



Friends of Huntingtree Park

A pleasant environment for all to enjoy

Annual Report April 2021 to March 2022

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

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>
Expenditure		
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>
Balance at 31 March 2021		4519

Represented by:

Bowling Green Fund (restricted) £2757

General fund (unrestricted) £1762

Reserves Policy

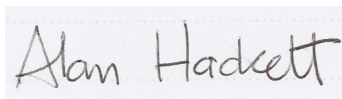
To hold a minimum reserve sufficient to cover 12 months typical expenditure.

Trustees for the year under consideration

- ⌚ 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 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

FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700
ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the attached accounts of Friends of Huntingtree Park for the year ended 31st March 2022.

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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21st September 2022

**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Fundraising/Donations		560		120
Bowlers' Subscriptions		2,308		3,173
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		2,868		3,293
 EXPENDITURE				
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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-Deficit/Surplus for the Year		-182		257
Balance at 31 st March 2021		4,702		4,445
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Balance at 31st March 2022		4,520		4,702
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**FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022**

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank Current Account

	2022	2021
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£
	£	£

Represented by :

Income & Expenditure Account:

General

Designated "Save the Green" Fund

1,762	2,530
2,758	2,172
<u>4,520</u>	<u>4,702</u>

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