



**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
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	
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		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name:	Friends of Streatham Common
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	
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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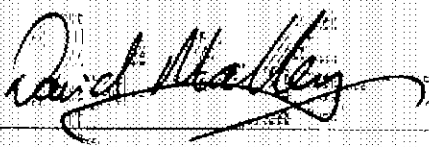
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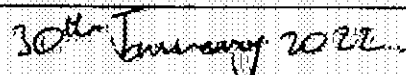
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Declarations

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: 



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.