

FRIENDS OF CHILDS HILL PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1162364

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-06-24

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

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Activities

Objects: (1) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BARNET AND THE SURROUNDING ARE ("THE AREA OF BENEFIT"), TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.(2) THE PROMOTION OF CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF CHILDS HILL PARK IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY CREATING AREAS OF THE PARK RICH IN SPECIES DIVERSITY.(3) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY ERECTING INTERPRETATION BOARDS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE LOCAL FLORA AND FAUNA, COMMISSIONING WILDLIFE GROUPS TO DELIVER EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS IN THE PARK FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN AND FACILITATING HORTICULTURAL TRAINING.

Activities: The Friends of Childs Hill Park exists to conserve and protect the environment of the park, to educate park users about local plants and wildlife and develop space for play and recreation. Our volunteer group meets regularly to maintain and plant our flower beds; we raise grants to improve the diversity of planting, install interpretation boards and a tree trail for educational purposes.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Barnet

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£0	£2,581	-	-
2024-03-31	£15,000	£2,294	-	-
2023-03-31	£116	£771	-	-
2022-03-31	£2,974	£2,641	-	-
2021-03-31	£2,110	£5,293	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Rebecca Fine	Chair	2024-07-08
Anastasia Mitrofanova		2025-03-04
BRIAN BERELWITZ		2015-10-29
MR. M. POSEN		2015-10-29
MRS I POSEN		2015-10-29
MRS S PALMER		2015-10-29
MRS S SAREEN		2015-10-29

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**Friends of
2024/2025**



**Childs Hill Park
Annual Report**

Childs Hill

Park continues to be a popular and much appreciated feature of the neighbourhood. This is particularly so as the surrounding residential population has increased as a result of the near completion of the Granville Road development adjacent to the park. The playground and the dog free Picnic Grove are also both very popular, particularly when the weather is warm and dry.

Trees and Bio-diversity

Sally Wasser has continued to lead the volunteer diggers in maintaining the planting, the park flower beds and also the willow tunnel in the Picnic Grove. There have been a couple of extra regular volunteers helping the diggers.

A new bug hotel and some additional planting were introduced by local Jewish school children as part of Eco-Judaism, a Jewish charity leading the UK Jewish

Community's response to the climate and nature crisis.

Sports facilities

The tennis courts have been in constant use throughout the year. The Eagles football training has continued to be popular for both girls and boys. The ground below the table tennis table was damaged for much of the year but was repaired towards the end of the year and will no doubt be well-used again in better weather. There are also regular runners circling the park as well as individual fitness activities at various locations.

The park is also used for Sports day activities for some local schools.

Banking

This year the Friends transferred all the banking to a new Metro online bank account. This enabled the Friends to operate a Community online banking account which was considered to be more useful. Disappointingly, there is a regular charge for using this account which came into practice just after the account was opened.

Year ahead

Plans for the year ahead are in place to continue to improve the natural environment, to increase the local biodiversity and ensure the park maintains its high standard in upkeep. This will include the planting of a further donation of Japanese Sakura cherry trees which will complete the avenue leading into the park from Hodford Road.

Ann Fine

Chair, Friends of Childs Hill Park

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Income and Expenditure Account

Income

Grants

15,000	LB Barnet Green Our Neighbourhood	
0	Donation	0
15,000	Total Income	0

Expenditure

247.99	Plants for CHP	0
2,045.61	Green Our Neighbourhood	2,580.99
2,293.60	Total Expenditure	2,580.99

12,706.40	Surplus/Deficit for year	(2,580.99)
6,851.25	B/Fwd as at 1 April 2024	19,557.65
19,557.65	C/Fwd as at 1 April 2025	16,976.66
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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025

19,557.65	Cash at bank and in hand	16,976.66
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Accountants Report

I have inspected the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 March 2024. The books, records and information were presented to me and confirm they are in accordance therewith.

Monroe Palmer OBE FCA



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Friends of Childs Hill Park 2023/2024 Annual Report

Childs Hill Park has continued to be a much used and loved feature of the neighbourhood. The Picnic Grove is proving popular, particularly when the weather is warm and dry.

The sports facilities are much appreciated. The grassy area is used by local schools for running, football and athletics. Football is ever popular, with The Eagles training a growing number of girls and boys to a high standard, supplemented by informal games taking advantage of the goal posts.

The tennis courts have been completely upgraded by LB Barnet. A new booking and charging scheme has been introduced. So far this has been well accepted as the annual membership fee is quite reasonable and there are regular free sessions.

After a long wait, the paths round the park have been widened and re-surfaced. This has been a massive improvement for everyone, but particularly those using wheelchairs, buggies, bikes and scooters.

The Diggers

We are grateful to Sally Wasser for her continued leadership of The Diggers who plant and maintain our flower beds. Sally has also begun to introduce low woven willow fences around some beds to protect plants from dogs. She has also made a willow tunnel in the Picnic Grove which children enjoy exploring.

Trees and Bio-diversity.

Barnet has planted 16 trees in and around the children's playground which provide much needed shade on hot days. There are some unusual species, like a Pawlonia tree which has striking large purple flowers in the summer. They will add to the beauty of the park and provide a home for many bugs and birds.

In a further attempt to increase bio-diversity, bird and bat boxes have been installed in some of the trees around the perimeter of the park.

Leadership

Following 10 years as Chair of the Friends of Childs Hill Park, I stepped down and formally resigned as Chair at the 2023/24 AGM. The committee unanimously elected Anne Fine as the new Chair. Ann is looking forward to exploring further ways in which the park can play a positive role in the local community and enhance bio-diversity.

Ingrid Posen

Former Chair, Friends of Childs Hill Park.

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Income

Grants

0	LB Barnet Green Our Neighbourhood	15,000
116.0	Donation	0
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116.0	Total Income	15,000

Expenditure

184.99	Plants for CHP	247.99
586.37	Tree purchase and planting	0
0	Green Our Neighbourhood	2,045.61
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771.36	Total Expenditure	2,293.60

(655.36)	Surplus/Deficit for year	12,706.40
7,506.61	B/Fwd as at 1 April 2023	6,851.25
6,851.25	C/Fwd as at 1 April 202	19,557.65
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Childs Hill Park Annual Report 2022/23

2022/23 has been the first full post Covid year and it has seen park users thoroughly enjoying returning freedoms. Each dry day sees large groups of adults and children enjoying refreshments at the Café and spreading their chairs and tables across the grass and under the trees.

Thanks to Sally and the Diggers the flower beds are full of beautiful flowers and grasses. We are very grateful to Jacques Amand bulb importers who give us surplus bulbs each February. This accounts for the colourful daffodils, tulips and Muscari we enjoyed throughout the Spring.

The Orchard is a prominent feature of the park, now supplemented by additional cherry trees. In July the Orchard Project held a session where they taught us how to prune and care for our fruit trees. They encouraged us to plant bee friendly flowers to ensure

pollination, and we plan to plant a lavender hedge along the edge of the tennis court nearest to the orchard.

The Orchard Project is a charity which supports and encourages the planting of community orchards. They donated the trees which make up our orchard and showed us how to plant and care for them.



Albanian Childrens Day

Childs Hill Park is a great community resource and especially in the summer offers a location for all sorts of organised outdoor events.

After a gap due to Covid, we welcomed back the Albanian Childrens Day celebration. It was full of lively music and children dressed in national costume. We look forward to welcoming back the participants this coming summer.



Eagles United Football Club

Eagles United, the football club for children, is a regular user of the park football pitches. The club is going from strength to strength and achieving excellent results in their league.



On July 2nd Eagles United held their end of year players award ceremony in the park. It was so encouraging to see the enthusiasm of the children and parents as players received their medals. This is only possible due to the team of volunteer staff who give their time to support the club and train the children.



Sadly there was an electrical fire in the Eagles changing room, which spread to the Café. Fortunately repairs have been completed and the club continues to welcome enthusiastic young football players.

The playground and paths

Many parents told us that they were reluctant to let their children play in the playground when it had been raining because the grass became so muddy and slippery. We are grateful to Barnet for organising a new rubber

crumb surface which was laid in June. This gives us a true year-round usable playground.

Some of the paths are in very poor condition. Childs Hill Park is on the list for new paths. This is proving slow to come to fruition, but commissioning is underway.

As I write this report (April 2023) the tennis courts are being re-laid. It will be good to see this popular asset in first class condition.

Green Our Neighbourhood

Back in the April 2022 newsletter, I wrote that we had set up a new Green Our Neighbourhood Group, bringing together the various friends groups of our local parks and green spaces. The aim is to combat pollution, improve air quality and promote bio-diversity.

Throughout the year volunteers from all the groups have been planting flowers locally along verges, around trees and in other open ground on our streets. You may have noticed the results in muscari, daffodil and tulips growing near Basing Hill Park, on Finchley Road, the Hendon Way, Hodford Road and near All Saints Church.

Recently Barnet Area Committee gave Green Our Neighbourhood a grant and detailed planning has started to plant hedges in front of our local primary schools and more trees along walking routes to school.



Ingrid Posen

Chair, Friends of Childs Hill Park

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Income

Grants

2,960	LBB grant Sakura Trees	0
14.17	LBB refreshment grant	0
0.0	Donations	116.00
2,974.17	Total Income	116.00

Expenditure

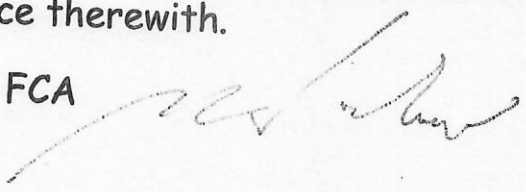
186.57	Plants	184.99
205.21	Sakura Planting Open Day	0.0
218.40	Tree purchase and planting	586.37
2,000.00	2 benches	0.0
31.00	Equipment	0.0
2,641.18	Total Expenditure	771.36

332.99	Surplus/Deficit for year	(655.36)
7,173.61	B/Fwd as at 1 April 2022	7,506.61
7,506.61	C/Fwd as at 1 April 2023	6,851.25
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	<u>Balance Sheet at 31 March 2023</u>	
7,506.61	Cash at bank and in hand	6,851.25
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Trustees Annual Report for The Friends of Childs Hill Park 2021/22

Purpose

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Local people have a sense of ownership and pride in their park. We invite volunteers to join in various park activities and to become members of the Friends. We currently have 304 members who receive regular updates about the park. Membership is free.

Achievements April 2021 to March 2022

This was the year in which stringent Covid restrictions were gradually lifted and life in the park returned to normal. This resulted in a full year of activity which has much enhanced our park.

Great British Spring Clean

Users care very much about the cleanliness of the park. There is good evidence that the cleaner the surroundings the less litter is dropped. On Wednesday 2 June we joined the Great British Spring Clean and volunteers of all ages turned up to help clean the park. I am pleased to report that the amount of litter collected was significantly less than the previous time we had a Spring Clean.

Although there are always a few people who drop water bottles and cigarette butts, the park continues to look impressively well cared for. This is much helped by Barnet Council who now clean and empty bins every day including weekends so there is no build-up of rubbish.

The Picnic Grove

This year saw the completion of the new picnic grove. So many people had worked so hard to bring this project to completion that LBBarnet and the Friends of Childs Hill Park wanted to celebrate its opening.

The ceremonial opening was held on September 12th. The Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Alison Cornelius, was greeted by a guard of honour from the Eagles United players. The Mayor then cut the ribbon and planted a beautiful liquidambar tree which had been donated by the Friends.

There was lots of fun for the children. Professor James performed a delightful Punch and Judy show. Damaris Lecky organised parachute games for the younger children and Veton Majzini of Eagles United arranged popular sports

activities for the older children. The afternoon was rounded off with tea in the Café.

Japanese Sakura Cherry Trees

We were fortunate to receive 22 beautiful large Sakura cherry trees, a gift from the government of Japan symbolising the friendship between Britain and Japan. On 21 November we invited members of the Japanese community to join us in planting the trees. We planted an avenue of trees along the path from the Hodford Road entrance and a circle near the orchard. Each tree was surrounded with bulbs.

It was a delight to see the first blossoms in Spring 2022 underplanted with daffodils and tulips.

Electric Scooters

Very sadly there was a serious accident when an electric scooter ran into a young child. Barnet Green Spaces responded quickly, erecting notices making clear that it is forbidden to ride electric scooters in the park. It continues to be an occasional problem and we have to remain vigilant.

Acknowledgements

We are very grateful for the help and assistance which enables us to operate as a voluntary group.

Diggers

Our volunteers, The Diggers, benefit from the leadership and expertise of Sally Wasser. The Diggers make sure the

flower beds are well maintained and regularly planted with new plants and bulbs. Everyone enjoys the colourful displays, and they ensure bio-diversity by providing nectar for the bees and butterflies.

Barnet Council

We have continuing support from the teams at Green Spaces and the Tree Section. This has included more litter collection, increased community security patrols and help to develop our plans for the park.

Grant givers and donors

We do not charge for membership and rely wholly on grants and donors for our income. We appreciate all who give to support our work.

The management committee and members

The management committee give freely of their skills and time, enabling our successful projects. Avni and Jehona, managers of the Café, support our Diggers with hot coffee. Our members give us feedback, support and turn up to celebrate landmarks with us.

Financial Report

Attached are the certified accounts for 2021/22.

As of March 2022 we were £7506.61 in surplus.

Governance

The Friends of Childs Hill Park is a registered charity, run by a committee some of whom are trustees. A list of

Committee members and trustees is available on request to friendschp@gmail.com. Committee members are elected by the membership.

The membership is kept in touch with park developments by electronic newsletter, park notice boards, the Facebook page and the AGM. If there is an important decision to be made the membership and other local residents are consulted in writing.

Ingrid Posen

Chair, Friends of Childs Hill Park

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Income

Grants

0.00		
	LBB grant Sakura Trees	2,960.00
0.00		
	LBB refreshment grant	14.17
2,110.00		
	Donations	0.00
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2,110.00		2,974.17

Expenditure

30.08	Plants	186.57
0.00	Sakura Planting Open Day	205.21
0.00	Tree purchase & planting	218.40
0.00	2 benches	2,000.00
0.00	Equipment	31.00
1,096.00	Grasses Garden plants	0.00
4,166.87	Sensory Garden	0.00
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5,292.95	Total Expenditure	2,641.18

(3182.95)	Surplus/Deficit for year	332.99
10,356.57	B/Fwd as at 1 April 2021	7,173.62
7,173.62	C/Fwd as at 1 April 2022	7,506.61
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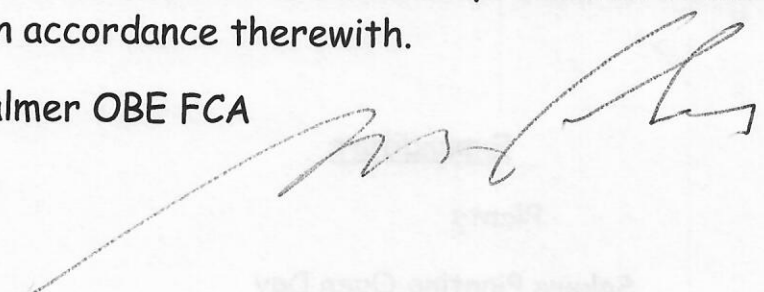
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2022

7,173.62	Cash at bank and in hand	7,506.61
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Local people have a sense of ownership and pride in their park. We invite volunteers to join in various park activities and to become members of the Friends. We currently have 304 members who receive regular updates about the park. Membership is free.

Achievements April 2020 to March 2021

This year has been shaped by Covid. It brought home to everyone the true value of the park, which remained open whilst other amenities progressively shut down. Local residents took exercise, chatted with friends at a safe distance, picnicked and relaxed.

Increased usage presented challenges. There was a serious litter problem. The enforced closure of the café and the cessation of night time locking led to more anti-social behaviour. Community police put in a major effort to keep us safe and this was a real help. Over the Summer, L.B.Barnet increased its litter collection and the park was notably cleaner by the end of the year.

Despite Covid, there was substantial progress on our major projects.

The Picnic Grove

By June 2020 the architects had completed proposed designs of the Picnic Grove. We then went to a second round of consultation about the detailed finishes and choice of play equipment. Early in 2021 construction began and by March the construction work was virtually complete. A locked hidden area (the former bowling green) opened up, and a large additional usable space was added to the park. Its gentle grassy undulations and large accessible picnic benches have proved enormously popular with park users.

Nant Road Bed

As part of the same project the Nant Road bed was completely cleared of weeds and snowberries and the soil was improved. A row of overgrown leylandii was felled allowing light to reach the bed. Meadowgrass, full of wild flower seeds, was planted, to be followed by a backing edge of pyracantha. During the Spring, the bed had its first bright red poppies.

Sakura Cherry Trees

We were fortunate to be given 25 Sakura cherry trees by the Japanese Association of Great Britain. The first three arrived during this reporting period and were planted on International Women's Day. (The balance of 22 trees were planted in Autumn 2021).

Acknowledgements

We are very grateful for the help and assistance which enables us to operate as a voluntary group:

The Diggers: our team of volunteers organised and led by Sally Wasser, who do so much to plant and maintain our beautifully tended beds.

The Harington Scheme: Our long-term partners. The team of interns led by Martin Butler use Childs Hill Park as a training base. They make a significant contribution to the maintenance of the park

Barnet Council: We have continuing support from the team at Green Spaces and the tree section. This includes more litter collection, increased community security patrols and help to develop our plans for the park.

Grant givers and donors: We do not charge for membership and we rely wholly on grants and donors for our income. We are grateful for all those who give so generously.

Our members and management committee: Our ` use the park and café, give us feedback, turn up for volunteering

days and appreciate the improvements. Our committee give freely of their skills and time, enabling our successful projects.

Financial Report

Attached are the certified accounts for 2020/21.

As of March 2021 we were £7,173 in surplus, including some funds committed to the completion of the Picnic Grove and the Nant Road bed.

Governance

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Income

2,910.00	Grants	Brent X Sensory Gd.	0.00
247.08		Orchard Project	0.00
375.00	Sundry Donations		2,110.00
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3,532.08			2,110.00
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Expenditure

414.00	Rose Garden	0.00
221.46	Plants	30.08
7,353.00	Grasses Bed	1,096.00
0.00	Sensory Garden	4,166.87
140.08	Equipment	0.00
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8,128.54	Total Expenditure	5,292.95
(4,596.46)	Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(3,182.95)
<u>14,953.03</u>	B/fwd as at 1 April 2020	<u>10,356.57</u>
10,356.57	Bal. C/fwd as at 31 March 2021	7,173.62
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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2021

10,356.57	Cash at bank and in hand	7,173.62
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