



# 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

Income	£	£
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

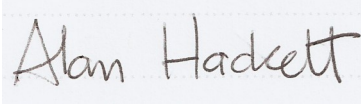
To hold a minimum reserve sufficient to cover 12 months typical expenditure.

## 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. The signature reads "Alan Hackett" in a cursive, slightly informal script. The letters are connected, and the ink is dark.

Chairman

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

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**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.



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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**

	<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Fundraising/Donations		120		1,569
Bowlers' Subscriptions		3,173		1,152
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		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
 <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
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<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
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**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