

FRIENDS OF PAGE PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1158230

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-08-13

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

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Activities

Objects: A) TO ASSIST WITH THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF PAGE PARK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.B) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF STAPLE HILL, SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS BY ASSOCIATING WITH SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL AND INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO PROVIDE AND IMPROVE FACILITIES AT PAGE PARK IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION, SPORT, EDUCATION AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES WITH THE OBJECTS OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.C) TO PROMOTE HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE WHO LIVE NEAR TO OR VISIT PAGE PARK AND THE SURROUNDING AREA OF STAPLE HILL BY THE PROVISION OF FLORAL DISPLAYS, SHRUBS, TREES AND LANDSCAPES IN PLACES VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC IN AND AROUND PAGE PARK AND STAPLE HILL FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Activities: Fund-raising to be able to put on public events in Page Park (musical events. fairs) and also to restore and maintain the facilities for the use of the public.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- South Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£17,078	£10,889	-	-
2024-03-31	£14,448	£29,284	-	-
2023-03-31	£16,789	£13,981	-	-
2022-03-31	£21,553	£14,349	-	-
2021-03-31	£13,160	£10,659	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LORNA MARIE CARTER-STEVENSON	Chair	1997-05-01
Colin Martin Bracey		2018-11-26
JANICE ELIZABETH GREEN		1997-05-01
Janet Biggin		2017-10-09
Nathan Gornall		2025-03-01
PAUL STEVEN GRAHAM		2018-11-26
RACHAEL RUANE LLB		2013-01-01
STEPHANIE PURSER		1997-05-01
Thomas Beard		2019-09-15
WILLIAM EDWARD LEE		2014-05-05

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR
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4	Paul Graham	Website		
5	William Lee	Social media		
6	Rachael Ruane	Policies		
7	Janet Biggin	n/a		
8	Colin Bracey	n/a		
9	Tom Beard	n/a		
10	Nathan Gornall	n/a	Since 6 January 2025	

Independent examiner

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Our volunteers have continued to support the parks team with care of the Sensory Garden and one-off volunteering activities such as planting groups (more information on this below). There are weekly volunteer groups who work in the Sensory Garden, which for most of the year is ablaze with seasonal colour from the shrubs and annuals planting. The group comprises around 15 individuals who enjoy the camaraderie, fresh air, sense of achievement and learning about the plants and the pleasure that this space brings to the public at large as an intended quieter space in the park, for families and individuals to enjoy as a picnic area, venue for our summer yoga as well as peaceful contemplation. We thank all our regular volunteers for their care of this special space and park visitors in helping to keep this space "wheels-free" from bicycles and scooters for the protection of the plants, and those enjoying this very special space.

Volunteers also assist with litter picking on an ad hoc basis, supporting the parks team especially during the busy summer months.

There are counters on the gates to the park which monitor visitor numbers, and these have recorded approximately 668,000 visitors during this period.

Our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofPagePark/>) is the primary way we share information about the park and the group's activities. We currently have c. 6900 people following us (up from 6,500 last year) and our page was visited over 800,000 times over the year. Many of our individual posts on the page are viewed by over 10,000 people. There were over 5,000 Interactions (reactions, comments, shares etc) with page content over the year.

Our website (<http://www.friendsofpagepark.co.uk/>) continues to store detailed information about our projects and activities as well as galleries of pictures showcasing completed projects and the array of events which have taken place in the park. We have a comments section and pride ourselves in listening to feedback and responding wherever possible to those who take the time to get in touch with us. Our website also includes a detailed section on leaving a legacy to The Friends of Page Park. Gifts in wills have a huge impact on our fundraising as a small charity and we are very grateful when people consider including us in your plans. If you have remembered The Friends of Page Park in your will, are planning to leave a gift or would like to find out more about how a gift in your will could help Page Park flourish, we would be delighted to hear from you via our website. Knowing your intentions can help us to plan for the future, but also gives us the opportunity to update you about important developments and, most importantly, thank you for your generosity.

We extend our thanks again to all of our members and all those who have either donated to us or given volunteering help, as well as everyone else involved with the park at South Gloucestershire Council. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page or send us an email via the website if you would like to get involved!

Participating Organisations

South Gloucestershire Council
South Gloucestershire CVS
Staple Hill Runners
Page park Walking Well Group
Avon & Somerset Police
Page Park Nordic Walkers

Staple Hill, Mangotsfield and Downend Residents
Staple Hill & Mangotsfield Ward Councillors
Downend Councillors
Staple Hill & Mangotsfield Councillors
Page Park junior parkrun
Staple Hill Community Hub

Finance

For this financial year, our expenses were approximately £5,000 less than our receipts. Whilst we have minimal recurring costs (website, insurance and accountancy fees), our income continues to vary from year to year depending upon fundraising success, support from partner organisations and the projects with which we are involved. We have adequate remaining funds coming into the next financial period for all regular costs and it is likely that our attention will turn again to new fundraising for future identified projects including an additional of a second tin storage shed in the Sensory Garden as well as looking at the provision of play equipment in the park, especially for children with disabilities.

Volunteers

We have a reliable long-standing group of volunteers who participate in the activities of the CIO, litter-pickers who help supplement the work of the Council's park team and volunteers who tend weekly to the Sensory Garden. Additionally we have many volunteers who help with one-off events in the park including fund-raising events, planting sessions or when promoting our work through the local area from our red gazebo. As the core group is getting significantly older, we welcome new volunteers and can help find opportunities to suit the time they have to spare and give to the park so that we can continue with this important work.

Projects and main activities

25 Year Anniversary Event

July 2024 saw our own 25th anniversary event take place in the park, which was a fantastic celebration of all the group has achieved over a quarter of a century. We had help from many volunteers without whom this day could not have taken place. It was a chance to listen to music on the bandstand, treat ourselves to food from an amazing selection of food stalls and come together as a community to celebrate.

Other celebrations in the Park

Prior to the our own event in July, our volunteers helped out both at the Refugee Festival event in the park organised by the Bean Tree café ([Festival reveals refugee and global music lineup](#)) and at the Armed Forces Day. We also set up a tent and our silly games at the Emergency Services fun day, now a regular fixture in September at the return to school time, giving the community chance to speak with our local services personnel and the chance to see inside a police car and a fire engine. It's always really well attended with young children and their parents and carers ([Community meets emergency services - Downend Voice](#)).

Pumpkin Patch

October half term saw the beloved return of our Halloween event with a fancy dress competition, our silly games (which raised – with other donations – over £1,000 for our funds) and much fun besides. [Pumpkin Patch - Page Park 2024](#)

London Marathon / Frenchay 10k Run

We were very pleased to secure a place at the 2025 and 2026 London Marathons this year, for a member of a local running club to represent us in the marathon. Wendy Gwinneth was chosen as our runner in 2025, fulfilling a lifetime goal for herself, and raising almost £1,500 on our behalf. Great work Wendy, many thanks indeed! We were also lucky enough to be chosen this year to be one of the organisations supported by a local 10k run event (to take place in April 2025) and which we will also support with volunteer help.

Sensory Garden and other planting

Our fabulous group of sensory garden volunteers have continued to make this special space look beautiful. The Council only assists with grass cutting and with the trees in the sensory garden and all other gardening upkeep is done by volunteers. We like to keep this space wheel and ball free, not only to protect the plants, but so that our youngest and oldest visitors as well as those less physically able and those seeking some peace and quiet can find some calm here and enjoy the space. We have spent over £1,000 of funds during this period on plants and park upkeep more generally.

Aviary

The aviary, which was fully renovated in the financial year 21/22 with volunteer help continues to be managed by the new aviary team including trustee Tom Beard, Joe Chorley, members of park staff and other volunteers with specific interest and experience with caged birds. They continue to improve the quality of life for the birds and coordinate re-homing of birds where we are able to do so on requests from the public. It's amazing to see young and old alike around the aviary getting pleasure from seeing the birds year round. We continue to raise money to support both feeding and looking after the birds ([Page Park Aviary - JustGiving](#)). The aviary is now home to over 50 budgerigars and zebra finches who have some warm shelter now in the winter months – even more than you can see on this short video: [Birds in the aviary, at Page Park in Staple Hill - video Dailymotion](#).

Festival of Nature / Woodland Trust plantings

Our trustees are avid supporters of the Open Spaces forums that the Council runs and we were proud this year we also had a film crew from the Woodland Trust filming in the park. They were interested in the native hedgerow that we have been creating over the past few years along the Park Road and SouthView sides of the park. The Woodland Trust give out Community Tree Packs twice a year and we have been very lucky our applications have been successful. The film made was shown at the Festival of Nature in Bristol in June 2024 and at other venues throughout the year. The hedgerow as it grows will and is providing much needed habitat for our wildlife and insects. The Woodland Trust representatives were very impressed with how the hedgerow was coming along. A further 240 whips arrived and were planted in November.

Toilets project and storage

Our additional toilet facilities in the park, which are open for longer hours than the existing toilets (tied to the café and only open during the hours the café is open) finally opened in summer 2024. This might not be the most glamorous project we have assisted with, but it was high on the wishlist of many visitors to the park. The project includes a "Changes Places" toilet plus additional provision, which will improve access to the park for those with severe disabilities. We donated £20,000 of restoration funds in our previous financial year, raised from a combination of grants and public donations which went towards this project which was led by South Gloucestershire Council. Given these facilities cost nearly a quarter of a million pounds in total, as a group we are keen to ensure that the public knows what an

investment this has been and does everything it can to help keep the toilets tidy, clean as you'd like to find them and reports any vandalism or other concerns to the police on 101.

Walking Well

We continue to support the hire of the community room in the Bean Tree café to provide refreshments after the Walking Well walks which start in the park. There are usually 15 to 25 people taking part in the twice weekly walks. The walks themselves are now organised by Age UK South Glos and are open to all. For more information on how to register please see [Walking | One You South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](https://www.southglos.gov.uk).

Refugee festival

The third Refugee Festival, which took place in the park in June 2024 was again organised by the Bean Tree Café. We provided volunteers to help with set up of the festival, which is going from strength to strength and draws in lots of visitors from the wider Bristol area and beyond: [South Gloucestershire & Bristol Refugee Festival 2024 - Movema](https://www.movema.com).

Page Park Calendar

We launched our photographic competition in early 2024 for our charity calendar for 2025. Sales raised just under £7,000 (with surplus above our costs being approximately £5,000), a welcome increase in surplus over over 10% from the last year. We offered a cash prize to the winning photo this year of £125. As ever, a huge thank you very much to all the volunteers who have assisted Colin Bracey with sales of the calendar throughout the autumn. We sold calendars in the park, at local supermarkets and also at Christmas on the Hill. We are grateful for the ongoing support from all the local businesses who sold calendars on our behalf during autumn 2024.

Plant Sales

We were able to hold several plant sales with fantastic donations from our regular growers and raised c.£828 from these sales and hopefully provided some much-needed colour to many gardens.

Park cleaning

Following the success of the "Big Clean" last year, we organised two volunteer sessions, in May and mid-summer each attended by around 20-25 people of all ages (despite some rather inclement weather) to clean signage, railings, litterboxes and picnic benches in the park. It was a great opportunity for a natter and a catch up alongside the hard work and we welcomed some new volunteers to help with this.

Summer yoga in the park

One of our most popular events is now the annual outdoor yoga on Sunday mornings during the summer months (May – mid-September) again run by Pippa, and this attracted well over 100

participants each week (sometimes more than 200), who really look forward to taking part and some exploring yoga for the first time ([2024 Yoga in Page Park](#)). It runs after the junior parkrun, and means summer Sunday mornings in the park and in the café are hive of activity and wellbeing for our local community. The Friends were able to fully fund these sessions again this year, with the costs being covered by donations from the community via a Just Giving page. Just bring along a mat/towel and some water to keep yourself hydrated.

Liaising with other organisations/Signposting

We continue to grow our list of members and our vice chair sends out regular updates on what is happening in the park and in the local community as well as chairing the South Gloucestershire Green Spaces Forum. We continue to update our members on the activities of various local organisations including the Salvation Army and the Staple Hill Community Hub and also help other friends' groups which are applying for Heritage Lottery or other grant funding to share in our experience.

In Conclusion

We have increased our interactions with South Gloucestershire Council to ensure that the legacy of the Heritage Lottery improvements and park maintenance/action plan, which the council adopted, is respected and carried out to full effect and to ascertain how best we focus our fund-raising efforts going forward. With the end of the Heritage Lottery Project we are turning our intention to additional much needed improvements in the park, attracting a younger set of volunteers to help with the CIO and using our resources, both pecuniary and human manpower, to best effect to improve the park and lives of local residents.

Reserves policy

No specific reserves are held. The trustees consider that we have minimal ongoing commitments (these are limited to payments for services of our accountant, our public liability insurance and our website) and we only spend monies we have been able to raise. We note at our base costs are under £1,000, we have no employees, nor do we directly engage any contractors, and we manage the funds we hold with the bank to obtain interest on funds held wherever possible.

Organisational structure

The charity is run by the Trustees who are in contact on a regular basis. Powers are delegated to volunteers as and when appropriate.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

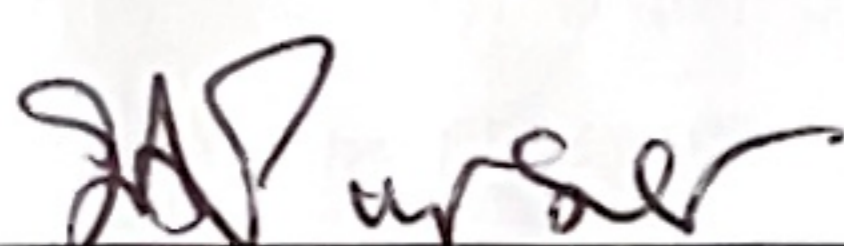
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
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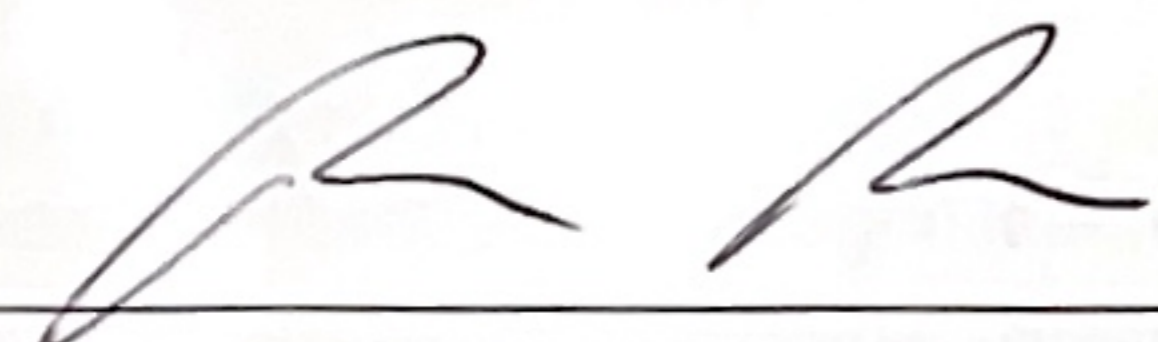
The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the annual general meeting on 20 January 2026



STEPHANIE PURSER

Trustee



RACHAEL RUANE

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bank Interest	153	-	-	153	421
Donations & Collections	-	-	-	-	-
Walkers	-	-	-	-	940
Frenchay 10K sponsorship	125	-	-	125	-
S Glos Billy Kart	-	-	-	-	500
London Marathon sponsorship	1,499	-	-	1,499	-
Plant Sales	828	-	-	828	1,387
Wessex Water grant, wild flowers and plants	-	-	-	-	-
Yoga	-	2,945	-	2,945	1,792
General Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Event Funding	1,584	-	-	1,584	4,254
General exps reimbursed	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Project '23	-	-	-	-	6,013
Calendar Project '24	6,843	-	-	6,843	-
Aviary project	-	252	-	252	780
Restoration fund	2,849	-	-	2,849	1,873
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,881	3,197	-	17,078	17,960
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,881	3,197	-	17,078	17,960
A3 Payments					
Plants/Park Upkeep	1,086	-	-	1,086	2,303
Website	173	-	-	173	173
Insurance	142	-	-	142	138
Accountants Fee	210	-	-	210	210
Contribution to SGC toilet project	-	-	-	-	20,000
Sundry & Admin Expenses	153	-	-	153	342
The Nest Billy Kart project	-	-	-	-	500
London Marathon 25 & 26 costs	960	-	-	960	-
Events '23-24	-	-	-	-	3,797
Events '24-25	4,224	-	-	4,224	-
Yoga in the Park	-	1,600	-	1,600	1,400
Aviary Refurbishment	-	71	-	71	969
Walkers fund	-	415	-	415	1,459
Calendar Project '23	-	-	-	-	1,821
Calendar Project '24	1,855	-	-	1,855	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,803	2,086	-	10,889	33,112
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,803	2,086	-	10,889	33,112
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,078	1,111	-	6,189	- 15,152
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,975	2,299	-	13,274	28,426
Cash funds this year end	16,053	3,410	-	19,463	13,274

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds 0268	2,193	-	-
	Lloyds 4460	13,860	3,410	-
	Lloyds 32 day a/c	-		-
	Petty cash	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,053	3,410	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				



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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

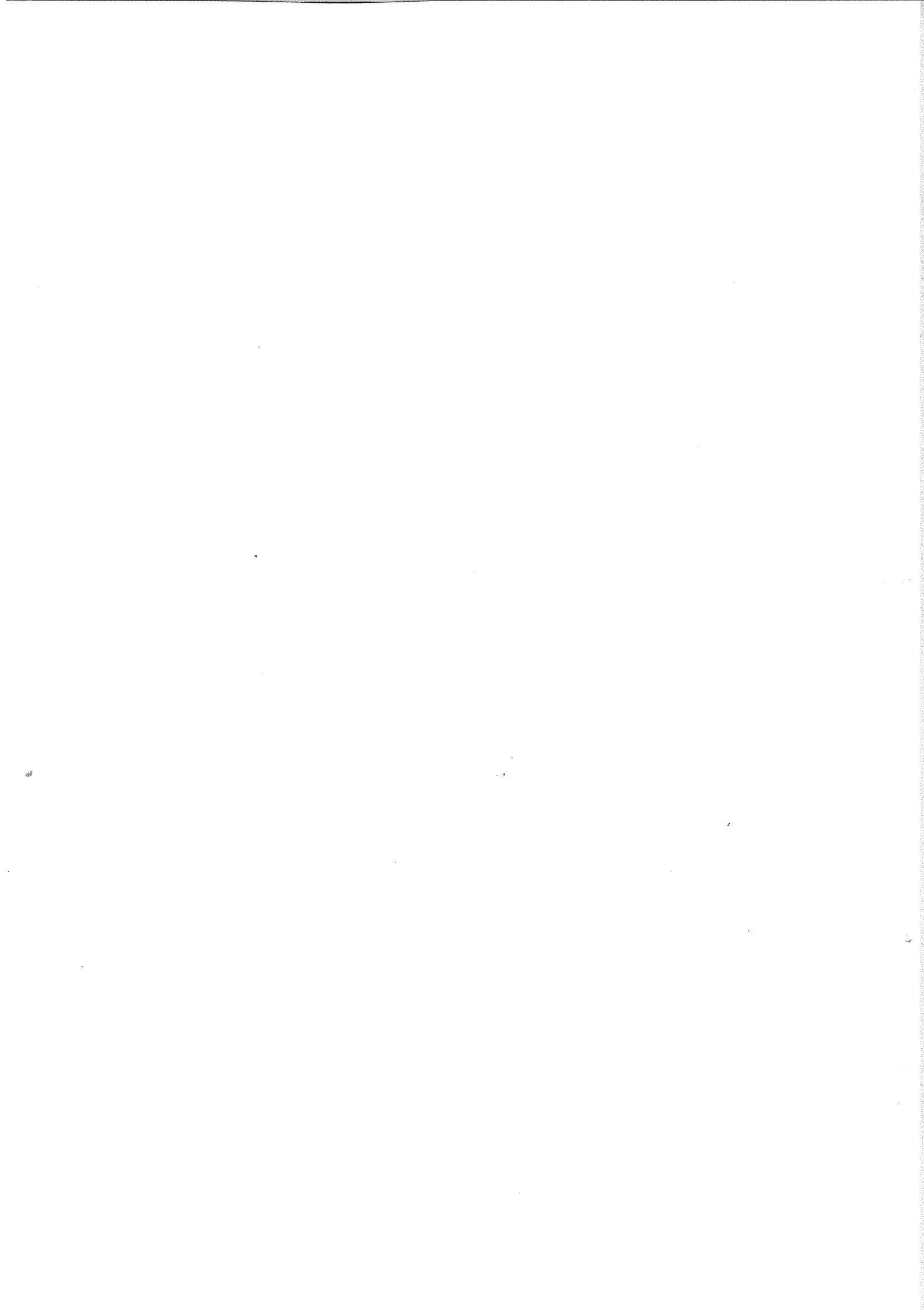
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
 	S. PURSER. J. E. GREEN	12.8.25 12/8/25

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Our volunteers have continued to support the parks team with care of the Sensory Garden and one-off volunteering activities such as planting groups (more information on this below). There are weekly volunteer groups who work in the Sensory Garden, which for most of the year is ablaze with seasonal colour from the shrubs and annuals planting. The group comprises around 15 individuals who enjoy the camaraderie, fresh air, sense of achievement and learning about the plants and the pleasure that this space brings to the public at large as an intended quieter space in the park, for families and individuals to enjoy as a picnic area, venue for our summer yoga as well as peaceful contemplation. We thank all our regular volunteers for their care of this special space and park visitors in helping to keep this space "wheels-free" from bicycles and scooters for the protection of the plants, and those enjoying this very special space.

Volunteers also assist with litter picking and our members who are dog walkers supporting the Dog Wardens to encourage dog walkers to pick up after their pets.

This year we made a donation towards the celebration of Chinese New Year in the park organised by the Bean Tree Café, which included crafts workshops, M-pop music, performances by dance troupes

and a tai chi demonstration. Some pictures can be seen here: [Downend Voice March 2024](#). It was attended by over 300 people.

Visitor numbers in the park have remained high following the Covid pandemic and we have continued to see and support the return of regular sporting, musical and other community events, some of the highlights of which are set out below. There are counters on the gates to the park which monitor visitor numbers, and these have increased by just over 10,000 during this period.

Our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofPagePark/>) is the primary way we share information about the park and the group's activities. We currently have c. 6500 people following us (up from 5,900 last year) and our page was visited over 40,000 times over the year. Many of our individual posts on the page are viewed by over 10,000 people. Page 'reach' over the 2023/24 year was 85,000, a significant increase on the previous year.

Our website (<http://www.friendsofpagepark.co.uk/>) continues to store detailed information about our projects and activities as well as galleries of pictures showcasing completed projects and the array of events which have taken place in the park. We have a comments section and pride ourselves in listening to feedback and responding wherever possible to those who take the time to get in touch with us. Our website also includes a detailed section on leaving a legacy to The Friends of Page Park. Gifts in wills have a huge impact on our fundraising as a small charity and we are very grateful when people consider including us in your plans. If you have remembered The Friends of Page Park in your will, are planning to leave a gift or would like to find out more about how a gift in your will could help Page Park flourish, we would be delighted to hear from you via our website. Knowing your intentions can help us to plan for the future, but also gives us the opportunity to update you about important developments and, most importantly, thank you for your generosity.

We extend our thanks again to all of our members and all those who have either donated to us or given volunteering help, as well as everyone else involved with the park at South Gloucestershire Council. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page or send us an email via the website if you would like to get involved!

Participating Organisations

South Gloucestershire Council
South Gloucestershire CVS
Staple Hill Runners
Avon & Somerset Police
Page Park Nordic Walkers

Staple Hill, Mangotsfield and Downend Residents
Staple Hill & Mangotsfield Ward Councillors
Downend Councillors
Page Park junior parkrun
Staple Hill Community Hub

Finance

For this financial year, our expenses were approximately £15,000 more than our receipts due (primarily) to the large donation to South Gloucestershire Council towards refurbishment of the toilet block, for which we have raised funding and have been anticipating over the last two financial

years. Whilst we have minimal recurring costs (website, insurance and accountancy fees), our income continues to vary from year to year depending upon fundraising success, support from partner organisations and the projects with which we are involved. We have adequate remaining funds coming into the next financial period for all regular costs and it is likely that our attention will turn again to new fund-raising for future identified projects including an additional of a second tin storage shed in the Sensory Garden as well as looking at the provision of play equipment in the park, especially for children with disabilities.

Volunteers

We have a reliable long-standing group of volunteers who participate in the activities of the CIO, litter-pickers who help supplement the work of the Council's park team and volunteers who tend weekly to the Sensory Garden. Additionally we have many volunteers who help with one-off events in the park including planting sessions or when promoting our work through the local area from our red gazebo. As the core group is getting significantly older, we welcome new volunteers and can help find opportunities to suit the time they have to spare and give to the park so that we can continue with this important work.

Projects and main activities

Sensory Garden and other planting

Our fabulous group of sensory garden volunteers have continued to make this special space look beautiful. The Council only assists with grass cutting and with the trees in the sensory garden and all other gardening upkeep is done by volunteers.

We have spent over £2,000 of funds during this period on plants and park upkeep more generally and have fully refurbished the much loved "boat" in the Sensory Garden.

Bee Bold Staple Hill Project

This project, funded from an £800 grant from WECA, and led by the Staple Hill Community Hub, was a significant investment in community planting and horticulture in the Staple Hill area. One aspect involved working with the Friends group to establish a wild flower meadow and add pollinator friendly plant species to existing planters in two areas of the park. A planting session also took place involving members of the Staple Hill Hub's Sprouts gardening club. The project ended with a celebration event in the park where over 200 people attended. The public took part in gardening workshops such as 'build a bug hotel' and heard from a guest Ecologist from Avon Wildlife Trust

A further £750 from Wessex Water was received towards plants, as well as a woodchip path to and increasing the size of the mounds around the park's Celebration Bench.

Aviary

The aviary, which was fully renovated in the financial year 21/22 with volunteer help is now being managed by the new aviary team including trustee Tom Beard, Joe Chorley, members of park staff and other volunteers with specific interest and experience with caged birds and with much dedication they have continued to improve the quality of life for the birds and coordinate re-homing of birds where we are able to do so on requests from the public. The aviary is now home to over 50 budgerigars and zebra finches – even more than you can see on this short video: [Birds in the aviary, at Page Park in Staple Hill - video Dailymotion](#).

Toilets project and storage

The major project we worked on this financial year with the Council were the plans to have additional toilet facilities in the park, which are open for longer hours than the existing toilets (tied to the café and only open during the hours the café is open). This might not be the most glamorous project we have assisted with, but it is high on the wishlist of many visitors to the park. The project includes a “Changes Places” toilet plus additional provision, which will improve access to the park for those with severe disabilities. We have donated £20,000 of restoration funds raised from a combination of grants and public donations to go towards this project which was led by South Gloucestershire Council. Several of our members participated in a steering group with the council relating to this project. The overall cost of the project was £245,000. The Friends have lost some of storage space for our equipment, which will need replacing – we have now obtained planning permission to install a second tin shed in the Sensory Garden to house this equipment and further fund-raising will now be needed for this next smaller project.

Walking Well

We had previously raised £1,344 of funding from Sport England and continued to use this to support the hire of the community room in the Bean Tree café to provide refreshments after the Walking Well walks which start in the park. There are usually 15 to 25 people taking part in the twice weekly walks. For more information on how to register please see [Walking | One You South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#).

Refugee festival

The second Refugee Festival, which took place in the park in June 2023 was again organised by the Bean Tree Café. We provided volunteers to help with set up of the festival, which is going from strength to strength and draws in lots of visitors from the wider Bristol area and beyond: [Bristol Refugee Festival 2023 - Movema](#).

Page Park Calendar

We launched our photographic competition in early 2023 for our charity calendar for 2024. Sales raised over £6,000 (with surplus above our costs being approximately £4,200). Thank you very much to all the volunteers who have assisted Colin Bracey with sales of the calendar throughout

the autumn. We sold calendars in the park, at two local supermarkets and also at Christmas on the Hill. We also extend our thanks to all the local businesses who sold calendars on our behalf during autumn 2023.

Plant Sales

We were able to hold several plant sales with fantastic donations from our regular growers and raised c.£1,387 from these sales and hopefully provided some much-needed colour to many gardens.

Park cleaning

We organised a volunteer session, attended by around 25 people aged 6-75(!), including some drop-ins on the day, to clean signage, railings, litterboxes and picnic benches in the park. It was a great opportunity for a natter and a catch up alongside the hard work.

Summer yoga in the park

We supported once more the outdoor yoga on Sunday mornings during the summer months again run by Pippa, and this attracted well over 100 participants each week (this year's record was 239!), who really look forward to taking part and some exploring yoga for the first time ([Yoga in Page Park 2023](#)). It runs after the junior parkrun in the park, and means summer Sunday mornings in the park and in the café are hive of activity and wellbeing for our local community. The Friends were able to fully fund these sessions this year, with the costs being covered by donations from the community. Just bring along a mat/towel and some water to keep yourself hydrated.

Liaising with other organisations/Signposting

We continue to grow our list of members and our vice chair sends out regular updates on what is happening in the park and in the local community as well as chairing the South Gloucestershire Green Spaces Forum. We continue to update our members on the activities of various local organisations including the Salvation Army and the Staple Hill Community Hub and also help other friends' groups which are applying for Heritage Lottery or other grant funding to share in our experience.

In Conclusion

We have increased our interactions with South Gloucestershire Council to ensure that the legacy of the Heritage Lottery improvements and park maintenance/action plan, which the council adopted, is respected and carried out to full effect and to ascertain how best we focus our fund-raising efforts going forward. With the end of the Heritage Lottery Project we are turning our intention to additional much needed improvements in the park, attracting a younger set of volunteers to help with the CIO and using our resources, both pecuniary and human manpower, to best effect to improve the park and lives of local residents.

Reserves policy

No specific reserves are held. The trustees consider that we have minimal ongoing commitments (these are limited to payments for services of our accountant, our public liability insurance and our website) and we only spend monies we have been able to raise.

Organisational structure

The charity is run by the Trustees who are in contact on a regular basis. Powers are delegated to volunteers as and when appropriate.

Responsibilities of the Trustees


The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

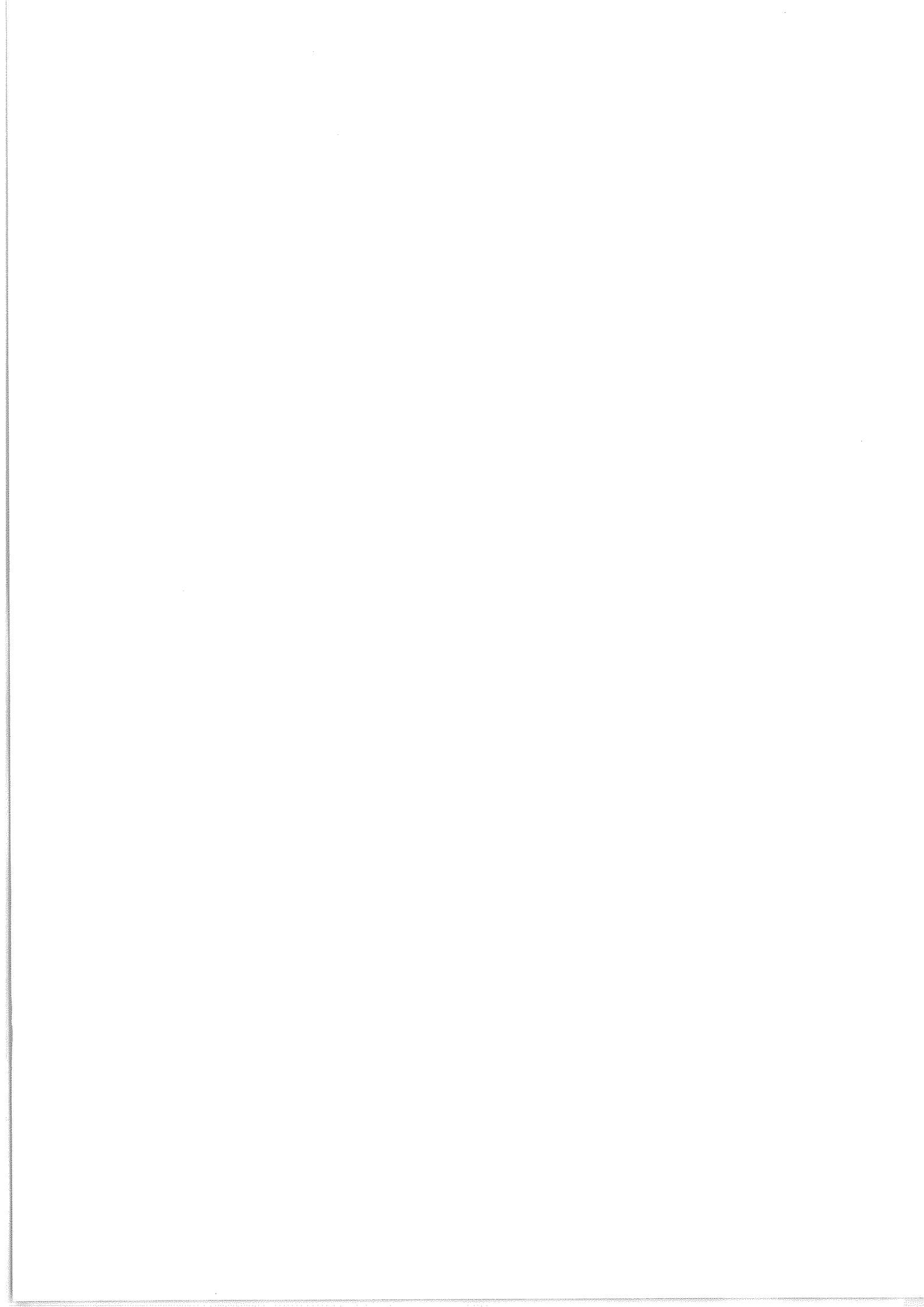
Approved by the annual general meeting on 21 November 2024



Trustee



Trustee





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name Friends of Page Park

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2024

Charity no (if any)

1158230

Set out on pages

CC16a 1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2024 Y.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

16/10/2024

Name:

Susan Rickerby

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

ACA

Address:

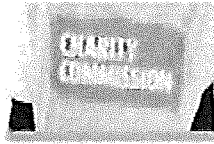
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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



Friends of Page Park

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	01/04/2023	To	31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bank Interest	421	-	-	421	49
Donations & Collections	-	-	-	-	1,506
Walkers	-	940	-	940	1,344
S Glos Billy Kart	500	-	-	500	-
Plant Sales	1,387	-	-	1,387	1,161
Wessex Water grant, wild flowers and plants	-	-	-	-	750
Yoga	-	1,792	-	1,792	1,478
General Fundraising	-	-	-	-	703
Event Funding	4,254	-	-	4,254	4,250
General exps reimbursed	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Project '22	-	-	-	-	5,548
Calendar Project '23	6,013	-	-	6,013	-
Aviary project	-	780	-	780	-
Restoration fund	1,873	-	-	1,873	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,448	3,512	-	17,960	16,789
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,448	3,512	-	17,960	16,789
A3 Payments					
Plants/Park Upkeep	2,303	-	-	2,303	651
Repayment to donor unable to fulfil wish	-	-	-	-	1,000
Website	173	-	-	173	345
Insurance	138	-	-	138	275
Accountants Fee	210	-	-	210	210
Contribution to SGC toilet project	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
Sundry & Admin Expenses	342	-	-	342	290
The Nest Billy Kart project	500	-	-	500	-
Events '23-24	3,797	-	-	3,797	7,516
Yoga in the Park	-	1,400	-	1,400	1,350
Aviary Refurbishment	-	969	-	969	207
Walkers fund	-	1,459	-	1,459	562
Calendar Project '22	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Project '23	1,821	-	-	1,821	1,575
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	29,284	3,828	-	33,112	13,981
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,284	3,828	-	33,112	13,981
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 14,836	- 316	-	- 15,152	2,808
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,811	2,615	-	28,426	25,618
Cash funds this year end	10,975	2,299	-	13,274	28,426

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds 0268	1,310		-
	Lloyds 4460	1,920		-
	Lloyds 32 day a/c	7,745	2,299	-
	Petty cash	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,975	2,299	-

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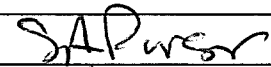
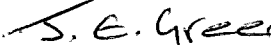
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	S. PURSER	
	J. E. GREEN	

FRIENDS OF PAGE PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1158230

Accounts

FRIENDS OF PAGE PARK
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

Charity Number 1158230

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting its report of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) for the period ended 31 March 2023.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Appointment of trustees

Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed, by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the CIO.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable purposes

The objects of the CIO are

A) to assist with the preservation, restoration, maintenance and improvement of Page Park for the benefit of the public; B) to promote the benefit of the residents of Staple Hill, South Gloucestershire and the surrounding areas by associating with South Gloucestershire Council and inhabitants in a common effort to provide and improve facilities at Page Park in the interests of social welfare for recreation, sport, education and leisure time activities with the objects of improving their conditions of life; and C) to promote horticulture and floriculture for the benefit of the public generally and in particular those who live near to or visit Page Park and the surrounding area of Staple Hill by the provision of floral displays, shrubs, trees and landscapes in places visible to the public in and around Page Park and Staple Hill for improvement of the environment.

park is now well known beyond the immediate local vicinity and has become a “destination park” for families in the wider Bristol area.

Participating Organisations

South Gloucestershire Council
South Gloucestershire CVS
Staple Hill Runners
Avon & Somerset Police

Staple Hill, Mangotsfield and Downend Residents
Staple Hill & Mangotsfield Ward Councillors
Downend Councillors
Page Park Junior Park Run

Finance

For this financial year, our receipts were approximately £2,800 more than our expenses. Whilst we have minimal recurring costs (website, insurance and accountancy fees), our income varies from year to year depending upon fundraising success, support from partner organisations and the projects with which we are involved. As we have remained limited during this year in what activities we have been able to undertake, we have adequate funds coming into the next financial period to undertake identified projects including our support in renovating the old toilet block.

Volunteers

We have a reliable long-standing group of volunteers who participate in the activities of the CIO, litter-pickers who help supplement the work of the Council's park team and volunteers who tend weekly to the Sensory Garden. Additionally we have many volunteers who help with one-off events in the park including planting sessions or when promoting our work through the local area from our red gazebo. We are always pleased to welcome new volunteers and can help find opportunities to suit the time they have to spare and give to the park.

Projects and main activities

Sensory Garden and other planting

Our fabulous group of sensory garden volunteers, adhering to the covid-safe guidelines whilst these remained in force, have continued to make this very special space look beautiful over this period. The Council only assists with grass cutting and with the trees in the sensory garden and all other gardening upkeep is done by volunteers.

Our volunteers also assisted the parks' team with planting some of the new saplings, which have been planted as part of the ongoing park maintenance plan and learned some new skills as part of this.

With a £750 grant from Wessex Water, which the Friends obtained, we have been able to purchase additional new wildflowers and other plants.

Aviary

The aviary was renovated in the financial year 21/22 with volunteer help to:
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in the twice weekly walks. For more information please see [Walking | One You South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#).

Refugee festival

The Refugee Festival which took place in the park in June 2022 was organised by the Bean Tree Café. We donated £500 of funding towards this fabulous event, which draws in lots of visitors from the wider Bristol area and beyond: [Celebrate with me \(bristolrefugeefestival.org\)](#).

Page Park Calendar

We launched our photographic competition in early 2022 for our charity calendar for 2023. Sales raised over £5,500 for the Friends (with surplus above our costs being £3,973). Thank you very much to all the volunteers who have assisted Colin Bracey with sales of the calendar throughout the autumn. We sold calendars in the park, at two local supermarkets and also at Christmas on the Hill, which resumed in Staple Hill this year after a few years of absence during the Covid pandemic. We also extend our thanks to all the local businesses who sold calendars on our behalf during autumn 2022.

Plant Sales

We were able to hold several plant sales with fantastic donations from our regular growers and raised c.£1,160 from these sales and hopefully provided some much-needed colour to many gardens.

Summer yoga in the park

We supported once more the outdoor yoga on Sunday mornings during the summer months again run by Pippa, and this attracted often over 100 participants each week. It runs after the Junior Park Run in the park and means summer Sunday mornings in the park and in the café are hive of activity and wellbeing for our local community. The Friends put funding of £565 towards these “Yoga in the Park” sessions together with grant funding received of £835.

Liaising with other organisations/Signposting

We continue to grow our list of members and our vice chair sends out regular updates on what is happening in the park and in the local community as well as chairing the South Gloucestershire Green Spaces Forum. We continue to update our members on the activities of various local organisations including the Salvation Army and the Staple Hill Community Hub and also help other friends' groups which are applying for Heritage Lottery or other grant funding to share in our experience. This year, much time and effort has been spent working with South Gloucestershire Council to remove barriers for community organisations in putting on events where there is fund-raising through commercial sales. Community organisations did not have an exemption from obtaining a Street Trading Licence if they wanted to put on more than one event per annum. This anomaly has now been addressed by the

safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the annual general meeting on 23 November 2023



Trustee



Trustee



Friends of Page Park Receipts and payments accounts	CC16a
For the period from 01/04/2022 To 31/03/2023	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bank Interest	49	-	-	49	2
Donations & Collections	1,506	-	-	1,506	1,624
Walkers	-	1,344	-	1,344	151
Defib	-	-	-	-	-
Plant Sales	1,161	-	-	1,161	1,020
Wessex Water grant, wild flowers and plants	750	-	-	750	-
Yoga	-	1,478	-	1,478	260
Enovert Funding	-	-	-	-	9,055
General Fundraising	703	-	-	703	-
Event Funding	4,250	-	-	4,250	2,985
General expts reimbursed	-	-	-	-	-
Calendar Project '21	-	-	-	-	5,822
Calendar Project '22	5,548	-	-	5,548	-
Aviary project	-	-	-	-	634
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,967	2,822	-	16,789	21,553
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,967	2,822	-	16,789	21,553
A3 Payments					
Plants/Park Upkeep	651	-	-	651	628
Repayment to donor unable to fulfil wish	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Website	345	-	-	345	-
Insurance	275	-	-	275	158
Accountants Fee	210	-	-	210	180
Defib Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry & Admin Expenses	290	-	-	290	271
Enovert Funding	-	-	-	-	8,950
Events '22	7,516	-	-	7,516	399
Yoga in the Park	-	1,350	-	1,350	740
Aviary Refurbishment	-	207	-	207	1,427
Walkers fund	-	562	-	562	-
Calendar Project '21	-	-	-	-	1,596
Calendar Project '22	1,575	-	-	1,575	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,862	2,119	-	13,981	14,349
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,862	2,119	-	13,981	14,349
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,105	703	-	2,808	7,204
A5 Transfers between funds	-	1,007	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,713	905	-	25,618	18,414
Cash funds this year end	25,811	2,615	-	28,426	25,618

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds 0268	-	416	-
	Lloyds 4460	25,811	2,199	-
	Petty Cash	-	-	-
	Unrepresented Cheque	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	25,811	2,615	-

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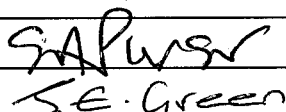
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	S. PURSER	15/8/23
S.E. Green	J.E. GREEN.	15/8/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

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On accounts for the year ended

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England & Wales - Charity number 1158230

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The financial year 2021/2022 has continued to be a challenging period for group volunteering because of the Covid pandemic though many of our regular outdoor volunteering activities were able to take place with social distancing measures in place.

Our volunteers have continued to support the parks team during this period with litter picking and arranging appropriate signage, as the visitor numbers in the park have remained high, bolstered by the café being able to reopen fully and the return of regular sporting and musical events.

The park is the holder Green Flag status (see <https://www.greenflagaward.org/how-it-works/judging-criteria/>) and a flagpole advertising this proud fact is now visible at the front of the park. Some details of this award appear on the website here: <https://www.greenflagaward.org/park-summary/?park=3494>.

Our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofPagePark/>) goes from strength to strength and is the primary way we share information about the park and the group's activities. We currently have c. 4,600 people following us (up from 4,200 last year) and our page was visited over 10,000 times, with our "page reach" being 72,800.

Our website (<http://www.friendsofpagepark.co.uk/>) continues to store detailed information about our projects and activities as well as galleries of pictures showcasing completed projects and the marvellous events which have taken place in the park. We have a comments section and pride ourselves in listening to feedback and responding wherever possible to those who take the time to get in touch with us. Our website also includes a detailed section on leaving a legacy to The Friends of Page Park. Gifts in wills have a huge impact on our fundraising as a small charity and we are very grateful when people consider including us in your plans. If you have remembered The Friends of Page Park in your will, are planning to leave a gift or would like to find out more about how a gift in your will could help Page Park flourish, we would be delighted to hear from you via our website. Knowing your intentions can help us to plan for the future, but also gives us the opportunity to update you about important developments and, most importantly, thank you for your generosity.

2020 marked the end of the Heritage Lottery Project and this financial year much work has gone into the final celebration event to mark this occasion (which took place in June 2022).

We would like to thank all our members and all those who have either donated to us or given volunteering help as well as everyone else involved with the park at South Gloucestershire Council as the public's pride and enjoyment of the park continues to grow and the park becomes increasingly well known beyond the immediate local vicinity and has become a "destination park" for families in the wider Bristol area.

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Finance

For this financial year, our receipts were approximately £8,475 more than our expenses (£2,985 of this figure was on account of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations held in June 2022). Whilst we have minimal recurring costs (website, insurance and accountancy fees), our income does vary from year to year depending upon fundraising success and the projects with which we are involved. As we have remained limited during this year in what activities we have been able to undertake, we have adequate funds coming into the next financial period to undertake identified projects.

Policies and Procedures

Rachael Ruane, our policies and procedures lead, attended safeguarding training organised by South Gloucestershire Council and presented to the general meeting on our responsibilities as member of the CIO to young people and vulnerable adults. The policies and procedures of the CIO have been updated and approved by the CIO in October 2021 and will be reviewed periodically.

Volunteers

We have a reliable long-standing group of volunteers who participate in the activities of the CIO including our Green Dog Walkers, who encourage the public to pick up mess after their pets, litter-pickers who help supplement the work of the Council's park team and volunteers who tend weekly (when permitted) to the Sensory Garden. Additionally we have many volunteers who help with one-off events in the park or when promoting our work through the local area. We are always pleased to welcome new volunteers and can help find opportunities to suit the time they have to spare and give to the park.

Projects and main activities

Bandstand

Repairs continued into this year to the bandstand and were completed in May 2021. Mitie was appointed by the Council to carry out the repairs, the Friends having been successful in obtaining a grant from Enover Environmental Trust of which £9,000 was applied towards this project.

The funding allowed for new planting for the four flower beds. The bandstand has hosted a number of concerts since the repairs and painting were completed and park visitors have remarked how wonderful it is for these types of events to have returned to the park.

Ice-cream van

Tony's ice-cream van has been dishing out delicious ice-creams and lollipops in the park for over 10 years. We have been a little concerned about the fumes that were emitted from the van in order to keep the ice-creams frozen, with the generator running. We were successful in helping Tony liaise and agree with the council to provide an electric hook-up in the park, which meant that Tony invested in upgrading his van so there is now no need to worry about such fumes. We believe that this is the first ice-cream selling location in South Gloucestershire to benefit from this provision and we would like to thank the Council and Tony for this fantastic improvement to keeping the air quality in the park as high as possible.

Sensory Garden and other planting

Our fabulous group of sensory garden volunteers, adhering to the covid-safe guidelines whilst these remained in force, have continued to make this very special space look beautiful over this period. The Council only assists with grass cutting and with the trees in the sensory garden and all other gardening upkeep is done by volunteers.

Our volunteers also assisted the parks' team with planting some of the new saplings, which have been planted as part of the ongoing park maintenance plan and learned some new skills as part of this.

With grants from the Woodland Trust, which the Friends obtained, we have taken delivery of some native hedging plants, which have started to be planted along the park boundary of Park Road.

Aviary

We had been very concerned for the welfare of the birds in the aviary, and one of our trustees Tom Beard took the lead in obtaining some expert advice on what improvements would be needed. Via a fundraising appeal for the revamp project we raised £1,800 in total, which was a phenomenal response from local residents and showed just how much pleasure the aviary brings to young and old alike. The aviary has now been renovated with volunteer help to:

- remove the central structure so the birds flight lines will be increased
- improve perching and install a purpose built breeding box
- paint the mesh black to aid visibility
- improve pathways around the aviary
- add climbing plants around the aviary to give seasonal interest

Heritage Lottery Project and park management and maintenance plan

Now that the Heritage Lottery Project money has been spent and the park is looking glorious once more, we have turned our attention back to fundraising for new projects. The major project we are working on is for plans to have additional toilet facilities in the park, which will be open for longer hours than the current toilets (which are tied to the café and only open during the hours the café is open). We continue to be concerned about the lack of toilet provision out of hours in the park and have been liaising with the Council on how to improve this situation given the uptick in visitor numbers to the Park.

Page Park Calendar

We launched our new photographic competition in early 2021 for our charity calendar for 2022. Sales raised over £5,800 for the Friends (with surplus above our costs being £4,000). This was our main fund-raising event with the public over this financial period.

Plant Sales

We were able to hold several plant sales with fantastic donations from our regular growers and raised c.£450 from these sales and hopefully provided some much-needed colour to many gardens.

Summer yoga in the park

Outdoor yoga on Sunday mornings during the summer months was run by the fabulous Pippa, and attracted up to 100 participants each week. The Friends put funding of £460 towards these “Yoga in the Park” sessions together with grant funding received of £260.

Liaising with other organisations/Signposting

We continue to grow our list of members and our vice chair sends out regular updates on what is happening in the park and in the local community. We reached out to our volunteers in relation to the response of various local organisations including the Salvation Army and the Staple Hill Community Hub and also help other friends' groups which are applying for Heritage Lottery or other grant funding to share in our experience. We are an active member of the Community

In Conclusion

The continuing Covid-19 health emergency has renewed our desire as Friends of Page Park to continue to assist where we can with the upkeep and ongoing restoration of this amazing place and, when able, facilitate events for the wider community. We were able to meet in person as a group during this period for our annual general meeting and further meetings in early 2022, and have continued to reach out regularly to members on email and to the wider public via Facebook and our website.

Reserves policy

No specific reserves are held. The trustees consider that we have minimal ongoing commitments (these are limited to payments for services of our accountant, our public liability insurance and our website) and we only spend monies we have been able to raise.

Organisational structure

The charity is run by the Trustees who are in contact on a regular basis. Powers are delegated to volunteers as and when appropriate.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

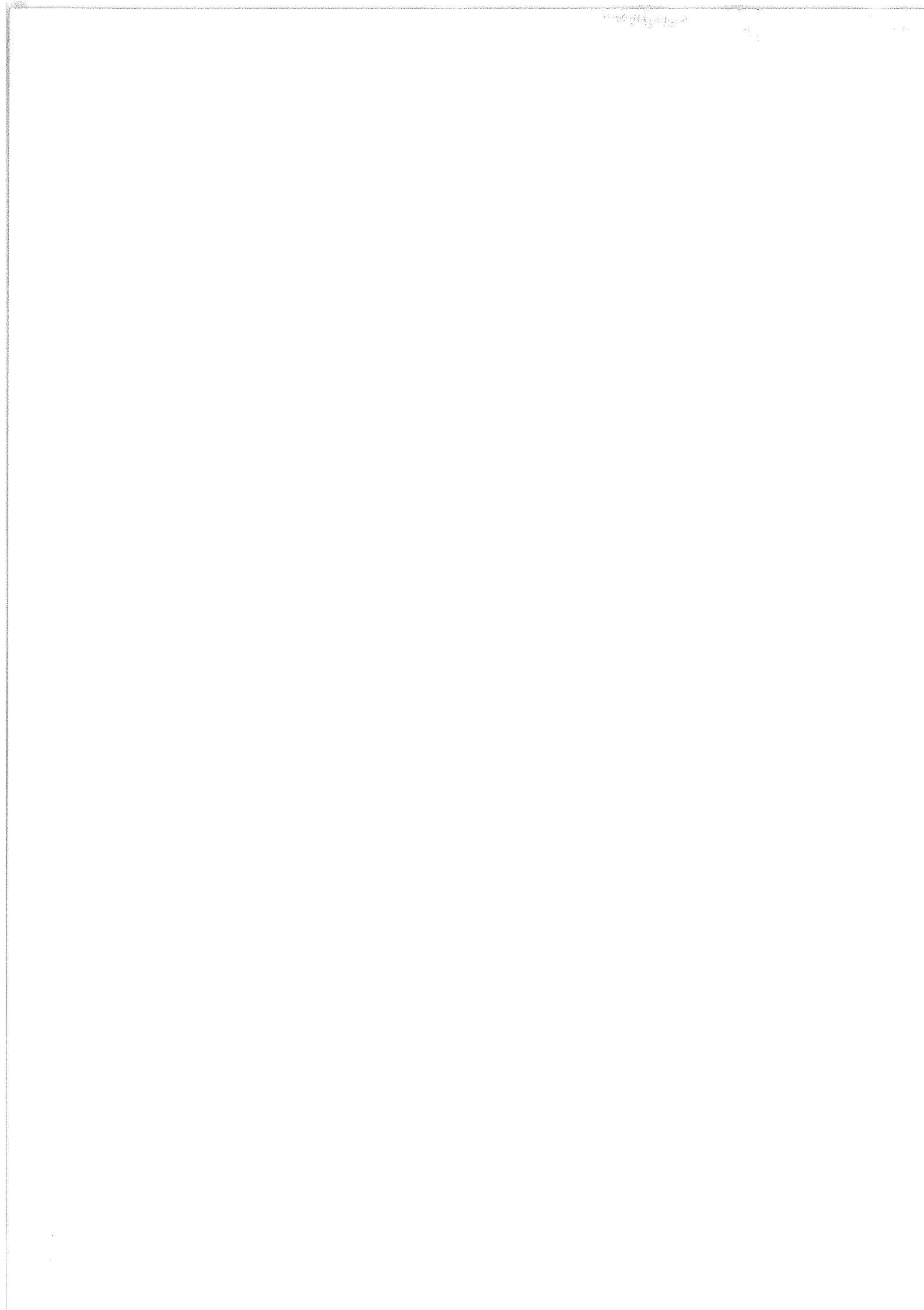
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- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

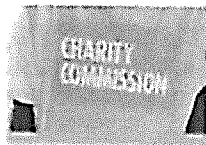
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Approved by the annual general meeting on 17 November 2022



Trustee





Charity Name Friends of Page Park	No (if any) 1158230
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2021	To	Period end date 31/03/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bank Interest	2	-	-	2	1
Donations & Collections	1,624	-	-	1,624	5,811
Walkers	151	-	-	151	-
Xmas on the Hill	-	-	-	-	-
Defib	-	-	-	-	-
Plant Sales	1,020	-	-	1,020	548
Yoga	-	260	-	260	-
Enovert Funding (bandstand)	9,055	-	-	9,055	-
General Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Event Funding	2,985	-	-	2,985	1,300
General exps reimbursed	-	-	-	-	20
Calendar Project '20	-	-	-	-	4,223
Calendar Project '21	5,822	-	-	5,822	-
Aviary project '21	-	634	-	634	1,257
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,659	894	-	21,553	13,160
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,659	894	-	21,553	13,160
A3 Payments					
Plants/Park Upkeep	628	-	-	628	808
Website	-	-	-	-	173
Bench Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	158	-	-	158	-
Accountants Fee	180	-	-	180	180
Defib Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry & Admin Expenses	272	-	-	272	25
Bandstand and planting	8,950	-	-	8,950	-
Pumpkin Patch	-	-	-	-	-
Events '22	399	-	-	399	-
Yoga in the Park	-	740	-	740	-
Aviary Refurbishment	-	1,427	-	1,427	-
Cont to SGC for rubbish bins & installation	-	-	-	-	4,250
Cont to Enovert for bandstand project	-	-	-	-	1,000
Calendar Project '20	-	-	-	-	4,223
Calendar Project '21	1,596	-	-	1,596	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,182	2,167	-	14,349	10,659
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12,182	2,167	-	14,349	10,659
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,477	1,273	-	7,204	2,501
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,237	2,178	-	18,414	15,913
Cash funds this year end	24,713	905	-	25,619	18,414

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds 0268	3,895	905	-
	Lloyds 4460	20,818	-	-
	Petty Cash	-	-	-
	Unrepresented Cheque	-	-	-
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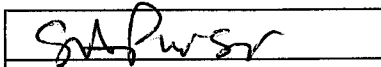
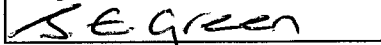
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We participated in the local area's scarecrow trail with a scarecrow in the sensory garden, which brightened up our streets and provided much needed colour and encouraged people to follow the trail and enjoy the amazing creations.

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The trustees noted that an overhaul of the policies and procedures was required to be undertaken and will follow during the subsequent period.

Volunteers

We have a reliable long-standing group of volunteers who participate in the activities of the CIO including our Green Dog Walkers, who encourage the public to pick up mess after their pets, litter-pickers who help supplement the work of the Council's park team and volunteers who tend weekly (when permitted) to the Sensory Garden. Additionally we have many volunteers who help with one-off events in the park or when promoting our work through the local area. We are always pleased to welcome new volunteers and can help find opportunities to suit the time they have to spare and give to the park.

Projects and main activities

Bandstand

Repairs were required this year to the bandstand, which was restored in 2012. Mitie was appointed by the Council to carry out the repairs, the Friends having been successful in obtaining a grant of £10,000 from Enover Environmental Trust.

Most of the structure needed a clean and new paint, and some rotten wood in the ceiling was replaced as well as 32 new roof tiles.

The funding allowed for new planting for the four flower beds. We hope our visitors will appreciate and respect all the work that has gone into preserving the bandstand and treat it kindly.

Sensory Garden and planting

As soon as volunteering was permitted again, our fabulous group of sensory garden volunteers, tackled the weeds and unchecked growth in the garden during the first lockdown, adhering to the covid-safe guidelines. The Council only assists with grass cutting and with the trees in the sensory garden and all other gardening upkeep is done by volunteers. The garden still looked lovely as all the spring flowers emerged in early 2020, but there were a lot of weeds too – by summer everything was tamed to its former glory. We have also funded and planted around 5,000 new bulbs all around the park during this period.

Aviary

We had been very concerned for the welfare of the birds in the aviary, and one of our trustees Tom Beard took the lead in obtaining some expert advice on what improvements would be needed and we have begun a Virgin Money fundraising appeal for the revamp project. It is intended to:

- remove the central structure so the birds flight lines will be increased
- improve perching and install a purpose built breeding box
- paint the mesh black to aid visibility
- improve pathways around the aviary
- add climbing plants around the aviary to give seasonal interest

Heritage Lottery Project and park management and maintenance plan

Now that the Heritage Lottery Project money has been spent and the park is looking glorious once more, we have turned our attention back to fundraising for new projects as well as inputting on the park management and maintenance plan, run by the Council.

Page Park Calendar

We launched our first photographic competition in early 2020 for our first charity calendar for 2021. The calendar was brilliantly received and we had to commission a second printing. Sales raised over £4,000 for the Friends (with profit well over £2,000), which was over a third of the fundraising / grants received during this period and therefore a resounding success. This, with additional monies raised, enabled us to donate £4,250 (which included a £3,000 grant from our three Councillors) towards the installation of additional and replacement litter bins, coordinated by the Council.

Toilets in the park

We continue to be concerned about the lack of toilet provision out of hours in the park and have been liaising with the Council on how to improve this situation given the uptick in visitor numbers to the Park. A counter has been installed in the existing toilets to monitor use.

Plant Sales

We were happily able to hold several plant sales, and our brilliant volunteers had done a lot of growing during the first national lockdown. We raised in excess of £500 from these sales and hopefully provided some much needed colour to many gardens.

Liaising with other organisations/Signposting

We continue to grow our list of members and our vice chair sends out regular updates on what is happening in the park and in the local community. We reached out to our volunteers in relation to the response of various local organisations including the Salvation Army and the Staple Hill Community Hub, who were providing food deliveries for vulnerable residents during this period to bolster financial and physical support so urgently needed. We are an active member of the Community

In Conclusion

The Covid-19 health emergency has presented new challenges for Friends of Page Park, especially as many of our volunteers are in at risk groups. We were not able to meet in person as a group during this period, but were still able to reach out regularly to members on email and to the wider public via Facebook and our website. The park has been more cherished this year than ever before and the Friends are more determined than ever to continue to help with the upkeep and ongoing restoration of this amazing place and, when able, facilitate events for the wider community.

Reserves policy

No specific reserves are held. The trustees consider that we have minimal ongoing commitments (these are limited to payments for services of our accountant, our public liability insurance insurance and our website) and we only spend monies we have been able to raise.

Organisational structure

The charity is run by the Trustees who are in contact on a regular basis and meet when social distancing restrictions allow. Powers are delegated to volunteers as and when appropriate.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

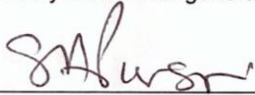
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity

and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the annual general meeting on 10 November 2021



Trustee



Charity Name Friends of Page Park	No (if any) 1158230
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2020	To	Period end date 31/03/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bank Interest	1	-	-	1	1
Donations & Collections	5,811	-	-	5,811	704
Pumpkin Patch	-	-	-	-	860
Xmas on the Hill	-	-	-	-	62
Defib	-	-	-	-	461
Plant Sales	548	-	-	548	353
Yoga	-	-	-	-	2,170
Fountain Fund	-	-	-	-	1,500
Summer in the Park '19	-	-	-	-	2,482
General Fundraising	-	-	-	-	826
Event Funding	1,300	-	-	1,300	-
General exps reimbursed	20	-	-	20	-
Calendar Project '20	4,223	-	-	4,223	-
Avlary project '21	-	1,257	-	1,257	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,904	1,257	-	13,160	9,419
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,904	1,257	-	13,160	9,419
A3 Payments					
Plants/Park Upkeep	808	-	-	808	307
Website	173	-	-	173	-
Bench Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	208
Accountants Fee	180	-	-	180	180
Defib Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry & Admin Expenses	25	-	-	25	554
Summer in the Park '19	-	-	-	-	3,736
Pumpkin Patch	-	-	-	-	127
Fountain Fund	-	-	-	-	1,500
Yoga in the Park	-	-	-	-	2,170
Cont to SGC fountain plaque	-	-	-	-	571
Cont to SGC for rubbish bins & Installation	4,250	-	-	4,250	-
Cont to Enovert for bandstand project	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Calendar Project '20	4,223	-	-	4,223	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,659	-	-	10,659	9,353
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,659	-	-	10,659	9,353
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,245	1,257	-	2,501	66
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,982	921	-	15,913	15,847
Cash funds this year end	16,237	2,178	-	18,414	15,913

