



ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

A review of our activities
and achievements, and
our priorities for the year
ahead

The Friends of Ruskin Park (FoRP) has been operating as a community group since 1996. We established a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) in 2016.

This annual report relates to the charity's accounting year from 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021.

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"The Friends of Ruskin Park is established to protect and promote the enjoyment of Ruskin Park (a public park situated on Denmark Hill in Camberwell, London) for the benefit, now and in the future, of all park users."

OUR OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

1. To **work collaboratively with the park's landlord**, Lambeth Council, and its tenants, to help their management to **maximise all aspects of the quality of Ruskin Park**, as desired by park users and within available resources.
2. To **engage park users and the wider community** in maintaining and improving the park for their own health and wellbeing, for now and in the future, and balancing their different interests.
3. To run, sponsor or support (a) specific desired **events and activities for and with park users** and (b) capital projects for **improvement of physical assets**, that would not otherwise happen.
4. To **ensure we have the resources to achieve the above aims** – financial, people, communications and governance.



"The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the work and wellbeing of Ruskin Park this year – a year of immense uncertainty for us all."

REVIEW OF 2020-21

This was a year of great challenge and uncertainty for everyone due to Covid 19.

We came out of lockdown at the start of the year and restrictions continued to varying degrees until the end of the year. We have also had several changes in committee members and we remember with gratitude and sadness David Benson, our treasurer, whose life was curtailed suddenly in May.

The benefits of our park have been openly appreciated more than ever, and that has given greater recognition to all those who work for the park in many different capacities. Our dedicated park keeper, backed by the operations team, has made a huge difference to the park feeling more loved and cared for. Since Covid started, the footfall and number of activities in the park has increased.



"I love this park – it's been my sanctuary over the past year"

Park user - April 2021

REVIEW OF 2020-21 (cont.)

We are most proud of our appeal for volunteers giving a surge in gardening volunteers who have, together with our stalwart litter pickers, added so much to the care and enhancement of our beautiful park. Their efforts have been well organised and supported Lambeth's parks team. Together, they have given joy again to the labyrinth garden, surrounding beds and many other areas and new friendships have been made.

Much of our work continued in partnership mainly with Lambeth Landscapes, to whom we are a 'critical friend', along with other partners. There has been progress on many fronts, and our highlights are set out on the following pages.





REVIEW OF 2020-21 (cont.)

- We consider ecological resilience to be a high priority for the park and work with Lambeth's tree officer and others on planting plans.
- Recognising that the filtration plant for the paddling pool was no longer fit for purpose, we formed a collective effort with Urban Village to raise money for a necessary refurbishment before the 2022 season. It was an ambitious target and the response surpassed our expectations. We managed to open the pool for part of the summer.
- Minor work has started on enabling the Hut and surrounding garden to be used for community activities
- We have been successful this year in fundraising, both for specific projects through grants and thanks to the generosity of individual donors. The challenge of spending money wisely on new and sustainable projects remains a priority.
- Towards the end of the year, it was clear our hopes were becoming real for significant investment in the park's neglected infrastructure and improvement schemes (as guided by a joint strategic 'masterplan' finalised in 2019/20). This is after many years of lobbying by FoRP. Nearly £1 million has been pledged together with project management resources over the next couple of years. Now the focus will be on communication and engaging the community as plans are finalised and implemented.
- We have continued to fight for a future for the historic stable block when the proposed use by the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust did not work out.
- New heritage landmarks have appeared in the park - a fine restored sundial commemorating Mendelssohn composing Spring Song here, a splendid unique bench made pro bono from a 100 year old fallen ash tree by a local resident, and several more new memorial benches donated by individuals with their personal messages.
- The pond remained under vigilant eyes and the water levels held up.
- We spent unexpected time and energy listening to the community and then challenging (successfully) Event Lambeth's intention to give an inappropriate concession to the Open Arms for entertainment and food and alcohol sales in the park.



REVIEW OF 2020-21 (cont.)

The Summer Fete (postponed from June to September) and bandstand concert programme were even bigger and better this year after the unavoidable cancellations the year before. The enjoyment was evidently precious and the work of the performers and volunteers who made them happen against the odds should not be taken for granted. Unfortunately, we were not able to run a photography competition last year, but would welcome volunteers to help organise one in the future.

We had a stall by the bandstand to talk to park users in April. Otherwise, it has been hard to have as much face-to-face engagement with users and stakeholders as we would want, and have had before. We have, however, used more electronic communications and social media. The number of clicks, posts and chats through various channels has shown how much interest people have in our activities. Since June 2021, there has been a significant jump in the number of followers on each of our social media platforms by at least 10 per cent. In total, across Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, FoRP now has approaching 4,500 followers. Of course, different people prefer different communication channels and we use a range in our engagements.

We have made progress in many of the objectives we set out for FoRP in the last annual report, but there is always more to do. Please see below from page 8 the areas on which we intend to focus in the year ahead, depending as always on volunteer skills and capacity to make our intentions happen. We will also be open to new opportunities if they arise.

As your chair for 4 years, I am now looking to find a successor so I can pass on the lead baton smoothly next year, as FoRP continues to strive to serve the community of park users.

Lucy Hadfield
Chair

"The work of Friends of Ruskin Park would not be possible without the commitment and passion of our trustees, volunteers and partners."

Thank-you to our contributors

Volunteers

- Trustees
- Paddling pool group
- Events teams and volunteers
- Litter pickers
- Gardeners
- Walk leaders
- Tree group
- GoodGym volunteers
- Events performers

Funders, partners and donors

- Urban Village
- Urban Canopy
- Lambeth Council
- Postcode Local Trust
- Heritage of London Trust
- London Community Foundation
- Virgin Media O2 and Neighbourly
- UK Power Networks
- Herne Hill Forum
- Herne Hill Society
- Steel Warriors
- GoodGym
- Paddling pool donors
- Member donors





Treasurer's Report

This has been another unusual year for FoRP as we adapt to COVID-19, and this is reflected in our financial results. As ever, we are very grateful for the generous donations we receive from the users of the park and other supporters as well as to the bodies that have provided us with grants in the past year.

	2020/21			2019/20	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		Total	Total
	General fund	Grants fund	Paddling pool fund		
Income	17,806	12,210	520	30,586	37,983
Expenses	(4,951)	(15,854)	(1,212)	(22,017)	(29,755)
Retained	12,855	(3,644)	(692)	8,519	8,228
Reserves	45,012	5,327	9,124	59,463	50,944

We are showing a profit for the year and this is largely due to an increase in donations to our unrestricted general fund. This includes increased regular donations from our members as well as one-off donations in memory of our late Treasurer, David Benson. It also reflects the growth in our bench donation scheme and a contribution from UK Power Networks in respect of disturbance to the park as a result of works carried out in recent years.

“Our healthy financial position means that we will be able to fund more improvements in the park in coming years.”

Treasurer's Report (cont.)

The timing of grant income and associated expenditure continues to overlap financial years. In this year we completed delivery of activities funded by the Postcode Local Trust for improvements to the Community Garden. We received new grants from Lambeth Council for the Summer Fete, Neighbourly for our Bandstand concerts, and London Community Foundation for our volunteering programme.

The paddling pool operated again this year for a reduced season, with some donations continuing. Paddling pool expenditure was reduced due in part to a historic water bill no longer being due. In the forthcoming year we expect significant fundraising and expenditure related to a full refurbishment of the pool.

Our healthy financial position means that we will be able to fund more improvements in the park in coming years. As well as contributing to the refurbishment of the paddling pool, we expect to fund tree planting and gardening projects, building on recent investment in the Labyrinth Garden and surrounding beds. We also expect events income and expenditure to return to normal levels following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

The full financial statements can be found at the end of this report.

Achievements and priorities (1)

Working in Partnership with Lambeth Landscapes and others

Partnership Board

Liaising regularly with Lambeth through the Partnership Board and Lambeth Parks Forum on strategic and operational issues.

Park improvements

Improvements sponsored or managed by FoRP, additional to larger improvements funded by Lambeth.

Paddling pool

Fundraising to enable Lambeth to refurbish the pool and volunteering to keep the paddling pool operational. Partnership with Lambeth.

Achievements last year

Partnership Board and Lambeth Parks Forum met regularly through the year, inputting to Lambeth's policies for parks, e.g the Green Flag Management Plan, the 2020 strategic masterplan, and Health Parks pilot.

Funding allocated to tree planting, flower beds. 4 new benches installed this year with more on order. Progress on other improvements affected by Covid 19.

Volunteer group managed a limited opening in school holidays in 2021, pending necessary refurbishment works. Works specified, put out to tender and funding plan started, appealing to the community to help meet the costs.

Future Priorities

Ensuring project management, partnerships, funding and communications are in place for the first phase of capital works. Respond to support operational issues. Ensure that **ecological resilience** is integrated into strategic direction and part of any decision making.

Continue to invest through our discretionary fund and work to deliver more items guided by the strategic masterplan, e.g. noticeboards, picnic tables. Align with Lambeth's S106 spend.

Funding secured and chosen contractor completes the work by summer of 2022. Volunteer-led operations to restart for full summer opening.

Achievements and priorities (2)

Working in Partnership with Lambeth Landscapes and others

Achievements last year

Stable Block

Restore to bring the heritage stable block back into use, with clear community benefits.

Other Heritage Items

Engaging park users with the varied heritage of the park looking at the past and the future.

Old Depot Area

This area is unused after the lease with Trees for Cities was ended earlier this year. The potential long term plan for its use is for a cafe.

Working with Lambeth to try to prevent further short term dilapidation while also working on a longer term plan for the restoration and use of the building.

The Mendelssohn sundial, commemorating Spring Song being composed here, was restored and moved to a more suitable position. This was led by the Heritage of London Trust, supported by Lambeth and FoRP. Also, a splendid and unique bench was completed by a local resident, pro bono, recycled from a 100 year old felled ash tree.

Starting to work with Lambeth on agreeing the longer term options for bringing this area back into use and reincorporating it in the park.

Future Priorities

Work with Lambeth to take forward the short-term repairs to the building as early as possible in 2022. Continue to push for a long term plan.

We always look for opportunities to extend the accessibility of the park's heritage through landmarks, signage and activities.

Some of this area will be opened up by Lambeth Landscapes to connect to other public areas, while retaining the smaller, fenced area for 'meanwhile' use at low cost.

Achievements and priorities (3)

Activities initiated by the Friends of Ruskin Park

Achievements last year

Green volunteering programme + Community Garden

Saturday gardening sessions and projects.
Wednesday litter-picking/volunteering.

Sessions have thrived, with increased numbers interested in gardening volunteering during lockdown.

Increasingly taking on gardening projects, e.g. wildlife garden and flower beds. Priorities agreed with Lambeth Landscapes. New grant funding found until 2022. Closer links formed between FoRP and the Community Garden, helped by the Postcode Lottery grant.

Workshops, Activities and the Hut

Affordable workshops and activities in the park for adults, children and patients from the hospitals.

Past activities include: • Working with Community Garden to organise gardening workshops • Supporting the SLAM gardening groups • Bat Walks with Iain Boulton from Lambeth • Plant Folklore Walks with South London Botanical Institute • Mindful Walks. The Hut is becoming useable for some indoor community activities.

Future Priorities

Continue to support and build the session groups as funding for facilitators may not be available in future. Bring FoRP and the Community Garden even closer together and increase access to the Community Garden.

To find volunteers and/or partners to lead and plan workshops and activities. To encourage Lambeth to complete necessary low cost adaptations to the Hut to make it more useable, such as reinstatement of the toilet.

Achievements and priorities (4)

Activities initiated by the Friends of Ruskin Park

Achievements last year

Future Priorities

Summer Fete and seasonal events

Our big summer community fete. Other ad hoc seasonal/themed events.

Though we postponed the Summer Fete from June to September, we were delighted it went ahead so successfully.

We plan to hold a dog show in May 2022 and the Summer Fete again in June.

Bandstand Concerts

Programme of summer music at the bandstand

We were delighted to host a full and successful programme last summer, despite the challenges of taking mandatory Covid precautions. We collaborated with the Herne Hill Music Festival.

We plan to hold a bandstand programme in 2022.



Achievements and priorities (5)

Running the charity of Friends of Ruskin Park

Achievements last year

Future Priorities

Communications, and User Engagement

Engaging the diverse range of park users and members, particularly to understand their needs and to connect with Lambeth Council.

Continuing to deliver regular communications about our and other significant park activities, online in several modes, and with posters. Took an active role in channelling the interest taken by the community which was generated by the event application by Open Arms to enable Lambeth to make an informed decision. Held 'have your say' in the park, ad hoc and at our events.

To secure the skills and capacity from our supporters to continue regular and effective communications and user engagement.

After a success at Herne Hill market, to hold stalls as a presence at other market or festival events at other venues such as Carnegie Library.

Governance and Membership

Holding good governance as a membership organisation, i.e. policies and procedures for FoRP as a charity and for efficient and effective delivery of activities, thus complying with the Charity Commission.

Improvements in membership management have continued. With a recent change of trustees and other committee members, governance has been maintained, but not reviewed this year.

To ensure committee members have the skills and capacity to review and share out the responsibilities for ensuring effective governance, following best practice. Succession planning.

Structure, Governance and Management

Membership

FoRP membership is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, though the trustees are able to set a reasonable fee for membership. The membership fee is currently zero. As of 18th November 2021, FoRP had 458 recorded members, including 129 lapsed members who will receive invitations to renew.

Governance

FoRP is governed by a CIO constitution adopted in March 2016 and approved by the Charity Commission in April 2016. This can be viewed on our website.



Committee

As well as the trustees, additional committee members are appointed by the trustees to assist with the management of our activities. This year they include Kathy Erasmus, Alex Penn, Rosie Kinchen, Claire Vinycomb and Jo Henderson. Céline Gilbert and Abi Oke joined in late 2021.

Trustees

We have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 11 trustees. They are elected at our AGM for 3 year terms, with a third of trustees standing down each year. At other times the existing trustees may appoint further trustees until the date of the next AGM.

The following people were trustees during 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021:

- Lucy Hadfield (Chair)
- David Benson (Treasurer) deceased 1st May 2021
- Chris Norris
- Julie Simpson
- Kate Malleson (confirmed at the AGM in January 2021)
- Mandy Millward (confirmed at the AGM in January 2021)
- Deepak Sardiwal (appointed by trustees 15th May 2021)
- Michelle Warbis (appointed by trustees 14th July 2021)
- Jared Cotton (appointed by trustees 14th July 2021)



Financial Statements

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Charities Act (2011) and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing the 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 UK 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 not appropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved on behalf of the Trustees by

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Lucy Hadfield

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Lucy Hadfield, Chair

1/26/2022

Date

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Jared Cotton

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Jared Cotton, Treasurer

1/29/2022

Date

"The charity trustees prepare financial statements for each 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 including the income and expenditure of the Charity"

Profit and Loss Accounts

For period year ended 31 August 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds			
		General	Grant funds *	Paddling pool funds	Total	Total
		31/8/2021	31/8/2021	31/8/2021	31/8/2021	31/8/2020
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations/grants	3	17,157	12,210	520	29,887	36,150
Events	3	289	-	-	289	1,474
Other income		360	-	-	360	360
Total Income		17,806	12,210	520	30,536	37,983
Expenditure						
Charitable activities	4	(4,597)	(15,854)	(1,212)	(21,663)	(28,938)
Other costs	4	(354)	-	-	(354)	(817)
Total expenditure		(4,951)	(15,854)	(1,212)	(22,017)	(29,755)
Net (expense)/income for the year		12,855	(3,644)	(692)	8,519	8,228
Reconciliation of funds						
Balance brought forward		30,307	10,821	9,816	50,944	42,716
Net (expenditure)/income		12,855	(3,644)	(692)	8,519	8,228
Transfers**		1,850	(1,850)	-	-	-
Balance carried forward		45,012	5,327	9,124	59,463	50,944

* The Grants funds are made up of grants from the London Community Foundation, Neighbourly and Lambeth Council.

** Postcode Local Trust made £1,850 in remaining funds unrestricted as part of their response to COVID-19.

Balance Sheet

at 31 August 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
Current assets			
Cash		66,925	68,458
Debtors		-	-
Total current assets		<u>66,925</u>	<u>68,458</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due in one year	7	(7,462)	(17,514)
Net assets		<u>59,463</u>	<u>50,944</u>
Funds of the charity			
<i>Unrestricted income fund</i>			
General fund		45,012	30,307
<i>Restricted income funds</i>			
Grant funds		5,327	10,821
Paddling pool fund		9,124	9,816
Total charity funds		<u>59,463</u>	<u>50,944</u>

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under the Charities Act 2011. The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with the Act. The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.





Notes

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) and in accordance with the FRS 102 itself and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions permitted by SORP (FRS 102) and have not included a statement of cash flows for the year.

Income policy

Items of income are recognised and include in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity has entitlement to the funds;
- Any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- There is sufficient certainty that the receipt of the income is considered probable; and the amount can be reliably measured.

Donations, voluntary income and grants are recognised in the period they are received where the above conditions have been met (except for grants that specify that they can only be used in a future accounting period).

Volunteers

SORP (FRS 102) specifically excludes the inclusion of the value of the contributions of volunteers to the charity on the basis that there is no reliable method of measurement of their activities. As a result the value of services provided by volunteers is not included in the financial statements. The valuable contribution provided by the volunteers is discussed in more detail in the Trustees Report.



Notes (cont.)

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charities operations.

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following headings:

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the operation of the Charity. These include both the direct and support costs relating to these activities.

Other costs include those incurred in the governance of the Charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

VAT suffered is included within the relative expenses or asset and is not shown separately.

2. Legal status

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and has no share capital. If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for setting its debts and liabilities.

The Charity was registered on 5 April 2016 under registration number 1166358. Accordingly the Charity is exempt from the Corporation Tax in respect to its charitable activities and any investment income receivable.

Notes (cont.)

3. Income

	General 31/8/2021 £	Grant funds 31/8/2021 £	Paddling pool funds 31/8/2021 £	Total 31/8/2021 £	Total 31/8/2020 £
Income					
<i>Grants</i>					
Arts Council	-	-	-	-	1,322
Greater London Authority	-	-	-	-	4,511
Bandstand concerts (Lambeth Council)	-	-	-	-	2,132
London Community Foundation	-	9,820	-	9,820	-
Postcode Local Trust	-	-	-	-	19,648
Summer Fete (Lambeth Council)	-	1,390	-	1,390	-
Neighbourly	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
<i>Donations</i>					
Paddling pool donations	-	-	520	520	3,649
Other donations and subscriptions	13,481	-	-	13,481	4,887
Gift Aid claims	3,676	-	-	3,676	-
<i>Events</i>					
Fete	235	-	-	235	-
Other events	54	-	-	54	1,474
Other income	360	-	-	360	360
Total income	<u>17,806</u>	<u>12,210</u>	<u>520</u>	<u>30,536</u>	<u>37,983</u>

4. Expenses

	General 31/8/2021 £	Grant funds 31/8/2021 £	Paddling pool funds 31/8/2021 £	Total 31/8/2021 £	Total 31/8/2020 £
Expenses					
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>					
Fete expense	(114)	(280)	-	(394)	(50)
Pool expenses	-	-	(1,212)	(1,212)	(548)
Other event expense	-	-	-	-	(1,991)
Bandstand concerts	(41)	(1,659)	-	(1,700)	(500)
John Ruskin expenses	-	-	-	-	(5,440)
Wildlife garden development	-	-	-	-	(4,829)
Tree planting	-	-	-	-	(1,233)
Freelance worker expenses	-	(3,891)	-	(3,891)	-
Gardening/volunteering programme	(1,534)	(3,618)	-	(5,152)	(90)
Communications	(137)	(346)	-	(484)	(375)
Community activities	(740)	-	-	(740)	(275)
Bench replacement programme	(2,031)	-	-	(2,031)	(2,402)
Community garden	-	(6,060)	-	(6,060)	(9,801)
Health and wellbeing	-	-	-	-	(1,404)
Total	<u>(4,597)</u>	<u>(15,854)</u>	<u>(1,212)</u>	<u>(21,663)</u>	<u>(28,938)</u>
<i>Other costs</i>					
Insurance	(325)	-	-	(325)	(617)
AGM	-	-	-	-	(200)
Sundries	(29)	-	-	(29)	-
Total	<u>(354)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(354)</u>	<u>(817)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(4,951)</u>	<u>(15,854)</u>	<u>(1,212)</u>	<u>(22,017)</u>	<u>(29,755)</u>

Note: Pool expenses include negative expenditure of £2,000 for a previously accrued contribution to water usage for the paddling pool which is no longer due.



Notes (cont.)

5. Staff Costs

The Charity had no staff costs in the year and none of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits in kind for their work on the Charity.

5. Tax

The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

5. Debtors

All amounts are accounts receivable and are expected to be recoverable.

8. Creditors

	2021	2020
Accruals	3,212	3,156
Deferred income	4,250	14,358
Total	7,462	17,514

Deferred income was released from two grants (from London Community Foundation and Lambeth Council) and a community contribution from UK Power Networks due to a disruption caused by works undertaken in the park.

Income from bench donations was deferred where benches would not be delivered until the following financial year.

Accrued expenditure relates to the annual commissioning of the paddling pool in July 2021 which had not been billed by the end of the year.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of Friends of Ruskin Park for the period ending 31st August 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities 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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Sue McDonald
 Independent Examiner

1/26/2022

Date

