

**FRIENDS OF NORTH LODGE PARK CROMER**  
**CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1169907**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The Trustees present their report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity name:	Friends of North Lodge Park Cromer
Charity registration number:	1169907
Operational Address:	6 The Warren Cromer Norfolk NR27 0AR  Tel: 01263 515453
Trustees:	J Bond (Co-chairman) S W Baker (Co-chairman) Mrs J Bond Mrs V McCampling
Bankers:	Barclays Bank Plc Barclays Direct Leicester Leicestershire LE87 2BB
Independent Examiner:	Tony Larnar Chartered Certified Accountants 23 Station Road Sheringham Norfolk NR26 8RF

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Friends of North Lodge Park Cromer (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

• **CONSTITUTION**

The principal aim of the charity is *to protect, enhance and promote North Lodge Park Cromer as a place of recreation and enjoyment for the long term benefit of the local community and visitors.*

• **METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

The Friends of North Lodge Park Cromer became a registered charity, number 1169907, on 26 October 2016; the charity uses the standard Foundation Model Constitution.

The management committee, which was disbanded in April 2022, elected the initial five Charity Trustees in October 2016. As detailed in the constitution, Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity Trustees.

• **ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING**

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees. The Trustees for the Friends of North Lodge Park Cromer are responsible for all decision making for the charity.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The aim of the charity is *to protect, enhance and promote North Lodge Park as a place of recreation and enjoyment for the long-term benefit of the local community and visitors.*

The Park is owned and managed by North Norfolk District Council (NNDC). The Friends of North Lodge Park work with NNDC to achieve the objectives.

The Principle Objectives are:

- For the benefit of the local community and visitors of Cromer Norfolk and the surrounding district; to provide and assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for the community and visitors of the area of benefit without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions in particular but not exclusively by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of North Lodge Park.
- To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of North Lodge Park.
- To assist other charitable organisations in the local area whose area of benefit is the district of Cromer and the surrounding area.

In 2022 the Friends of North Lodge Park refocused its operation towards the management of the Park and relinquished its lease of the North Lodge Tearooms.

**PRIORITIES**

The Friends' Charity has drawn on public consultations (Spring 2015 and Spring 2016) to set priorities. These consultations provided a clear overview of the wishes of the community about the Park, and helped set the following priorities for the group:

- Well maintained attractive gardens and lawns.
- Events for all ages, within the nature of the Park.
- Improve and update the facilities in the Park, especially play opportunities for children.

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**FINANCES**

The charity operates under the following financial policies:

- Money will be focused onto major projects to make significant improvements to the Park.
- Investment priorities will be determined by community consultations; current priorities are to improve the flower beds, create more opportunities for play and run events.
- Events organised in the Park will be inclusive, free where possible.
- Reserves of £15,000 will be allocated to enable the charity to continue if other income sources are not available.

There was little financial movement during the year.

**COMMUNITY**

The Friends' group was founded in October 2014, formally constituted in March 2015 as a community group, becoming a charity in October 2016. The charity is overseen and currently managed by 4 trustees. There are around 20 volunteers taking an active part in the charity, with significant support from the community.

The community is normally kept involved with the charity through social media (Facebook), a website, regular newsletters and regular events. The Trustees have over the past few years struggled to keep these links operational due to a lack of skill sets within the charity. The Trustees have recognised their importance to the communication of the Friends work and during 2024 a new team member has enabled the relaunch of the website to improve the communication flow.

**PARK GARDENS**

The one constant priority from the community for the Park is for the flower beds and gardens to look as good as possible.

The Friends' group have an agreement with NNDC to restore, develop and maintain the Rose-Garden, flower borders around the café and the borders in the clock garden

During 2024 the pool of volunteers has continued to increase with a team of nearly 20 now providing input to the gardens at some period during the year. This dedicated team usually (although not exclusively) meet on Mondays and Fridays with some volunteers working across all seasons even in inclement weather whilst others work when they are able. This is a testament to the team's commitment to maintaining the flower beds and their love of gardening their efforts providing benefits to the local community and to the visitors to the town. The Trustees are very grateful to them for their hard work. The Trustees do recognise that the Park's aging footpath infrastructure and design does however restrict further desirable improvements.

A major addition and improvement to the Park provided by the Friends during the year has been the installation of the new set of accessible swings aimed at the families with younger children and those who find conventional swings difficult. The purchase and installation of this equipment was undertaken entirely by the Friends, which has been raising funds for a number of years and the very generous donation by Trustee Val and her tireless Park volunteer husband Nigel, who raised funds through plant sales from their home. No public money was given towards this project. It was opened on 30th October 2014 by the mayor of Cromer Town Council, Cllr Pat West.

This piece of equipment has been asked for by members of the public and is a welcome addition to the play area - swings are always a basic piece of equipment to any play area.

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**NLP HARD STANDING (OLD TENNIS COURTS)**

At the start of 2024 the Trustees and other community partners were still awaiting confirmation from the Cromer Town Council that it had signed the lease with the District Council on the hardstanding area (the old tennis courts) to enable the project to proceed for the revitalisation of this underutilised and decaying area of the Park.

The project included the construction of a horticultural hub and new location for the Men's Shed, a community food exchange and new toilet block to be provided by the Town Council. Although each individual partner had developed their element of the bid, the Town Council took on the role of the lead for the submission of the bid, the planning application and leasing arrangements. North Norfolk District Council approved the bid in 2022, and Planning permission was granted in 2023. After much delay in 2024 the Town Council decided not to proceed with signing of the lease or the development of new toilet block and pulled out of the Partnership, which effectively ensured that the project could not proceed.

The Trustees have been working hard on the project for a number of years and it is a great disappointment that this community scheme to bring this area back to life could not be completed. As at the end of 2024 the Trustees are no longer involved in the hardstanding area and the future of the hardstanding remains uncertain

**EVENTS**

The lack of easily accessible toilets and the access to power supplies impacted on the ability of the Trustees to put on outdoor theatre events and no events were held during the summer of 2024.

Other fundraising events were supported by local bands such as the Walker Brothers which once again proved to be successful.

The Friends also put on a series of successful fundraising activities and events throughout the year including Sunflower and Pumpkin competitions and a series of children's activities. All these activities were organised by the Trustees and other volunteers.

**ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND POLICIES**

The Trustees have met on 4 occasions during the year. The Trustees have been ably supported by advisor Carol Pickering, who brings with her the necessary communication skill set previously lacking and who has worked hard to raise the profile of Friends of North Lodge Park within the local community including the relaunch the website. Carol has also assisted in the development of a Health and Safety Risk Assessment document for volunteers and provide insights to other aspects of the Trustees work.

The Trustees hold meetings with the volunteer gardening teams, when required to discuss planting and maintenance of the beds. An annual maintenance plan has been prepared to give some guidance to the teams although work is always structured based on the needs of the planting zones and weather conditions.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

- **GOING CONCERN**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

- **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

See the financial statements.

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**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

- The Friends will continue to work towards its key objectives relating to the physical maintenance and developments within the Park.
- The Friends need to recommence its search for a permanent base and equipment store due to the collapse of the community project and uncertainty over the review of the future of the hardstanding area and bandstand.
- Continue the campaign to increase the number of volunteers.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 20 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**J Bond**  
**Trustee**

**S W Baker**  
**Trustee**

**FRIENDS OF NORTH LODGE PARK CROMER**  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF NORTH LODGE PARK CROMER**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT**

Our 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 EXAMINERS' STATEMENT**

In connection with our examination, no material matters have come to our attention which gives us cause to believe that, in any material aspect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts did not accord to the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Tony Larnar  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
23 Station Road  
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Norfolk  
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20 March 2025



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	General Fund £	Designated Fund £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	13,319	-	13,319	20
Charitable activities	3	1,227	-	1,227	1,501
Income from investments	4	668	-	668	427
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>15,214</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,214</b>	<b>1,948</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Charitable activities	5	28,886	-	28,886	9,761
Governance costs	5	-	-	-	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>28,886</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,886</b>	<b>9,761</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	6	<b>(13,672)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(13,672)</b>	<b>(7,813)</b>
Total funds at 1 January 2024		54,722	-	54,722	62,535
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024</b>		<b>41,050</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,050</b>	<b>54,722</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7		427		570
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		40,623		54,152	
Debtors		-		-	
		<u>40,623</u>		<u>54,152</u>	
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			40,623		54,152
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>41,050</u>		<u>54,722</u>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	8		41,050		54,722
Designated funds	8		-		-
			<u>41,050</u>		<u>54,722</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

**J Bond**  
**Trustee**

**S W Baker**  
**Trustee**

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding period.

**(a) Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities', preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The policies applied under the entity's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on the surplus or deficit.

**(b) Fund accounting**

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.
- Designated funds, which form part of the unrestricted funds, are funds assigned by the Trustees for a particular purpose or project.
- Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

**(c) Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

**(d) Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

**(e) Tangible fixed asset**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Plant and machinery -	25% reducing balance
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	General Fund £	Designated Fund £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES</b>				
Easy Fundraising	69	-	69	-
Other donations	13,250	-	13,250	20
	13,319	-	13,319	20

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

Alice Through The Looking Glass	-	-	-	100
Christmas trees	35	-	35	-
Cookbook	147	-	147	389
Park events	540	-	540	764
Plant sales	-	-	-	175
Pumpkins	55	-	55	50
Sunflowers	200	-	200	-
Sundry income	250	-	250	23
	1,227	-	1,227	1,501

**4. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS**

Bank interest received	668	-	668	427
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**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Charitable Activities £	Governance Costs £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Depreciation	143	-	143	192
Events	182	-	182	1,159
Garden expenses	826	-	826	779
Insurance	517	-	517	450
Licences	542	-	542	42
Play equipment	26,567	-	26,567	-
Printing, postage and stationery	26	-	26	242
Project fees	-	-	-	6,642
Repairs and renewals	83	-	83	230
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	25
	28,886	-	28,886	9,761

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	2024 £	2023 £
<b>6. NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
Net incoming resources is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the charity	<u>143</u>	<u>192</u>

**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Plant and machinery £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 January 2024	2,835
Additions	-
	<u>2,835</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,835</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1 January 2024	2,265
Charge for the year	143
	<u>2,408</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>2,408</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2023	<u>570</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>427</u>

	Balance at 1-Jan-24 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Funds Transfer £	Balance at 31-Dec-24 £
<b>8. STATEMENT OF FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	54,722	15,214	(28,886)	-	41,050
Designated funds	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>54,722</u>	<u>15,214</u>	<u>(28,886)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,050</u>