer Places' and 'Who owns and manages London's green spaces' seminars, and the Association of Public Service Excellence conference on parks and climate change. An article by Chief Executive Tony Leach on protecting the quality of green spaces was also published in the London Landscapes magazine.

Communications

The quality and breadth of communications has seen significant improvements over this period, with major website upgrades enabling the expansion of the Resources Hub to increase access to (and volume) of information available. This, along with a greater social media presence (including an over doubling of our Linkedin followers from 309 to 771) has raised the profile of the charity and we saw a record 15,500 visits from 4,000 unique visitors on our website. The Clean Parks for London campaign galvanised supporters under the simple ask for Londoners and visitors to keep our parks clean! This campaign aimed to tackle the unsightly and costly problem of litter by encouraging park users to be part of the solution, by simply taking home what they bring with them. 17 supporters, including nine local authorities and the GLA participated in the campaign which produced template guidance, messaging, and other collateral to help drive this message forward.

The range, consistency, and quality of communications has also increased, with bimonthly supporter newsletters, funding updates, and thought leadership pieces being a key component of the newly developed communications strategy and plan. Delivery of both the strategy and plan are essential to ensure our future communications remain timely, relevant, and engaging to our ever-increasing supporter and audience base and their changing demands and interests.

Research

Embedding a Researcher in Residence into the team has helped Parks for London to bridge the gap between research, policy, and practice, enabling the charity to provide thought leadership and direction to supporters, along with strategic positioning in relation to policy change, that would previously not have been possible before. Alongside delivering the Young, Green, and Well report, presentations have been made at several seminars, conferences, and lectures including at the Royal

Activities and Achievements

Geographical Society Annual International Conference in Newcastle. This capacity has also enabled Parks for London to be included in a few academic grant applications in its role as an impact partner and provide review and comment on other potential applications before submission.

Our research into the perception and impact of green space on the mental health of young Londoner's concluded with the launch of the Young, Green, and Well report in October, highlighting key findings from the research and recommendations on what can be done to make parks and green spaces better support mental health for 16–24-year-olds. Over 60 delegates, including the Deputy Mayor for Children & Families joined us at the Mental Health Foundation headquarters for the launch, with recordings of the presentations and a post-event toolkit available to download from our website.

Development

Our increased development capacity has enabled us to engage and actively support audiences that we were previously unable to, providing a platform for non-local authority landowners and managers, and supporting the sustainability and resilience of the charity and centre for excellence by securing income from a wider range of local authority, charitable, and earned sources. It has also enabled us to significantly drive forward work on training and skills, supporting both the Mayor of London's Green Space Skills Hub (in which we are a partner) and via other sector partnerships.

A new business plan for Parks for London was developed during this period, providing an opportunity to step back and review our programmes, projects and workstreams to better articulate the range and breadth of our products and services under key thematic areas with key activities and initiatives articulated as the golden threads that link these together.

The new business plan, and accompanying sustainability/income diversification action plan, are helping develop Parks for London's sustainability and resilience and ensure we can continue at our present capacity (4.2 FTE). Most of our income is derived from voluntary partnership contributions from our supporters and the GLA to whom we are immensely thankful for their ongoing support and commitment to our network. We are also grateful to London Borough of Camden for providing meeting rooms for our face-to-face monthly team meetings, and to our other sponsors including GL Hearn and the Cross River Partnership.

Evaluation

Parks for London recognises the importance of monitoring and evaluating our work on an ongoing basis and has been working closely with independent evaluators JB Research and DC Research over this period to develop an impact measurement framework and report into the charities effectiveness which will be released in mid-2023. This survey, which will be repeated in subsequent years, will provide a baseline of data for monitoring and evaluating our impact, and evidence of the charity's ability to deliver services and initiatives of importance and relevance to the sector.

The future

As Parks for London approaches our tenth anniversary in 2024, we will continue to adapt, refine, and develop the range and breadth of our offer in response to supporter feedback and impact report. There are several policy drivers that will necessitate changes in the way that green spaces and infrastructure are provided, designed, managed, and maintained coming into play over the coming year. These changes will call for greater cross-sectoral collaboration which is challenging at best of times and landowners and managers will need support for the preparation and implementation of these changes. We will continue to use our soft power as an influencer, convener, and trusted voice to help the sector understand, adapt, and initiate strategies and plans towards these.

Activities and Achievements

We are also exploring how we can better collaborate with cities in across the UK, Europe, and the wider world, around research and development as although governance of London's green spaces is unique compared to other cities the issues facing green space provision, design, management, and maintenance are common to most cities across the world.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

As described above, the trustees undertook many activities during the year in accordance with its charitable objectives, which generated a general fund surplus of £12,714 (2022: surplus of £6,475).

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of unrestricted funding during the year were Partnership Contributions. The following continued their support: 25 London/Royal Boroughs; the City of London Corporation; The Royal Parks; Lee Valley Regional Parks Authority; London Legacy Development Corporation; the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Glendale Services (for the London Borough of Lewisham); idverde (for the London Borough of Bromley); Peabody, Habitats and Heritage; Alexandra Palace & Park Charitable Trust; Potters Fields Park Management Trust; Wimbledon & Putney Commons Conservators; and Capel Manor College. In addition, four new organisations joined us: Bankside Open Spaces Trust, Crystal Palace Park Trust, Chislehurst Commons, and Notting Hill Genesis. Total partnership contributions in the year were £139,100 (2022: £122,950). The Trustees are very grateful to all these organisations for their support.

Reserves policy

The trustees of the Charity review the reserves policy of the Charity each year in June. The Board has agreed to hold unrestricted general funds covering between three and six months' planned core expenditure and statutory redundancy costs, which equates to: £80,319 to £140,319, as at June 2023. The policy will be reviewed annually by the Board. The fund amounts to £100,892 (2022: £88,178).

Funds in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees have the authority to invest the charity's assets as they deem fit. Deposits not immediately required in current accounts of £40,000 are held with Shawbrook Bank Limited. The account generated income of £362 (2022: £208).

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS

The Charity held funds within this year for the London Parks Benchmarking Group (LPBG); these being annual membership fees collected on their behalf, for the year ended 31st March 2023, fees totaling £5,850 were received. At the LPBG AGM held on 26th April 2023, their committee agreed that £5,234 of these funds would be donated to the Charity for its own charitable purposes and funds of £616 will be transferred to the LPBG.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

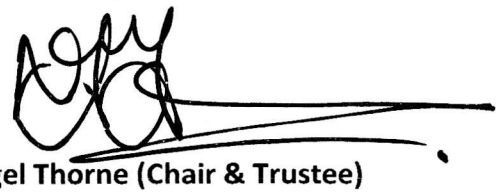
The trustees (who are also directors of London Parks and Green Spaces Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees' and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 20th June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Nigel Thorne (Chair & Trustee)

LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees of the charitable company (and its Directors 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 charitable company are not required to be audited 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

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Olayinka Tomori ACA DChA

28th
..... June 2023

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LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	**Unrestricted Funds** £	**Restricted Funds (see note 9)** £	**2022-23 Total Funds** £	**2021-22 Total Funds** £
Investment Income (see note 2)	362	-	362	208
Partnership Contributions (see note 3)	139,100		139,100	122,950
Other charitable income	3,784		3,784	6,538
GLA grants (see note 9):				
Centre for Excellence (CfE) – main grant	9,375	65,625	75,000	75,000
Urban Forest Plan				9,610
Other grants:	2,000	1,750	3,750	
Trees Call to Action				
Gifts in kind:				
		6,470	6,470	
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	**154,621**	**73,845**	**228,466**	**214,306**

Charitable activities (see note 4)	137,895	138,402	276,297	201,812
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**137,895**	**138,402**	**276,297**	**201,812**

Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfers	**16,726**	**(64,557)**	**(47,831)**	**12,494**
Transfer between funds	(-4,012)	4,012	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	**12,714**	**(60,545)**	**(47,831)**	**12,494**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward:	**88,178**	**75,722**	**163,900**	**151,406**
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**100,892**	**15,177**	**116,069**	**163,900**

All activities are continuing.
The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
There are no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above in the Statement of Financial Activities.

LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023 **Company Number: 8561415**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds (note 9) £	31.03.23 Total Funds £	31.03.22 Total Funds £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors (see note 7)	6,004	25,001	31,005	13,463
Cash at bank	141,395	(2,619)	138,776	192,670
Sub Total (current assets)	**147,399**	**22,382**	**169,781**	**206,133**
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year (see note 8)	46,507	7,205	53,712	42,233
NET CURRENT ASSETS	100,892	15,177	116,069	163,900
NET ASSETS	100,892	15,177	116,069	163,900
FUNDS				
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:				
GENERAL	100,892		100,892	88,178
RESTRICTED FUNDS:				
GRANTS		15,177	15,177	75,722
TOTAL FUNDS	100,892	15,177	116,069	**163,900**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2023

The trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

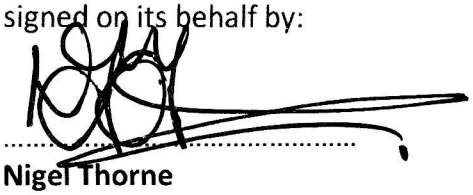
a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023 **Company Number: 8561415**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 20th June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Nigel Thorne
Chair & Trustee



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Bernie Watson
Hon. Treasurer & Trustee

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second edition effective 1 January 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical costs or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees have considered the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the charity's operations and on its ability to continue as a going concern. Due consideration has been given to assessing future income and expenditure including cash flow. The impact of such an unprecedented occurrence is difficult to evaluate with reasonable certainty. However, the trustees believe that the level of reserves and prudence will ensure the charity will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Income

All income is included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind are included in income at their estimated monetary value; staff time gifted by third party organisations is not included in the accounts. Where gifts in kind are received by way of vouchers, the face value of such vouchers is included in incoming resources.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Irrecoverable VAT is included with the category of expense to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets

The company owns no fixed assets, other than laptop computers which are expensed on acquisition or replacement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pensions
The charity contributes to pensions for its employees. Employees may elect to take their pension contribution as salary. The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity and the employee during the year.

Statement of cash flows
As a small charity, the charity is exempt from the requirement to produce a Statement of Cash Flows.

		2022/23	2021/22
			£
2.	**INVESTMENT INCOME**		
	Bank account interest	362	208
3.	**PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS**		
	Amounts receivable from supporters	139,100	122,950

4. EXPENDITURE	2022/23 General Fund (Unrestricted) £	2022/23 Grants (Restricted) £	2022/23 (Totals) £	2021/22 (Totals) £
Charitable Activities:				
Staff costs (see note 5)	114,084	116,069	**230,153**	**170,735**
Consultancy & other fees	-	9,996	**9,996**	**5,284**
Support Costs:				
Payroll administration	846	-	**846**	**725**
HR – outsourced service	4,320	-	**4,320**	**2,363**
Travel	2,188	-	**2,188**	**581**
Telecoms	2,068	-	**2,068**	**1,812**
Website costs	3,373	-	**3,373**	**6,253**
Office supplies & furniture	893	-	**893**	**1,232**
Home workers allowance	1,576	-	**1,576**	**1,098**
Meeting costs	851	3,740	**4,591**	**59**
Events	-	2,730	**2,730**	**-**
Staff accommodation costs	373	-	**373**	**-**
Computer costs (hardware & software)	(6)	-	**(6)**	**4,833**
IT – outsourced service	1,764	-	**1,764**	**-**
Staff training	585	-	**585**	**10**
Insurance	832	-	**832**	**789**
Marketing & Comms	49	-	**49**	**133**
Subscriptions/memberships	2,450	-	**2,450**	**2,753**
Recruitment costs	-	-	**-**	**725**
Sundry costs	441	5,867	**6,308**	**1,279**
Sub totals	**136,687**	**138,402**	**275,089**	**200,664**
Governance Costs:				
Independent examination fee	1,140	-	**1,140**	**1,080**
Trustee resources, training, and memberships	55	-	**55**	**55**
Annual Return to Companies Hse	13	-	**13**	**13**
Sub Totals	**1,208**	**-**	**1,208**	**1,148**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**137,895**	**138,402**	**276,297**	**201,812**

4. EXPENDITURE (continued)	2021/22 General Fund (Unrestricted) £	2021/22 Designated Fund (unrestricted) £	2021/22 Grants (Restricted) £	2021/22 (Totals) £
2022 COMPARATIVE				
Charitable Activities:				
Staff costs (see note 5)	108,836	21,119	40,780	**170,735**
Consultancy & other fees	1,700	3,584		**5,284**
Support Costs:				
Payroll administration	725			**725**
HR – outsourced service	2,363			**2,363**
Travel	581			**581**
Telecoms	1,812			**1,812**
Website costs	6,253			**6,253**
Office supplies & furniture	1,232			**1,232**
Home workers allowance	1,098			**1,098**
Meeting costs	59			**59**
Computer costs (hardware & software)	4,833			**4,833**
Staff training	10			**10**
Insurance	789			**789**
Marketing & Comms			133	**133**
Subscriptions/memberships	2,753			**2,753**
Recruitment costs	725			**725**
Sundry costs	1,279			**1,279**
Sub totals	**135,048**	**24,703**	**40,913**	**200,664**
Governance Costs:				
Independent examination fee	1,080			**1,080**
Trustee resources, training, and memberships	55			**55**
Annual Return to Companies Hse	13			**13**
Sub Totals	**1,148**	-	-	**1,148**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**136,196**	**24,703**	**40,913**	**201,812**

5. STAFF COSTS

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	184,012	133,024
Employer's National Insurance	13,836	8,966
Employer's pension costs	32,305	28,745
Total	**230,153**	**170,735**

The average number of employees in the year was 6 (2022: 6)
No employee had remuneration (excluding employer pension and national insurance contributions) over £60,000 in the year (2020: None).
The Chief Executive constitutes the key management personnel and received employment benefits (which consists of salary, employer pension contributions and national insurance contributions) of in the year £74,943 (2022 - £72,363).

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

No trustees received any remuneration in the year either for their work as trustees or for providing other services (2022: none).

7. DEBTORS

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Partnership Contributions receivable	6,000	3,500
GLA Centre for Excellence development grants	25,000	9,610
Other debtors and prepayments	5	353
Total	**31,005**	**13,463**

8. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Independent examination fee	1,140	1,080
Staff salaries and expenses	653	1,521
Other taxes and Social Security	4,215	5,396
Other creditors	6,204	1,736
Deferred income	41,500	32,500
Total	**53,712**	**42,233**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023- continued

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	As at 31.03.2022	Income	Expenditure	Funds Transfer	As at 31.03.2023
	£	£	£	£	£
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds	88,178	154,621	(137,895)	(4,012)	100,892
	88,178	154,621	(137,895)	(4,012)	100,892
RESTRICTED FUNDS				-	
Gifts in Kind:					
GL Hearn	-	2,730	(2,730)	-	-
Camden Council	-	3,740	(3,740)	-	-
GLA Grant CfE set up grant	29,401	-	(33,413)	4,012	-
GLA Grant CfE main grant	40,311	65,625	(95,936)	-	10,000
GLA Urban Forest grant	6,010	-	(833)	-	5,177
Trees call to action grant		1,750	(1,750)	-	-
	75,722	73,845	(138,402)	4,012	15,177
TOTAL	**163,900**	**228,466**	**(276,297)**	**-**	**116,069**

Restricted Funds

Grants:

1. The grants from the GLA to help the Charity develop as a Centre for Excellence close at the end of the period. The grants have enabled the Charity to grow its capacity and increase support for the sector. Funds carried forward are to complete the impact review by external consultants and going forwards help the Charity measure its performance annually.

2. The grant from the GLA to support the delivery of some aspects of the Urban Forest Plan, namely increasing tree canopy cover on social housing estates, will continue into 2023-24.

3. Trees Call to action grant – Parks for London and the London Tree Officers Association received funding through the Trees Call To Action Fund to deliver a workforce skills survey designed to help partners better understand the skills, recruitment, and retention challenges from those involved in tree and woodland maintenance and management across Greater London. A second tranche of funding will be claimed and expended in 2023-24.

Gifts in Kind:

1. Good Parks for London report 2022 - GL Hearn continued to kindly sponsor the report production and launch, costs of £2,730 were for printing hard copies of the report and catering for the report launch event, hosted by the Cross River Partnership, at Westminster City Hall.
2. Camden Council kindly host our regular team meetings and annual strategic planning session with trustees, room hire fees for the nine meetings held in the year are estimated at £3,740.

2022 COMPARATIVE MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	As at 31.03.2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Funds Transfer £	As at 31.03.2022 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds	80,692	142,671	(136,196)	1,011	88,178
Designated Fund	25,714	-	(24,703)	(1,011)	-
	106,406	142,671	(160,899)	-	88,178
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
GLA Grant CfE set up grant	45,000	-	(15,599)	-	29,401
GLA Grant CfE main grant	-	65,625	(25,314)	-	40,311
GLA Urban Forest grant	-	6,010	-	-	6,010
	45,000	71,635	(40,913)	-	75,722
	151,406	**214,306**	**(201,812)**	**-**	**163,900**

10. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2022)

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds (Note 9) £	2021/22 Total Funds £
Income				
Investment Income (see note 2)	208	-	-	**208**
Charitable activities				
Partnership Contributions (see note 3)	122,950	-	-	**122,950**
Other charitable income	6,538	-	-	**6,538**
GLA grants (see note 9):	12,975	-	71,635	**84,610**
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	**142,671**	**-**	**71,635**	**214,306**

EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities (see note 4)	136,196	24,703	40,913	201,812
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**136,196**	**24,703**	**40,913**	**201,812**

Net Income/(expenditure)	**6,475**	**-24,703**	**30,722**	**12,494**
Transfer between funds	1,011	-1,011	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	**7,486**	**-25,714**	**30,722**	**12,494**

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	**80,692**	**25,714**	**45,000**	**151,406**
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**88,178**	**-**	**75,722**	**163,900**

LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1156063

Accounts

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

Registered Company No: 8561415 (England & Wales)
Registered Charity No: 1156063

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

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LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

Trading Name
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8561415

Registered Charity number
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Bernie Watson (Honorary Treasurer)
Kate Brown
Colin Cooper – resigned 27th June 2022
Natalie Daniels
Andrew Gill
Craig Harris
Ulrika Hogberg
Andrew Jones – resigned 27th June 2022
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the Charity, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2022. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second edition effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum ("the Charity") is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity trades as Parks for London.

The Charity has adopted the Charity Code of Governance for smaller charities. Each of the seven principles are addressed by the Board in rotation. During the year ended 31st March 2022, trustees discussed the following principles: 'Openness and Accountability'. 'Integrity', 'Leadership' and 'Board Effectiveness'. Decision Making Risk & Control will be discussed at the June Board meeting.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Board of trustees is made up of a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen trustees. As at, 31st March 2022 there were eleven trustees. Three trustees will step down in June 2022 at the AGM. The Charity will seek to recruit three new trustees to be formally appointed in September.

Induction, training and on-going support of trustees

New trustees undergo an induction programme to brief them on their obligations under charity and company law and the Charity's governing documents being the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Trustees are made aware of the Charity's decision-making processes and its financial performance; and provided with resources including the NCVO trustee guide, Parks for London Trustee induction pack and copies of the current annual report and business plan. The Company Secretary and Chair act as a source of information and guidance.

Trustees are offered training and personal development opportunities during their tenure. A trustee skills audit was conducted in 2021 to reassess trustee training needs.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees governs the Charity. The Board meets every three months in March, June (combined with a strategic review session), September and December.

The Board takes strategic responsibility for the Charity whilst day to day running of the Charity is the responsibility of the Chief Executive.

Related parties

The trustees confirm that there were no transactions with related parties during the year.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error.

The trustees review new and significant risks that the Charity might face at each quarterly Board meeting and the assessment and management of risk is integrated into the annual strategic and business planning process. The last review took account of the impact of the global pandemic which fortunately did not adversely affect the Charity. Whilst lack of diversified income and inability to secure new funding remains a risk, we are working with our new Development Officer to reach out to new sectors and grow the Charity's supporter base. The Board will comprehensively review the risk register again in June 2022.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit and that the activities carried out by the Charity during the period were all undertaken to further the Charity's objects. A detailed explanation is given under Activities and Achievements below.

Objectives

The Charity was set up with the following objects:

> *To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by the improvement of parks and green open spaces in Greater London. In furtherance of this, the charity will provide an umbrella group for other interested organisations.*

Activities and Achievements

This period has seen the Charity grow significantly since its incorporation with funding support from Greater London Authority to develop as a Centre for Excellence (CfE). The CfE Advisory Group, consisting of the GLA, London Councils, London Environment Directors Network and Chief Leisure Services Officers, has continued to support this process. During the period, the Charity recruited four new highly talented staff, a Researcher in Residence, Communications Officer, Development Officer, and a Young People's Health Project Officer. To help manage these significant changes, the IT and human resources functions of the Charity have been outsourced. As the Charity has no headquarters, all staff have been fully equipped to work from home and regular face-to-face team meetings have begun since Covid restrictions were relaxed.

The annual supporter survey had a 59% response rate, with 83% respondents agreeing that The Charity's activities are very relevant and useful. Our guidance and support continued to be invaluable over the course of the pandemic, but work is now returning to deal with current priorities and our work programme for 2022-23 has been shaped accordingly. As part of The Charity's on-going commitment to improve good practice and help landowners to save resources, we set up two new action groups to work on litter and waste management and women's safety in parks and green spaces.

In November 2021, the Charity launched its fifth 'Good Parks for London' report, via a live webinar in collaboration with the Cross River Partnership. GL Hearn (part of Capita Real Estate) continued their sponsorship of Good Parks for London, for which we are most grateful. The report evaluates how well London Boroughs protect and invest in their parks and green spaces using the 10 'Good Parks Criteria', as well as showcasing best practice and good news stories. The 2021 report focused on Parks and Climate Change and gave landowners and managers the opportunity to celebrate and share how their services are crucial in supporting climate adaption and mitigation. The report acts as a tool to promote good practice, raise quality standards, encourage collaboration among London Boroughs, and to advocate for the protection of resources for parks and green spaces. This year we highlighted and celebrated the most improved boroughs as well and the best performing borough. We produced a two-page summary report which was sent to all borough chief executives, and parks portfolio holders. Bespoke feedback reports were produced for boroughs on request and 12 boroughs had one to one follow up feedback sessions.

We continued to work closely with key organisations in the sector. We helped promote the Amenity Forum's annual updating event, held at the Emirates Stadium in February 2022, to inform delegates about the latest legal developments related to weed, pest and disease management. We supported four on-line meetings of the London Parks Benchmarking Group, and also the London Friends of Green Spaces Network (LFGN) online meetings. We worked closely with the GLA by assessing their 'Grow Back Greener Community Grant' applications and advised on the implementation of London Urban Forest Plan. The Charity continued to host remote meetings during the period including three virtual Heads of Parks Services meetings; asset management, litter and waste management and women's safety action groups; and the Good Parks for London report launch.

Activities and Achievements

The Chief Executive is often asked to provide advice to a wide range of organisations and the following were helped during the period: Camden & Islington Parks for Health Reference Group, Sustainable City Awards Panel, GoParksLondon, Department of Justice, Community Payback, the Green Social Prescribing Network, and Future Gardeners. The Chief Executive attends many meetings and events throughout the year, the highlights being: Wimbledon & Putney Commons interviews for a new Conservator, appointed by the Secretary of State for Defense; the opening of Headstone Manor Park, Harrow; The Royal Parks Guild's apprentices discovery day at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park; BALI's Access All Areas: Inclusion & Diversity seminar; RHS's Health & Horticulture conference and the All Party Parliamentary Group for Parks and Green Spaces. He also gave presentations to Kew Diploma final year students, LEDNet Green Space Cluster, Greenwich Parks Forum AGM, Haringey Annual Parks Summit and the London Gardeners Network.

Thanks to our dedicated Communications Officer our presence and profile on social media platforms is growing. Twitter followers have increased from 2,500 to 3,021 and impressions peaked particularly during activities around key campaigns: 30.6k in March 2022 for the Clean Parks for London litter campaign; 25.9k in February 2022 promoting our Young Londoners Health Survey; and 15.8k in November for the Good Parks for London report launch. Similarly, Instagram followers have grown from 350 to 620, and followers on LinkedIn have grown from 170 to 350. We have continued to develop our website to better support landowners, managers, designers, and other users, drawing 10,066 visits from 3,924 visitors in the year, and impact data suggests sharing funding and jobs opportunities has been particularly valuable to industry professionals. A communications plan has been developed to promote key messages and support complimentary campaigns, such as managing litter and waste in parks and announcing the results of the Good Parks for London report.

The Development Officer has set up a new customer relationship management system to help the Charity track and build relationships with existing and new partners. This will be an invaluable tool for supporting the flow of information between home-working staff and preventing the loss of tacit information. Progress has been made on getting to know stakeholders and outreach to new partners.

The Young People's Health Project Officer has been supported by the Researcher in Residence to refine the brief and organise a survey and follow up focus groups to investigate the relationship of young people's (16–25-year-olds) mental health and access to green spaces. The Researcher in Residence has written several blogs, academic articles and participated in seminars such as the World Urban Parks week in December 2021.

Looking to the future, the Charity will explore how it can extend its reach to a wider range of landowners/managers responsible for publicly accessible green space, such as housing providers. The results of the young people's (16–25-year-olds) mental health and access to green spaces research project will be shared in the autumn of 2022. Despite the uncertain economic and social challenges facing all organisations, Trustees and staff will be revising the business plan and navigating the complex funding arena to ensure the Charity has a sustainable funding model in place, so we can continue to develop essential research and resources to provide vital support for London's parks and green spaces.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

As described above, the trustees undertook many activities during the year in accordance with its charitable objectives, which generated a general fund surplus of £6,475 (2021: surplus of £21,338).

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding during the year have been Partnership Contributions from 25 London/Royal Boroughs directly and other land owners and contractors including: The City of London Corporation; The Royal Parks; Lee Valley Regional Parks Authority; London Legacy Development Corporation; the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Glendale Services (for the London Borough of Lewisham); idverde (for the London Borough of Bromley), Peabody, Habitats and Heritage; Alexandra Palace & Park Charitable Trust; Potters Fields Park Management Trust; Wimbledon & Putney Commons Conservators; and Capel Manor College. Total partnership contributions in the year were £122,950 (2021: £130,950). The Trustees are very grateful to all these organisations for their support.

Reserves policy

The trustees of the Charity review the reserves policy of the Charity each year in June. The Board has agreed to hold unrestricted general funds to cover six months' planned core expenditure and statutory redundancy costs, which equates to £85,704 as at June 2022. The policy will be reviewed annually by the Board. The fund amounts to £88,178 (2021: £80,692).

Funds in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees have the authority to invest the charity's assets as they deem fit. Deposits not immediately required in current accounts of £40,000 are held with Shawbrook Bank Limited. The account generated income of £208 (2021: £359).

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS

The Charity held funds within this year for the London Parks Benchmarking Group (LPBG); these being annual membership fees collected on their behalf, for the year ended 31st March 2022, fees of £5,600 were received. At the LPBG AGM. held on 29th April 2022, their committee agreed that £4,819 of these funds would be donated to the Charity for its own charitable purposes and funds of £781 will transferred to the LPBG.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

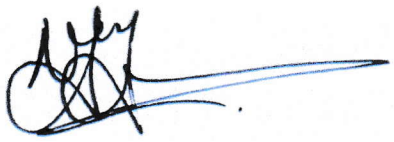
The trustees (who are also directors of London Parks and Green Spaces Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees' and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 27th June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Nigel Thorne (Chair & Trustee)

LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees of the charitable company (and its Directors 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 charitable company are not required to be audited 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

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Olayinka Tomori ACA DChA

27... **June 2022**

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LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds (see note 9) £	2021-22 Total Funds £	2020-21 Total Funds £
Income					
Investment Income (see note 2)	208	-	-	208	359
Charitable activities					
Partnership Contributions (see note 3)	122,950	-		122,950	130,950
Other charitable income	6,538	-		6,538	5,600
GLA grants (see note 9):		-			
Centre for Excellence – set up grant					50,000
Centre for Excellence – main grant	9,375	-	65,625	75,000	-
Urban Forest Plan grant	3,600	-	6,010	9,610	-
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	**142,671**	**-**	**71,635**	**214,306**	**186,909**
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities (see note 4)	136,196	24,703	40,913	201,812	134,857
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**136,196**	**24,703**	**40,913**	**201,812**	**134,857**
Net Income/(Expenditure) before transfers	**6,475**	**-24,703**	**30,722**	**12,494**	**52,052**
Transfer between funds	1,011	-1,011	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	**7,486**	**-25,714**	**30,722**	**12,494**	**52,052**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward:	**80,692**	**25,714**	**45,000**	**151,406**	**99,354**
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**88,178**	**-**	**75,722**	**163,900**	**151,406**

All activities are continuing.
The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
There are no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above in the Statement of Financial Activities.

LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022 **Company Number: 8561415**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds (note 9) £	31.03.22 Total Funds £	31.03.21 Total Funds £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors (see note 7)	7,452	6,011	13,463	68,600
Cash at bank	120,629	72,041	192,670	134,181
Sub Total (current assets)	**128,081**	**78,052**	**206,133**	**202,781**
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year (see note 8)	39,903	2,330	42,233	51,375
NET CURRENT ASSETS	88,178	75,722	163,900	151,406
NET ASSETS	88,178	75,722	163,900	151,406
FUNDS				
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:				
GENERAL	88,178	-	88,178	80,692
DESIGNATED (see note 9)	-	-	-	25,714
RESTRICTED FUNDS:				
GLA GRANTS	-	75,722	75,722	45,000
TOTAL FUNDS	**88,178**	**75,722**	**163,900**	**151,406**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2022

The trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

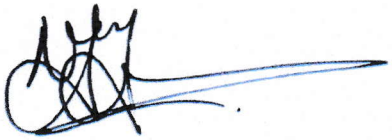
The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

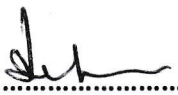
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022 **Company Number: 8561415**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 27th June 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



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Nigel Thorne
Chair & Trustee



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Bernie Watson
Hon. Treasurer & Trustee

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second edition effective 1 January 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical costs or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees have considered the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the charity's operations and on its ability to continue as a going concern. Due consideration has been given to assessing future income and expenditure including cash flow. The impact of such an unprecedented occurrence is difficult to evaluate with reasonable certainty. However, the trustees believe that the level of reserves and prudence will ensure the charity will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Income

All income is included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind are included in income at their estimated monetary value; staff time gifted by third party organisations is not included in the accounts. Where gifts in kind are received by way of vouchers, the face value of such vouchers is included in incoming resources.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Irrecoverable VAT is included with the category of expense to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets

The company owns no fixed assets, other than laptop computers which are expensed on acquisition or replacement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pensions
The charity contributes to pensions for its employees. Employees may elect to take their pension contribution as salary. The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity and the employee during the year.

Statement of cash flows
As a small charity, the charity is exempt from the requirement to produce a Statement of Cash Flows.

		2021/22	2020/21
		£	£
2.	**INVESTMENT INCOME**		
	Bank account interest	208	359
3.	**PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS**		
	Amounts receivable from supporters	122,950	130,950

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 continued

4. EXPENDITURE	2021/22 General Fund (Unrestricted) £	2021/22 Designated Fund (unrestricted) £	2021/22 Grants (Restricted) £	2021/22 (Totals) £	2020/21 (Totals) £
Charitable Activities:					
Staff costs (see note 5)	108,836	21,119	40,780	**170,735**	106,488
Consultancy & other fees	1,700	3,584		**5,284**	14,786
Support Costs:					
Payroll administration	725			**725**	717
HR – outsourced service	2,363			**2,363**	
Travel	581			**581**	40
Telecoms	1,812			**1,812**	1,492
Website costs	6,253			**6,253**	3,439
Office supplies & furniture	1,232			**1,232**	800
Home workers allowance	1,098			**1,098**	624
Meeting costs	59			**59**	-
Computer costs (hardware & software)	4,833			**4,833**	80
Staff training	10			**10**	-
Insurance	789			**789**	756
Marketing & Comms			133	**133**	-
Subscriptions/memberships	2,753			**2,753**	3,500
Recruitment costs	725			**725**	
Sundry costs	1,279			**1,279**	597
Sub totals	**135,048**	**24,703**	**40,913**	**200,664**	**133,319**
Governance Costs:					
Independent examination fee	1,080			**1,080**	960
Trustee resources, training, and memberships	55			**55**	515
Annual Return to Companies Hse	13			**13**	63
Sub Totals	**1,148**	-	-	**1,148**	**1,538**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**136,196**	**24,703**	**40,913**	**201,812**	**134,857**

4. EXPENDITURE (continued)	2020/21 General Fund (Unrestricted) £	2020/21 Designated Fund (unrestricted) £	2020/21 Grants (Restricted) £	2020/21 (Totals) £
2021 COMPARATIVE				
Charitable Activities:				
Staff costs (see note 5)	106,488			106,488
Consultancy	500	14,286		14,786
Support Costs				
Payroll administration	717			717
Travel	40			40
Telephone	1,492			1,492
Server	3,439			3,439
Office supplies & furniture	800			800
Meeting costs	-			-
Computer hardware & software	80			80
Staff training	-			-
Insurance	756			756
Marketing & events	-			-
Subscriptions	3,500			3,500
Sundry costs	1,221			1,221
Sub totals	**119,033**	**14,286**	**-**	**133,319**
Governance Costs				
Independent examination fee	960			960
NCVO Trustee Guides and membership	515			515
Annual Return and other costs	63			63
Sub Totals	**1,538**	**-**	**-**	**1,538**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**120,571**	**14,286**	**-**	**134,857**

5. STAFF COSTS	2021/22	2020/21
Gross wages and salaries	133,024	75,104
Employer's National Insurance	8,966	3,940
Employer's pension costs	28,745	27,444
Total	**170,735**	**106,488**

The average number of employees in the year was 6 (2021: 2)

No employee had remuneration (excluding employer pension and national insurance contributions) over £60,000 in the year (2020: None).

The Chief Executive constitutes the key management personnel and received employment benefits (which consists of salary, employer pension contributions and national insurance contributions) of £72,363 in the year (2021 - £71,092).

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

No trustees received any remuneration in the year either for their work as trustees or for providing other services (2021: none).

7. DEBTORS	2021/22	2020/21
Partnership Contributions receivable	3,500	4,500
GLA urban forest plan grant	9,610	-
Other debtors and prepayments	353	64,100
Total	**13,463**	**68,600**

8. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2021/22	2020/21
Independent examination fee	1,080	960
Staff salaries and expenses	1,521	-
Other taxes and Social Security	5,396	-
Other creditors	1,736	415
Deferred income	32,500	50,000
Total	**42,233**	**51,375**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022- continued

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	As at 31.03.2021	Income	Expenditure	Funds Transfer	As at 31.03.2022
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds	80,692	142,671	(136,196)	1,011	88,178
Designated Fund	25,714	-	(24,703)	-1,011	-
	106,406	142,671	(160,899)	-	88,178
RESTRICTED FUNDS				-	
GLA Grant CfE set up grant	45,000		(15,599)	-	29,401
GLA Grant CfE main grant	-	65,625	(25,314)	-	40,311
GLA Urban Forest grant	-	6,010	-	-	6,010
	45,000	71,635	(40,913)	-	75,722
TOTAL	**151,406**	**214,306**	**(201,812)**	**-**	**163,900**

Designated Fund

During the year ended 31st March 2022, funds were used to commission a review of the impact of the Charity's annual flagship report 'Good Parks for London'; and to provide match funding (against the GLA Centre for Excellence grants) for 3 new staff members: Researcher in Residence (part time), Communications Officer and Development Officer. The fund is closed at the end of 2021-22 and the balance is transferred to general funds to support core costs.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds relate to:

-A second grant from the GLA (the first of two tranches) to support Parks for London's role as a Centre for Excellence for London's green space sector. The grant has enabled the expansion of the Charity, in addition to the above-mentioned posts a Young Persons Health Officer (one-year fixed term post, fully grant funded) has also been recruited to assess the impact of green space on young people's mental health and to explore how these spaces can be better utilized to support this group.

-A grant from the GLA to support the delivery of some aspects of the Urban Forest Plan, namely increasing tree canopy cover on social housing estates.

2021 COMPARATIVE MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	As at 31.03.2020	Income	Expenditure	Funds Transfer	As at 31.03.2021
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds	59,354	141,909	(120,571)	-	80,692
Designated Fund	40,000	-	(14,286)	-	25,714
RESTRICTED FUNDS		-			-
GLA Grant	-	45,000	-	-	45,000
	99,354	**186,909**	**(134,857)**	**-**	**151,406**

10. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2021)

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Fund	Restricted Funds (Note 9) £	2020/21 Total Funds £
Income				
Investment Income (see note 2)	359	-		**359**
Charitable activities				
Partnership Contributions (see note 3)	130,950	-	-	**130,950**
Other charitable	5,600	-	-	**5,600**
GLA grant (see note 9)	5,000	-	45,000	**50,000**
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	**141,909**	**-**	**45,000**	**186,909**

EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities (see note 4)	120,571	14,286	-	134,857
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**120,571**	**14,286**	**-**	**134,857**
Net Income/(expenditure)	**21,338**	**-14,286**	**45,000**	**52,052**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	**59,354**	**40,000**	**-**	**99,354**
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**80,692**	**25,714**	**45,000**	**151,406**

LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1156063

Accounts

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES' AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Registered Company No: 8561415 (England & Wales)
Registered Charity No: 1156063

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

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LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

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Registered Charity number
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

The trustees, who are also directors of the Charity, present their report with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second edition effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

London Parks and Green Spaces Forum ("the Charity") is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Charity trades as Parks for London.

The Charity has adopted the Charity Code of Governance for smaller charities. Each of the seven areas are addressed by the Board in rotation. At Board meetings during the period, trustees reviewed decision-making, risk and control (principle 4), board effectiveness (principle 5), equality, diversity & inclusion (principle 6) and organisational purpose (principle 1).

Board meetings planned for 2021-22 will review openness and accountability (principle 7), integrity (principle 3), leadership (principle 2) and board effectiveness (principle 5) as part of the Charity's on-going commitment to pursue good governance.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trustee Board is made up of a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen trustees. During the year, there were three new appointees and two resignations. As at, 31st March 2021 there were eleven trustees.

Induction, training and on-going support of trustees

New trustees undergo an induction programme, to brief them on their obligations under charity and company law and the Charity's governing documents being the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Trustees are made aware of the Charity's decision-making processes and its financial performance; and provided with resources including the NCVO trustee guide, Parks for London Trustee induction pack and copies of the current annual report and business plan. The Company Secretary and Chair act as a source of information and guidance.

Trustees are offered training and personal development opportunities during their tenure. A trustee skills audit will be conducted in 2021 to reassess trustee training needs.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees governs the Charity. The Board meets every three months in March, June (combined with a strategic review away-day), September and December.

The Board takes strategic responsibility for the Charity whilst day to day running of the Charity is the responsibility of the Chief Executive.

Related parties

The trustees confirm that there were no transactions with related parties during the year.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error.

The trustees review new and significant risks that the Charity might face at each quarterly Board meeting. Further the assessment and management of risk is integrated into the annual strategic and business planning process. The Board thoroughly reviewed the risk register in June 2020. In the light of new risks posed by the global pandemic, risks around safeguarding, bribery, charity malpractice, staff misconduct and exceptional issues (i.e. Covid-19) were added. High-risk areas which may be further impacted by the pandemic include being unable to meet income targets, lack of diversified income and inability to secure new funding.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit and that the activities carried out by the Charity during the period were all undertaken to further the Charity's objects. A detailed explanation is given under Activities and Achievements below.

Objectives

The Charity was set up with the following objects:

> *To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by the improvement of parks and green open spaces in Greater London. In furtherance of this the charity will provide an umbrella group for other interested organisations.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021 – continued

Activities and Achievements

After being hosted for 18 years by the Greater London Authority (GLA) at City Hall, in February 2021, the Charity migrated its IT systems and set up a new correspondence address to firmly establish itself and progress as a fully independent Charity. Parks for London is grateful to the GLA for their support over many years and is looking forward to embracing new growth and development in the future. In spite of these changes and the challenges posed by the pandemic, the Charity has been able to continue 'business as usual'. Fortunately, staff were already established as homeworkers and our activities have never been more relevant with parks and green spaces being so much in the spotlight since March 2020.

Each year the Charity invites feedback from its supporters and this year over 66% responded with record levels of satisfaction; 92% of respondents agreed that our activities were very relevant and useful, with the remainder agreeing our activities were quite relevant. Our guidance and support were especially invaluable over the course of the pandemic. Constantly evolving government guidance and national lockdowns impacted on the way land managers and owners were able to deliver their services and they had to react rapidly to a changing and unprecedented situation. Feedback from this survey has shaped the priorities for our work programme in 2021-22.

In November 2020, the Charity launched its fourth 'Good Parks for London' report, via a live webinar in collaboration with the Cross River Partnership. GL Hearn (part of Capita Real Estate) continued their sponsorship of Good Parks for London, for which we are most grateful. The report evaluates how well London Boroughs protect and invest in their parks and green spaces using the 10 'Good Parks Criteria', as well as showcasing best practice and good news stories. This year's report, which focused on Parks and the Pandemic, gave landowners and managers the opportunity to celebrate how their services had not only quickly adapted during a challenging year and had continued to provide a vital service to communities and a lifeline for many. The report provides an effective tool to promote good practice, raise quality standards, encourage collaboration among London Boroughs, and to lobby to protect resources for parks and green spaces.

As part of The Charity's on-going commitment to improve good practice and help landowners to save resources, we updated the Green Space Quality Manual, commissioned an independent review - the impact of the Good Parks for London reports, and held many one-to-one on-line meetings with supporters.

We continued to work closely with key organisations in the sector. We helped promote the Amenity Forum's annual updating event, held on-line in February 2021, to inform delegates about the latest legal developments related to weed, pest and disease management. We supported four on-line meetings of the London Parks Benchmarking Group and supported the London Friends of Green Spaces Network (LFGN) at their virtual meetings. We advised the GoParksLondon project consortium, which aims to encourage the public to discover and enjoy London's parks and green spaces and find out more about the Friends of Parks Groups involved with them, through a web-based interactive map. We worked closely with the GLA by assessing their 'Grow Back Greener Community Grant' applications and advised on the implementation of London Urban Forest Plan.

The greatest opportunity for the Charity came in August 2020, when Parks for London was identified by the London Green Space Commission's report as the most appropriate organisation to become a Centre for Excellence for London's parks and green spaces. A small Advisory Group, consisting of the GLA, London Councils, London Environment Directors Network and Chief Leisure Services Officers, was set up to support the development of the Centre for Excellence. We recruited three new trustees, to support this process, bringing additional expertise to our Board in the areas of health, housing and sport.

The Pandemic delayed progression of some aspects of our work, namely the asset management Action Group, development of the Integrated Pest and Disease Management guidance and reaching out to Housing Associations. We will be prioritising asset management and reaching out to housing associations in 2021-22.

Understandably the pandemic also impacted on holding face-to-face meetings, however we quickly adapted and hosted three virtual Heads of Parks Services meetings, as well as holding the Good Parks for London report launch on-line for the first time.

In order to share information and co-ordinate public communications about London's parks during the pandemic, a new alliance was formed between Parks for London, representing London boroughs, The Royal Parks, Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park the GLA and London Councils, the group met weekly through-out the Covid crisis.

The Chief Executive attended meetings and events throughout the year, the highlights being: supporting the Landscape Institute parks and green spaces network; and supporting Wimbledon & Putney Commons interviews for a new Conservator, appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment. He also gave presentations to Kew Diploma final year students, the Cross River Partnership, Metropolitan Public Parks Association, Urban Design London and the University of Westminster's launch of 'Eventful Parks' report.

We are delighted to report that the Chief Executive was honoured to be awarded the 'London Spade' by the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association for his outstanding contribution to London's green spaces.

We became corporate members two key green space charities, namely the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association and the London Gardens Trust.

In November 2020, Parks for London launched its new website and logo, the website features a resources hub to support landowners, managers, designers and users. Our presence on social media platforms is building; Twitter followers increased from 2,000 to 2,500 and impressions peaked in November at 45k for the launch of the Good Parks for London report. We established a presence on Instagram in November 2020 to coincide with the launch of the new website and to reach out to new audiences, we have over 350 followers. We also began to increase our presence on LinkedIn.

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During the year, the Charity adopted an Equal Opportunities Policy, to reflect our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion throughout the organisation and in its practices This approach supports good governance and the delivery of the organisation's charitable purposes. All Parks for London policies are now available via our website.

Looking to the future, the Charity will be exploring how it can best translate the aspirations of the London Green Spaces Commission report and will review its business plan accordingly. Further, we plan to recruit a number of additional staff to strengthen our role as a Centre for Excellence. Initial roles will include: A Researcher in Residence to develop a research programme, facilitate cross-sectoral and cross-jurisdictional collaboration, push forward debate, and inform policy and practice in identified priority areas; and a Communications Officer to lead the charity's strategic communications and engagement work.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

As described above the trustees undertook many activities during the year in accordance with its charitable objectives, which generated a general fund surplus of £21,338 (2020: surplus of £27,659).

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding during the year have been Partnership Contributions from supporters, namely: 27 London/Royal Boroughs; The City of London Corporation; The Royal Parks; Lee Valley Regional Parks Authority; London Legacy Development Corporation; the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Glendale Services; idverde, the Peabody Trust, Habitats and Heritage; Alexandra Palace & Park Charitable Trust; Potters Fields Park Management Trust; Wimbledon & Putney Commons Conservators and Capel Manor College. Total partnership contributions in the year were £130,950 (2020: £129,250). The Trustees are very grateful to all these organisations for their support.

Reserves policy

The trustees of the Charity review the reserves policy of the Charity each year in June. They agreed to amend the policy in June 2020 in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic. The policy now states that the Charity plans to hold unrestricted general funds to cover six months' planned expenditure and statutory redundancy costs, which equates to £76,674 as at June 2021. The policy will be reviewed annually by the Board. The fund amounts to £80,692 (2020: £59,354). In addition, £25,714 (2020: £40,000), is held in the Charity's Designated Fund for special projects to support its' charitable objectives, set up in 2019.

Funds in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021 – continued

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees have the authority to invest the charity's assets as they deem fit. Deposits not immediately required in current accounts of £40,000 are held with Shawbrook Bank limited. The account generated income of £359 (2020: £233).

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS

The Charity held funds within this year for the London Parks Benchmarking Group (LPBG); these being annual membership fees collected on their behalf. For the year ended 31st March 2021, fees of £4,900 were received. At the LPBG AGM held on 30th April 2021, their committee agreed that these funds would be donated to the Charity for its own charitable purposes and therefore no transfer of funds is required for the year.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also directors of London Parks and Green Spaces Forum for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees' and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 22nd June 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



Nigel Thorne (Chair & Trustee)

LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees of the charitable company (and its Directors 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 charitable company are not required to be audited 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

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Olayinka Tomori ACA DChA

22nd **June 2021**

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LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds (note 9) £	2020-21 Total Funds £	2019-20 Total Funds £
Income					
Investment Income (see note 2)	359	-	-	359	233
Charitable activities					
Partnership Contributions (see note 3)	130,950	-	-	130,950	129,250
Other charitable	5,600	-	-	5,600	7,595
GLA grant (see note 9)	5,000	-	45,000	50,000	9,000
Gifts in kind	-	-	-	-	7,722
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	**141,909**	**-**	**45,000**	**186,909**	**153,800**
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities (see note 4)	120,571	14,286	-	134,857	126,141
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**120,571**	**14,286**	**-**	**134,857**	**126,141**
Net Income/(Expenditure)	**21,338**	**-14,286**	**45,000**	**52,052**	**27,659**
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward:	**59,354**	**40,000**	**-**	**99,354**	**71,695**
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**80,692**	**25,714**	**45,000**	**151,406**	**99,354**

All activities are continuing.
The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
There are no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above in the Statement of Financial Activities.

LONDON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES FORUM

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021 **Company Number: 8561415**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Fund £	Restricted Funds (note 9) £	31.03.21 Total Funds £	31.03.20 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS	**NIL**	**NIL**	**NIL**	**NIL**	**NIL**
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors (see note 7)	23,600	-	45,000	68,600	16,252
Cash at bank (including designated fund)	108,467	25,714	-	134,181	111,807
Sub Total (current assets)	**132,067**	**25,714**	**45,000**	**202,781**	**128,059**
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year (see note 8)	51,375	-	-	51,375	28,705
NET CURRENT ASSETS	80,692	25,714	45,000	151,406	99,354
NET ASSETS	80,692	25,714	45,000	151,406	99,354
FUNDS					
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
GENERAL	80,692			80,692	59,354
DESIGNATED (see note 9)		25,714		25,714	40,000
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
GLA GRANT			45,000	45,000	
TOTAL FUNDS	**80,692**	**25,714**	**45,000**	**151,406**	**99,354**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2021

The trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and

b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

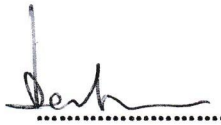
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021 **Company Number: 8561415**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on the 22nd June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



Nigel Thorne
Chair & Trustee



Bernie Watson
Hon. Treasurer & Trustee

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Second edition effective 1 January 2019) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical costs or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis
The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees have considered the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the charity's operations and on its ability to continue as a going concern. Due consideration has been given to assessing future income and expenditure including cash flow. The impact of such an unprecedented occurrence is difficult to evaluate with reasonable certainty. However, the trustees believe that the level of reserves and prudence will ensure the charity will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Income
All income is included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind are included in income at their estimated monetary value; staff time gifted by third party organisations is not included in the accounts. Where gifts in kind are received by way of vouchers, the face value of such vouchers is included in incoming resources.

Expenditure
Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Irrecoverable VAT is included with the category of expense to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets
The company owns no fixed assets, other than laptop computers which are expensed on acquisition or replacement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside by the Trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

Creditors and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pensions
The charity contributes to pensions for its employees. Employees may elect to take their pension contribution as salary. The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the charity and the employee during the year.

Statement of cash flows
As a small charity, the charity is exempt from the requirement to produce a Statement of Cash Flows.

		2020/21	2019/20
		£	£
2.	**INVESTMENT INCOME**		
	Bank account interest	359	233
3.	**PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS**		
	Amounts receivable from supporters	130,950	129,250

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 continued

4. EXPENDITURE	2020/21 £ (Unrestricted)	2020/21 Designated Fund (unrestricted)	2020/21 £ (Restricted)	2020/21 £ (Totals)	2019/20 £ (Totals)
Charitable Activities:					
Staff costs (see note 5)	106,488			106,488	99,532
Consultancy	500	14,286		14,786	7,044
Support Costs					
Payroll administration	717			717	414
Travel	40			40	1,230
Telephone	1,492			1,492	1,353
Server	3,439			3,439	545
Office supplies & furniture	800			800	729
Meeting costs	-			-	358
Computer hardware & software	80			80	1,462
Staff training	-			-	-
Insurance	756			756	674
Marketing & events	-			-	9,725
Subscriptions	3,500			3,500	1,259
Sundry costs	1,221			1,221	611
Sub totals	**119,033**	**14,286**	**-**	**133,319**	**124,936**
Governance Costs					
Independent examination fee	960			960	900
Trustee expenses	-			-	15
Board meeting costs	-			-	202
NCVO Trustee Guides and membership	515			515	-
Annual Return and other costs	63			63	88
Sub Totals	**1,538**	**-**	**-**	**1,538**	**1,205**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**120,571**	**14,286**	**-**	**134,857**	**126,141**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 continued

4. EXPENDITURE - Continued	2019/20 £ (Unrestricted)	2019/20 £ (Restricted)	2019/20 £ (Totals)
2020 COMPARATIVE			
Charitable Activities:			
Staff costs (see note 5)	99,532		99,532
Consultancy	144	6,900	7,044
Support Costs			
Payroll administration	414		414
Travel	1,230		1,230
Telephone	1,353		1,353
Server	545		545
Office supplies & furniture	729		729
Meeting costs	358		358
Computer hardware & software	1,462		1,462
Staff training	-		-
Insurance	674		674
Marketing & events	650	9,075	9,725
Subscriptions	1,259		1,259
Sundry costs	611		611
Sub totals	**108,961**	**15,975**	**124,936**
Governance Costs			
Independent examination fee	900	-	900
Trustee expenses	15	-	15
Board meeting costs	202	-	202
NCVO Trustee Guides and membership	-	-	-
Annual Return and other costs	88	-	88
Sub Totals	**1,205**	**-**	**1,205**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**110,166**	**15,975**	**126,141**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021- continued

		2020/21	2019/20
5.	**STAFF COSTS**		
	Gross wages and salaries	75,104	69,982
	Employer's National Insurance	3,940	4,276
	Employer's pension costs	27,444	25,274
	Total	**106,488**	**99,532**

The average number of employees in the year was 2 (2020: 2)
No employee had remuneration (excluding employer pension and national insurance contributions) over £60,000 in the year (2020: None).
The Chief Executive constitutes the key management personnel and received employment benefits (which consists of salary, employer pension contributions and national insurance contributions) of £71,092 in the year (2020 - £69,287).

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

No trustees received any remuneration in the year either for their work as trustees or for providing other services (2020: none).

7.	**DEBTORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**	**2020/21**	**2019/20**
	Partnership Contributions receivable	4,500	16,000
	Other debtors and prepayments	64,100	252
	Total	**68,600**	**16,252**

8.	**CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**	**2020/21**	**2019/20**
	Independent examination fee	960	900
	Staff expenses	-	181
	HMRC	-	2,003
	Other creditors	415	121
	Deferred income	50,000	25,500
	Total	**51,375**	**28,705**

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	As at 31.03.2020	Income	Expenditure	Funds Transfer	As at 31.03.2021
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds	59,354	141,909	(120,571)	-	80,692
Designated Fund	40,000	-	(14,286)	-	25,714
RESTRICTED FUNDS		-			-
GLA Grant	-	45,000	-	-	45,000
	99,354	**186,909**	**(134,857)**	**-**	**151,406**

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (Continued)

Designated Fund

In 2019, the trustees set up a Special Projects Fund (designated fund) and allocated £40,000 from general reserves. During the period, two projects were funded from the fund: 1. To design and build a new website for the charity and 2. To migrate IT systems from the GLA and set up independently.

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds relate to:

A grant from the GLA is to support Parks for London as it transitions to becoming a Centre for Excellence, to champion London's parks and green spaces, as recommended by the London Green Spaces Commission in 2020. It is hoped that funding will be given over a period of 3 years. Year 1 funding will be rolled forward to support new staff and develop a health and green space project.

2020 COMPARATIVE MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	As at 31.03.2019	Income	Expenditure	Funds Transfer	As at 31.03.2020
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds	31,695	137,825	(110,166)	-	59,354
Designated Fund	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
RESTRICTED FUNDS	-	-	-	-	-
GL Hearn (gift in kind)	-	7,722	(7,722)	-	-
GLA Grant	-	8,253	(8,253)	-	-
	71,695	**153,800**	**(126,141)**	**-**	**99,354**

10. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (2020)

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds (note 9) £	2019/20 Total Funds £	
Income				
Investment Income (see note 2)	233	-	233	
Charitable activities				
Partnership Contributions (see note 3)	129,250	-	129,250	
GLA consultancy	1,745	-	1,745	
GLA grant IWM production and launch	747	8,253	9,000	
Other charitable income	5,850	-	5,850	
Gifts in kind	-	7,722	7,722	
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	**137,825**	**15,975**	**153,800**	

EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities (see note 4)	110,166	15,975	126,141	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	**110,166**	**15,975**	**126,141**	

Net Income	**27,659**	**-**	**27,659**	

RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	71,695	-	71,695	
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	**99,354**	**-**	**99,354**	