

FRIENDS OF WATERLOO SEAFRONT GARDENS

England & Wales · Charity number 1169385

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-09-28

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE, CONSERVE, RESTORE AND MAINTAIN FOR THE EDUCATIONAL AND AESTHETIC BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE, THE FOUR SEAFRONT GARDENS (MARINE GARDEN, CRESCENT GARDEN, ADELAIDE GARDEN AND BEACH LAWN GARDEN) AND POTTER'S BARN PARK IN THE BOROUGH OF SEFTON AND THEIR HISTORICALLY ASSOCIATED CONTENTS.

Activities: FoWSG was set up to help the local authority - Sefton MBC - to "Look after" the Waterloo Seafront Gardens. We encourage community activity by running regular gardening sessions and litter picks, and also running and hosting events. We want to maintain the gardens in good condition, as an attractive and safe area for all ages and abilities to use for recreation and enjoyment.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Sefton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£3,925	£4,808	-	-
2024-08-31	£4,661	£1,805	-	-
2023-08-31	£2,865	£2,500	-	-
2022-08-31	£5,279	£8,295	-	-
2021-08-31	£1,247	£440	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Khodabukus		2021-11-25
Caroline Guerin		2025-11-13
Doris Bromilow		2019-11-16
Francis McManus		2024-11-14
JAMES GENTLES		2023-11-23
JANET MARKLAND		2024-11-14
KAREN ABRAM		2024-11-14
ROSEMARY GORDON		2023-11-23
Tina Flynn		2021-11-20

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Adelaide Garden, June 2025



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Community Session, February 2025,
Adelaide Garden

Who we are

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We want to maintain and restore the Gardens as an attractive and safe area for all ages and abilities to use for recreation and environmental wellbeing.

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Winter, Marine Garden

What we do

Protecting

Maintaining the Gardens for the pleasure of local people through weekly volunteer sessions, include regular litter picking.

Preserving

The weekly volunteer sessions include gardening activities where we renovate beds and the special features in our Gardens.

Rebuilding

Fundraising to preserve the heritage of the Gardens through online donations second hand book and card sales and our annual Autumn Festival.



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Protecting our spaces

Marine Garden, April 2025

The Friends of Waterloo Seafront Gardens was set up in 2009 to help Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council look after the Waterloo Seafront Gardens. Since 2016, we have been a charity.



March 2025, Potter's Barn

Potter's Barn

Potter's Barn is a lively park with great facilities for dog walkers and skaters alike. It is also a green lung by the main road. Unfortunately this year we sustained thefts of plants in the raised beds by the entrance to Crosby Road North. The committee has developed a funding bid to replace these plants and plant more bulbs in the woodland beds.



Daffodils, March 2025



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Marine Garden, September 2025

Marine Garden

Marine Garden - along with Crescent Garden – act as the two entry points for the Gardens from South Road. The Garden has a substantial rockery, bog garden and large lawned area. It also hosts our annual Autumn Festival.

This year we have continued to maintain the honeycomb paving at the base of the rockery. We had a fantastic team from BDO who worked on this area and made a great difference.



BDO, Marine Garden, September 2025



Crescent Garden

As our largest Garden, there is always much to do in Crescent. In 2025 we have continued to clear back overgrown mats of grass to uncover the original 1930s edging.

Thank you to our members, volunteers and Crown Commercial Services who have continued to partner with us.

CCSs work over the last three years has really made a difference.



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The Team from Crown Commercial Services,
Crescent Garden, June 2025

Adelaide Garden



Before Clearance, Adelaide
December 2023



After. Adelaide Garden, August 2025

Adelaide is one of our most elegant Gardens with a pleasing symmetry to it.

2025 has seen a lot of work in the Garden as our focus for this year.

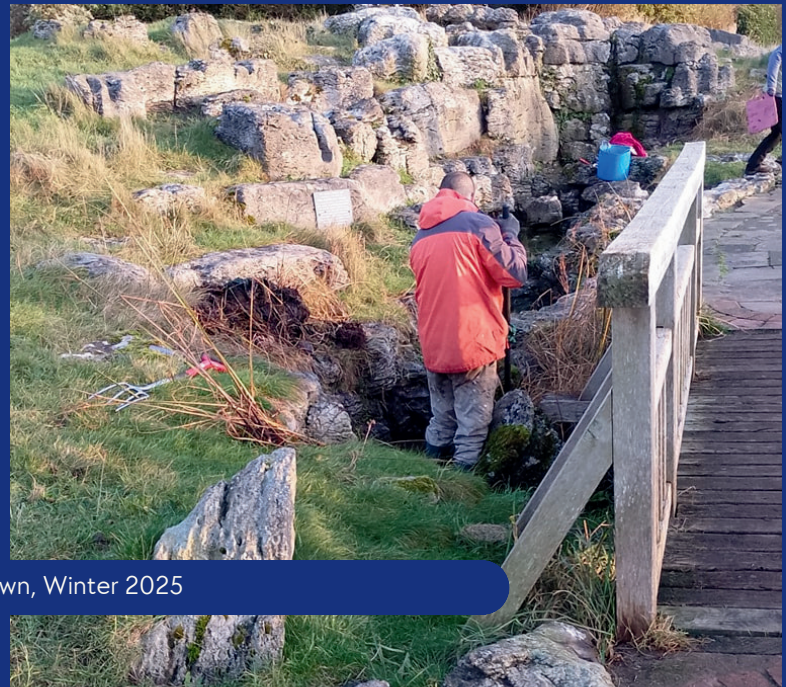
We have cut back the overgrown edges of the lawn that was encroaching the paths, helped by volunteers from local schools.

The central bed has been replanted, replacing overgrown conifers with a biodiverse perennial planting scheme with shrubs.

We thank Lynne Webb for her kind donations.



Beach Lawn, Winter 2025



Beach Lawn

We had a further set of action days in Beach Lawn to continue the work of clearing the invasive bulrushes which have taken over much of the area.

We have also worked on the ravine and rockery area to uncover stone ornamental areas along the path.



Beach Lawn, May 2025



Southport Flower Show ,
August 2025

Southport Flower Show

We're proud to have made our debut at this year's Southport Flower Show with a raised bed display that exceeded expectations. Thanks to the Merseyside Civic Society for inviting us to showcase our horticultural skills at this prestigious event, and to Magill's Nursery for their sponsorship. Even without knowing exactly what to expect, we were told that we delivered an impressive display.

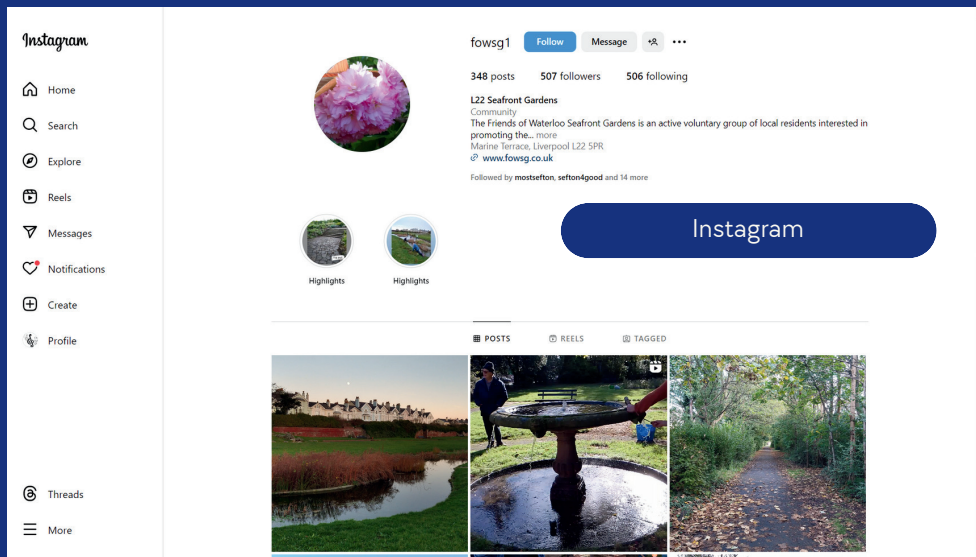
Our raised bed was a success—we were pleased with the result and we're already full of ideas for next year. Appearing at the Southport Flower Show is a big milestone for us as a community organisation. We care for the seafront gardens in Waterloo and regularly host volunteer gardening sessions and community events.



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Our Impact

47,000

Our maximum monthly reach on Facebook

3112,

Facebook Followers

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Social Media Accounts

The Friends continues to have a strong on-line presence. In addition to our web-site we have a number of active social media platforms.

Thanks to Karen Abram who manages our social media presence with great aplomb and to Malcolm Marriott of Barkeley Media for his help with the website



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Our Impact

145 hours
32 volunteers

Litter Picking

754 hours
33 volunteers

Gardening

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop's Fables "The Lion & The Mouse"

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Opening Balance at bank 01/09/2024 £9,536.55

INCOME

Bank Income

Local Giving	1222.34
Subscriptions and Memberships	251.23
Donation Posts	40.42
Book Sales	155.54
Theatre in the Gardens - Refreshments	48.30
Autumn Festival 2024 - PayPal Card Machine	233.34
Autumn Festival 2024 - Cash Takings	1570.30
Facebook Fundraiser	60.00
Autumn Festival 2025 - Stall Deposits	30.00
Donation - Claire Curtis-Thomas NGS	125.00
Debtors None	0.00

INCOME

£3,925.16

EXPENSES

Festival Expenses 2024	1015.75
Plants & Bark	185.37
Gardening Equipment	129.18
Nature Sign Design - Interpretation Board	2,244.00
Volunteer Refreshments and Thanks	165.15
Public Liability Insurance	416.86
Merseyside Civic Society Annual Subscription	20.00
Fundraising Charges	180.00
HiViz Vests	247.59
External Services - Beach Lawn Pond	160.00
Volunteer and Publicity Posters and Flyers	134.88
Cash Payments Creditors	0.00
Website Payments	67.07

EXPENDITURE

£4,808.40

GAIN(LOSS)

-£883.24

Closing Balance 31/08/2025

£8,653.31





Gratitude

Members of FoWSG

Trustees of FoWSG

Crown Commercial Service

BDO

Liverpool Home Office Service and Support Centre

Sefton CVS

Sefton4Good

The Victoria Pub

DEFRA Plant Health Agency

Malcolm Marriott, Barkeley Media

Steven Garnett, Merseyside Civic Society

Green Sefton

Angela Griffiths, Green Sefton

George and David Howells

Lynne Webb

Kerry Pavey, Sefton Council

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Crescent Garden, June 2024,
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Clearing invasive bulrushes, , February 2024, Beach Lawn

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Spring, Adelaide Garden

What we do

Protecting

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Preserving

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Rebuilding

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Protecting our spaces

Beach Lawn, January 2024

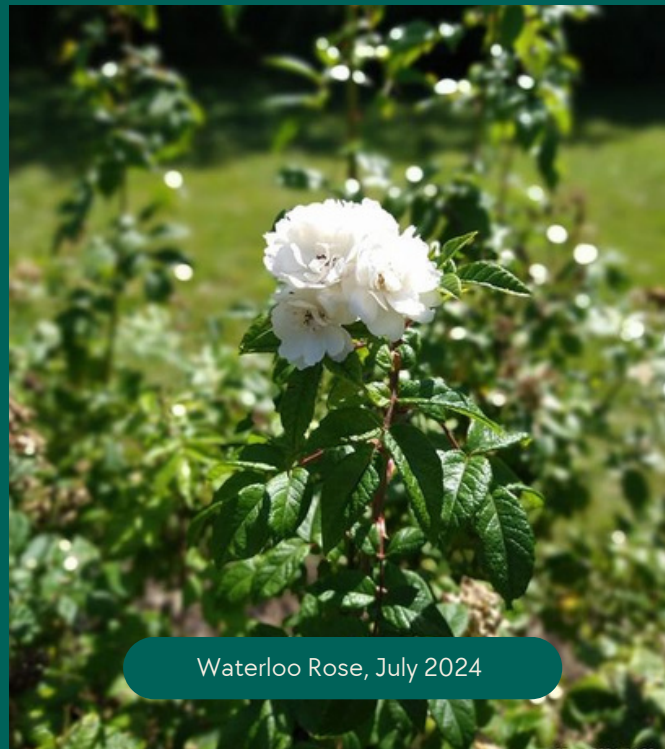
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Volunteer Session, March 2024, Potter's Barn

Potter's Barn

Potter's Barn is a lively park with great facilities for dog walkers and skaters alike. It is also a green lung by the main road and this year we have seen our roses bloom following 2022's fundraising campaign. In 2025, we are looking to continue to revamp the area next to the Crosby Road South entrance.



Waterloo Rose, July 2024

TWELFTH NIGHT

Twelfth Night Production from Wanderlust Theatre Company July 2024

AN OPEN AIR PRODUCTION

Marine Garden

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This year we have continued to maintain the honeycomb paving at the base of the rockery. We were also pleased to partner with the Wanderlust Theatre Company for a performance of *Twelfth Night*. We are grateful to DEFRA and Royal Sun Alliance for their support with their corporate action days.



Royal Sun Alliance, Marine Garden, July 2024



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Before...



After....

Crescent Garden

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The Team from Crown Commercial Services,
Crescent Garden, May 2024

Adelaide Garden



Supervisors ...

Canine Volunteers, Adelaide
September 2024

Adelaide is one of our most elegant Gardens with a pleasing symmetry to it.

We were pleased to team up with Sefton4Good this year who have promoted our volunteer days as part of the Sefton "50 at 50" scheme.

The trustees are keen to do further work in Adelaide in 2025 and the council's winter works will prepare the central bed for planting.



Sefton 4 Good, Adelaide
Garden, October 2024



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Before



After

Stone Restoration, Beach Lawn, July 2024

Beach Lawn

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We have also worked on the ravine and rockery area to uncover stone ornamental areas along the path.



Beach Lawn, Jan 2022



Beach Lawn, February 2024



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Autumn Festival, September
2024

Autumn Festival

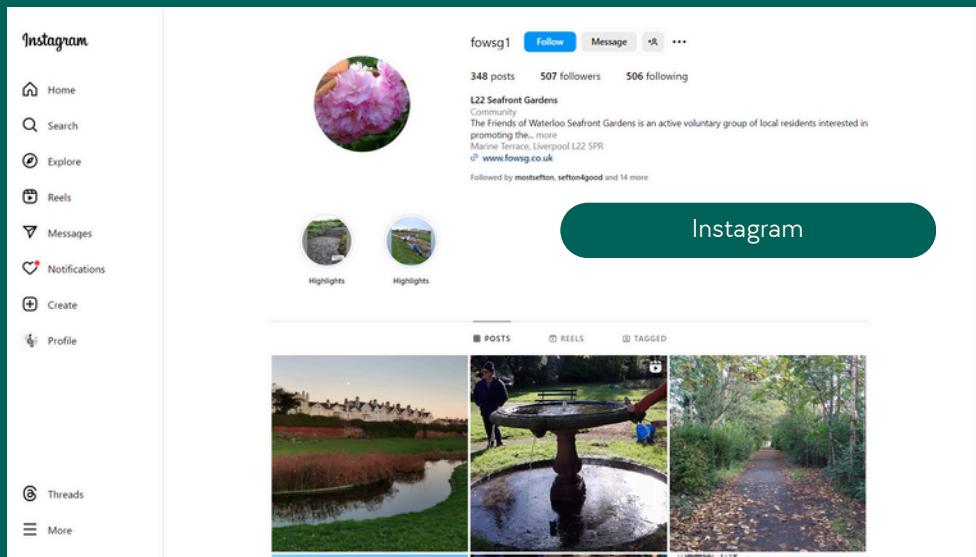
The Autumn Festival took place on Saturday 14th September 2024. We hosted a number of stalls from independent providers, children's games, a steam train, Sefton Libraries reading session and our array of refreshments and plant sales. The dedication of the organising committee and the good weather made this our most successful Festival to date.



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Our Impact

57,000

Our maximum monthly reach on Facebook

2,628

Twitter/X Follows

6%

Increase in Facebook followers

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Volunteers, Crescent Garden,
May 2024

Our Impact

156 hours
33 volunteers

Litter Picking

401 hours
24 volunteers

Gardening

"Start where you are.
Use what you have. Do
what you can."

Arthur Ashe

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Come Rain or Shine!
August 2024



Friends of Waterloo Seafront Gardens Accounts 01-September 2023 to 31-August-2024

Opening Balance at bank 01/09/2023 £6,679.68

INCOME

Bank Income

Local Giving	1,123.60
Subscriptions and Memberships	20.00
Donation Posts	23.36
Donations	20.00
Autumn Festival 2023 - Stall Deposits	10.00
Autumn Festival 2023 - PayPal Card Machine	162.00
Autumn Festival 2023 - Cash Takings	1627.77
Sefton Council for Voluntary Services - Heritage Grant	1635.00
Autumn Festival 2024 - Stall Deposits	40.00
Cash Receipts	
Debtors None	0.00

INCOME

£4,661.73

EXPENSES

Festival Expenses 2023	303.82
Plants & Bark	35.96
Gardening Equipment	269.37
Equipment Security	12.75
Volunteer Refreshments and Thanks	130.43
Public Liability Insurance	398.19
AGM Expenses	176.70
Fundraising Charges	180.00
PayPal Charges	3.07
External Services - Beach Lawn Pond	150.00
Volunteer and Publicity Posters and Flyers	77.50
Cash Payments Creditors	0.00
Website Payments	67.07

EXPENDITURE

£1,804.86

GAIN(LOSS)

£2,856.97

Closing Balance 31/08/2024 £9,536.55



Gratitude

Members of FoWSG

Trustees of FoWSG

Crown Commercial Services

Royal Sun Alliance

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Waterloo Roses, Potters Barn, planted
2023, following donations



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Protecting our spaces

Pruning the Raised Flower Bed, Potters Barn

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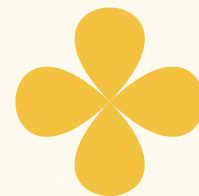


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Clearing invasive bulrushes, Beach Lawn

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Spring, Beach Lawn

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Protecting

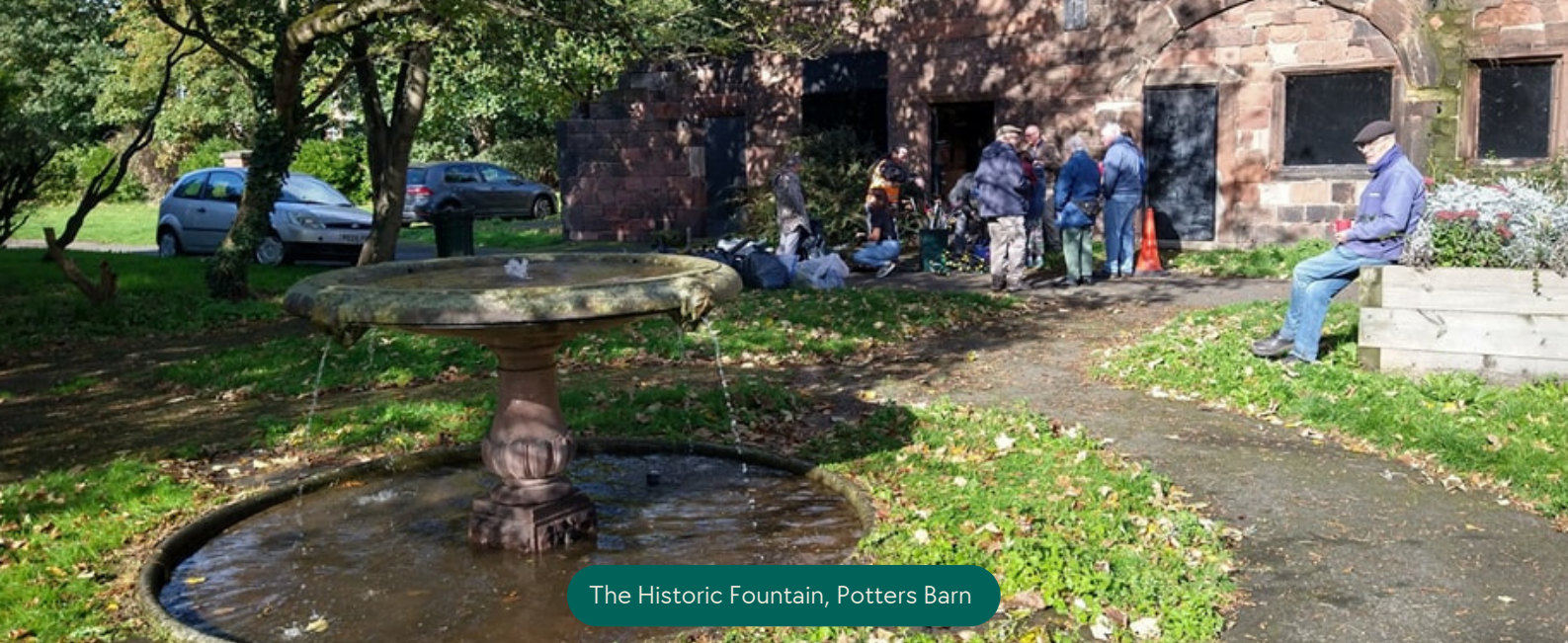
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The Historic Fountain, Potters Barn

Potters Barn

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Autumn 2023, Potters Barn





The true-to-name Energy Generation Team at United Utilities, clearing Marine Garden's Honeycomb Paving

Marine Garden

Marine Garden - along with Crescent Garden – act as the two entry points for the Gardens from South Road. The Garden has a substantial rockery, bog garden and large lawned area. It also hosts our annual Autumn Festival. This year we have continued to renovate the rockery. We were grateful for the work of United Utilities in clearing a large section of the honeycomb paving between the rockery and bog garden. They brought barrow loads of enthusiasm to their work!



Energy Generation Team, United Utilities Marine Garden, May 2023





The Team from DEFRA Plant Health & Seeds Inspectorate (PHSI), Crescent Garden, June 2023

Crescent Garden

As our largest garden, there is always much to do in Crescent. In 2023 we have continued to clear back overgrown mats of grass to uncover the original 1930s edging. The central bed – the former pool – has also had some regenerative work which is natural now that the bed is in its 8th year.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, Crown Commercial Services and the DEFRA Plant Health & Seeds Inspectorate for your many hours of work.



The Team from Crown Commercial Services, Crescent Garden, May 2023





FoWSG Members weeding the Adelaide Welcome Bed, July 2023

Adelaide Garden

Adelaide is one of our most elegant gardens with a pleasing symmetry to it. The trustees are keen to do further work in Adelaide in 2024 and some preparatory work has been done by our members to assess and clear some of the beds.



Adelaide Garden, March 2023



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Flag Iris in Bloom, Beach Lawn, June 2023

Beach Lawn

We had a further set of action days in Beach Lawn to continue the work of clearing the invasive bulrushes which has taken over much of the area. 32 volunteers worked one weekend in January and subsequent Sundays to do this, helped this year with a mechanical digger to clear the reeds.



Beach Lawn, Jan 2022



Beach Lawn, March 2023





Small Red Eyed Damselflies, Beach Lawn, June 2023

Beach Lawn

We left the excavated material out so that aquatic and amphibious life could return to their home and replanted with water lilies, water crowfoot, water chestnuts and oxygenating plants.

Wildlife has continued to return to the pond, from a place for starlings to preen and clean, to newts and the rare small red eyed damselflies. Thanks to Pete Kinsella who spotted and photographed them. Our pond is one of only three places on the Sefton Coast where these little damselflies can be found.



John Dempsey, Green Sefton Ranger, with tour July 2023



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Repointed and Rebuilt Bench Area, April 2023

Brickwork Renovation

The renovation work around the bench bays in Crescent Garden completed after being successful in obtaining a grant from the Council. Thanks to Karen and Frank who have been instrumental in getting this project off the ground and the support of Cllr Paul Cummins, Kerry Pavey and Sefton Council in completing this. The work was done by George Howells, a former gardener in the Gardens and his brother David.



Crescent Garden, April 2023



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Autumn Festival 2023

FoWSG 

12.00 Welcome + Opening

12.15pm Valewood School Choir

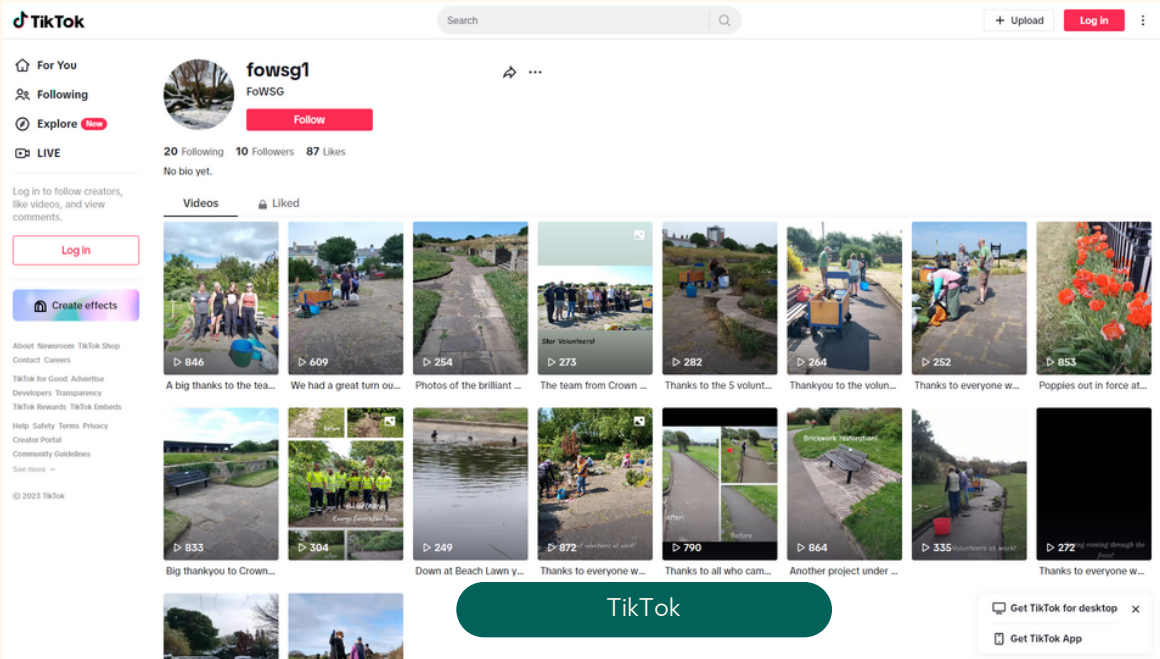
Autumn Festival

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20,000

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7%

Increase in Facebook followers

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In 2023, we also joined TikTok. We have 10 followers so if you are one of the nearly 4 million UK users – please follow!

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Volunteers, Marine Garden,
May 2023

Our Impact

159
hours

Litter Picking

358
hours

Gardening

378
people

Helping

"Start where you are.
Use what you have. Do
what you can."

Arthur Ashe



At the Heart of the Community.

The charity is nothing without the support of its 102 members, volunteers, the local community and organisations, charities and businesses that continue to support us.

The table overleaf captures some of the people that we thank and have worked with this year.

We also thank Don Stewart's family who two years on from his death, marked his memory with a session weeding and clearing the drains in the gardens.

We also remember and celebrate Madeleine Litchfield, former Trustee whose energy and passion helped drive the group forward in its formative years.

Finally, we give thanks to Richard Bryson and his late wife Jenny Chapman. Richard is retiring as a trustee and with Jenny - who died in 2020 - provided much needed practical support with his woodworking skills and oversight of the charity.



Don Stewart's Family, August 2023



Madeleine Litchfield
Former Trustee
1948-2023



Gratitude

Members of FoWSG

Trustees of FoWSG

Mencap

Energy Generation Team, United Utilities

Crown Commercial Services

The Victoria Pub

DEFRA Plant Health Agency

Crosby Symphony Orchestra

Steve Thorn, Resident

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Friends of Waterloo Seafront Gardens Accounts 01-September 2022 to 31-August-2023

Opening Balance at bank 01/09/2022		£6,314.50
INCOME		
<i>Bank Income</i>		
Local Giving		1,205.13
Autumn Festival 2022		1,351.50
Subscriptions and Memberships		54.91
Donation Posts		37.08
Donations		20.00
Autumn Fayre 2023 - Stall Deposits		60.00
Crosby Symphony Orchestra Ticket Sales		64.00
PayPal Receipts - Subscriptions		72.75
Cash Receipts		
Debtors	None	0.00
PayPal Receipts	Subscriptions	127.82
INCOME		£2,865.37
EXPENSES		
<i>Bank Expenditure</i>		
Festival Expenses 2022		261.30
Plants & Bark		628.93
Gardening Equipment		175.33
Equipment Security		15.95
Volunteer Refreshments		64.85
Public Liability Insurance (Two Years)		689.53
AGM Expenses		199.50
Fundraising Charges		180.00
Card Reader		34.80
External Services - Beach Lawn Pond		250.00
Cash Payments	Creditors	None
PayPal Payments	Website Payments	55.07
EXPENDITURE		£2,500.19
GAIN(LOSS)		£365.18
Closing Balance 31/08/2023		£6,679.68



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FRIENDS OF WATERLOO SEAFRONT GARDENS

TRUSTEES REPORT 2021/2022

This has been our first, full, post-covid year and the first without the disruption of the lockdowns, so there has been a lot to catch up with in the gardens.

The Committee met on 11 occasions, to progress the aims and commitments of the Friends in maintaining and restoring the gardens to the best standards possible within our means, for the ongoing benefit of the community. We are able to do this thanks to a close working partnership with the Green Sefton Team.

Following the last AGM, we welcomed a new Chair (Doll) and a new Secretary (Andrew)

I would like to thank all the Trustees for their dedicated hard work and commitment to the ongoing success of the Friends

VOLUNTEER REPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS

During the past year our volunteers have spent many hours litter picking and gardening.

There have been twice monthly gardening sessions, averaging 5-6 volunteers each time.

Extra sessions were added over the summer months to help catch up with the routine work and projects delayed due to the pandemic.

Teams continued to work on tidying paths and edges, weeding and planting the rockery in Marine and the central flower bed in Crescent and the larger project of clearing the pond in Beach Lawn.

83 volunteers worked for a total of 168 hours over one weekend in February and subsequent Sundays to clear vast amounts of grass, weed and reeds, to expose the brick edging of the pond and the water itself, which could barely be seen due to the overgrowth of reeds. Work also started on clearing the watercourse which runs from the higher rocks into the pond so the water supply can now be turned on to top up the water level in the pond during exceptionally dry periods.

Wildlife has returned to the pond and many comments have been received from the public which show appreciation by the local community of the work done by the Friends. Clearance of the watercourse is ongoing and more clearance of the pond itself is planned for the new year.

Our volunteer numbers were boosted this year in May, when a group from Natural England assisted with the path clearance and edging in Crescent Garden. We would also like to acknowledge the work carried out by the Community Pay Back teams whose contribution was a great help in keeping the gardens litter free and removing the heavy sods of grass and reeds from the pond edge to the gate ready for collection by the Council.

We had 185 people attending the monthly litter picking sessions, averaging 15 volunteers each time.

Our volunteers have often continued with gardening tasks when there were more than sufficient numbers to litter pick.

A special mention for one of our young volunteers who used her experience towards her Duke of Edinburgh Award, which we were very happy to endorse.

Thanks to all our volunteers who give their time to keep our gardens and surroundings tidy and attractive during our regular sessions, as well as at other times on an individual basis. Particular mention to Gareth and Andrew for the extra work they do in the gardens.

Special thanks to Janet, who keeps our volunteer records, organises the sessions and supplies the well needed refreshments.

Both the litter picking and gardening sessions have been made easier by the recent purchase of a motorised trolley to aid the transport of tools etc. to the required site. This purchase has been possible through a grant we were able to access from the Burbo Bank Extension Community Fund.

Many thanks to Karen for obtaining the grant and sourcing the trolley.

A further aid to our work is the allocation by the Council of a small area of their storage facility at Beach Lawn, in which to store our larger equipment such as gazebos. This will make a big difference to our storage capacity. The move is imminent at the time of report.

Last item to mention under this section is the purchase of 18 Waterloo Roses at a cost of £343.80. These have been bought to fill in gaps and replace the diseased and damaged ones at Potter's Barn.

Thanks to Janet for facilitating this project which has been fully paid for from our own funds.

The roses will be planted at the appropriate time.

COMMITTEE PROJECTS REPORT

Brickwork Renovation. We are looking to continue the renovation work around the bench bays in Crescent Garden and to this end we have been successful in obtaining a grant from the Council through Section 106 monies. We are hopeful that work will commence in the Spring when the weather is more clement.

Thanks to Karen and Frank who have been instrumental in getting this project off the ground again.

Notice Boards. Another project which has come to fruition this year has been the purchase and erection of new notice boards just inside the entrances of the 4 seafront gardens. The style of the new boards is more in keeping with the history of the gardens and each now displays the name of the individual garden. The boards were paid for with a match funded grant from the Council, to which we contributed £3,540. They are very useful in advertising volunteer sessions, fund raising events and council information. Many thanks to Karen and Janet for their work on this project.

PUBLICITY / SOCIAL MEDIA / MEMBERSHIP

The Friends continues to have a strong on-line presence. In addition to our web-site we have a number of active social media platforms.

Our Facebook page has 2,647 followers with a monthly reach of between 8 and 10,000 people. Volunteer activities and dates are published alongside photographs of our work in the gardens.

In addition to this we have an active Twitter account with 2,622 followers and an Instagram account with 396 followers.

Thanks to Karen who manages our social media presence and to Malcolm Marriot of Berkley Media for his help with the website.

We currently have 95 members.

A new membership payment system via PayPal is under discussion for the new financial year.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN THE GARDENS

Autumn Festival

This was our first fund raising festival since the pandemic. The Committee decided to re-name the event as the interest in the scarecrow side had been diminishing over the previous years.

A small sub-committee of 4 met regularly from early in the year to plan, organise and co-ordinate the event. The festival was held on the 17th September, the weather was kind and we attracted many visitors to our stalls and attractions. Thanks to all who helped to make the day a success, enabling us to raise £1,351.50 for our funds.

Book Sales

Book sales were held in June and August, raising £ 403.90 in total for our funds. Thanks to Jim for managing the storage, sorting and selling of the books and Frank who helped greatly with transport. Thanks to all volunteers who helped with the setting up and selling.

Local Giving Account

Remains very active, having generated £ 170 in the last year. Thanks to all who regularly donate to the Friends in this way.

The World Re-Imagined

The Friends were pleased to be part of this project involving the installation of globes of various sizes across Merseyside. A globe was installed just inside the South Road entrance of Marine Garden in early August. Unfortunately, within a few days, it had been vandalised and for Health and Safety reasons was removed.

Yoga in the park on Saturday morning remains a popular activity.

A final thank you to all our members for their continuing support.

D. Bromilow
Chair FoWSG
22.11.2022

FRIENDS OF WATERLOO SEAFRONT GARDENS.
YEAR END 31/08/2022

Opening Balance at bank
01/09/2021

£9,330.
81

INCOME

Bank Income

SANTANDER ACCOUNT

Local Giving (Current Total see attached sheet)		2,048.58
Donation Post		64.18
Donations		260.00
Grantscape - Grant Receipt for Powered Trolley	26/04/2022	2,250.00
	08/06/2022	250.00
Grantscape - Grant Receipt	13/06/2022	164.50
Book Sale	16/08/2022	213.90
Book Sale	19/08/2022	27.72
World of Books - Book Sale	20/08/2022	0.01
PayPal Receipt		5,278.89

Cash Receipts

Debtors		0.00
None		

£5,278.
89

INCOME

Bank Expenditure

SANTANDER ACCOUNT

	Cheque	Date	
Janet Markland - Thank you gift for Treasurer (Voucher)	BACS	10/09/2021	50.00
Practical Action - Donation in Memory of Don Stewart	Card Payment	11/09/2021	30.00
Unlimited Website - Domain Renewal	BACS	10/12/2021	7.19
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service - Account Audit	BACS	21/12/2021	75.00
Janet Markland - Leaving Gift for David Jackson	BACS	25/01/2022	50.00
Janet Markland - Flowers for Caroline Guerin for services as Chairman	BACS	25/01/2022	35.00
Caroline Guerin - AGM Expenses	BACS	25/01/2022	166.00
Sefton MBC - Gardens Notice Boards	BACS	08/02/2022	3,540.00
Janet Markland - Refreshments £23.65			
Gardening	BACS	13/03/2022	374.96

Equipment £351.31		22	
		28/04/20	
Handle-it - Powered Trolley	BACS	22	3,790.80
		07/05/20	
Unlimited Web Hosting	BACS	22	47.88
Janet Markland - Gardening		16/06/20	
Equipment	BACS	22	32.37
	Direct	13/07/20	
Local Giving Charges	Debit	22	96.00
			8,295.20

Cash Payments

Creditors			0.00
None			

EXPENDITURE

**£8,295.
20**

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**£3,016.
31**

GAIN(LOSS)

**CLOSING BANK BALANCE
31/08/2022**

**£6,314.
50**

I confirm this to be a true and accurate statement

Signed (Treasurer)

Signed (Chairman)

Signed (Secretary)



Andrew Khodabukus

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Friends of Waterloo Seafront Gardens Trustees' Report 2020/2021

It has been another strange and difficult year as a consequence of the covid pandemic, but we are very lucky to be able to hold our AGM this year. In recognition of the work members continue to do in the gardens the Committee has prepared a short annual report.

First of all, I wish to pay tribute to our dear friend and member Don Stewart who sadly passed away in August 2021. His commitment and hard work and regular attendance at the litter picks and gardening sessions was hugely appreciated. Don will be greatly missed.

During this past year the Committee has met four times, three times socially distanced outside and once inside. Members continue to talk formally and informally with key members of the Green Sefton Team with the objective of realising the group's aim of restoring and maintaining the Seafront Gardens and Potter's Barn to be the best standard within our means and the Council's diminishing resources. We continue to work in partnership with Green Sefton to the benefit of the whole community and feel a valued part of their strategy.

We welcomed a new member, Doll Bromilow, to the committee. Sadly, we said goodbye to Madeleine Litchfield and will soon say goodbye to David Jackson. Both were founding members of Friends of Waterloo Seafront Gardens. Their contribution to the success of FOWSG cannot be underestimated and they will be greatly missed.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE GARDENS

Again, due to the pandemic and lockdowns our activities were restricted. We were able to continue with some gardening and litter picking activities as and when lockdowns were lifted.

We averaged 13 volunteers per litter picking session, with 141 volunteers between September 2020 and August 2021. Many committee members and members did their own litter picking during lockdowns, with borrowed equipment. There was also a joint litter picking event on 1st June with Friends of Crosby Beach.

For gardening we had 61 volunteers, averaging 5 volunteers per session, totalling 122 hours of gardening. We have worked on weeding and sweeping the pathways.

We are flexible in our approach, so if we have sufficient volunteers at the monthly litter picks, we will spread out from the allotted venue into the neighbouring garden.

Thank you to all our volunteers who so willingly give their time to help both at the sessions and on their own. Thank you to Gareth and Andrew especially who give their time in addition to the sessions to work in the gardens.

Special thanks to Janet Markland who keeps our volunteer records and keeps everyone up to date on dates and times of the sessions via our regular newsletter.

PUBLICITY/SOCIAL MEDIA AND MEMBERSHIP

Friends of Waterloo Seafront Gardens continues to have a strong online presence. In addition to our main website, we also have a number of active Social Media platforms. Our Facebook page has 2442 followers with an average monthly reach of 8100. Our volunteer activities are all scheduled on Facebook including up to date local guidelines. We regularly post photographs of all the Gardens and Park which enables our followers to easily find volunteering opportunities and see the results of our work.

In addition to Facebook, we also have an active Twitter account with 2600 and an Instagram account with 373 followers. A very big thank you to Karen Abram who spends many hours managing our publicity and Social Media presence, and to Malcom Marriot of Barkeley Media for his help with the website.

We regularly receive donations through our LocalGiving account. We would like to thank those who have made donations for their generosity.

Our official membership stands at 87. Gentle reminder it is time to renew your membership and pay the subscription fee which is £5.

Thank you to Ste Penn from CVS who continues to offer moral and administrative support.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN THE GARDENS

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic and lockdowns we have not been able to hold our usual fundraising events and activities this year.

Lisa Bostock continued to hold Yoga sessions when Government guidelines permitted on Saturday mornings in Beach Lawn.

Special thanks to Carol Ranson for all her hard work putting our annual account together for audit.

FUTURE PLANS

In the coming year we hope replace our notice boards in the gardens in conjunction with Green Sefton and purchase an electric barrow with the funding granted to us from the Burbo Bank Extension Community fund.

Again, I would like to offer a special thank you to all our volunteers, including our hardworking Committee. The time and effort given to the Friends group goes way beyond expectation. I would also like to thank Paul Cummins for his support to the group.

Caroline Guerin Chair
FOWSG
25th November 2021

FRIENDS OF WATERLOO SEAFRONT GARDENS. YEAR END 31/08/2021

Opening Balance at bank 01/09/2020

INCOME

Bank Income

SANTANDER ACCOUNT

Local Giving (Current Total see attached sheet)	1,149.98
Donation Post	87.09
Donation - Loan of Litter Pickers (Brownies)	10.00
	1,247.07

Cash Receipts

	0.00
Debtors	
None	

INCOME

Bank Expenditure

Cheque Date

SANTANDER ACCOUNT

Unlimited Website - Domain Renewal	BACS	12/29/2020	7.19
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service - Account Audit	BACS	4/29/2021	75.00
Unlimited Web Hosting	BACS	5/6/2021	45.00
Janet Markland - Flowers for Madeleine Litchfield	BACS	7/9/2021	30.00
Local Giving Charges	Direct Debit	7/13/2021	96.00
Scout Insurance - Public Liability Insurance	BACS	7/31/2021	186.57
			439.76

Cash Payments

	0.00
Creditors	
None	

EXPENDITURE

GAIN(LOSS)

CLOSING BANK BALANCE 31/08/2021

I confirm this to be a true and accurate statement

Signed (Treasurer)

Signed (Chairman)

£8,523.50

£1,247.07

£439.76

£807.31

£9,330.81
