

Friends of 2024/2025

Childs Hill



Childs Hill Park Annual Report

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

Friends of Childs Hill Park

Registered Charity No 1162364

Accounts to 31 March 2025

31 March 2024

31 March 2025

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

2,045.61 Green Our Neighbourhood

0
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

