



Trustees' Report

Trustees: Paul Evans (Vice Chair & Treasurer)
Jeffrey Murphy (Chair)
Clare Todd (Secretary)
Audrey Willis

Registered Charity Number: 1168443

Date of Registration: 26.07.16

Financial Year End Date: 31.07.20

Introduction

The Trustees submit their report and financial statement for the Friends of Riverside Park – Chester-le-Street (the CIO) for the financial year ending 31st July 2020. The financial statement complies with the Charities Act 2011 and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Small Entities (effective January 2015).

Aims & Objectives

To promote for the benefit of inhabitants of Chester le Street and the surrounding areas, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need for such facilities within the context of the Riverside Park, Chester le Street, County Durham.

Review of Achievements & Performance

In its fourth year the CIO has retained a strong focus on the development of a consistent group of volunteers whose work has mainly be directed to the ongoing development and maintenance of the park's Memorial Garden.



Given the sustained number of volunteers who now work with our organisation in the park – we have also worked with the ‘Volunteer’s Coordinator’ of Durham County Council to develop and implement robust Health & Safety Risk Assessments in relation to volunteer activities.

The charity has continued to be significantly involved in decisions made by Durham County Council in relation to the planting and maintenance projects within the park, but it is fair to say - like all similar organisations - the Covid-19 pandemic and its restrictions has had a significant limiting impact on the work of our group for both the spring & summer of 2020, beginning with the first ‘national lockdown’ in March 2020.

Constitution

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) and was registered with the Charity Commission on 26th July 2016. Its Constitution follows the ‘Association Model’ and allows for membership with voting rights

Governance & Management

The management of the CIO is the responsibility of its Trustees who are elected and co-opted in accordance with the constitution – which allows for a maximum of 12 Trustees and a minimum of 3. Four of the trustees will be appointed in the ‘executive’ roles of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

As per the Annex of Rules allowed for by the constitution, the CIO trustees will meet on a minimum of 4 occasions per year and there will be a minimum of 4 General Meetings per year convened for Members.

In accordance with the constitution, all trustees will stand down at the Annual General Meeting and may seek re-election.

Financial Review

The CIO is presently banks with the Chester le Street branch of Santander using a ‘Treasurer’s Current Account’.

During this financial year funds were raised via donations from the Durham Cricket Foundation (£250) & Durham County Councillor Beaty Bainbridge (£500) – the latter of which is ‘restricted’ and designated for the future purchase of plants / signage for the park’s Memory Garden.

The CIO has no assets, no depreciation, no investments, no debtors, no creditors, no liabilities and a cash balance of £760, arising from the above donations and previous ‘member’s subscriptions’.



As a consequence of the above information accounts will be filed using the Charity Commission's 'Receipts & Payments' template.

Public Benefit Statement

In exercising their powers and duties the Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on 'public benefit' published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Preparation of This Report

This report has been prepared in accordance with guidance published by the Charity Commission in March 2015, entitled 'Charity Reporting and Accounting – The Essentials', and is signed on behalf of the Trustees by

Paul Evans

Vice-Chair of Trustees & Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Friends of Riverside Park - Chester le Street

No (if any)
1168443

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.08.19	To	Period end date 31.07.20
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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					
Donation - Durham Cricket Foundation	250	-	-	250	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Donation - Councillor Beaty Bainbridge	-	500	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	250	500	-	750	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	250	500	-	750	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	250	500	-	750	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10	-	-	10	-
Cash funds this year end	260	500	-	760	-

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	Current Account	260	500	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	260	500	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Paul Evans - Trustee / Treasurer	27.04.21	