

FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1165515

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-02-10

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN NATURAL HISTORY AND NATURE CONSERVATION, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF SCHOOL VISITS, COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS PROJECTS, PRIMARILY AT THE BYNG ROAD NATURE RESERVE IN BARNET.

Activities: Environmental education and hands-on activities for school and youth groups; sessions are led by an experienced teacher. We work with other charities and organisations on specific projects on the nature reserve in which young people can learn basic skills in nature conservation, work collaboratively and enjoy working outdoors.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Barnet
- Camden
- Enfield
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£28,303	£21,903	-	-
2024-07-31	£35,328	£33,045	-	-
2023-03-31	£26,529	£14,551	-	-
2022-03-31	£21,767	£7,396	-	-
2021-03-31	£11,206	£12,508	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BERNARD JOHNSON	Chair	2019-09-24
ELIZABETH MARGARET PEARSON		2021-09-07
Geoffrey David Lee		2019-09-24
JENNIFER ARNOLD		2019-09-24
KATHERINE JEAN JOHNSON		2019-09-24
LINDA PERRY		2019-09-24
MELVYN JONATHAN DRESNER		2019-09-24
PATRICIA RUTH BARRETT		2019-09-24
PETER GEORGE WILLIAM STERN		2019-09-24
RICHARD HARTLEY ELMS		2019-09-24
SANDRA ANN STERN		2019-09-24

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FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE: ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

This has been an even busier year than usual. 2025 is our 50th Anniversary year and the autumn of 2024 was taken up with preparations for displays and events to celebrate this important milestone. The exhibition celebrating the history of the Environment Centre was formally opened in the Barnet Museum's Spires Shopping Centre Unit on 30th November in the presence of The Worshipful the Mayor of the London Borough of Barnet and Philip and Janet Hulme of the Hadley Trust as well as many FoBEC trustees, members, supporters and volunteers. The display will continue in the Museum Unit in the Spires until late 2025.

We also held a 50th birthday celebration in May, 2025, and were delighted that our new MP, Dan Tomlinson, attended as well as several of our local councillors, many past members of staff and current members and volunteers. Mr Tomlinson made a short speech praising the work of the Environment Centre and then cut the 50th birthday cake to begin the celebrations.

Our educational work continues to be very important, with over 2100 young people, from Nursery to 6th Form, attending the Centre. We were fully booked from February to the end of term in July and we already have bookings for Autumn 2025 and for Spring 2026, while June and July next year are almost full. Thanks, as ever, to Robyn Stern for all her hard work and thanks as well to Sandra Morgan for all her work on school bookings over the last few years.

Our activity days during school holidays also continue to be very popular while our Summer Picnic in the Garden in June had 213 people attending, making the most of the lovely weather while being entertained by the Barnet U3A Ukelele band. Thanks again to Robyn for organising this event and to the volunteers who worked so hard to make the day such a success.

Volunteers keep the Reserve in good condition for the schools and for Noah's Ark families and staff. Work on the former attenuation ponds, now known as Hadley Pond and Willow Pond, is now complete but the maintenance is an ongoing task; we have purchased a small boat so we are able to reach the vegetation in the middle of the ponds without having to wade in. A new beech hedge has been planted to protect the Noah's Ark butterfly memorial garden, we have started to refurbish the western boundary hedge, a new dipping pond is being constructed, the Centre garden has been extended, new mini beast areas are being brought into use, our machines have been serviced, new bird boxes are being put up around the Reserve and work is currently being carried out to prepare the site for the new teaching season which starts in mid September. Another important task carried out by our volunteers is helping Robyn set up the classrooms and the Reserve for school groups and then tidying up afterwards.

The annual Dawn Chorus walk was held on May 4th (33 species including cuckoo, red kite and cormorant) and we held a Bioblitz on August 30th to identify what lives and grows on the site. This concluded with a Bat Event which included a talk followed by a walk to identify which species use the Reserve. All this information is being transferred onto the iNaturalist website, which is an international data bank.

As part of a London-wide inspection of Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC), the Barnet Environment Centre was given an extremely positive report by the Inspectors and we are very proud that they thought so highly of the work we do to educate local children about their environment.

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FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE CIO

Income & Expenditure Account for 16 months to 31 July 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted Education Projects	16 months to 31/07/2024	Year ended 31/03/2023
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
The Hadley Trust	10,000		10,000	10,000
School visits Centre-led		19,269	19,269	10,289
Memberships	1,211		1,211	600
Events/Fundraising	1,738		1,738	1,204
Donations	1,893		1,893	2,849
Gift Aid	-		-	215
Interest in savings acc	1,217		1,217	342
Insurance payment			-	1,030
	16,059	19,269	35,328	26,529
EXPENDITURE				
Insurance	500		500	416
Reserve maintenance	4,679		4,679	2,533
Building maintenance	-		-	486
Licence & Service fee	100		100	60
Office, photocopying & printing	285		285	112
Vol. support & training	291		291	1,193
Events/Fundraising	364		364	66
Misc. & bank fee	162		162	72
Environmental Education		25,591	25,591	8,917
Classroom supplies	1,073		1,073	696
Total expenditure	7,454	25,591	33,045	14,551
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NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	8,605	(6,322)	2,283	11,978

FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE CIO

Charity number 1165515

Balance Sheet at 31 July 2024

	31-Jul-24		31-Mar-23
	£		£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash float	21		21
CAF main bank account	14,204		23,462
CAF savings bank account	59,936		48,395
	74,161		71,878
CURRENT LIABILITIES	-		-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>74,161</u></u>		<u><u>71,878</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY			
Funds brought forward at 1st April 2023	71,878		59,900
Net surplus for the period to 31 July 2024	2,283		11,978
TOTAL	<u><u>74,161</u></u>		<u><u>71,878</u></u>
 Note 1: Analysis of funds			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2023	67,581	4,297	71,878
Net surplus/(deficit) to 31 July 2024	8,605	(6,322)	2,283
 Balance carried forward to 1 April 2024	<u><u>76,186</u></u>	<u><u>(2,025)</u></u>	<u><u>74,161</u></u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Friends of Barnet Environment Centre

**On accounts for the year
ended**

16 months to 31 July 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1165515

Set out on pages

(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

**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:

Date:

1 October 2024

Name:

Andrew Hind

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

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FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE: ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23.

This has been an extremely successful year for our educational work – over 2100 school age children visited the site, our highest attendance for many years. We were fully booked from the beginning of March to the penultimate day of the summer term, with schools carrying out work on the National Curriculum, GCSE, BTEC and A Level as well as badge work for scouting and guiding organisations.

Our Environmental Education Manager, Charlotte, resigned at the end of the summer term 2022, but we were very fortunate that Mel Goodwin was able to step in and cover school sessions in the Autumn and Spring terms and then Robyn Stern joined us to take over the work on April 1st, 2023.

Our Volunteers have, as ever, worked tirelessly to keep the Nature Reserve in good working order and ready for school and other visits. Other tasks have included building an outdoor workshop with full rainwater capture (thanks to donations from the Elstree Freemasons Lodge), dealing with several large trees which came down in high winds, building a second raised bed as part of the sensory trail, offering advice to other organisations on meadow management and pond care and putting up display boards in classroom 1 and a new screen for a projector in classroom 2. Work continues on the Centre Garden, the Pollinator Patch, pond clearance, path clearance and wood chip addition to paths and mini-beast areas. We have also planted a demonstration espaliered apple tree and constructed three large hibernacula in a new compost area. Our motion sensor cameras on the Nature Reserve have given us some stunning footage of the local wildlife. Consultants from Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust have prepared a five-year Management Plan, including advice on redevelopment in the Centre Garden and the attenuation ponds and we are currently discussing how to proceed with this work.

A dawn chorus walk was organised for early May and we saw and/or heard 32 different bird species. A Picnic in the Garden Open Afternoon was held in July and we were wonderfully supported by members of the U3A Ukelele orchestra, who played while visitors were having their picnic. We held our usual Open House over the Battle of Barnet weekend in early June. A visually impaired walking group included the Environment Centre in their itinerary in June, when they were guided round our new Sensory Trail on the Reserve. Future events include a bat evening in September, half term activities for local children and our ever-popular Quiz in early February 2024.

Local organisations have, on several occasions, booked a speaker from FoBEC to raise their awareness of the Environment Centre and in May two of our Trustees were interviewed on the Reserve as part of a week-long series of programmes on BBC Radio London about the Borough of Barnet.

In a joint event with our landlords, Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, during the autumn of 2022, the new Reserve paths were officially opened in the presence of Theresa Villiers our local MP, Emma Whysall and Paul Edwards our new local councillors and Philip and Janet Hulme from the Hadley Trust as well as staff and volunteers from both organisations. Liaison between the two organisations continues to work well and a joint tea party was held in June 2023 so that staff were able to meet and chat informally at what was a very pleasant social occasion.

In last year's report, we said we thought 2022/23 was going to be busy and that has proved to be the case. We hope 2023/24 will be busy again as we continue to provide an important environmental service to our local schools and community.

The Trustees, Friends of Barnet Environment Centre

FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE CIO

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year to 31/03/2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted Education Projects	Year ended 31/03/2023	Year ended 31/03/2022
	£	£		£
INCOME				
Hadley Trust		10,000	10,000	10,000
School visits Centre-led	10,289		10,289	5,340
Memberships	600		600	1,066
Events/Fundraising	1,204		1,204	153
Donations	2,849		2,849	3,459
Gift Aid	215		215	196
Interest	342		342	6
Insurance receipt	1,030		1,030	
Compensation NatWest			-	440
Total income	16,529	10,000	26,529	20,660
EXPENDITURE				
Insurance		416	416	408
Reserve maintenance	2,533		2,533	1,919
Building maintenance	486		486	35
Licence fee		60	60	584
Office, photocopying & printing		112	112	70
Vol. support & training	1,193		1,193	223
Events/Fundraising	66		66	-
Misc. & bank fee	72		72	259
Environmental Education		8,917	8,917	2,729
Classroom supplies		696	696	61
Total expenditure	4,350	10,201	14,551	6,288
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NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	12,179	(201)	11,978	14,372

FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE CIO

Charity number 1165515

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash float	21	21
CAF main bank account	23,462	21,795
CAF savings bank account	48,395	38,084
CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	71,878	59,900
REPRESENTED BY		
Funds brought forward at 1 April 2022	59,900	45,528
Net surplus for the year to 31 March 2023	11,978	14,372
TOTAL	71,878	59,900

Note 1: Analysis of funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2022	55,402	4,498	59,900
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	12,179	(201)	11,978
Balance carried forward to 1st April 2023	67,581	4,297	71,878

FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE CIO

Charity number 1165515

Independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of Barnet Environment Centre CIO for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Environment Centre 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 Environment Centre's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Environment Centre as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records

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



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Friends of Barnet Environment Centre CIO
Charity no. 1165515

Annual Report: September 2021 - August 2022

The aim of the Friends of Barnet Environment Centre is to advance the education of school age children and of the public in natural history and nature conservation, welcoming a wide diversity of visitors and enabling them to gain a positive attitude, lasting interest in and an appreciation of the natural environment. We also aim to maintain and develop the ecological and educational value of the Byng Road nature reserve in Barnet.

2021/2022 has been an extremely busy year. Our educational work has 'taken off' again and we have welcomed about 1400 school age children to the site to carry out National curriculum, GCSE, BTEC and A Level work. We were fully booked for the summer term 2022 and we already have bookings for summer term 2023 as well as for Autumn 2022. We appointed Charlotte Ellinas as our new Environmental Education Manager in March to teach on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, while Robyn Stern covered Thursdays. We were also very fortunate to engage the services of Mel Goodwin, a recently retired teacher, to cover any days Charlotte and Robyn were unable to manage. Following a plea locally for volunteers to help with setting up and clearing up on teaching days, we have welcomed several new volunteers to this team and we would like to thank all of them for their hard work-

As usual, our excellent volunteers have kept the Nature Reserve safe and looking good for all our visitors and several major projects have been completed. Our Monday afternoon volunteer working party continued throughout the pandemic and we have recently re-started our first Sunday of the month working party and we continued with our occasional Make A Difference Days, so the Reserve has been kept tidy and in very good condition. The new chestnut fence has been put in along the south path beside the meadow, work has started on the area immediately north of the service yard and work has also started on the covered workshop; the large water butt has been in place for some months now and has proved invaluable for replenishing the teaching ponds. The Tree Trail is now complete and was widely used at our July Open Afternoon. A raised bed has been set up by the pollinator patch and this is part of the Sensory Trail. The attenuation ponds have been drained but we are waiting for permission from LBB to fill them in and plant the small orchard and flower meadow.

We held a very successful Open Day in July, with tours of the new Tree Trail, activities for children and teas and cakes. Over 200 people attended and our series of 'mini Open Afternoons' attracted a further 150 visitors. We held Open House in September 2021 and June 2022; over 300 people looked around the site and many leaflets were distributed. So, all in all, there has been the start of a good recovery but, as ever, we are not 'resting on our laurels' and the next year is likely to be at least as busy as this one. Keep an eye on our website, including an Autumn Open Afternoon, half term activities for children and our ever popular Quiz evening in early February, 2023. We look forward to seeing members of our local community at some of these activities and thank them for continued support.

FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE CIO

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year to 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted Education Projects	Year ended 31/03/2022	Year ended 31/03/2021
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
The Hadley Trust		10,000	10,000	10,000
School visits Centre-led	5,340		5,340	72
Memberships	1,066		1,066	690
Events/Fundraising	153		153	-
Donations	3,459		3,459	301
Gift Aid	196		196	132
Interest in savings acc	6		6	11
Compensation NatWest	440		440	-
	10,660	10,000	20,660	11,206
EXPENDITURE				
Insurance		408	408	351
Reserve maintenance	1,918		1,918	723
Building maintenance	35		35	-
Licence & Service fee		584	584	2,201
Office, photocopying & printing	70		70	46
Vol. support & training	223		223	27
Events/Fundraising	-		-	-
Misc., publicity, IT, bank fee	259		259	65
Environmental Education		2,729	2,729	8,400
Classroom supplies		61	61	170
Phone for school bookings		-	-	30
School refund		-	-	495
Total expenditure	2,505	3,782	6,287	12,508
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR				
	8,155	6,218	14,373	(1,302)

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Charity number 1165515

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2022

	2022	2021	
	£	£	
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash float	21	21	
CAF main bank account	21,795	19,929	
CAF savings bank account	38,084	25,578	
Funds transfer: £12,500 from main account to savings account			
CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	-	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>59,900</u></u>	<u><u>45,528</u></u>	
REPRESENTED BY			
Funds brought forward at 1st April 2021	45,528	46,830	
Net surplus for the period to 31 March 2022	<u>14,372</u>	<u>(1,302)</u>	
TOTAL	<u><u>59,900</u></u>	<u><u>45,528</u></u>	
 Note 1: Analysis of funds			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021	47,248	(1,720)	45,528
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year to 31 March 2022	8,155	6,218	14,372
 Balance carried forward to 1 April 2022	<u><u>55,403</u></u>	<u><u>4,498</u></u>	<u><u>59,900</u></u>

FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE CIO

Charity number 1165515

Independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner: The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement: My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement: In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.


Andrew Hind

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**Friends of Barnet Environment Centre CIO
Charity no. 1165515**

Annual Report: September 2020 - August 2021

The aim of the Friends of Barnet Environment Centre (FoBEC) is to advance the education of school age children and of the public in natural history and nature conservation, welcoming a wide diversity of visitors and enabling them to gain a positive attitude, lasting interest in and an appreciation of the natural environment. We also aim to maintain and develop the ecological and educational value of the Byng Road nature reserve in Barnet.

Our Environmental Education Manager, Caroline Gellor, resigned at the end of February for health reasons and she has now moved with her family to Wales. We held a very informal and socially distanced farewell event in mid-February, presenting her with a cheque from our members and with a photo album of her time at the Centre. FoBEC was very fortunate to obtain the services of Robyn Stern, an experienced Science teacher with a great interest in environmental education, to cover our bookings over the summer. Robyn did an excellent job and feedback from schools was extremely positive, so huge thanks to Robyn for stepping in. School and uniformed organisation bookings were good and we had over 500 children, plus their teachers and carers, visiting during the summer term. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped Robyn set up the classes and helped her clear up at the end of each teaching session.

We have bookings for school visits in the autumn term 2021 and we already have some for summer 2022. We were also asked by the London Borough of Barnet to provide some courses for children qualifying for free school meals, funded by the Government in an effort to help those young people catch up with their learning following COVID. Unfortunately, these courses did not happen this year but we are in discussion with LBB staff to organise them for next summer.

FoBEC also re-started events for the local community, running monthly Open Afternoons between May and August. The response has been steady, although we have not advertised widely and nor have we been able to run activities for children or provide tea and cakes as we have done in the past, due, obviously, to COVID restrictions. Our final planned events are a two day drop in to coincide with the Battle of Barnet/Medieval festival, which will be held on Barnet Rugby club fields at the end of Byng Road on September 11th and 12th, and an Open Afternoon on 10th October.

In February, FoBEC responded fully to the Chipping Barnet Community Plan. Various projects have been chosen for funding in the future and we wait to see whether we will be further involved in the project.

FoBEC continues to be part of the Barnet Green Spaces Network, a collaborative group of LBB personnel and 'Friends of' organisations, which shares information and works with Green Spaces officers at Barnet council. We have attended all meetings (via Zoom) this year.

The new bee area has been a great success: there are now 10 working hives and Environment Centre honey is being produced. The Barnet Bee Keepers are very pleased with the arrangement.

Although this has been another challenging year, with continuing COVID lockdowns and restrictions, mixed weather and work being carried out on drainage and path resurfacing, our excellent band of dedicated volunteers has been working hard throughout. The Nature Reserve and the Centre Garden look wonderful and, over the last school term, volunteers have ensured that the site was safe for the groups of school children that started visiting the Centre again. Murky Pond has been refurbished, stumperies and new hedging have been completed in the Monterey Pine triangle, the meadow has been further cared for, the garden and pollinator corner have both been well looked after, paths have been kept clear, all grass areas have been kept mown and all the machinery has been regularly serviced. Caroline updated the Reserve Management Plan and this includes monthly tasks and longer term goals to enable us to plan our work at volunteer sessions.

During the autumn, winter and spring of 2020/21 our Trustees spent many hours planning for the re-laying of the Reserve paths which is a joint Noah's Ark Children's Hospice/FoBEC project. This work involved researching and sourcing the appropriate wheelchair friendly surface and the numbered posts to guide people round the new sensory trail; also there are now benches at the pause and ponder points. We have purchased labels for the trees which will be included in the new tree trail and new chestnut fencing for the south side of the meadow will be erected during this autumn.

Thanks to a very generous grant from the Hadley Trust, we were able to have the paths laid and the benches put in during June and the numbered posts are now positioned in 12 of the 13 information points on the sensory trail. The resurfacing of the service yard and the outdoor activity area is also now completed. Work is currently going ahead to complete the information leaflet for the Sensory Trail.

We hope, COVID restrictions permitting, to return to a more normal arrangement for volunteer working parties from September, which will include a re-instatement of the weekend sessions. A volunteer recruitment drive is planned so that all jobs can be shared by a larger number of people - these jobs include working on the Reserve, but also help with setting up and clearing up on teaching days, stewarding at open events and some small admin tasks.

We look forward to returning to a more normal life at the Environment Centre over the next year, with a further increase in school visits, bigger and better open events and, of course, our ever popular annual Quiz Night.

These are still very exciting times with a lot going on to make the Barnet Environment Centre and Nature Reserve a really important local community resource. Further developments over the next 12 months will present new challenges, but I think we are in a very strong position to meet those challenges and to continue to make the site even more widely accessible to interested people in our local area.

Bernard Johnson

Chair of Trustees, Friends of Barnet Environment Centre

FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE CIO

Income & Expenditure Account for the Year to 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted Education Projects	Year ended 31/03/2021	Year ended 31/03/2020
	£	£		£
INCOME				
The Hadley Trust		10,000	10,000	10,000
School visits Centre-led	72		72	9,785
Memberships	690		690	877
Events/Fundraising	-		-	1,440
Donations	301		301	1,185
Gift Aid	132		132	217
Interest in savings acc	11		11	20
Miscellaneous	-		-	-
Total income	1,206	10,000	11,206	23,524
EXPENDITURE				
Insurance		351	351	404
Reserve maintenance	723		723	2,360
Building maintenance	-		-	95
Licence & Service fee		2,201	2,201	2,081
Office, photocopying & printing		46	46	307
Vol. support & training		27	27	111
Events/Fundraising	-		-	545
Misc., publicity, IT, bank fee	65		65	1,088
Environmental Education		8,400	8,400	16,316
Classroom supplies		170	170	682
Phone for school bookings		30	30	116
School refund		495	495	-
Total expenditure	788	11,720	12,508	24,105
NET DEFICIT FOR YEAR	418	(1,720)	(1,302)	(581)

Note 1: No school visits in this financial year due to COVID-19. The £72 was a payment for a visit in the previous year

Note 2: The Environmental Educator was paid from April to February to work on Nature Reserve projects.

FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE CIO

Charity number 1165515

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash float	21	21
CAF main bank account	19,929	21,242
CAF savings bank account	25,578	25,567
CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>45,528</u></u>	<u><u>46,830</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY		
Funds brought forward at 1st April 2020	46,830	47,411
Net deficit for the year to 31 March 2021	<u>(1,302)</u>	<u>(581)</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>45,528</u></u>	<u><u>46,830</u></u>

Note 1: Analysis of funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2020	46,830	-	46,830
Net surplus/deficit for the year	418	(1,720)	(1,302)
Balance carried forward at 31 March 2021	<u><u>47,248</u></u>	<u><u>(1,720)</u></u>	<u><u>45,528</u></u>

FRIENDS OF BARNET ENVIRONMENT CENTRE CIO

Charity number 1165515

Independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner: The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

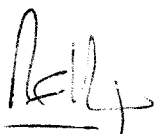
It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement: My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement: In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

 6 July 2021.

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