

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
Friends of Everton Park

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

In the past year, Friends of Everton Park (FoEP) has been actively engaged in various efforts to enhance and maintain the park's environment, security, and community engagement. While some challenges persist, the dedicated work of FoEP, along with collaborative partnerships, has yielded positive results.

Park Developments and Maintenance

Several exciting projects have progressed, including the potential collaboration with West Derby Sensory School on the innovative "Magic Bench" initiative, which has caught the attention of Warner Brothers. Trustee Ken Rogers reported on an inspirational visit to Birkenhead Park's Visitors Centre, and discussions are ongoing regarding improving Everton Park's own facilities. Kevin Hilton's continued efforts to maintain parts of the park have been greatly appreciated by the community.

Section 106 Funding and Tree Planting

Friends of Everton Park have been closely involved in discussions around the allocation of Section 106 funding. Key proposals include a tree-planting assessment, with £9,800 earmarked for the project, and potential future planting of up to 82 trees. However, it is crucial that local stakeholders are consulted to preserve the park's views and historical significance, as previous tree planting efforts faced criticism for poor planning.

Biodiversity and Environmental Projects

Efforts to promote biodiversity continue, with a bid submitted for a Liverpool City Region wildflower initiative. Although Trustee Richard Scott remains cautious about the outcome, Councillor Laura Robinson-Collins has been supportive. The Heritage Lottery bid remains a priority, with Ferguson Garrett offering potential support. Additionally, the MINI ROADS scheme has made strides, with planting scheduled for February.

Community Engagement

Community events such as the Walk for Life, Shewsy Fair, and Primary Schools Run have seen excellent turnout and support, reinforcing the park's role as a vital community hub. Looking ahead, we aim to build on these successes and explore further collaborations with local schools and groups.

We extend our gratitude to all volunteers, partners, and supporters who contribute to making Everton Park a thriving space for everyone. We look forward to another year of growth and development.

Next Steps

Key priorities for the upcoming year include securing funding for the Heritage Lottery bid, improving communication with stakeholders, and enhancing our community gardens. We continue to seek innovative ways to preserve and enhance the park's natural beauty while meeting the needs of our community.

Contact Information

For inquiries, engagement opportunities, or to stay updated on FoEP's activities, please visit our website at www.friendsofevertonpark.org or contact us directly through our online contact form. Stay connected by signing up for our newsletter and following us on Facebook.

This annual report reflects Friends of Everton Park's ongoing dedication to preserving and enhancing this beloved community space. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed their time, efforts, and enthusiasm.

Friends of Everton Park - Working Together for a Better Park Experience

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission in November 2015 under charity number 1164519 and is governed by a constitution dated 20 October 2015.

Trustee Recruitment and AGM

This year's AGM was notable for the successful recruitment of a new trustee, strengthening our leadership team. While there were moments of negativity during the meeting, the team is committed to creating a more positive atmosphere next year. The AGM also provided an opportunity to reflect on past successes and set the agenda for the year ahead, focusing on enhancing our community engagement.

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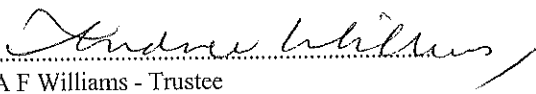
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number
1164519

Principal address
96-98 Great Homer Street
Liverpool
Merseyside
L5 3LF

Trustees
Dr S Abrams
A F Williams
J D Colfar
P H Edwards
K Rogers
Ms AM Coakley (resigned 25.10.23)
R Scott
D G O'Shaughnessy
Ms D Azanuwha
Ms M Barron (appointed 19.10.23)

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23/10/24 and signed on its behalf by:


A F Williams - Trustee

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	31.12.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		1,250	990
Charitable activities			
Community activities			
		12,432	-
Total		<u>13,682</u>	<u>990</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Community activities			
		9,180	8,959
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		4,502	(7,969)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		13,397	21,366
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>17,899</u>	<u>13,397</u>

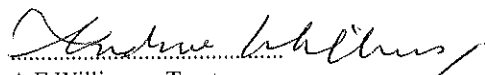
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Balance Sheet
31 December 2023

	Notes	31.12.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		18,319	14,817
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(420)	(1,420)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>17,899</u>	<u>13,397</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>17,899</u>	<u>13,397</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>17,899</u>	<u>13,397</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		<u>17,899</u>	<u>13,397</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>17,899</u>	<u>13,397</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23/10/24 and were signed on its behalf by:


A F Williams - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	990
EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
Community activities	
	8,959

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

		Unrestricted fund £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(7,969)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward		21,366
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>13,397</u>

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>420</u>	<u>1,420</u>

5. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,250	990
Charitable activities		
Project income	1,632	-
Grants	10,800	-
	12,432	-
Total incoming resources	13,682	990
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Community projects and events	8,453	8,244
Support costs		
Other		
Insurance	307	295
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	420	420
Total resources expended	9,180	8,959
Net income/(expenditure)	4,502	(7,969)