

# FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1172700

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-04-24

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF HALESOWEN AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION, IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE PRESERVATION, PROMOTION, SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF HUNTINGTREE PARK.2. FOR THE GENERAL CHARITABLE PURPOSES OF SUCH CHARITABLE BODIES OR FOR SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

**Activities:** The Friends group aim to improve and maintain the environment of the park, working with Dudley MBC to replace trees, shrubs and rectify any problems. Working with local primary schools, we organise joint planting projects and organise activities that are designed to bring people onto the park to enjoy its facilities. We manage and maintain the Bowling Green as a public amenity.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Dudley

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,222	£3,588	-	-
2024-03-31	£4,030	£4,281	-	-
2023-03-31	£3,580	£3,527	-	-
2022-03-31	£2,868	£3,050	-	-
2021-03-31	£3,293	£3,036	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>ALAN HACKETT</b>	Chair	2011-11-02
Alison McPhail Wootten		2022-08-21
CAROL ANN MATTHEWS		2016-09-01
CHRISTINE MATTHEWS		2011-11-02
JANE LOUISE MATTHEWS		2013-10-18
Kevin Brian Halliday		2024-03-25
LINDA MARY MCLENNAGHAN		2011-11-02
SUSAN MARY KIRK		2017-03-20

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# Accounts

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# Friends of Huntingtree Park Annual Report

## April 2024 to March 2025

Charity number 1172700

### Aims and Purposes

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The Trustees are also responsible for the maintenance and management of the Bowling Green under lease from Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council.

### Objective

To improve the well-being of the residents of the area by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Huntingtree Park.

The trustees met four times during the year under review and when planning activities kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

### July 2024



Fifteen bowlers entered our annual Trophy competition displaying a high standard of bowling throughout the elimination rounds.

A good number of spectators were entertained by keenly contested games enjoying refreshments and fine company throughout a pleasant afternoon, which ended with Kevin Halliday playing David Johnson in a nail-biting final and a delighted Kevin retaining the Trophy Shield for a second year.

## August 2024

A Craft fair to display and market the talent of local crafters had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the ill health and withdrawal of several stallholders.



After extensive lobbying of Parks Development, the tennis court was finally refurbished and brought back into use during 2024. This was achieved by a joint project between the Lawn Tennis Association and DMBC resulting in a new playing surface, markings, a new net, posts and an access system which allows the court to be booked via the LTA website with shared responsibility for future maintenance.



**Exercise and Socialise** group for local residents. Regularly 20 people attend and weather permitting take a short walk around the park led by the resident Health Activators, returning for a welcome 'cuppa' and a chance to knit, sew and socialise with friends. Using craft skills they make pieces to support Halesowen's entry to 'Britain in Bloom' and items for donation to UK and overseas charities.

## November 2024

A Skittles Evening planned to bolster the finances of the Bowling Green had to be postponed until the new year due to poor ticket sales making it uneconomic, despite initial optimism and support for the event.

A Christmas Fair was held in late November and a variety of stalls attracted our many supporters to visit the Hub, renew old friendships and spend, raising £440 in the course of the afternoon. This money forms the mainstay of our general fundraising and is used to cover essential expenses Public Liability insurance, Lease payment etc..



Kevin Halliday, Treasurer.

# Friends of Huntingtree Park – Charity Number 1172700

## Financial Summary year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bowling subs & Donations	2687	2296
Events/ fundraising	<u>535</u>	<u>830</u>
	3222	3156
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Bowling Green lease	250	
Bowling green maintenance	3000	
Printing Stationery & Advertising	28	
Insurance	130	
Sundries	<u>181</u>	
	3588	3407
Deficit for the year	367	251
Brought forward at 31 March	<u>4322</u>	
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>3955</b>	<b>4322</b>

Represented by:

Bowling Green Fund (restricted) £1898  
General fund (unrestricted) £2057

### Conclusions

Despite cancelled activities, careful management and a strong Christmas Fair result, enabled us to maintain our target financial reserve of 12 months typical expenditure at the end of the financial year.

The Park remains a popular venue with the Children's Play Area particularly busy throughout each day.



Kevin Halliday, Treasurer

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### Highlights

July 2023

Thanks to GreenCare horticultural team, we had a fantastic display of wildflowers in a previously unloved corner of the Park along Thornhill Road.



July 2023

The Bowling Green is managed by the *Friends* and is an important part of the life of the Park with over 55 regular bowlers and so the annual trophy competition is eagerly anticipated. Seventeen bowlers entered our 15th annual Trophy competition producing a high standard of bowling throughout four elimination rounds. Kevin Halliday met Eric Leader in a close final With Kevin emerging as the 2023 season holder of the Trophy Shield.



The *Friends* organise a weekly *Exercise and Socialise* group for local residents. Regularly 15-20 people attend take exercise led by one of the Health Activators, followed by refreshments and lots of conversation while using craft skills to make items for donation to UK and overseas charities.

September 2023



Once again we were proud to achieve Green Flag status for our lovely park. The Green Flag Award® is an international scheme that recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the standard for recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.

November 2023

A Christmas Fair was held in November and a variety of stalls attracted our many supporters to visit the Hub, renew old friendships and spend, raising £300 in the course of the afternoon. This money forms the mainstay of our fundraising and is used to cover essential expenses Public Liability insurance, Lease payment etc..

March 2024

A quiz night was held at Halesowen Athletics Club with around 70 people attending. The event was very successful and raised a total of £307.50 for the Bowling green fund.



## Financial Summary year ended 31 March 2024

	£	£
<b>Income</b>		
Bowling subs & Donations	2326	
Events/ fundraising	830	
Bench donation	<u>874</u>	4030
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Bowling Green lease	250	
Bowling green maintenance	2891	
Printing Stationery & Advertising	61	
Insurance	105	
Memorial Bench	874	
Sundries	<u>100</u>	<u>4281</u>
Deficit for the year		251
Brought forward at 31 Mar 2023		<u>4573</u>
<b>Balance at 31 March 2024</b>		<b>4322</b>
Represented by:		
Bowling Green Fund (restricted)	£2407	
General fund (unrestricted)	£1915	

### Reserves Policy

To maintain a reserve sufficient to cover 12 months core expenditure.

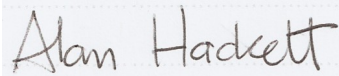
### Trustees for the year under consideration

Alan Hackett (Chair)  
Christine Matthews (Vice-Chair)  
Jane Matthews (Secretary)  
Susan Kirk  
Carol Matthews  
Linda McLennaghan  
Alison Wooten  
Kevin Halliday (Treasurer from March '24)

## **Conclusion**

The Park remains very popular with local residents and people from the wider area receiving positive comments from users on its tidiness and facilities.

At the end of the year under consideration, while the financial reserve was reduced, we still met our target of 12 months core annual expenditure.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background, reading "Alan Hadsett".

Chairman

**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700**  
**ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report on the attached accounts of Friends of Huntingtree Park for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my 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 my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My 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 examiner's statement**

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1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

G. M. JONES  
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20<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Fundraising/Donations		860		1,096
Bowlers' Subscriptions		2,296		2,484
Memorial Bench Donation		874		-
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		4,030		3,580
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Rent of Bowling Green	250		250	
Insurance	105		124	
Printing, Stationery & Advertising	61		141	
Bowling Green Maintenance	2,891		2,859	
Sundries	100		153	
Memorial Bench	874		-	
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		4,281		3,527
		<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Deficit/Surplus for the Year</b>		-251		53
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023		4,573		4,520
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<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024</b>		4,322		4,573
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**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK  
 REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700  
 STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES  
 AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024**

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Bank Current Account		4,322		4,573
		<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Represented by :</b>				
Income & Expenditure Account:				
General	1,915		1,852	
Designated "Save the Green" Fund	2,407		2,721	
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		4,322		4,573
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**NB: 2024 accounts include bowlers subscriptions of £1,906 received in advance for 2024/25 year (2023: £1,983).**

**Approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf:**

**Chairman** Alan Hackett

**Treasurer** Kevin Halliday

**Date** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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# Accounts

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## Annual Report April 2022 to March 2023

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### Aims and Purposes

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The Trustees are also responsible for the maintenance and management of the Bowling Green under lease from Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council.

### Objective

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### Activities

June 2022

Local toddlers including a contingent from the local Day Nursery were invited to the Hub for a morning with a professional storyteller based around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Everyone had fun learning about the Jubilee and some of the special people that help out at the palace. The children made their own crowns and even went on a scavenger hunt.



July 2022

The bowling green is an important part of the life of the Park with 60+ regular bowlers and so the annual trophy competition is eagerly anticipated. In pleasant weather, sixteen bowlers met to contest for the *Friends* Bowling Trophy. Through four rounds, bowlers were progressively eliminated to join the spectators until only Richard Halford and Steve Harris were left to compete in the final. A close match left Richard as the 2022 holder of the Trophy.



The *Friends* organise a weekly *Exercise and Socialise* group for local residents, a number of whom now live alone. Regularly 15-20 people attend to take an exercise walk on the Park led by one of the Health Activators followed by refreshments and lots of conversation while using craft skills to make items for donation to UK and overseas charities.

A Christmas Fair was held in November and so after much preparation, a variety of stalls attracted our many supporters to visit the Hub, renew old friendships and spend, raising £500 in the course of the afternoon. This money forms the basis of our fundraising used to cover essential expenses Public Liability insurance, Lease payment etc..

In late autumn our Green Flag status was renewed for 2022/23 due in no small part to the unstinting efforts of our voluntary litter-pickers who are on the park early every morning keeping the park tidy and reporting any areas requiring further attention.

## Financial Summary

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising / Donations	1096	
Bowling subscriptions	<u>2484</u>	
		<u>3580</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Bowling Green lease	250	
Printing Stationery & Advertising	141	
Bowling green maintenance	2859	
Insurance	124	
Sundries	<u>153</u>	
		<u>3527</u>
Surplus for the year		53
Brought forward at 31 Mar 2022		<u>4520</u>
<b>Balance at 31 March 2023</b>		<b>4573</b>

Represented by:

Bowling Green Fund (restricted)	£2721
General fund (unrestricted)	£1852

## Reserves Policy

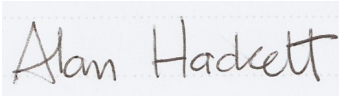
To hold a reserve sufficient to cover 12 months typical expenditure.

## **Trustees** for the year under consideration

- ⌚ Alan Hackett (Chair)
- ⌚ Christine Matthews (Vice-Chair)
- ⌚ Jane Matthews (Secretary)
- ⌚ Margaret Bond (Treasurer)
- ⌚ Susan Kirk
- ⌚ Susan Terry Cutler
- ⌚ Linda McLennaghan

## **Conclusion**

The year under consideration suffered from reduced numbers using the park and its facilities after eighteen months of successive pandemic disruption. However careful management and reduced activities meant we still maintained our target financial reserve. So from the organisations perspective, the future looks secure.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue rectangular background. The signature reads "Alan Hackett" in a cursive script.

Chairman

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**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

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**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023**

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Fundraising/Donations		1,096		560
Bowlers' Subscriptions		2,484		2,308
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		3,580		2,868
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Rent of Bowling Green	250		250	
Insurance	124		112	
Printing, Stationery & Advertising	141		65	
Bowling Green Maintenance	2,859		2,476	
Events	-		97	
Sundries	153		50	
	<hr/>	3,527	<hr/>	3,050
 <b>Surplus/-Deficit for the Year</b>		53		-182
 Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022		4,520		4,702
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<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>		4,573		4,520
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	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Bank Current Account		4,573		4,520
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<b>Represented by :</b>				
Income & Expenditure Account:				
General		1,852		1,762
Designated "Save the Green" Fund		2,721		2,758
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		4,573		4,520
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**NB: 2023 accounts include bowlers subscriptions of £1,983 received in advance for 2023/24 year (2022: £1,990).**

**Approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf:**

**Chairman** Alan Hackett

**Treasurer** [Signature]

**Date** 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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# Accounts

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## Annual Report April 2021 to March 2022

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### Activities

At the start of the year under review the country was still living with legal restrictions on social contact as a result of the COVID pandemic. These restrictions meant we were unable to organise any events. Most of these restrictions were lifted in July 2021 and so our first event for over a year was the Trophy Bowling Competition in September 2021.



The annual competition brings together most of the users of the bowling green in friendly competition.



This was followed in October by a storytelling event enjoyed by sixteen toddlers with a theme of the fall of Autumn leaves. These events introduce toddlers and parents to the Hub building to see its facilities and weekly activities.

The weekly Exercise and Socialise group organised by the *Friends of Huntingtree Park* for local residents to use craft skills to make items for donation to UK and overseas charities could not meet for a large part of the year, as the Park Hub building was closed to allow the Health Activators to be redeployed to support the COVID vaccination scheme.

In the autumn our Green Flag status was renewed for 2021/22 thanks to the unstinting efforts of our voluntary litter-pickers who are on the park early every morning making the park tidy and reporting any problem areas.

## Financial Summary

Income	£	£
Fundraising / Donations	560	
Bowling subscriptions	<u>2307</u>	
		<u>2867</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Domain hosting	54	
Bowling Green lease	250	
Bowling green maintenance	2476	
Insurance	112	
Sundries	<u>158</u>	
		<u>3050</u>
Deficit for the year		183
Brought forward at 31 Mar 2020		<u>4702</u>
<b>Balance at 31 March 2021</b>		<b>4519</b>

Represented by:

Bowling Green Fund (restricted) £2757

General fund (unrestricted) £1762

## Reserves Policy

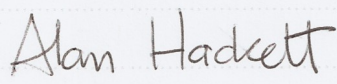
To hold a minimum reserve sufficient to cover 12 months typical expenditure.

## Trustees for the year under consideration

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- ⌚ Linda McLennaghan

## Conclusion

We managed to complete the year under consideration having had many of our planned activities cancelled because of COVID restrictions but with overall finances still achieving our target reserve. This put us in a good position to respond as life returns to normality.



Chairman

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**ACCOUNTS**  
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21<sup>st</sup> September 2022

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**

	<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Fundraising/Donations		560		120
Bowlers' Subscriptions		2,308		3,173
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		2,868		3,293
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Rent of Bowling Green	250		250	
Insurance	112		-	
Printing, Stationery & Advertising	65		43	
Bowling Green Maintenance	2,476		2,703	
Events	97		-	
Sundries	50		40	
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		3,050		3,036
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<b>-Deficit/Surplus for the Year</b>		-182		257
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021		4,702		4,445
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<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b>		4,520		4,702
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**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK  
 REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700  
 STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES  
 AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Bank Current Account	4,520	4,702
<b>Represented by :</b>		
Income & Expenditure Account:		
General	1,762	2,530
Designated "Save the Green" Fund	2,758	2,172
	4,520	4,702

**NB: 2022 accounts include bowlers subscriptions of £1,990 received in advance for 2022/23 year (2021: £1,792).**

**Approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf:**

Chairman Alan Hackett

Treasurer M. Bond

Date 10/10/22

**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1172700

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# Accounts

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# Friends of Huntingtree Park

*A pleasant environment for all to enjoy*

## Annual Report April 2020 to March 2021

Charity number 1172700

### Aims and Purposes

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time activity in the interests of the social welfare and for the benefit of the inhabitants of Halesowen and the surrounding locality

The Trustees are also responsible for the maintenance and management of the Bowling Green under lease from Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council.

### Objective

To improve the well-being of the residents of the area by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Huntingtree Park.

When planning our activities for the year we kept in mind at our trustee meetings, the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

### Activities

The first Pandemic lock-down was imposed just before the April start of the 2020 Bowling season with the result that the green had to remain closed until the end of May. As a consequence, a considerable number of our regular bowlers did not take up an annual subscription while waiting to see how the Pandemic situation evolved. This had a significant impact on our financial budget.

We negotiated a reduced maintenance schedule with our Greenkeeper over this period to conserve finances but to be ready for reopening when Government restrictions allowed. Revised restrictions came into force in July 2020 with the limitation of only six players on the green at any time. Bowling subscriptions continued to be low so we appealed for donations to ensure the continuation of the Bowling Green facility.

By these management actions we were able to have limited Bowling for the second half of the season and resume normal Green maintenance over the winter season to ensure a Green in good condition for the start of the 2021 season.

The first lockdown also caused the cancellation of;

- A Craft Fair planned to bring together local residents
- A storytelling morning in May aimed at mothers and toddlers
- Involvement in a National wildlife survey
- A Rounders Club in conjunction with our Health Activators to introduce the sport of Rounders to local children with the aim of entering a Park team in a borough-wide competition
- An additional Picnic bench

- A number of social events to encourage our Bowling community (Quiz night, skittles evening) and raise extra funds for Green maintenance.

The weekly Exercise and Socialise group organised by the *Friends of Huntingtree Park* for local residents to use craft skills to make items for donation to UK and overseas charities could not meet for a large part of the year, as the Park Hub building was closed to allow the Health Activators to be redeployed to support the COVID vaccination scheme.

In the autumn our Green Flag status was renewed for 2020/21 thanks to the unstinting efforts of our voluntary litter-pickers who are on the park early every morning making the park tidy and reporting any problem areas.

Reintroduced restrictions in November 2020 meant that we could still not hold events including a Christmas Fair (usually our most important fundraiser).

## Financial Summary

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising / Donations	120	
Bowling subscriptions	<u>3173</u>	
		3293
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Bowling Green lease	250	
Bowling green maintenance	2703	
Printing, Stationery, advertising	43	
Sundries	<u>40</u>	
		<u>3036</u>
Surplus for the year		247
Brought forward at 31 Mar 2020		<u>4445</u>
Balance at 31 March 2021		<b>4702</b>
Represented by:		
Bowling Green Fund (restricted)	£2172	
General fund (unrestricted)	£2530	

### Reserves Policy

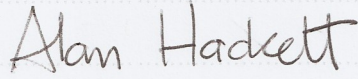
To hold a minimum reserve sufficient to cover 12 months typical expenditure.

## Trustees

- 🕒 Alan Hackett (Chair)
- 🕒 Christine Matthews (Vice-Chair)
- 🕒 Jane Matthews (Secretary)
- 🕒 Margaret Bond (Treasurer)
- 🕒 Susan Kirk
- 🕒 Susan Terry Cutler
- 🕒 Linda McLennaghan

## Conclusion

We managed to complete the year under consideration having had most of our planned activities cancelled because of COVID restrictions but with overall finances still achieving our target reserve. This puts us in a good position to respond as restrictions get lifted.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background, reading "Alan Hackett".

Chairman

**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700**  
**ACCOUNTS**  
**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report on the attached accounts of Friends of Huntingtree Park for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my 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 my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My 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 examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



G. M. JONES  
ACCOUNTANT  
DUDLEY CVS  
7 ALBION STREET  
BRIERLEY HILL  
DY5 3EE

6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Fundraising/Donations		120		1,569
Bowlers' Subscriptions		3,173		1,152
		<hr/>		<hr/>
		3,293		2,721
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Rent of Bowling Green	250		250	
Insurance	-		112	
Printing, Stationery & Advertising	43		129	
Bowling Green Maintenance	2,703		2,756	
Repairs	-		240	
Events	-		195	
Sundries	40		188	
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		3,036		3,870
		<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Surplus/-Deficit for the Year</b>		257		-1,149
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020		4,445		5,594
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<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>		4,702		4,445
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**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK  
 REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700  
 STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES  
 AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021**

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Bank Current Account		4,702		4,445
		<hr/>		<hr/>
<b>Represented by :</b>				
Income & Expenditure Account:				
General	2,530		2,606	
Designated "Save the Green" Fund	2,172		1,839	
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		4,702		4,445
		<hr/>		<hr/>

**NB: These accounts include bowlers subscriptions of £1,792 received in advance for 2021/22 year.**

**Approved by the Management Committee and signed on their behalf:**

Chairman Alan Hackett

Treasurer Margaret Bond

Date 14/12/21