



Friends of Huntingtree Park

A pleasant environment for all to enjoy

Annual Report April 2022 to March 2023

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

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

Income	£	£
Fundraising / Donations	1096	
Bowling subscriptions	<u>2484</u>	
		<u>3580</u>
Expenditure		
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>
Balance at 31 March 2023		4573

Represented by:

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

Reserves Policy

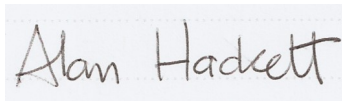
To hold a reserve sufficient to cover 12 months typical expenditure.

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 that reads "Alan Hackett". The signature is written on a light blue background with faint horizontal lines.

Chairman

FRIENDS OF HUNTINGTREE PARK
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172700
ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the attached accounts of Friends of Huntingtree Park for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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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9th January 2024

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

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Fundraising/Donations		1,096		560
Bowlers' Subscriptions		2,484		2,308
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		3,580		2,868
EXPENDITURE				
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	
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Surplus/-Deficit for the Year		53		-182
Balance at 31 st 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 2023**

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Current Account		4,573		4,520
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Represented by :				
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

DM

Date

9th January 2024