

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 10085963 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1172078

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023
FOR
FRIENDS OF HARDIE PARK LTD**

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FRIENDS OF HARDIE PARK LTD

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FRIENDS OF HARDIE PARK LTD
CHAIR REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

As ever, I start with my heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers and staff who have worked with us at Hardie Park over the last 12 months - such a fantastic team who should be proud of their contribution to our continued success. I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees for their continued time and effort - regularly going above and beyond the "usual" expectations for a charity Trustee. Finally, thank you to all park users, customers and supporters - we're incredibly grateful for your continued backing.

After a turbulent few years during the Covid pandemic, this was very much a year in which we saw a return to normality - albeit a new normality set against a backdrop of a cost of living crisis and soaring inflation. Despite these tough times - for all charities - in this period, our charity settled quickly into the new normal, and ended the year in a much stronger and more secure place.

At the end of the financial year, Trustees remained confident that we were in a good position to face the future - café operations are performing well, our food recycling project has gone from strength to strength, and our many clubs and groups are back in the park - bringing life and a sense of community to our fantastically diverse project.

We are grateful for the continued support of our community, including from a range of both small and large business who have consistently gone over and above in supporting our work.

We benefit greatly from healthy partnerships with local public sector bodies and elected representatives.

The Park itself continues to be a vibrant community space all year round we will continue work to improve the look and feel of it over time.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Our charitable objectives can be summarised into our main aims:

We continue to improve Hardie Park for the benefit of the entire community, this means that we cut the grass regularly, tidy shrubs, bushes, and plants, collect litter, empty bins and regularly maintain the play equipment.

We run a community centre and café and a food recycling project (our "pop-up shop"). This creates a space for the community to come together to meet, play and/or work and has been a huge success. We now have many projects and events that encourage community participation, reduce social isolation, and bring generations into positive contact with one another.

Significant activities

The charity operates in conjunction with Hardie Park Projects CIC and is run by both paid and voluntary staff.

Here is a summary of other activities that we started or achieved in the year ending July 2023:

" Hardie Gardeners - we have an active group of volunteers who meet weekly to undertake gardening and other planting and horticultural activities in the park, and through which have created a fantastic social network of like-minded people. The group has gone from strength to strength and ensure that the park always looks fantastic, and is a haven for wildlife.

" Food recycling and "pop-up shop" - by building partnerships with local retailers, this year saw us strengthen our Food Recycling scheme whereby we collect food with short-sell by dates that would otherwise be sent by retailers to landfill and offer to the community on a donate-as-you-wish basis. This incredibly popular scheme, which is the only place in Thurrock offering access to food 7 days per week, has proved to be a great success - providing a source of food for people/families in need across the community, and a source of essential donations to make a significant contribution towards the ongoing costs associated with running the project.

" Monday Cribbage Club - a weekly gathering for people who love playing cribbage

" Craft Club - a weekly meeting for people interested in crafting and other creative activities

" "Knit and natter" - weekly social meeting for people interested in knitting

" Community events - reduced compared to pre-covid years, but still an important area for us. This year we held a number of our popular summer "bounce days" and a Picnic in the park event in conjunction with St Luke's Hospice Singers and the Grays Town Band

" Pétanque Club - in 2017 we built a Pétanque terrain and now have a number of clubs using the terrain.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duties under section 4 of the 2011 Charities Act with regard to Public Benefit.

Grantmaking

In order for the charity to operate and grow it also relies on grants and voluntary donations for which we are very thankful - some of these allow us support our core functions, and others are specifically for community or park-based projects.

Volunteers

We continue to be a volunteer-led organisation which balances the work of providing support and activities for the local community for little or no cost with the challenge of creating long-term financial sustainability so that we can continue in our mission to serve.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal funding sources for the charity are by way of grants and donations.

Reserves policy

The charity needs to hold a level of reserves in order to plan adequately for future development. The freely available reserves stand at £45,973.

FUTURE PLANS

The Board are working to secure funding, to continue to re-build after covid, and to extend these activities to further support the community where needed.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

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The Charities Articles of Association:

For the benefit of the inhabitants of Stanford-le-Hope Essex, and the surrounding area ("The area of benefit"), to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interest of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit in particular but not exclusively by:

- (a) The preservation, promotion, support and improvement of Hardie Park and its amenities.
- (b) Establishing or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above.

2. To advance education, promote good health and relieve charitable need for those in the area of benefit.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

10085963 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

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Registered office

Hardie Park Community Development Centre
Hardie Road
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Trustees

Ms J N Cooke Company Director
J Heale Retired Bank Officer
C A Meads Vice Chair
Ms F Goodall Company Director
M Adams Chair
Ms N Rout

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

M Adams
M Adams (Apr 19, 2024 15:48 GMT+1)

M Adams - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FRIENDS OF HARDIE PARK LTD**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends Of Hardie Park Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

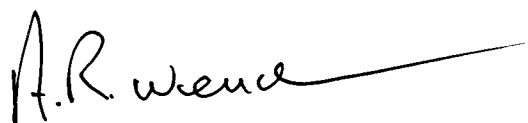
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I 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.



Anthony Wenden

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22 April 2024

FRIENDS OF HARDIE PARK LTD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		<u>31,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,063</u>	<u>34,982</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		<u>1,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,333</u>	<u>11,798</u>
Charitable activities					
Activities		<u>14,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,200</u>	<u>39,870</u>
Total		<u>15,533</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,533</u>	<u>51,668</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	11	<u>15,530</u> <u>28,431</u>	<u>-</u> <u>(28,431)</u>	<u>15,530</u> <u>-</u>	<u>(16,686)</u> <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>43,961</u>	<u>(28,431)</u>	<u>15,530</u>	<u>(16,686)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>2,012</u>	<u>28,431</u>	<u>30,443</u>	<u>47,129</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>45,973</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>45,973</u></u>	<u><u>30,443</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

FRIENDS OF HARDIE PARK LTD

BALANCE SHEET 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	3,070	-	3,070	480
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	8	1,000	-	1,000	-
Debtors	9	-	-	-	275
Cash at bank and in hand		42,633	-	42,633	30,438
		<u>43,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,633</u>	<u>30,713</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(730)	-	(730)	(750)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>42,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,903</u>	<u>29,963</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>45,973</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,973</u>	<u>30,443</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>45,973</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,973</u>	<u>30,443</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				45,973	2,012
Restricted funds				-	28,431
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>45,973</u>	<u>30,443</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

FRIENDS OF HARDIE PARK LTD

BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 JULY 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 March 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Adams
M Adams (Apr 19, 1924-1938 GMT+1)

M Adams - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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3. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	160	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	1,333	14,083
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2023 nor for the year ended 31 July 2022.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	-	1
Directors	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	34,982	-	34,982
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	11,798	-	11,798
Charitable activities			
Activities	32,270	7,600	39,870
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	44,068	7,600	51,668
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(9,086)	(7,600)	(16,686)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	11,098	36,031	47,129

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>2,012</u>	<u>28,431</u>	<u>30,443</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 August 2022	-	480	-	480
Additions	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>2,750</u>
At 31 July 2023	<u>2,500</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>3,230</u>
DEPRECIATION				
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 July 2023	<u>2,500</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>3,070</u>
At 31 July 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>480</u>

8. STOCKS

	2023 £	2022 £
Stocks	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>275</u>

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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Social security and other taxes	267	-
Other creditors	463	-
Accrued expenses	-	750
	<u>730</u>	<u>750</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.7.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	2,012	15,530	28,431	45,973
Restricted funds				
Performing Parks	28,431	-	(28,431)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>30,443</u>	<u>15,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,973</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,063	(15,533)	15,530
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>31,063</u>	<u>(15,533)</u>	<u>15,530</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,098	(9,086)	2,012
Restricted funds			
Performing Parks	36,031	(7,600)	28,431
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>47,129</u>	<u>(16,686)</u>	<u>30,443</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34,982	(44,068)	(9,086)
Restricted funds			
Performing Parks	-	(7,600)	(7,600)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>34,982</u>	<u>(51,668)</u>	<u>(16,686)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.8.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.7.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	11,098	6,444	28,431	45,973
Restricted funds				
Performing Parks	36,031	(7,600)	(28,431)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>47,129</u>	<u>(1,156)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,973</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	66,045	(59,601)	6,444
Restricted funds			
Performing Parks	-	(7,600)	(7,600)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>66,045</u>	<u>(67,201)</u>	<u>(1,156)</u>

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12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 July 2023.

13. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

There is no ultimate controlling party.

FRIENDS OF HARDIE PARK LTD

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS				
Donations and legacies				
Donations	25,062	-	25,062	22,832
Grants	6,001	-	6,001	12,150
	<u>31,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,063</u>	<u>34,982</u>
Total incoming resources	31,063	-	31,063	34,982
EXPENDITURE				
Other trading activities				
Trustees' salaries	1,333	-	1,333	14,083
Charitable activities				
Sundry expenses	2,545	-	2,545	2,109
General project expenses	669	-	669	7,849
	<u>3,214</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,214</u>	<u>9,958</u>
Support costs				
Management				
Wages	-	-	-	(974)
Postage and stationery	95	-	95	115
Rent	255	-	255	255
Repairs and renewals	354	-	354	331
	<u>704</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>(273)</u>
Finance				
Bank charges	128	-	128	221
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	160	-	160	-
	<u>288</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>221</u>
Other				
Donation	10,000	-	10,000	26,905
Governance costs				
Accountancy and legal fees	(6)	-	(6)	774
	<u>15,533</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,533</u>	<u>51,668</u>
Total resources expended	15,533	-	15,533	51,668
Net (expenditure)/income	15,530	-	15,530	(16,686)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements