

THE FRIENDS OF STREATHAM COMMON

England & Wales · Charity number 1166961

Details

Other names FOSC

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-05-06

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

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING THE PUBLIC OPEN SPACES OF STREATHAM COMMON, THE ROOKERY (GRADE II* LISTED GARDEN), STREATHAM MEMORIAL GARDEN AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC OPEN SPACES;(2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE AREAS OF THE CHARITY'S OPERATION;(3) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF STREATHAM AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF SAFE FACILITIES, INCLUDING CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, NATURE RESERVES, WILDLIFE AND GARDENING ACTIVITIES, FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS

Activities: We exist to:1. promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment, including Streatham Common, the Rookery and the Streatham Memorial Garden;2. advance the education of the public in the areas of the charity's operation;3. promote the provision of safe facilities, including children's play areas, nature reserves and gardening spaces, in the interests of social welfare.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lambeth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£35,475	£47,650	-	-
2024-03-31	£35,930	£16,417	-	-
2023-03-31	£30,646	£47,320	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,775	£13,917	-	-
2021-03-31	£31,083	£18,252	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline Anne Hewitt		2021-04-21
David Jonathan Malley		2016-05-06
Nicholas Cattermole		2019-06-26
Peter Newmark		2019-01-15
TRACEY JEAN WILLIAMSON		2016-05-06

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2024 To 31 March 2025

Charity name: Friends of Streatham Common (FoSC)

Charity registration number: 1166961

Objectives and Activities

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>In 2024-25 FoSC's activities supported the purposes above.</p> <p>FoSC continued to work with Streatham Common Co-operative (SCCoop) to raise funds which have been/will be spent on improvements to the Rookery Garden e.g. purchase of plants and Streatham Common paddling pool.</p> <p>Fund raising included business sponsorship.</p> <p>FoSC also worked with Lambeth Council on the wider Common, discussing requirements for maintenance and other enhancements.</p> <p>The high profile centre-piece of FoSC's efforts was Kite Day held in May. This free event was attended by several thousand people, including a number of expert kite fliers. In addition there were children's play facilities, food & drink vendors and many community group stalls. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive.</p> <p>Other events organised by FoSC included an Easter Egg Hunt, open-air Shakespeare and a fun Dog Show.</p> <p>FoSC also ran a number of natural history walks around the Common. Some were on its own account and some jointly with Lambeth Council.</p>

		<p>Conservation volunteering took place, including work with SCCoop on horticulture in the Rookery. Conservation measures were also undertaken in the woods e.g. improving paths and efforts to reduce erosion.</p> <p>In 2024-25 FoSC has supported Streatam Utd, a children's football clubs which holds regular matches on the Common.</p> <p>FoSC continued to provide a regular newsletter, <i>Common Knowledge</i>, to its members.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit in the activities above. Promoting improvements to the Common and Rookery, and supporting children's play, is likely to enhance the public's enjoyment of those spaces. The Trustees see public benefit as central to FoSC's purpose.

Additional information (optional)

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Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>FoSC has been able to support new planting in the Rookery Garden and environmental improvements, especially in the Streatham Common woods.</p> <p>It has also engaged Lambeth Council to effect various repairs to the Common which benefited all users and helped protect its Environment. It continues to engage the Council on concerns such as the future of the old car park, old road and placement of large bins.</p>
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Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Friends of Streatham Common is in a healthy financial position. It can cover its normal running expenses from regular income such as membership fees, which are adjusted from time to time. Fundraising is used to pay for improvements to the Common / Rookery or to support public events.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Unrestricted Reserves are held principally to support improvements on the Common and to cover basic running expenses. Restricted Reserves arise from donations for a specific purpose or project. Current restricted reserves largely relate to spending on projects with Streatham Common Co-operative SCCoop* in pursuit of shared purposes. SCCoop manages the Rookery under contract to Lambeth Council, aiming to ensure it is a good environment for the public to enjoy. These funded activities include planting, maintenance and restoration in the Rookery Garden.</p> <p>*SCCoop, full name Streatham Common Community Operations Limited, is an Industrial and Provident Society for the Benefit of the Community which has an agreement with Lambeth Council to undertake the management of, and gardening in, the Rookery.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total funds held at the year-end were £67,210.94.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	As noted above, FoSC works closely with Streatham Common Co-operative (SCCoop) in pursuit of common purposes. FoSC has assessed that SCCoop's objectives are very similar to FoSC's. SCCoop holds a contract from Lambeth Council to run the Rookery garden and

		paddling pool. The work it does is work which FoSC wishes to see done. On application FoSC assesses specific SCCoop project proposals, eg planting, and makes grants to SCCoop where such proposals will further FoSC's own charitable objectives.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Streatham Common
Other name the charity uses	FoSC or the Friends
Registered charity number	1166961
Charity's principal address	48 Strathbrook Road, Streatham, London, SW16 3AY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Caroline Anne Hewitt	Chair		AGM
2	David Jonathan Malley	Secretary		AGM
3	Peter Newmark			AGM
4	Richard Payne	Treasurer		AGM
5	Michael Robinson			AGM
6	Tracey Jean Williamson			AGM
7	Nicholas Cattermole			AGM
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10	The AGM was held on 27 June 2024.			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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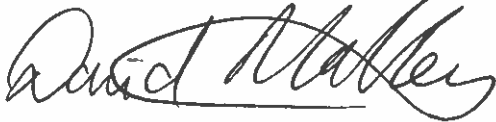
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Caroline Anne Hewitt	David Jonathan Malley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary

Date 27th January 2026



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Streatham Common 1166961

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	3,444			3,444	3,166
Events	6,549			6,549	5,767
Donations	110	24,194		24,304	26,479
Bank Interest	1,178			1,178	517
Rounding					
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,281	24,194	-	35,475	35,930
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts	11,281	24,194	-	35,475	35,930
A3 Payments					
Environmental Improvements	180	34,961		35,141	10,000
Event Expenses	6,046			6,046	4,648
Common Knowledge	893			893	1,057
Insurance	593			593	-
Administration Expenses	657			657	75
PayPal/WorldPay Charges	524			524	637
Donations	3,796			3,796	-
Rounding					
Sub total	12,688	34,961	-	47,650	16,417
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					
Total payments	12,688	34,961	-	47,650	16,417
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,407	- 10,768	-	- 12,175	19,513
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	36,298	43,088		79,386	59,873
Cash funds this year end	34,891	32,320		67,211	79,386

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Current Account	2,623	19,300	-
	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account		13,020	
	Lloyds Bank Bond	25,981		
	PayPal	6,287		-
	Cash in Hand			-
	Total cash funds		34,891	32,320

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

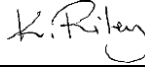
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Chair		Caroline Hewitt	27/1/26
Treasurer		Richard Payne	27/1/26



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of	Friends Of Streatham Common
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2025
Set out on pages	1-2
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),• to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and• to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
Basis of independent examiner's report	<p>My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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.</p>
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave not been met; or2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
Signed:	 Date: 30th January 2026
Name:	Dr Kevin Riley
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	n/a
Address:	12 Braxted Park London SW16 3DW

Disclosure Section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight particular problems

Give here brief details of issues that the examiner wishes to disclose.

As in previous years, a final copy of the Trustees' Annual Report was not available at this time. The Accounts reviewed are those as seen by the Trustees and as presented to the Annual General Meeting.

In my view the accounts are consistent with the available documentation and so appear to offer a reasonable view of the financial position of the Friends of Streatham Common. Analysis of the funding position suggests that the charity is financially robust and resilient.

Basis for Accounts Preparation. With the implementation of Charities SORP (FRS 102) 2026 in January 2026, FOSC should review the current basis on which it prepares its accounts and determines whether to select the Accruals or the Receipts and Payments basis. If the accruals basis is selected, it should review the effect of SORP 2026 on current practice and the work needed to modify its current accounts reporting process.

Grant Making. Previous awards have been made on an ad-hoc basis, for which a light-weight monitoring and reporting regime was appropriate. However, Grant Awards from FOSC have recently become a material activity, and a strengthened and more structured approach, supported by clear criteria for selecting a grant award rather than a procurement approach, should be considered if the current level of Awards is expected to continue. Guidance and specific disclosure requirements for grant-making charities are provided in Charities SORP 2015, and 2026.

It should be noted that the Guidance requires that the Notes to the Accounts must provide the following details which reconcile with the total of grants payable, so as to enable the user of the accounts to gain an understanding of the nature of the activities or projects being funded by the Grant-Maker:

- the total amount of grants paid analysed between grants to individuals and grants to institutions;
- an analysis of the total amount of grants paid by nature or type of activity or project being supported; and
- the amount of support costs allocated to grant-making activities.

A suggested tabular format for presenting this information is available in the Guidance.

Recommendation:

In support of this, FOSC might wish to develop a formal Policy Document setting out how the overall Grant Awarding process is to be managed across the following subsidiary activities:

- Guiding Policy & Principles
- Pre-Qualification of Candidates
- Project Qualification & Assessment process
- Awarding Process
- Project Funds Phasing, T & C's, Delivery & Monitoring
- Reporting,

supported by clear criteria for establishing which of Grant Award, normal procurement, Call-Off contract or other vehicle is the most appropriate means for realising FOSC's project objectives.

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Report to the trustees/members of

Friends Of Streatham Common

On accounts for the year ended

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 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave 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.

Signed:

Date: 30th January 2025

Name:

Dr Kevin Riley

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

n/a

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The reasonableness of any significant estimates or judgments that have been made in preparing the Accounts has been assessed and accepted.

The Treasurer has provided all necessary documentation in electronic and physical form, supported by face-to-face discussion. I believe that sufficient information has been provided to be able to come to a reasonable view of the accounts. In my view the accounts are consistent with the available documentation and so appear to offer a reasonable view of the financial position of the Friends of Streatham Common.

Analysis of the funding position suggests that the charity is financially robust and resilient. Comparison of the 3-year averages for Total Income (£30,117), Total Expenditure (£25,885) and current Total Cash Funds (£79,386) shows that operations are currently robustly self-supporting. In addition, in a worst-case scenario with all funding to be drawn from reserves, the Charity could be self-supporting for a further 3 years.

It appears that the pattern of environmental improvements under commission is evolving away from a small number of large-scale projects and towards a larger number of smaller projects. This is likely to require that the form of the controls required to ensure that project work remains consistent with the Charities' Aims and Objectives is continuously adapted. It is therefore recommended that the Trustees regularly review project risk control and transfer as a standard agenda item, on an annual basis.

Summary Recommendations:

1. Regularly review, on an annual basis, project risk control and transfer as a standard agenda item.



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Streatham Common
Other name the charity uses	FoSC or the Friends
Registered charity number	1166961
Charity's principal address	48 Strathbrook Road, Streatham, London, SW16 3AY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nicholas Cattermole	Treasurer until AGM		AGM
2	Anne Hamilton		Until 28 June 2023	AGM
3	Caroline Anne Hewitt	Chair from AGM		AGM
4	David Jonathan Malley	Secretary		AGM
5	Peter Newmark			AGM
6	Richard Payne	Treasurer from AGM	From 28 June 2023	AGM
7	Michael Robinson			AGM
8	Tracey Jean Williamson	Chair until AGM		AGM
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10	The AGM was held on 28 June 2023.			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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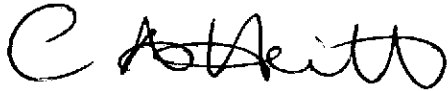

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Caroline Anne Hewitt	David Jonathan Malley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	27 January 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Streatham Common

1166961

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Apr-23	To	31-Mar-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	3,166			3,166	2,744
Events	5,767			5,767	730
Donations	360	26,119		26,479	27,081
Bank Interest	517			517	91
Rounding					
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,811	26,119	-	35,930	30,646
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts	9,811	26,119	-	35,930	30,646
A3 Payments					
Environmental Improvements		10,000		10,000	44,194
Event Expenses	4,648			4,648	550
Common Knowledge	1,057			1,057	880
Insurance	-			-	442
Administration Expenses	75			75	729
PayPal/WorldPay Charges	637			637	525
Donations				-	-
Rounding					-
Sub total	6,417	10,000	-	16,417	47,320
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					
Total payments	6,417	10,000	-	16,417	47,320
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,394	16,119	-	19,513	- 16,674
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	32,904	26,969		59,873	76,547
Cash funds this year end	36,298	43,088		79,386	59,873

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Current Account	5,759	20,068	-
	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account		23,020	
	Lloyds Bank Bond	25,008		
	PayPal	5,259		-
	Cash in Hand	272		-
	Total cash funds		36,298	43,088

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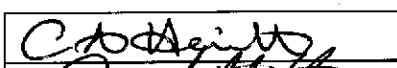

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Caroline Hewitt	27/1/2025
	David Malley	27/1/25 27/01/2025

THE FRIENDS OF STREATHAM COMMON

England & Wales - Charity number 1166961

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2022 To 31 March 2023

Charity name: Friends of Streatham Common (FoSC)

Charity registration number: 1166961

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	We exist to: 1. promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment, including Streatham Common, the Rookery and the Streatham Memorial Garden; 2. advance the education of the public in the areas of the charity's operation; 3. promote the provision of safe facilities, including children's play areas, nature reserves, community events and gardening spaces, in the interests of social welfare.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>In 2022-23 FoSC's activities supported the purposes above. Activity continued gradually to increase following the Covid-19 Pandemic</p> <p>FoSC continued to work with Streatham Common Co-operative (SCCoop) to raise funds which have been/will be spent on improvements to the Rookery Garden e.g. purchase of plants.</p> <p>Fund raising included business sponsorship.</p> <p>FoSC also worked with Lambeth Council on the wider Common, discussing requirements for maintenance and other enhancements.</p> <p>The centre-piece of FoSC's efforts was intended to be Wind Day for kite flying in September, but this was cancelled as a mark of respect following the death of HM the Queen.</p> <p>Other events included open-air Shakespeare and a fun Dog Show.</p> <p>FoSC also ran a small number of natural history walks around the Common. Some were on its own account and some jointly with Lambeth Council.</p>

		<p>Conservation volunteering took place. There was work with SCCoop on horticulture in the Rookery. Conservation measures were also undertaken in the woods e.g. improving paths and efforts to reduce erosion. FoSC members also contributed to tree planting to reduce water logging.</p> <p>FoSC continued to provide a regular newsletter, <i>Common Knowledge</i>, to its members.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit in the activities above. Promoting improvements to the Common and Rookery is likely to enhance the public's enjoyment of those spaces. The Trustees see public benefit as central to FoSC's purpose.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>FoSC has been able to support new planting in the Rookery Garden and environmental improvements, especially in the Streatham Common woods.</p> <p>It has also engaged Lambeth Council to effect various repairs to the Common which benefited all users and helped protect its Environment e.g. a long standing water leak in the Rookery Garden. It continues to engage the Council on concerns such as the future of the old car park, old road and placement of large bins.</p> <p>FoSC's trustees and officers have reverted to meeting regularly in person following the Covid-19 Pandemic.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Friends of Streatham Common is in a healthy financial position. It can cover its normal running expenses from regular income such as membership fees, which are adjusted from time to time. Fundraising is used to pay for improvements to the Common / Rookery or to support public events.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted Reserves are held principally to support improvements on the Common and to cover basic running expenses. Restricted Reserves arise from donations which are specifically held to spend on projects with Streatham Common Co-operative (SCCoop)* in pursuit of shared purposes. These include planting, maintenance and restoration in the Rookery Garden. SCCoop will undertake work on behalf of the Friends as active manager of the Rookery. *SCCoop, full name Streatham Common Community Operations Limited, is an Industrial and Provident Society for the Benefit of the Community which has an agreement with Lambeth Council to undertake the management of, and gardening in, the Rookery.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total funds held at the year-end were £59,873.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	In 2022-23 the largest single source of funds was a donation of £12,000 from Douglas & Gordon, estate agents.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Association Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by members of the Friends of Streatham Common at its Annual General Meeting. The Trustees may co-opt to fill vacancies, but such appointments must be confirmed at the subsequent AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Trustees delegate day to day responsibility for FoSC to an executive committee. Most of the trustees are active members of the Committee.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	As noted above, FoSC works closely with Streatham Common Co-operative (SCCoop) in pursuit of shared objectives. SCCoop, as manager of the Rookery Garden, undertakes work on behalf of the Friends e.g. planting and maintenance. FoSC makes frequent donations to SCCoop in support of the latter's work in the Rookery and indeed the majority of FoSC's spending is through SCCoop.
Other		

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Streatham Common
Other name the charity uses	FoSC or the Friends
Registered charity number	1166961
Charity's principal address	48 Strathbrook Road, Streatham, London, SW16 3AY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tracey Jean Williamson	Chair		AGM
2	Harriet Blacklay		Retired 29 June 2022	AGM
3	Nicholas Cattermole	Treasurer		AGM
4	Caroline Anne Hewitt			AGM
5	David Jonathan Malley	Secretary		AGM
6	Peter Newmark			AGM
7	Michael Robinson			AGM
8	Anne Hamilton		Appointed 29 June 2022.	AGM
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10	NB At the 2023 AGM on 28 June, Tracey Williamson retired as Chair, continuing as a Trustee. Caroline Hewitt was elected Chair. Nick Cattermole retired as Treasurer, but was re-elected as a Trustee. Richard Payne was elected as a Trustee and as Treasurer. Anne Hamilton resigned as a Trustee.			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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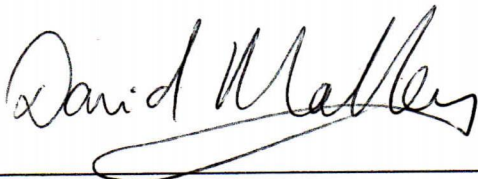
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Caroline Anne Hewitt	David Jonathan Malley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair (from June 2023)	Secretary

Date 30th January 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Streatham Common

1166961

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	2,744			2,744	2,921
Events	730			730	1,427
Donations	1,529	25,552		27,081	19,422
Bank Interest	91			91	5
Common Knowledge					-
Rounding					
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,094	25,552	-	30,646	23,775
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts	5,094	25,552	-	30,646	23,775
A3 Payments					
Environmental Improvements		44,194		44,194	10,049
Event Expenses	550			550	1,129
Common Knowledge	880			880	1,003
Insurance	442			442	442
Administration Expenses	729			729	489
PayPal/WorldPay Charges	525			525	805
Donations					-
Rounding					-
Sub total	3,126	44,194	-	47,320	13,917
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					
Total payments	3,126	44,194	-	47,320	13,917
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,968	- 18,642	-	- 16,674	9,858
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,936	45,611		76,547	66,689
Cash funds this year end	32,904	26,969		59,873	76,547

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Current Account	7,400		-
	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	21,051	26,969	
	PayPal	4,181		-
	Cash in Hand	272		-
	Total cash funds	32,904	26,969	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Caroline Hewitt, Chair 23-24	30/1/24
	Nick Cattermole, Treasurer, 22-23	30/1/24



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees/members of

Friends Of Streatham Common

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

Set out on pages

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 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 the 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 you as 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 the course of 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 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Acthave 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.

Signed:

K. Riley

Date: 30th January 2024

Name:

Dr Kevin Riley

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

n/a

Address:

12 Braxted Park
London
SW16 3DW

Disclosure Section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight particular problems

Give here brief details of issues that the examiner wishes to disclose.

As in previous years, a final copy of the Trustees' Annual Report was not available at this time. The Accounts reviewed are those as seen by the Trustees and as presented to the Annual General Meeting.

The reasonableness of any significant estimates or judgments that have been made in preparing the Accounts has been assessed and accepted.

The Treasurer has provided all necessary documentation in electronic and physical form, supported by face-to-face discussion. I believe that I have been provided with sufficient information to be able to come to a reasonable view of the accounts. In my view the accounts are consistent with the available documentation and so appear to offer a reasonable view of the financial position of the Friends of Streatham Common.

At the beginning & end of the year Cash-In-Hand is counted & recorded by the Treasurer. Of necessity, I was unable to verify these figures. However, the value of £272 is consistent with the Accounts and at the same time not material.

It is noticeable that funds on deposit have been maintained at £48,020 for the last three years. This corresponds to 181% of average expenditure over this same period. It is perhaps worth reviewing policy on the appropriate level of financial reserves requiring to be held.

Overall, general project activity has remained steady, but at a lower level than pre-Covid pandemic. Unrestricted receipts of £5094 are largely unchanged from the previous year's £5,123, but remain well short of the £9,169 of pre-pandemic 2019-2020. Similarly, the expenditure of £3,126 on unrestricted activities in 2022-2023 was marginally lower than the figure of £3,868 for 2021-2022, but is still substantially lower than the £5,030 of 2019-2020. Nevertheless, in a worst-case scenario with no future external funding, it appears that the Charity would be able to continue raising sufficient funds to support its core programme of Unrestricted activities.

The use of Restricted Funds for activities in support of the charities' objectives has substantially increased in the current year. Income for the current and past years in support of activities underpinned by these funds was £25,552, £18652, £27,288. Expenditure from these funds was £44,194, £10,049 and £14,675 respectively. Clearly, coinciding with the termination of the D&G contract, opportunities have been taken to greatly increase the level of funding for qualifying projects in the current year.

Overall, there appears to have been no adverse change in financial risk over the past year. However, there have recently been cases of banks withdrawing banking facilities from charities, causing them to be unable to operate. This seems to have been due to issues relating to the provision of up-to-date information on customer accounts as part of banks' regulatory obligations. It would be prudent to confirm that all relevant and current information is in place with Lloyds Bank, and to consider whether, under these circumstances, the charity could continue to operate its PayPal account as an emergency current account, if necessary.

Following recent changes to the membership of the charity, several of the Trustees have had, or still have, acted as a Trustee and/or Officer of a third-party Community Benefit Society providing services to FOSC. Although not falling under the definition of a Connected Party (Para 30 of the Constitution), the Trustees may wish to consider whether it may be appropriate to apply any of the provisions of Para 30 to those Trustees or to other Trustees in similar circumstances.

Summary Recommendations:

1. Review policy on the appropriate level of financial reserves requiring to be held by the charity
2. Confirm that all relevant and current information is in place with Lloyds Bank.
3. Consider whether the charity could continue to operate its PayPal account as an emergency current account, if necessary
4. Consider whether it may be appropriate to apply any of the provisions of Para 30 to those Trustees with a past or present relationship with a third-party service provider, or to other Trustees in similar circumstances.

THE FRIENDS OF STREATHAM COMMON

England & Wales - Charity number 1166961

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2022 To 31 March 2023

Charity name: Friends of Streatham Common (FoSC)

Charity registration number: 1166961

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	We exist to: 1. promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment, including Streatham Common, the Rookery and the Streatham Memorial Garden; 2. advance the education of the public in the areas of the charity's operation; 3. promote the provision of safe facilities, including children's play areas, nature reserves, community events and gardening spaces, in the interests of social welfare.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>In 2022-23 FoSC's activities supported the purposes above. Activity continued gradually to increase following the Covid-19 Pandemic</p> <p>FoSC continued to work with Streatham Common Co-operative (SCCoop) to raise funds which have been/will be spent on improvements to the Rookery Garden e.g. purchase of plants.</p> <p>Fund raising included business sponsorship.</p> <p>FoSC also worked with Lambeth Council on the wider Common, discussing requirements for maintenance and other enhancements.</p> <p>The centre-piece of FoSC's efforts was intended to be Wind Day for kite flying in September, but this was cancelled as a mark of respect following the death of HM the Queen.</p> <p>Other events included open-air Shakespeare and a fun Dog Show.</p> <p>FoSC also ran a small number of natural history walks around the Common. Some were on its own account and some jointly with Lambeth Council.</p>

		<p>Conservation volunteering took place. There was work with SCCoop on horticulture in the Rookery. Conservation measures were also undertaken in the woods e.g. improving paths and efforts to reduce erosion. FoSC members also contributed to tree planting to reduce water logging.</p> <p>FoSC continued to provide a regular newsletter, <i>Common Knowledge</i>, to its members.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit in the activities above. Promoting improvements to the Common and Rookery is likely to enhance the public's enjoyment of those spaces. The Trustees see public benefit as central to FoSC's purpose.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>FoSC has been able to support new planting in the Rookery Garden and environmental improvements, especially in the Streatham Common woods.</p> <p>It has also engaged Lambeth Council to effect various repairs to the Common which benefited all users and helped protect its Environment e.g. a long standing water leak in the Rookery Garden. It continues to engage the Council on concerns such as the future of the old car park, old road and placement of large bins.</p> <p>FoSC's trustees and officers have reverted to meeting regularly in person following the Covid-19 Pandemic.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Friends of Streatham Common is in a healthy financial position. It can cover its normal running expenses from regular income such as membership fees, which are adjusted from time to time. Fundraising is used to pay for improvements to the Common / Rookery or to support public events.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted Reserves are held principally to support improvements on the Common and to cover basic running expenses. Restricted Reserves arise from donations which are specifically held to spend on projects with Streatham Common Co-operative (SCCoop)* in pursuit of shared purposes. These include planting, maintenance and restoration in the Rookery Garden. SCCoop will undertake work on behalf of the Friends as active manager of the Rookery. *SCCoop, full name Streatham Common Community Operations Limited, is an Industrial and Provident Society for the Benefit of the Community which has an agreement with Lambeth Council to undertake the management of, and gardening in, the Rookery.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total funds held at the year-end were £59,873.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	In 2022-23 the largest single source of funds was a donation of £12,000 from Douglas & Gordon, estate agents.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Association Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by members of the Friends of Streatham Common at its Annual General Meeting. The Trustees may co-opt to fill vacancies, but such appointments must be confirmed at the subsequent AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Trustees delegate day to day responsibility for FoSC to an executive committee. Most of the trustees are active members of the Committee.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	As noted above, FoSC works closely with Streatham Common Co-operative (SCCoop) in pursuit of shared objectives. SCCoop, as manager of the Rookery Garden, undertakes work on behalf of the Friends e.g. planting and maintenance. FoSC makes frequent donations to SCCoop in support of the latter's work in the Rookery and indeed the majority of FoSC's spending is through SCCoop.
Other		

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Streatham Common
Other name the charity uses	FoSC or the Friends
Registered charity number	1166961
Charity's principal address	48 Strathbrook Road, Streatham, London, SW16 3AY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tracey Jean Williamson	Chair		AGM
2	Harriet Blacklay		Retired 29 June 2022	AGM
3	Nicholas Cattermole	Treasurer		AGM
4	Caroline Anne Hewitt			AGM
5	David Jonathan Malley	Secretary		AGM
6	Peter Newmark			AGM
7	Michael Robinson			AGM
8	Anne Hamilton		Appointed 29 June 2022.	AGM
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10	NB At the 2023 AGM on 28 June, Tracey Williamson retired as Chair, continuing as a Trustee. Caroline Hewitt was elected Chair. Nick Cattermole retired as Treasurer, but was re-elected as a Trustee. Richard Payne was elected as a Trustee and as Treasurer. Anne Hamilton resigned as a Trustee.			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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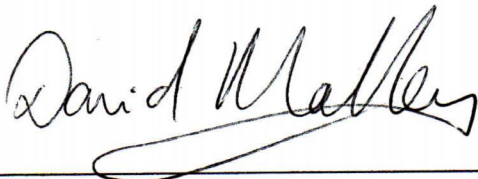
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Caroline Anne Hewitt	David Jonathan Malley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair (from June 2023)	Secretary

Date 30th January 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Streatham Common

1166961

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Apr-22	To	31-Mar-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	2,744			2,744	2,921
Events	730			730	1,427
Donations	1,529	25,552		27,081	19,422
Bank Interest	91			91	5
Common Knowledge					-
Rounding					
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,094	25,552	-	30,646	23,775
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts	5,094	25,552	-	30,646	23,775
A3 Payments					
Environmental Improvements		44,194		44,194	10,049
Event Expenses	550			550	1,129
Common Knowledge	880			880	1,003
Insurance	442			442	442
Administration Expenses	729			729	489
PayPal/WorldPay Charges	525			525	805
Donations					-
Rounding					-
Sub total	3,126	44,194	-	47,320	13,917
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					
Total payments	3,126	44,194	-	47,320	13,917
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,968	- 18,642	-	- 16,674	9,858
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,936	45,611		76,547	66,689
Cash funds this year end	32,904	26,969		59,873	76,547

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank Current Account	7,400		-
	Lloyds Bank Deposit Account	21,051	26,969	
	PayPal	4,181		-
	Cash in Hand	272		-
	Total cash funds	32,904	26,969	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Caroline Hewitt, Chair 23-24	30/1/24
	Nick Cattermole, Treasurer, 22-23	30/1/24

THE FRIENDS OF STREATHAM COMMON

England & Wales - Charity number 1166961

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2020 To 31 March 2021

Charity name: Friends of Streatham Common (FoSC)

Charity registration number: 1166961

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	We exist to: 1. promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment, including Streatham Common, the Rookery and the Streatham Memorial Garden; 2/ advance the education of the public in the areas of the charity's operation; 3. promote the provision of safe facilities, including children's play areas, nature reserves, community events and gardening spaces, in the interests of social welfare.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.18	<p>In 2020-21 FoSC's activities covered by the accounts supported the purposes above. These activities were, however, curtailed compared to previous years by the Covid-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>FoSC continued to work with Streatham Common Co-operative (SCCoop) to raise funds which have been/will be spent on improvements to the Rookery Garden such as purchase of plants.</p> <p>Fundraising included business sponsorship.</p> <p>FoSC also worked with Lambeth Council on the wider Common, discussing requirements for maintenance and other enhancements.</p> <p>Due to the pandemic, popular events, run in previous years, were not provided. FoSC was able to run neither its annual Kite Day, nor smaller educational events.</p> <p>Some limited volunteering did continue. There was work with SCCoop on horticulture in the Rookery. There was also work on conservation measures in the woods e.g. improving paths and efforts to reduce erosion.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit in the activities above. Promoting improvements to the Common and Rookery is likely to enhance the public's enjoyment of those spaces.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.36	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity; identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society, as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The achievements of FoSC have been limited in 2020-21 due to restrictions on its activity, as a result of Covid-19.</p> <p>FoSC has been able to support new planting in the Rookery Garden and environmental improvements, especially, in the Streatham Common woods.</p> <p>It has also engaged with Lambeth Council to effect various repairs to the Common which benefited all users and helped protect its Environment.</p> <p>FoSC's trustees and volunteers have met regularly on-line during the Pandemic. FoSC's finances are strong. Therefore the Trustees believe that FoSC will be well placed to resume a busy schedule of activity when the Covid-19 restrictions ease.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set:	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives:	Para 1.41	
Other:		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Friends of Streatham Common is in a healthy financial position. It can comfortably cover its normal running expenses from regular income such as membership fees. Fundraising is used to pay for improvements to the Common or to support public events.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted Reserves are held principally to support improvements on the Common and to cover basic running expenses. Restricted Reserves arise from donations which are specifically held to spend on projects with Streatham Common Co-operative (SCCoop) in pursuit of shared purposes, such as planting in the Rookery Garden. SCCoop will undertake work on behalf of the Friends as active manager of the Rookery. *SCCoop, full name Streatham Common Community Operations Limited, is an Industrial and Provident Society for the Benefit of the Community, which has an agreement with Lambeth Council to undertake the management and gardening of the Rookery.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total funds held at the year-end were £66,689.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.147	In 2020-21 the largest single source of funds was a donation of £12,000 from Douglas & Gordon, estate agents.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.146	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.146	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Association Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.26	Charity Incorporated Organisation III
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees:	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by members of the Friends of Streatham Common at its Annual General Meeting. The Trustees may co-opt to fill vacancies, but such appointments must be confirmed at the subsequent AGM.

Additional information (optional)

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Other		

Reference and Administrative details

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Other name the charity uses:	FoSC or the Friends:
Registered charity number:	1168961
Charity's principal address:	48 Strathbrook Road, Streatham, London, SW16 3AY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity;

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tracey Jean Williamson	Chair		AGM
2	Claire Hopkins	Vice-Chair	Resigned 20 January 2021	AGM
3	Harriet Blacklay	Secretary (to October 2021)		AGM
4	Nicholas Cattermole	Treasurer		AGM
5	Michael Robinson			AGM
6	Peter Newmark			AGM
7	David Jonathan Malley	Secretary (from October 2021)		AGM
8	Elizabeth O'Grady		Resigned 28 October 2020	AGM
9	Caroline Anne Hewitt		Appointed AFTER 2020-21 year on 21 April 2021	AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Tracey, Jean Williamson	David Jonathan Malley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	30th January 2022	



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/members of

Friends Of Streatham Common

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2021

Set out on pages

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 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 the 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 you as 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 the course of 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 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 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.

Signed:

Date: 26th January 2022

Name:

Dr Kevin Riley

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

n/a

Address:

12 Braxted Park
London
SW16 3DW

Disclosure Section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight particular problems

Give here brief details of issues that the examiner wishes to disclose.

A significant effect of the Covid 19 Pandemic has been that it has not been possible to examine physical documents and carry out discussions with the Treasurer in the usual manner. The Treasurer has provided all necessary documentation in electronic form, supported by telephone discussion. Whilst not being able to do the work to the usual level of detail, I believe that I have been provided with sufficient information to be able to come to a reasonable view of the accounts.

As in previous years, a final copy of the Trustees' Annual Report was not available at this time. Similarly, as the Approved Accounts were also not available, only a Final Draft of Accounts could be reviewed.

The reasonableness of any significant estimates or judgments that have been made in preparing the Accounts has been assessed and accepted.

At the beginning & end of the year Cash In Hand is counted & recorded by the Treasurer. Of necessity, I was unable to verify these figures. However, it is consistent with the Accounts and, following previous recommendations, the Closing value is significantly reduced from last year and considered to be not material.

Aside from Donations, receipts this year have been broadly in line with previous years. The reduction of £20,419 is taken to reflect the completion and implementation of the previous contract with D&G, since substantial expenditure on environmental improvements costing £20727 have been undertaken. Administrative costs have risen in consequence, but at £1,164 (£727) are considered to reasonably reflect the increased activity.

A number of items for improvement were identified in previous reports and the Trustees have advised that although some further progress has been made on implementation, the advent of a new Treasurer and the Covid situation has held back on their completion. As and when the situation eases, the Trustees may wish to review the pace and extent of this work.

Finally, in the light of the global situation, it is worth noting that, should all funding cease and the Trustees be required to return all uncommitted contractual funds previously received from D&G, then with current cash funds of £53,858 it is reasonable to expect that operations could continue at some level.