

**Friends of Markeaton Park**  
**Charity Number 1168828**

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**April 1st 2022 – March 31st 2023**

This year we have been able to return to pre Covid conditions and have welcomed volunteers, the general public and several local groups into the garden. We have also continued to work with local businesses and community groups to provide volunteer activities for their work force. Moreover we are continuing to expand our local contacts in this area, and the extra muscle power has been invaluable in completing some of the heavy work.

Once again we received the Green Flag award and trustees and volunteers are to be congratulated on the hard work they continue to provide week on week, which enables us to receive this recognition.

**Aims and purposes**

The charity's aims and purposes are to promote the amenities offered by the park, in particular, the Walled Garden. To this end we offer frequent public access to the public to enable them to enjoy the peaceful and colourful ambience and to purchase plants and produce if they wish.

We also offer activities and walks to widen local knowledge of wildlife, Botany and History

**Objectives and activities**

Our purpose is to enhance and assist in the conservation of Markeaton Park for the benefit of the local community and visitors. By encouraging volunteers and visitors we help to encourage healthy eating and environmentally friendly gardening skills.

The various activities we provide operate for the Public Benefit in a locally managed community space

**The Friends**

The Friends comprise a group of Trustees and volunteers based in Markeaton Park Derby. We lease the walled Garden from Derby City Council with whom we work closely.

We are sorry to report the well deserved retirement of the parks officer Dawn Dagley with whom we have had a close and supportive relationship over the last ten years. Her continual good humoured encouragement has been very reassuring and productive for us.

The Walled Garden provides a base for meetings, work and activities and a place to store our tools and props.

We are constantly working to improve the amenities and environment as well as create a garden to delight the senses and demonstrate vegetable growing and plants uses

Currently Trustees and volunteers work in the gardens on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings as well as Wednesday afternoons

We usually have sufficient volunteers to cover the sessions, but weekends, in particular Sundays, are often difficult to cover, which is a shame as it is the time of maximum opportunity for the public to visit.

## **The Trustees**

The Trustees meet officially once a month as well as interacting when working in the garden. At the official meetings they oversee the finance, and general management of the gardens

It also provides a forum to liaise on event management and to discuss new ideas and innovations.

There is also a subcommittee to oversee planting of the flower beds. Their proposals are presented to the monthly meeting for ratification by all Trustees

Sadly we have lost two valued Trustees this year, Hannah Jones and Diane Lawley. We thank them for their contribution, particularly the sterling efforts put in by Diane in Covid lockdown. We also hope that as commitments permit they will continue to work in the garden when they can. We are pleased to welcome a new Trustee, Paul Morley, and look forward to working with him in the future.

## **Volunteers and recruitment**

We have a number of regular volunteers who work in the garden. Their contribution both in expertise and manpower is very welcome ,and we hope that they will be a source for recruitment to the Board of Trustees as members retire

## **Achievements and performance 2022-2023**

In the wider park we have been able to provide a more normal range of activities such as Bat walks, History Walks, Balsam pulling and maintaining the rockery and the long border where possible.

In the walled garden we have been able to host a summer festival, wreath making and helped with refreshments at the Christmas Fair.

## **Financial Review**

We took receipts o £6599

We spent £7222

We carried forward £17334 reserves

We are in a comfortable financial position

We hold reserves to cover any maintenance issue ,scubas replacing poly tunnels and also to initiate new layout projects in the garden to benefit public and volunteer access

## **Administrative Address**

11 Curzon Close Allestree, Derby DE22 2SX

## **Trustees**

Chair Ms Melanie Jane Bayes

Vice/Acting Chair Mrs Dawn Franklyn Wilson

Christine Audrey Gear

Peter Macrorie  
Sarah Fowler  
Anne Morgan  
Linda Reid  
Susan Danvers  
Janet Dent  
Linda Proud  
Paul Morley



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

05/04/2022

To

Period end date

04/04/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sales	3933	-	-	3,933	3,707
Events	1747	-	-	1,747	1,102
Trips	0	-	-	-	-
Donations	285	-	-	285	210
Grants Received	634	-	-	634	2,276
		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for)</b>	<b>6599</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,599</b>	<b>7,295</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales,</b>					
	0	-	-	-	-
	0	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>6599</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,599</b>	<b>7,295</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
	0	-	-	-	-
Cost of Sales	469	-	-	469	559
Garden Maintenance	5036			5,036	8,050
Events costs	706			706	420
Trips cost	0			-	-
Insurance	222			222	299
Volunteers costs	128			128	62
Lease	0			-	-
Stationery and other costs	661	-	-	661	204
Lease legal costs	0	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,222</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,222</b>	<b>9,594</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>7,222</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,222</b>	<b>9,594</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 623</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 623</b>	<b>- 2,299</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>17,957</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,957</b>	<b>20,256</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>17,334.38</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,334</b>	<b>17,957</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	Bank	17,262	-	-
	Cash	72	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>17,334.38</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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

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Unrestricted  
funds  
to nearest £

Restricted  
funds  
to nearest £

Endowment  
funds  
to nearest £

Details

**B2 Other monetary assets**

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details

**B3 Investment assets**

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

Details

**B4 Assets retained for the  
charity's own use**

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

Details

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on

Signature

Print Name

Date of
