

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM

England & Wales · Charity number 1177069

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-02-08

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

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Activities

Objects: 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 OF THE PUBLIC IN NORTH LONDON/ENFIELD BY SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION, PROMOTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF FIRS FARM WETLANDS PARK AND PLAYING FIELDS.

Activities: Activities for public benefit

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Enfield

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£26,500	£48,187	-	-
2024-03-31	£81,794	£106,613	-	-
2023-03-31	£333,641	£80,557	-	-
2022-03-31	£72,126	£1,691	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,738	£951	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
TONI GUIVER	Chair	2018-02-01
Carl Redondo		2025-06-21
Chris Ferrary		2020-05-18
Panayiotis Charalambous		2025-07-14
Paul William Guiver		2024-03-15
Rebecca Beach		2024-09-16

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Accounts

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM

Charity Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O)

Financial Statements

For the period ended

31st March 2025

Registered Charity No: 1177069

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2025

Principal address:

Firs Farm Community Hub
Firs Lane
Winchmore Hill
London
N21 2PJ

Trustees and Committee Members:

Toni Guiver
Paul Guiver
Chris Ferrary
Simon Jarosch
Rebecca Beach

Governing document

The organisation is operated under the rules of its constitution.

Bankers:

HSBC Bank PLC
1 The Town
Enfield, EN2 6LD

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Period Ended 31st March 2025

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Period Ended 31st March 2025

Trustees' Report

Annual Report

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the period ending 31st March 2025, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a trustees' report and accounts for Charities Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the constitution, and 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 2015).

Financial Review

Further funds were received in the year ended 31st March 2025 for the continued development of the community hub.

More events took place during the year as well, including Halloween and Santa's grotto, which attracted donations from the public.

Structure, Governance and Management

Friends of Firs Farm is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution, dated 31st March 2019.

Membership of the CIO is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes and, who by applying for membership, has indicated agreement to become a member and accept the duties of membership. If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

The affairs of the charity are managed on a day-to-day basis by the Trustees, who may exercise all the powers of the CIO.

The Trustees who served during the period are shown on page 19 of this report.

Appointment of Trustees

In accordance with the terms of the constitution, there must be at least three charity Trustees. If the number falls below the minimum, the remaining Trustees can act only to call a meeting of the Trustees or appoint a new Trustee.

The maximum number of charity Trustees is 12. The charity Trustees may not appoint any charity Trustee if as a result the number of charity Trustees would exceed the maximum.

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting by a decision of the members.

Each new Trustee is given a copy of the constitution and the latest Trustees' annual report and accounts, on or before appointment.

Our volunteers

Friends of Firs Farm is very involved in the community and relies on voluntary help. Around 25 volunteers assist with our on-going activities. We wish to thank our volunteers for their loyal support and contribution.

Risk management

The Trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity undertake.
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The Trustees constantly review risks relevant to the charity. Any risks identified are reported to the Trustees and decisions made on how to minimise risk.

Reserves policy and going concern

The Trustees have assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. As a result, the Trustees have approved a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed, should be held in reserve and maintained at a level which ensures that Friends of Firs Farm core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The target reserve amount represents at least 3 months' (12 weeks) expenditure and will be reviewed annually.

Organisational Charitable Objects

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 of the public in North London / Enfield by supporting the preservation, promotion and improvement of Firs Farm Wetlands Park & Playing Fields.

Trustees and Their Responsibilities

Charity trustees are the people who serve on the governing body of a charity. They may be known as trustees, directors, board members, governors or committee members. The principles and main duties are the same in all cases.

Trustees have, and must accept, ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of a charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and meeting the needs for which it has been set up.

Achievements

Please refer to the AGM report.

Future Plan

The organisation will continue to generate income and fundraise to support its increasing demand for its services for public benefit, particularly to expand facilities around the new community hub that will enable many more activities and events to take place.

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We thank all volunteers and members for their valuable support in achieving our goals and objectives for the year.

Signed on behalf of all Trustees

Toni Guiver



Chair

30th January 2026

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Period Ended 31st March 2025

Financial Accounts

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM				
Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 31st March 2025				
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donation	2,053		2,053	4,852
Events	180		180	
London Marathon Fund				20,000
Groundworks				46,064
Hub income	12,899		12,899	
National Lottery Fund				6,033
Tudor Trust				2,000
Interest on account	535		535	1,363
Gift aid	7,463		7,463	
Halloween	1,197		1,197	921
Winter event	1,290		1,290	561
Quiz night	733		733	
Other fundraising	150		150	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	26,500		26,500	81,794
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Expenditure				
Project Activities	918		918	118
Festivals & Events	733		733	
Equipment	1,106		1,106	275
General Administration Cost	49		49	368
Consumables & Maintenance	405		405	292
Other expenses				307
Professional fees	1,255		1,255	450
Prizes & giveaways				
Hub expenses	1,151		1,151	96,956
Firs Farm investments	2,012		2,012	
Hub depreciation		40,559	40,559	7,848
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	7,628	40,559	48,187	106,613
Net Incomings and (outgoings)	18,872	(40,559)	(21,687)	(24,820)
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	14,398	307,850	322,249	347,068
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MAR	33,271	267,291	300,562	322,249

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FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current Assets			
Debtor			
Cash at Bank and in Hand		47,778	50,826
Deposit and Cash			
Non-current Assets			
Asset Under Construction			
PPE		252,784	271,423
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: Falling due within one year			
Accruals and Creditors			
Net Assets		<u>300,562</u>	<u>322,249</u>
As Represented By:			
Restricted Fund			
Unrestricted fund		267,291	307,850
		33,271	14,398
Total Funds		<u>300,562</u>	<u>322,249</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 5th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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Chair

Toni Guiver

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2025

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting Basis

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Friends of Firs Farm meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis:

The Charity trustees are of the view that measures taken in reviewing organisational costs regularly and successful in applying for continuation funding have secured the immediate future of the Charity for the next 12 months and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

2. Cash Flow Statement

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

3. Incoming resources

Income is recognised in the period to which it relates, unless specified otherwise by the funder. Project funding is, in general, repayable if not expended within the relevant project. Such income is only recognised to the extent that it ceases to be repayable. The income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

4. Resource Expendable

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

5. Equipment

Equipment was purchased for the maintenance of the water system and garden.

6. Fixed assets

With the completion of the community hub build, the organisation has acquired a fixed asset. Continued investment over the year to 31st March 2025 into the hub and surrounding area has seen the capitalisation of a sensory room and area around the demise of the hub. Improvements to the outside area include the new resin floor and gardens.

7. Restricted Fund

No restricted funds were received in the year to 31 March 2025.

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8. Unrestricted Fund

Unrestricted funds were generated from generous donations & fundraising activities, such as the Halloween trail and Santa's Grotto. The current balance of £33,271 is carried forward into the next financial year.

These are accumulated to enable the organisation to continue its activities in case of loss of funding and to meet organisational objectives in line with the reserve policy.

9. Staff Cost

The organisation has no paid staff on payroll.

There were no transactions of any nature with any of the Trustees



L♥VE YOUR GREEN SPACE

Community working together to help shape how our park works, is maintained, & protected.

Friends of Firs Farm Wetlands Park & Playing Fields AGM - 5th June 2025

This report is to highlight the achievements and the aims of the group 'Friends of Firs Farm (FOFF)' for the twelve-month period to 31st March 2025.

Message from the Trustees – Thank you for your continued support with this special blue-green space!

It has been another busy year at Firs Farm.

Firs Farm Community Hub

During the first year, since opening end of February 2024, the hub interior and exterior areas have undergone quite a transformation, with works completed in the sensory room, the additions of a baby change unit, bike/buggy shelter, some signage, hard & soft landscaping, planters, planting and removal of the graffiti from the area. All to create a more welcoming look and feel to our Community Hub. Enjoy! 😊

Events

In July, we held our 'Official Launch of Firs Farm Community Hub' and ribbon cutting by local celebrity, Melvin O'Doom. It was a fun family event with lots going on and visitors, who after years of waiting, were glad to finally have the much needed facilities on site to make their visits to Firs Farm more enjoyable. We were grateful to the many local bands, singers and musicians who came along to entertain the crowds.

The Hub has made a significant difference to our popular annual events, that were all well attended, and included: Tree planting, Easter trail & quiz, pond activities, Spooky walk, and fabulous Winter walk, complete with Santa's Grotto and a large Firs Farm Rudolph with sleigh. He was a very popular attraction for visiting families over the festive season.

Our thanks to Homecare Preferred Social Enterprise, Leons, PH Tennis and The Boys Brigade for all their support with

Firs Farm events in the last year and not forgetting all the 'elpful elves 😊

Thank you again to all the Firs Farm Volunteers

This much valued team of dedicated people have, since before 2014 given up their own time for free to help make a difference to this much-loved blue & green community space. Firs Farm would not be what it is today without them. A hard-working team who also run events bringing the community together, welcoming visitors, help with access and tours, spend time improving the green & blue space all for the benefit of the community, wildlife and biodiversity.

Duke of Edinburgh – We continue to see more and more young people joining us each year and for them to get to know and understand more about volunteering in their local wetlands and how they can contribute.

Thank you

The FOFF Trustees

Becky Beach, Chris Ferrari, Paul Guiver, Simon Jarosch & Toni Guiver

Firs Farm Wetlands and Playing Fields and its unique position in the borough of Enfield brings a diverse community of people together. One of the borough's earliest and largest flood alleviation schemes has in under ten years, evolved into an important blue/green space, a diverse habitat for hundreds more species; enriching the lives of local residents. An award-winning site, visited by scientific institutions, ecological groups and local authorities from across the country to study both the environmental and amenity and social benefits in creating an amazing sustainable urban drainage system (SUDs).

Our Trustees and members

We currently have more than 500 members, 5 of which are trustees, with around approximately 25 active volunteers. As a charity we are only as good as our Trustees and members and so we thank all members who got involved in the last year's work for the Friends of Firs Farm and we encourage others who feel that protecting a green & blue space is important for the community to come forward.

We are keen to involve more people with an interest in history, wildlife, education and environment. If you are interested or have skills in administration, volunteer leadership, or events to support our charity, please contact us.

Volunteers

Together, volunteers and community have planted on excess of 3500 trees / whips to date with around 70% survival rate. As always, the tree planting events were a huge success, but it was a sad day when 80 of the newly planted trees to create a hedge habitat by the A10 were all removed in early 2025 – Where did the go! We will replant this next time and keep an eye on it. Many of the native trees planted included English oak, hornbeam, hawthorn, blackthorn, white birch, rowan, hazel, silver birch, beech, and several large fruiting trees.

The Cornus mass (Cornelian Cherry -planted December 2022) and the Japanese Sakura project Cherry Trees (planted 2021) were a wonderful sight when in full blossom. Tasks to water, weed and mulch these, continue to be carried out by regular volunteers with local residents supporting (we always need more help with watering). This important planting and care of our trees, supports mitigating some of the climate change, attracts and supports further wildlife.

Get out & Get Active in Firs Farm

There is so much more at Firs Farm and it has been a great year with activities increasing and more visitors enjoying the 4 Tennis courts, table tennis , walking, jogging, just enjoying the nature and wildlife along with so many new activities & classes taking place in/out of the Hub.

We have seen a big increase in local schools/ families meeting up for extracurricular activities after school and in nursery groups due to the facilities being available. What a difference handwashing and toilets can make to a blue green space, especially with the added bonus of 'Changing Places Toilet' and sensory room.



The long-term project of the multi-sport pitch is unfortunately still in limbo with the council. Sadly, this project would have made a difference to the local hockey and football teams and we continue to encourage the council to now progress this project to no avail. The councils Enfield Sports strategy (adopted April 2018) has yet to be progressed by the council!

Wildlife

The terrapins are back. Thankfully we now have a Duck feed station to hopefully deter people from spreading loaves of bread everywhere. It is good to see protected species are still thriving e.g.: water voles, slow worms, and stag beetles to name but a few. Please remember to use GIGL for recording Sightings of birds/ wildlife. <https://www.gigl.org.uk/submit-records/>



Friends of Firs Farm Park

Council matters. Gates and bins, fly-tip, litter, benches and other issues

The annual 'Walkabout' with the council parks officers, councillors and the FOFF last took place in 2022 – we are expecting these to resume in 2025. We are also made aware by the new park teams, that a number of other changes are afoot in terms of future governance for Friends groups and volunteering in parks in general!

Public meetings with the Friends are an opportunity to discuss concerns and aspirations for the park.

We are continuing discussions with the council in relation to paths, vegetation, benches for access all-round the 1 mile circuit, and entrance to the car park including DDA parking. Gating and fencing for better site security is still something that we have to carry forward due to the time spent on the Hub Building. We will share updates of future maintenance / improvements / changes as and when we are in a position to do so. Please join us and help make a difference for the next 12 months in Firs Farm.

Social Media / Google maps / website

Our website is still under review. We continue to use Facebook and Instagram with healthy follower numbers. But are looking for support with social media. Anyone?

Our rating on Googles maps remains at a healthy 4.5 star rating (580 good reviews).

Google reports that the average time spent at Firs Farm by visitors has doubled from 45 minutes in 2024 to 1.5 hours since we installed Firs Farm Community Hub.

Funding/donations

Funds/pledges all help us to continue to develop, protect and maintain this space for our communities. Please refer to the Finance report for further information.

Summary

In summary, FOFF, a registered Charity, dedicated to maintaining and protecting the park and wildlife for public benefit. The friends are an active group which is evidenced by volunteer hours since inception of **more than 31,500**.

There is currently **no membership fee** in order to keep the group 'open to all'. Donations are always welcome.□

Come and join us and show that you **L♥ve your Green Space**.

Thank you

The Trustees of Friends of Firs Farm Registered Charity 1177069

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Independent Examiner's Report



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on
the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of**

Friends of Firs Farm

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

Charity no.:

1177069

Company no.:

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Set out on pages

1-13

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2025.

**Responsibilities and basis of
report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

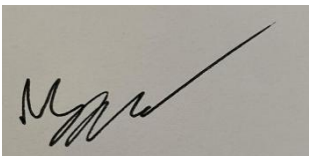
- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or

Independent examiner's statement

- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		Date: 27/01/2026

Name:	Nicholas Hayes
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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales
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Address:	58 Brooklands Park
	London
	SE3 9AJ



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 Period start date **To 31st March 2025** Period end date

Charity name: Friends of Firs Farm

Charity registration number: 1177069

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity brings the community together for events, interests, and sporting / other in/outdoor activities, as well as providing volunteer opportunities, reduce loneliness and encourage healthier lifestyles.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The main activity was resolving snagging issues at the community hub and promoting its use. After many years of planning and development, it was fantastic to see the hub finally open to the public and provide facilities in the hub including a changing places toilet and sensory room, and creating a welcoming outdoor space around the demise of the building.</p> <p>It was a massive undertaking with the FoFF coordinating all the workstreams and ensuring that the hub is delivered to the required specification.</p> <p>It is important for us to encourage families to 'Get out and Get active'. The 'children's area' remains a favourite for local families to spend time in a space, that helps to engage and keep them amused.</p> <p>While the development of the hub didn't allow more time for bigger events or activities, there is ongoing development of the wetlands and many smaller events.</p> <p>We managed to launch the hub with an event in the summer of 2024.</p> <p>Other outdoor events included the Rivers week trails and tours, Easter event and first aid training.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity makes available to all Trustees the requirements and guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Decorations were put up for Halloween and Christmas, tree planting continued to take place in the year and corporate activity days continued. The focus was very much on the continued development of facilities at and around the hub.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	There were total funds of £47,778 at the end of the reporting period and -£21,687 of net income achieved over the year. The charity now owns PPE of £252,784 as at 31 st March 2025.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The target level of reserves, from unrestricted funds, is 3 months' worth of expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£33,271
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Applicant fills out a fit & proper persons declaration form and is interviewed by the Chair. There are a maximum number of 12 Trustees, as per the constitution.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Firs Farm
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1177069

Charity's principal address	Firs Farm Community Hub, Firs Lane, Winchmore Hill, London, N21 2PJ
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Toni Guiver	Chair		
2	Paul Guiver	Trustee		
3	Chris Ferrary	Trustee		
4	Becky Beach	Trustee	From 16.09.24	
5	Simon Jarosch	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/a

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Toni Guiver

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

30th January 2026

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FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2024

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Signed on behalf of all Trustees

Toni Guiver

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toni Guiver', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chair

30th January 2025

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2024

Financial Accounts

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM				
Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 31st March 2024				
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donation	4,312	540	4,852	3,064
Eco club				197
Sport England				114,620
Thames Water				25,000
London Marathon Fund		20,000	20,000	
Groundworks		46,064	46,064	122,977
Garfield				10,000
Bernard Sunley				10,000
National Lottery Fund		6,033	6,033	10,000
Crowdfunding				26,894
TG Lynes				7,500
Tudor Trust		2,000	2,000	
Interest on account	1,363		1,363	313
Chapman Charitable Trust				1,000
Halloween	921		921	159
Winter trail	561		561	502
Calendar				197
Tree planting				1,219
Other fundraising				
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	7,156	74,637	81,794	333,641
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Expenditure				
Project Activities	118		118	454
Festivals & Events				
Equipment	275		275	4
General Administration Cost	368		368	257
Consumables & Maintenance	292		292	566
Other expenses	307		307	67
Professional fees	450		450	1,130
Prizes & giveaways				193
Hub expenses		96,956	96,956	77,885
Hub depreciation		7,848	7,848	
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	1,810	104,804	106,613	80,557
Net Incomings and (outgoings)	5,347	(30,167)	(24,820)	253,084
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	9,052	338,017	347,068	93,984
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MAR	14,398	307,850	322,249	347,068

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2024

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2024

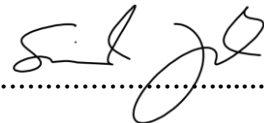
	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Current Assets			
Debtor		-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand		50,826	107,556
Deposit and Cash		-	-
Non-current Assets			
Asset Under Construction		-	239,511
PPE		271,423	-
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: Falling due within one year		-	-
Accruals and Creditors		-	-
Net Assets		<u>322,249</u>	<u>347,068</u>
As Represented By:			
Restricted Fund		307,850	338,017
Unrestricted fund		14,398	9,052
Total Funds		<u>322,249</u>	<u>347,068</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 28th June 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Chair

Toni Guiver



Treasurer

Simon Jarosch

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2024

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting Basis

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Friends of Firs Farm meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis:

The Charity trustees are of the view that measures taken in reviewing organisational costs regularly and successful in applying for continuation funding have secured the immediate future of the Charity for the next 12 months and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

2. Cash Flow Statement

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

3. Incoming resources

Income is recognised in the period to which it relates, unless specified otherwise by the funder. Project funding is, in general, repayable if not expended within the relevant project. Such income is only recognised to the extent that it ceases to be repayable. The income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

4. Resource Expendable

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

5. Equipment

Equipment was purchased to support the clearing of the ponds, maintenance equipment for the play area and eco club.

6. Fixed assets

With the completion of the community hub build, the organisation has acquired a fixed asset.

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7. Restricted Fund

Restricted funds of £74,637 were received, mainly in relation to the Community Hub with the biggest donation from the London Marathon Fund. Many other donations from individuals, organisations and charitable funds were gratefully received.

Expenditure of restricted funds took place for the year ended 2024 relating primarily to the construction of the community hub. The restricted fund balance carried forward into 2025 is £307,850.

8. Unrestricted Fund

Unrestricted funds were generated from generous donations & fundraising activities, such as the Halloween trail and Santa's Grotto. The current balance of £14,398 is carried forward into the next financial year.

These are accumulated to enable the organisation to continue its activities in case of loss of funding and to meet organisational objectives in line with the reserve policy.

9. Staff Cost

The organisation has no paid staff on payroll.

There were no transactions of any nature with any of the Trustees



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Community working together to help shape how our park works, is maintained, & protected.

Friends of Firs Farm

Wetlands Park & Playing Fields

AGM

28th June 2024

This report is to highlight the achievements and the aims of the group 'Friends of Firs Farm (FOFF)' for the twelve-month period to 31st March 2024.

Message from the Trustees – Thank you for your continued support with this special blue-green space!

Community hub

Finally, we did it! Despite the huge increase in the build costs and challenges we faced in bringing in the services and utilities. Locating the sewer drainage pipework and fresh water source was a humongous challenge 23rd February saw the doors open for the first time to the warm welcome from the general public. Water sadly is still an ongoing issue with pressure on the low side, so we will hold off the 'official opening' until this is completed Sewer problems resolved with thanks to LBE.

Work still to be done on the sensory room, internal fit out of some of the interior areas and to bring in a Bike / buggy shelter with a bit of landscaping. Volunteering is a must for 2024 and beyond to help achieve this and to maintain the areas to keep welcoming the community.

We thank our many sponsors who include Sport England, Enfield council, Thames Water and London Marathon Foundation and more besides for their patience and generous contributions to this amazing, much needed facility.

Events

This past year included the 2nd well attended Winter Walk with a popular Santas Grotto, organised by local elves supported again by the Boys Brigade – Thank you.

Thank you to the Firs Farm Volunteers

This much valued team of dedicated people have for the 10th year running given up their own time for free to help make a difference to this much-loved blue & green community space. Firs Farm would not be what it is today without them.

Duke of Edinburgh – We continue to see more and more young people joining us each year and for them to get to know and understand more about volunteering in their local wetlands and how they can contribute.

Thank you

The FOFF Trustees

Chris Ferrary, Simon Jarosch, Geraldine Cosh, Paul Guiver, Lisa Chapman & Toni Guiver



Friends of Firs Farm Park

Firs Farm Wetlands and Playing Fields and its unique position in the borough of Enfield brings a diverse community of people together. One of the borough's earliest and largest flood alleviation schemes has in under ten years, evolved into an important blue/green space, a diverse habitat for hundreds more species; enriching the lives of residents. It is also an award-winning wetland, visited by scientific institutions, ecological groups and local authorities from across the country to study both the environmental and amenity benefits in creating an amazing sustainable urban drainage system (SUDs). The new facilities we hope will only encourage more of these special visitors.

We host both community & company volunteering opportunities.

Our Trustees and members

We currently have over 250 members of which 6 are trustees, with around approximately 25 part time active volunteers who work on various projects in-between work, family and other commitments.

As a charity we are only as good as our Trustees, volunteers and members without whom our work would not be possible.

We thank all the volunteers who were involved in the last year's work for the Friends of Firs Farm and we encourage others who feel that protecting a green space is important for the community to come forward and join us.

Volunteers – Thank you

We are very proud of the volunteers that turn up each and every week (Mondays and Saturdays) to carry out numerous gardening tasks that support maintaining Firs Farm Wetlands as a very special Go To green space. Thanks also to those who supported local young people in achieving their Duke of Edinburgh - Volunteering section. Corporate volunteering is on the increase now that the new hub with facilities are in place.

It has been encouraging seeing the increase in the number of community groups including schools, scout and local families who supported our tree planting and care over the last 12 months. The heavy watering throughout the dryer season was made more difficult due to the further vandalism in the old compound where once stood the football changing rooms. This important planting and care of our trees, supports mitigating some of the climate change, attracts and supports further wildlife.

Get out & Get Active in Firs Farm

We have held a number of events throughout the year which have proved to be popular and encouraged activities with other groups and can already see an improved uptake of activities including the regular joggers, walkers and cyclists over the last year. Edmonton running group are regular users of Firs Farm as are a number of cycling groups.

With the opening of the new hub facilities, 2024 is going to make such a difference, to so many in visiting Firs Farm. Our intention of the Hub is to bring the community together, to regenerate interest in sport at Firs Farm in addition to the ever-increasing popularity of Firs Farm tennis courts that we were instrumental in bringing back to Firs Farm in 2018.

The long-term project of the multi-sport pitch is unfortunately still in limbo with the council. Sadly, this project would have made a difference to the local hockey and football teams and we continue to encourage the council to now progress this project to no avail. The councils Enfield Sports strategy (adopted April 2018) has yet to be progressed by the council.

Wildlife

The terrapins are still around, and numbers are on the increase. The swans come and go every years but have never felt comfortable enough to remain and nest yet in Firs Farm. With the latest planting in the wetlands cell by the 'windows' we hope that the increase in vegetation will encourage more wildlife to this special habitat. The Egyptian geese are a favourite with locals. Numbers have increased year on year in the UK to the point that in some circles these are considered to be an invasive species. <https://www.waterfowl.org.uk/wildfowl/true-ducks/egyptian-goose/#:~:text=The%20Order%20makes%20it%20an,and%20Ruddy%20Ducks%20Oxyura%20jamaicensis.>

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Friends of Firs Farm Park

It is good to see some of our more protected species continuing to thrive at Firs Farm e.g.: water voles, slow worms, and stag beetles to name but a few. We are keen for volunteers to get involved in the team to help with wildlife surveys Please contact the charity if you are interested.

Social Media / Google maps / website

Our bright new website was launched in the first quarter of 2024 thanks to the many hours of work by Helen Osman. Chris Ferrary and Ruth Smith. We are still reviewing content for completeness and accuracy so if you spot anything please raise it with us We continue to use Facebook, Twitter and Instagram Googles maps remains at a healthy 4.5 with 559 good reviews. Google reports that the average time spent there by visitors is 60 minutes we expect this figure to change with the fantastic new Firs Farm Community Hub.

Funding/donations

Funds/pledges have again increased this last year particularly around the community hub. Please refer to the Finance report for further information.

Summary

In summary, FOFF, a registered Charity, dedicated to maintaining and protecting the park and wildlife for public benefit. The friends are an active group which is evidenced by volunteer hours since inception of **more than 27,000**.

There is **no membership fee** in order to keep the group 'open to all', although donations are always welcome.

😊 Come and join us and show that you **L♥ve your Green Space**.

Thank you

The Trustees of Friends of Firs Farm
Registered Charity 1177069

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Independent Examiner's Report



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on
the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of**

Friends of Firs Farm

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2024

Charity no.:	1177069	Company no.:	-
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Set out on pages

1-14
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of
report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

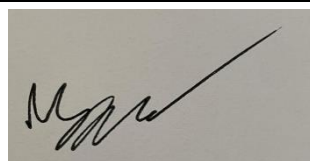
Independent examiner's statement

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date: 27/01/2025

Name: Nicholas Hayes

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales

Address: 58 Brooklands Park

London

SE3 9AJ



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 Period start date To 31st March 2024 Period end date

Charity name: Friends of Firs Farm

Charity registration number: 1177069

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity brings the community together for events, interests, and sporting / other in/outdoor activities, as well as providing volunteer opportunities, reduce loneliness and encourage healthier lifestyles.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The main activity was the development and installation of the community hub. It has been many years in the making and the final elements were completed in Q1 to prepare for the opening. It was a massive undertaking with the FoFF coordinating all the workstreams and ensuring that the hub is delivered to the required specification.</p> <p>It is important for us to encourage families to 'Get out and Get active'. The 'children's area' remains a favourite for local families to spend time in a space, that helps to engage and keep them amused.</p> <p>While the development of the hub didn't allow more time for bigger events or activities, there is ongoing development of the wetlands.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity makes available to all Trustees the requirements and guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	While there has been a hiatus to the normal events calendar because of the hub development, decorations were put up for Halloween and Christmas, tree planting continued to take place in the year and corporate activity days continued following the end of lock-down.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	There were total funds of £50,826 at the end of the reporting period and -£24,820 of net income achieved over the year. The charity now owns PPE of £271,423 as at 31 st March 2024.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The target level of reserves, from unrestricted funds, is 3 months' worth of expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£14,398
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Applicant fills out a fit & proper persons declaration form and is interviewed by the Chair. There are a maximum number of 12 Trustees, as per the constitution.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Firs Farm
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1177069
Charity's principal address	Firs Farm Community Hub, Firs Lane, Winchmore Hill, London, N21 2PJ

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Toni Guiver	Chair		
2	Paul Guiver	Trustee		
3	Chris Ferrary	Trustee		
4	Geraldine Cosh	Trustee		
5	Lisa Chapman	Trustee		
6	Simon Jarosch	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
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-		
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
-		
-		
-		
-		
-		
-		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details


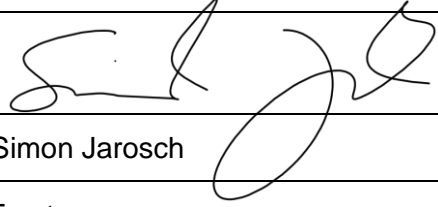
N/a

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Toni Guiver	Simon Jarosch
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee

Date 30th January 2025

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM

England & Wales - Charity number 1177069

Accounts

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM

Charity Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O)

Financial Statements

For the period ended

31st March 2023

Registered Charity No: 1177069

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2023

Principal address:

253 Firs Lane
Winchmore Hill
London
N21 2PH

Trustees and Committee Members:

Toni Guiver
Helen Osman
Soulla Thomas
Lisa Chapman
Geraldine Cosh
Chris Ferrary
Simon Jarosch

Governing document

The organisation is operated under the rules of its constitution.

Bankers:

HSBC Bank PLC
1 The Town
Enfield, EN2 6LD

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2023

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FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2023

Trustees' Report

Annual Report

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the period ending 31st March 2023, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a trustees' report and accounts for Charities Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the constitution, and 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 2015).

Financial Review

Substantial sums were received in the year ended 31st March 2023 for the construction of the community hub. Most of the funds received were spent in the year with the largest share going on building costs (£239,511) and the foundation for the building (£76,343).

More events took place during the year as well, including an eco club and Halloween and winter trails, which attracted donations from the public.

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FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2023

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Toni Guiver



Chair

30th January 2024

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

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Groundworks		122,977	122,977	
Garfield		10,000	10,000	
Bernard Sunley		10,000	10,000	
National Lottery Fund		10,000	10,000	
Crowdfunding		26,894	26,894	
TG Lynes		7,500	7,500	
Interest on account	313		313	
Chapman Charitable Trust		1,000	1,000	
Halloween	159		159	
Winter trail	502		502	
Calendar		197	197	
Tree planting	415	804	1,219	
Other fundraising				403
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	3,608	330,033	333,641	72,126
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Expenditure				
Project Activities		454	454	128
Festivals & Events				164
Equipment	4		4	636
General Administration Cost		257	257	39
Consumables & Maintenance	534	32	566	
Other expenses		67	67	165
Professional fees		1,130	1,130	559
Prizes & giveaways		193	193	
Hub expenses		77,885	77,885	
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	538	80,019	80,557	1,691
Net Incomings and (outgoings)	3,070	250,014	253,084	70,435
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	5,981	88,003	93,984	23,550
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MAR	9,052	338,017	347,068	93,984

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2023

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets			
Debtor		-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand		107,556	93,984
Deposit and Cash		-	-
Non-current Assets			
Asset Under Construction		239,511	-
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: Falling due within one year		-	-
Accruals and Creditors		-	-
Net Assets		<u>347,068</u>	<u>93,984</u>
As Represented By:			
Restricted Fund		338,017	88,686
Unrestricted fund		9,052	5,298
Total Funds		<u>347,068</u>	<u>93,984</u>

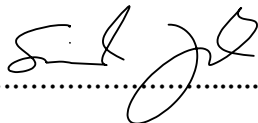
The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 13th June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



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Chair

Toni Guiver



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Treasurer

Simon Jarosch

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2023

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting Basis

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Friends of Firs Farm meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis:

The Charity trustees are of the view that measures taken in reviewing organisational costs regularly and successful in applying for continuation funding have secured the immediate future of the Charity for the next 12 months and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

2. Cash Flow Statement

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

3. Incoming resources

Income is recognised in the period to which it relates, unless specified otherwise by the funder. Project funding is, in general, repayable if not expended within the relevant project. Such income is only recognised to the extent that it ceases to be repayable. The income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

4. Resource Expendable

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

5. Equipment

Equipment was purchased to support the clearing of the ponds, maintenance equipment for the play area and eco club.

6. Fixed assets

The organisation is in the process of constructing the community hub. It is expected that the hub will be fully operational by Q1 2024. Until that time the building is classified as an Asset Under Construction (AUC). The AUC is £239,511, which is the capitalised expenditure on the construction of the hub. There has been no depreciation or write-offs in the reporting period.

Following the completion of the building on receipt of the completion certificate, the asset will be reclassified as a tangible fixed asset.

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2023

7. Restricted Fund

Restricted funds of £330,254 were received, mainly in relation to the Community Hub. The restricted fund balance carried forward into 2024 is £338,017 relating primarily to the community hub that is recorded as an Asset Under Construction at £239,511.

8. Unrestricted Fund

Unrestricted funds were generated from Donation & fundraising. The current balance of £9,052 is carried forward into the next financial year. These are accumulated to enable the organisation to continue its activities in case of loss of funding and to meet organisational objectives in line with the reserve policy.

9. Staff Cost

The organisation has no paid staff on payroll.

There were no transactions of any nature with any of the Trustees

AGM Report

Community working together to help shape how our park works, is maintained, & protected

Friends of Firs Farm Wetlands Park & Playing Fields AGM



13th June 2023

This report is to highlight the achievements and the aims of the group 'Friends of Firs Farm (FOFF)' for the twelve-month period to 31st March 2023.

Message from the Trustees – Thank you for your continued support with this special blue-green space!

Community hub

We may have gone through Covid, but the repercussions were still with us during this past year. The result of which was a huge increase in the build costs in addition to the difficulties in accessing materials and labour. Thankfully work progressed throughout 2022 due mostly to the fact that we managed to raise a further £200k to cover the additional build costs.

The first spade went into the ground to begin the work on the foundations after which on 31st January 2023 we welcomed the craning in of the six modular building that have since been joined, sealed and now wait for the utilities connections to be completed before the internal fitout later in 2023.

We thank our many sponsors for their patience who include Sport England, Enfield council, and Thames Water. There will be more of an update on the Hub at the AGM meeting.

Crematorium

It was confirmed by the council in 2022, that this will not be progressing in Firs Farm.

Events

This past year included the NEW and well attended Winter walk with a popular Santas Grotto, organised by local elves supported by the Boys Brigade

Thank you to the Firs Farm Volunteers

This much valued team of dedicated people have for the 9th year running given up their own time for free to help make a difference to this much-loved blue & green community space. Firs Farm would not be what it is today without them.

Duke of Edinburgh – We continue to see more and more young people joining us each year and for them to get to know and understand more about volunteering in their local wetlands and how they can contribute.

Thank you
The FOFF Trustees

Firs Farm Wetlands and Playing Fields and its unique position in the borough of Enfield brings a diverse community of people together. One of the borough's earliest and largest flood alleviation schemes has in under ten years, evolved into an important blue/green space, a diverse habitat for hundreds more species; enriching the lives of residents. It is also an award-winning wetland, visited by scientific institutions, ecological groups and local authorities from across the country to study both the environmental and amenity benefits in creating an amazing sustainable urban drainage system (SUDs). Recent visitors include ZSL (Zoological Society of London), Imperial College and Brunel University, even though currently Firs Farm has no facilities.

Once the hub is open many environmental & scientific groups are keen to hold workshops to demonstrate their value in reducing water borne pollution and other climate change challenges.

In March 2023 Firs Farm was visited by a party of experts from the EU funded HYDROUSA project, seeking innovative ways of creative circular water systems, who were very complementary about the level of community engagement at Firs Farm. We host both community & company volunteering opportunities.

Information and projects from the twelve months to end of March 2023

Our Trustees and members

We currently have 258 members of which 7 are trustees, with around approximately 20 active volunteers. As a charity we are only as good as our Trustees and members and so we thank all members who got involved in the last year's work for the Friends of Firs Farm and we encourage others who feel that protecting a green space is important for the community to come forward. Whatever skills you believe will support the charity aims, particularly if you have secretary, admin, sport, events, contract or legal skills that will support the charity. We are keen to involve more people with an interest in the history, wildlife, education and environment. If any of these are of interest do please get in touch.

Volunteers & Tree Planting

The Firs Farm volunteers have been busy catching up on many of the gardening tasks in Firs Farm Wetlands. A favourite of ours, is in supporting local young people in achieving their Duke of Edinburgh - Volunteering section. Enfield Society joined forces with us in February 2023 to help tackle much of the invasive vegetation on the Tree bund to the west end of the picnic field. What an amazing team they were – Thank you 😊

Tree planting

As always, the tree planting events were a huge success. It was lovely to see so many from the community who came to get involved with these activities. Fun was had by all including local councillors, families and local school children who came to help plant more than 88 large trees all over 2m tall including white birch, rowan, hazel, Cornus mas (cornelian cherry) and several large fruiting trees. On top of this we planted 500 whips including 50 cherry plums, over the past 12 months. Both the Cornus mass (planted December 2022) and the Japanese Sakura project Cherry Trees (planted 2021) were a wonderful sight in full bloom early 2023. Tasks to water, weed and mulch these continue to be carried out by regular volunteers and residents. This important planting and care of our trees, supports mitigating some of the climate change, attracts and supports further wildlife.

Get out & Get Active in Firs Farm

It is important for us to continue encouraging families to 'Get out and Get Active' in Firs Farm. We have held a number of events throughout the year which have proved to be popular even though these have been lowkey due to only coming out of the Covid pandemic in 2022. The long-term project of the multi-sport pitch is unfortunately still in limbo with the council. Sadly, this project would have made a difference to the local hockey and football teams this year and we continue to encourage the council to now progress this project to no avail. The councils Enfield Sports strategy (adopted April 2018) has yet to be progressed by the council. Our intention of the Hub is to regenerate interest in sport at Firs Farm in addition to the popular tennis courts that we were instrumental in bringing back to Firs Farm in 2018.

Wildlife

The terrapins appear to have moved on where we do not at this point know Have you seen them?. Egyptian geese have had several reasonably successful broods in the past year. Incredibly the last batch for 2022 hatched in October. It is good to see protected species are still thriving e.g.: water voles, slow worms, and stag beetles to name but a few.

Annual Council Walkabout – Gates and bins!

The annual ‘Walkabout’ with the council parks officers, councillors and the FOFF last took place in 2022.

This meeting is an opportunity to discuss concerns and aspirations for the park. We are still in discussions with the council in terms of the paths, vegetation, benches all-round the 1 mile circuit, and entrance to the car park including DDA parking. Some progress early Spring 2023 with working group from the council helping to reduce brambles as these have spread quite significantly over the Covid period.

Gating and fencing for better site security is still something that we have to carry forward due to the time spent on the Hub Building. We will share updates of future maintenance / improvements / changes as and when we are in a position to do so.

Social Media / Google maps / website

We currently reviewing our website to giving with a view to launching a new look site in the coming year 2023/24. Look out for a bright new website before the year end. We will continue using Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Our rating on Googles maps remains at a healthy 4.5. (532 good reviews).

Google reports that the average time spent there by visitors is 45 minutes we expect this figure to change once the community hub is built.

Funding/donations

Funds/pledges have again increased this last year particularly around the community hub. Please refer to the Finance report for further information.

Summary

In summary, FOFF, a registered Charity, dedicated to maintaining and protecting the park and wildlife for public benefit. The friends are an active group which is evidenced by volunteer hours since inception of **more than 23,000**.

There is **no membership fee** in order to keep the group ‘open to all’, although donations are always welcome.

☺ Come and join us and show that you **L♥ve your Green Space**.

Thank you

The Trustees of Friends of Firs Farm
Registered Charity 1177069

Independent Examiner's Report



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on
the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of

Friends of Firs Farm

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

Charity no.:	1177069	Company no.:	-
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Set out on pages

1-14
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

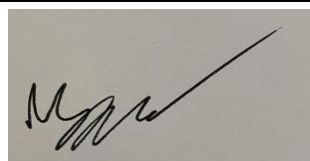
Independent examiner's statement

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date: 26/01/2024

Name: Nicholas Hayes

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales

Address: 58 Brooklands Park

London

SE3 9AJ



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2022 Period start date To 31st March 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Friends of Firs Farm

Charity registration number: 1177069

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity brings the community together for events, interests, and sporting / other in/outdoor activities, as well as providing volunteer opportunities, reduce loneliness and encourage healthier lifestyles.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The main activity was the development and installation of the community hub. It has been many years in the making and getting the shell on site in January 2023 was an enormous achievement. Many areas remain to be completed, including the connection of the utilities, but the hub has gone from its conceptual stage to a reality. It is a massive undertaking with the FoFF coordinating all the workstreams and ensuring that the hub is delivered to the required specification.</p> <p>In 2022/23 a further 2,000+ trees were planted. The extreme heat in July and August caused stress to the young trees, so watering facilities were installed and volunteers helped to water them.</p> <p>It is important for us to encourage families to 'Get out and Get active'. The 'children's area' remains a favourite for local families to spend time in a space, that helps to engage and keep them amused. New additions include a chess table and new seating. Unfortunately, vandalism resulted in the loss of the musical toys.</p> <p>While the development of the hub didn't allow more time for bigger events or activities, there is ongoing development of the wetlands with an interpretation of both history and the orchard to provide an audio guide to the wetlands. Also, new benches were ordered to assist particularly those less able to access the 1-mile circuit around Firs Farm.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	The charity makes available to all Trustees the requirements and guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Commission on public benefit		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	While there has been a hiatus to the normal events calendar because of the hub development, decorations were put up for Halloween and Christmas, tree planting continued to take place in the year and corporate activity days continued following the end of lock-down.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	There were total funds of £107,778 at the end of the reporting period and £13,794 of net income achieved over the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The target level of reserves, from unrestricted funds, is 3 months' worth of expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£9,052
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Applicant fills out a fit & proper persons declaration form and is interviewed by the Chair. There are a maximum number of 12 trustees, as per the constitution.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Firs Farm
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1177069

Charity's principal address	253 Firs Lane, Winchmore Hill, London,N21 2PH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Toni Guiver	Chair		
2	Helen Osman	Trustee		
3	Soulla Thomas	Trustee		
4	Lisa Chapman	Trustee		
5	Geraldine Cosh	Trustee		
6	Chris Ferrary	Trustee		
7	Simon Jarosch	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
-		
-		
-		
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-		
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details


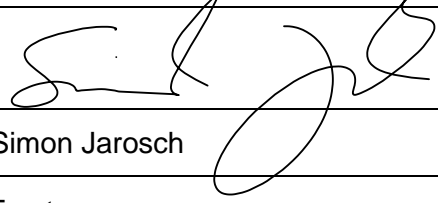
N/a

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Toni Guiver	Simon Jarosch
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	30 th January 2024	

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM

England & Wales - Charity number 1177069

Accounts

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM

Charity Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O)

Financial Statements

For the period ended

31st March 2022

Registered Charity No: 1177069

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2022

Principal address:

253 Firs Lane
Winchmore Hill
London
N21 2PH

Trustees and Committee Members:

Toni Guiver
Gail Nielen
Helen Osman
Soulla Thomas
Lisa Chapman
Geraldine Cosh
Chris Ferrary
Simon Jarosch

Governing document

The organisation is operated under the rules of its constitution.

Bankers:

HSBC Bank PLC
1 The Town
Enfield, EN2 6LD

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2022

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FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2022

Trustees' Report

Annual Report

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the period ending 31st March 2022, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a trustees' report and accounts for Charities Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the constitution, and 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 2015).

Financial Review

Despite lock-downs throughout most of the year, there were donations from the public and the donation from the Council for the community hub was received. However, many activities were still not possible to take place, so expenditure remained low. Primarily due to the grant from the Council, the charity was able to increase its assets by £70,435.

Structure, Governance and Management

Friends of Firs Farm is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution, dated 31st March 2019.

Membership of the CIO is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes and, who by applying for membership, has indicated agreement to become a member and accept the duties of membership. If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

The affairs of the charity are managed on a day to day basis by the trustees, who may exercise all the powers of the CIO.

The trustees who served during the period are shown on page 2 of this report.

Appointment of Trustees

In accordance with the terms of the constitution, there must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below the minimum, the remaining trustees can act only to call a meeting of the trustees or appoint a new trustee.

The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum.

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting by a decision of the members.

Each new trustee is given a copy of the constitution and the latest trustees' annual report and accounts, on or before appointment.

Our volunteers

Friends of Firs Farm is very involved in the community and relies on voluntary help. Around 20 volunteers assist with our on-going activities. We wish to thank our volunteers for their loyal support and contribution.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity undertake.
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The Trustees constantly review risks relevant to the charity. Any risks identified are reported to the Trustees and decisions made on how to minimise risk.

Reserves policy and going concern

The Trustees have assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. As a result, the Trustees have approved a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed, should be held in reserve and maintained at a level which ensures that Friends of Firs Farm core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The target reserve amount represents at least 3 months' (12 weeks) expenditure and will be reviewed annually.

Organisational Charitable Objects

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 of the public in North London / Enfield by supporting the preservation, promotion and improvement of Firs Farm Wetlands Park & Playing Fields.

Trustees and Their Responsibilities

Charity trustees are the people who serve on the governing body of a charity. They may be known as trustees, directors, board members, governors or committee members. The principles and main duties are the same in all cases.

Trustees have, and must accept, ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of a charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and meeting the needs for which it has been set up.

Achievements

Please refer to the AGM report.

Future Plan

The organisation will continue to generate income and fundraise to support its increasing demand for its services for public benefit.

Planning application for the community hub has been approved and plans are underway to build the hub. Everyone is very excited to see the long-awaited plans come to fruition.

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2022

We thank all volunteers and members for their valuable support in achieving our goals and objectives for the year.

Signed on behalf of all Trustees

Toni Guiver

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toni Guiver', written in a cursive style.

Chair

30th January 2023

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM

Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31st March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donation	1,004	70,500	71,504	226
Enfield In Bloom	-	-	-	-
Groundworks	-	-	-	-
Winter Wonderland	-	-	-	5
Forest school	-	218	218	1,314
Other fundraising	403	-	403	193
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	1,407	70,718	72,126	1,738
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Expenses in raising funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable Expenditure				
Project Activities	128	-	128	27
Festivals & Events	164	-	164	-
Equipment (5)	604	32	636	806
General Administration costs	39	-	39	118
Other expenses	165	-	165	-
Professional fees	69	490	559	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	1,169	522	1,691	951
Net Incomings and (outgoings)	238	70,196	70,435	787
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	5,060	18,490	23,550	22,817
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	5,298	88,686	93,984	23,604

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2022

Balance Sheet

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM Balance Sheet as at 31st MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Current Assets	(6)		
Debtor		-	108
Cash at Bank and in Hand		93,984	23,550
Deposit and Cash		-	-
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: Falling due within one year		-	(54)
Accruals and Creditors		-	-
Net Assets		93,984	23,604
As Represented By:			
Restricted Fund	(7)	88,686	19,994
Unrestricted fund	(8)	5,298	3,610
Total Funds		93,984	23,604

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 8th June 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



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Chair

Toni Guiver



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Treasurer

Simon Jarosch

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2022

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4. Resource Expendable

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

5. Equipment

Equipment was purchased to support the clearing of the ponds, maintenance equipment for the play area and eco club.

6. Fixed assets

The organisation has no fixed assets.

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2022

7. Restricted Fund

Restricted funds of £70,718 were received, mainly in relation to the Community Hub. Expenditure of restricted funds took place for the year ended 2022 relating to the planning application for the community hub (£490) and the eco club (£32). The restricted fund balance carried forward into 2022 is £88,686.

8. Unrestricted Fund

Unrestricted funds were generated from Donation & fundraising. The current balance of £5,298 is carried forward into the next financial year. These are accumulated to enable the organisation to continue its activities in case of loss of funding and to meet organisational objectives in line with the reserve policy.

9. Staff Cost

The organisation has no paid staff on payroll.

There were no transactions of any nature with any of the Trustees.

AGM Report

Community working together to help shape how our park works, is maintained, & protected

Friends of Firs Farm Wetlands Park & Playing Fields AGM



8th June 2022

This report is to highlight the achievements and the aims of the group 'Friends of Firs Farm (FOFF)' for the twelve-month period to 31st March 2022.

Message from the Trustees – Thank you for your support on saving our green space!

Over the last year, Firs Farm wetlands has continued to thrive despite the rumblings of the green space being used for a crematorium as seen in the Enfield draft local plan (published in Summer 2021). This proposal galvanised many of the community e.g. over 2000 signatures in objection to the proposal and we are still awaiting the council's confirmation that this is not going ahead. We will keep you informed but the solid and overwhelming response from this community has really been heartening in its support. A big thank you to all.

As usual, and since the pandemic, this green space has proven to be a 'life saver' for families and many of the community who need to experience and engage with wildlife and fresh air. The park volunteers have continued to carry on with the planting plan and have seen more than 300 saplings as well as numerous statement trees being planted. Long term this planting mitigates some of the climate change and attracts and supports further wildlife. Fun was had by all including local councillors, school and nursery children and another thank you to all those who have been watering the 'Japanese Sakura project' cherry trees. This year it has also seen the orchard improved and we have added another 10-12 fruit trees.

Despite lock downs, the volunteers have continued to develop themed trails for children to enjoy and they have continued to maintain the whole of the green and blue space. Without this much valued team of dedicated people, firs farm would not be so beautiful.

Many of you have been asking about the community hub which will be a community asset for all to enjoy. This is being progressed behind the scenes. The trustees have been working hard on planning permission (now granted), raising further capital as costs escalate and exploring potential building and catering contractors. We want to thank our sponsors for their patience who include Sport England, Enfield council, and Thames Water.

Other long term projects are the multi-sport pitch and this is still in limbo with the council. Sadly, this project would have made a difference to the local hockey and football teams this year and we continue to encourage the council to now progress this project. The councils Enfield Sports strategy – adopted in April 2018 has yet to be progressed by the council. Gating and fencing is another project which the FOFF are hoping to progress but looking for support post-hub development. There has been success in increasing the number of bins in populated areas to reduce litter.

The wildlife has thrived again this year and we are seeing a wealth of species within the boundaries. Protected species such as water voles, slow worms, and stag beetles plus many other species: newts, fogs, swans, Egyptian geese, cormorants, hedge sparrows, swallows, song thrush, gold finch, herons, woodpeckers to name a few.

Thank you

The FOFF Trustees

What has been accomplished during the past twelve months?

In addition to the usual business of the Friends to ensure we further our purposes and encourage all to participate in the park (refer to the 2021 AGM report), we have the following to share with you:

1- Awareness of crematorium plans from the Enfield draft local plan (Summer 2021)

Having not been informed by the council of the proposal to site the crematorium on the green space, the FoFF decided to set up an information day for the community on Sunday 5th September. Thank you again to all the volunteers who delivered flyers and posters to the local businesses and households when we set up an information before the consultation finished (end date 13th September), FoFF gathered more than 2459 Signatures and sent them to the council. Further letters and emails have been sent separately from concerned residents (about this proposal to have a crematorium in the park) especially when the trustees have been working hard on developing a community hub. Following the submission of these signatures, the FoFF did meet with the leader of the council and other officers to discuss the future plans and vision for the park and the possible impact of the proposal. The scrutiny meeting took place in December (CF/HO to update this section)

2- Launch of urban wetlands design guide with Zoological Society London

August 2021, FoFF joined an event with the council, Thames Water, Thames 21 organised by the Zoological Society to showcase the Wetlands and to launch this Guide. Copy available using this link https://www.zsl.org/sites/default/files/2021_Urban%20Wetlands_FINAL%5B125594%5D.pdf. This event celebrated the work of both the FoFF, local community and the council and what can be achieved when all stakeholders work together.

3- Celebration of past year Trustees achievements including new members

As a charity we are only as good as our Trustees and members and so we thank all members who got involved in the last year's sessions. We encourage others who feel that protecting a green space is important for the community to come forward whatever skills they believe will support the charity aims, particularly if you have fundraising, admin, sport, events or legal skills that will support the charity.

The Japanese Sakura project Cherry Trees planted earlier in 2021, now have added protection of stakes and cages which will remain in place for the next 3/5 years to help prevent damage to these special young trees. Tasks to water, weed and mulch these continue to be carried out by regular volunteers and local residents.

The annual Blue/Green space 'Walkabout' with the council parks officers, councillors and the FoFF last took place in August 2021. This meeting is an opportunity to discuss concerns and aspirations for the park. Sadly this has not progressed since the previous years walkabout due to the council staff changes. We have arranged a further meeting to review with the council and will share the updates on what will happen in terms of future maintenance and future improvements / changes once this has taken place.

Children at play– It is important for us to encourage families to 'Get out and Get active'. The 'children's area' remains a favourite for local families to spend time in a space, that helps to engage and keep them amused. New additions include a chess table and new seating.

FoFF Eco club–The last year has seen the return of this popular activity in Firs Farm. No matter the weather, children have flocked to attend these events.

Wildlife: Sadly with the growing number and size of the terrapins that were literally dumped in the wetlands almost 4 years ago, remains a problem. We have lost many eggs and small invertebrates which is having a serious impact on the water wildlife numbers. The plan is to try to capture these and have them shipped out to a more suitable space for them to live out their predator years.

Working with third parties/stakeholders/business.

- FOFF continue to work with Enfield council to review the key milestones for Firs Farm transformation. This includes progressing the community hub and delivering a temporary structure in the next year.
- We encourage corporate volunteering in Firs Farm and have led a number of groups in the past year which has supported the work, tools and equipment for volunteering.

1. Membership / Volunteers

There are no fees charged for membership, although donations are always welcome.

2. Social Media / Google maps

We currently have 1700 facebook followers, 700 on Twitter and 1,460 on Instagram.

Our rating on Googles maps remains at a healthy 4.5. (501 good reviews).

Google reports that the average time spent there by visitors is 45 minutes. We expect this figure to change once the community hub is built. Watch this space for the upcoming changes later on in 2022!

3. Funding/donations

Funds/pledges have increased this last year particularly around the community hub. Please refer to the Finance report for further information. Thanks to an anonymous donor, we were in a position to fund our campaign against the councils proposed crematorium. In addition, donations to us via social media go towards supporting our family initiatives.

The Friends applied for a number of funds, so kindly refer to the Treasurers report for the complete list of all donations received during the past year.

What does the Future hold for Firs Farm and our much loved green space?

- The community hub development is an ongoing project please bear with us.
- Events that will safely bring our community together.

Summary – In summary, FOFF, a registered Charity, dedicated to maintaining and protecting the park and wildlife for public benefit. The friends are an active group which is evidenced by volunteer hours since inception **in excess of 20,000**. There is **no membership fee** in order to keep the group 'open to all'.

Come and join us and show that you **L♥ve your Green Space.**

Thank you

**The Trustees of Friends of Firs Farm
Registered Charity 1177069**

Independent Examiner's Report



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on
the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of

Friends of Firs Farm

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2022

Charity no.:	1177069	Company no.:	-
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Set out on pages

1-14
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

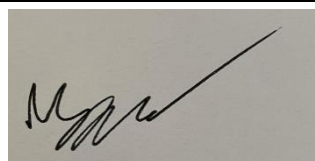
Independent examiner's statement

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date: 26/01/2023

Name: Nicholas Hayes

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales

Address: 58 Brooklands Park

London

SE3 9AJ



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2021 Period start date **To 31st March 2022** Period end date

Charity name: Friends of Firs Farm

Charity registration number: 1177069

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity brings the community together for events, interests, and sporting / other in/outdoor activities, as well as providing volunteer opportunities, reduce loneliness and encourage healthier lifestyles.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Awareness of crematorium plans from the Enfield draft local plan (Summer 2021)</p> <p>Launch of urban wetlands design guide with Zoological Society London</p> <p>Celebration of past year Trustees achievements including new members</p> <p>The Japanese Sakura project Cherry Trees planted earlier in 2021, now have added protection of stakes and cages which will remain in place for the next 3/5 years to help prevent damage to these special young trees. The annual Blue/Green space 'Walkabout' with the council parks officers, councillors and the FOFF last took place in August 2021.</p> <p>Children at play – It is important for us to encourage families to 'Get out and Get active'. The 'children's area' remains a favourite for local families to spend time in a space, that helps to engage and keep them amused. New additions include a chess table and new seating.</p> <p>FOFF Eco club–The last year has seen the return of this popular activity in Firs Farm. No matter the weather, children have flocked to attend these events.</p> <p>Wildlife: Sadly with the growing number and size of the terrapins that were literally dumped in the wetlands almost 4 years ago, remains a problem. We have lost many eggs and small invertebrates which is having a serious impact on the water wildlife numbers. The plan is to try to capture these and have them shipped out to a more suitable space for them to live out their predator years.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity	Para 1.18	The charity makes available to all Trustees the requirements and guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Commission on public benefit		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	While there has been a hiatus to the normal events calendar because of the lockdowns and pandemic induced restrictions, Enfield in Bloom took place, decorations were put up for Halloween and Christmas, tree planting continued to take place in the year and preparations are underway for the community hub.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	There were total funds of £93,984 at the end of the reporting period and £70,735 of net income achieved over the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The target level of reserves, from unrestricted funds, is 3 months' worth of expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,298
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Applicant fills out a fit & proper persons declaration form and is interviewed by the Chair. There are a maximum number of 12 trustees, as per the constitution.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Firs Farm
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1177069

Charity's principal address	253 Firs Lane, Winchmore Hill, London,N21 2PH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Toni Guiver	Chair		
2	Gail Nielen	Secretary		
3	Helen Osman	Trustee		
4	Soulla Thomas	Trustee		
5	Lisa Chapman	Trustee		
6	Geraldine Cosh	Trustee		
7	Chris Ferrary	Trustee		
8	Simon Jarosch	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details


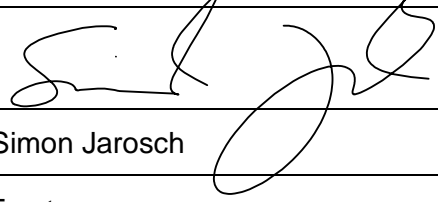
N/a

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Toni Guiver	Simon Jarosch
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	30 th January 2023	

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM

England & Wales - Charity number 1177069

Accounts

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM

Charity Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O)

Financial Statements

For the period ended

31st March 2021

Registered Charity No: 1177069

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2021

Principal address:

253 Firs Lane
Winchmore Hill
London
N21 2PH

Trustees and Committee Members:

Toni Guiver
Gail Nielen
Helen Osman
Soulla Thomas
Lisa Chapman
Geraldine Cosh
Chris Ferrary
Simon Jarosch

Governing document

The organisation is operated under the rules of its constitution.

Bankers:

HSBC Bank PLC
1 The Town
Enfield, EN2 6LD

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2021

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FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2021

Trustees' Report

Annual Report

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the period ending 31st March 2021, which are prepared to meet the requirements for a trustees' report and accounts for Charities Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the constitution, and 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 2015).

Financial Review

It was a tough year with lockdowns and restrictions reducing donations. Less than a fifth was donated in the year ended 2021 compared to the prior year. However, many planned activities had to be cancelled, which reduced the expenditure even further. As a result, even against lower donations the charity was able to increase its assets by £787.

Structure, Governance and Management

Friends of Firs Farm is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission and governed by its constitution, dated 31st March 2019.

Membership of the CIO is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes and, who by applying for membership, has indicated agreement to become a member and accept the duties of membership. If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

The affairs of the charity are managed on a day to day basis by the trustees, who may exercise all the powers of the CIO.

The trustees who served during the period are shown on page 2 of this report.

Appointment of Trustees

In accordance with the terms of the constitution, there must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below the minimum, the remaining trustees can act only to call a meeting of the trustees or appoint a new trustee.

The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum.

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting by a decision of the members.

Each new trustee is given a copy of the constitution and the latest trustees' annual report and accounts, on or before appointment.

Our volunteers

Friends of Firs Farm is very involved in the community and relies on voluntary help. Around 20 volunteers assist with our on-going activities. We wish to thank our volunteers for their loyal support and contribution.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity undertake.
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The Trustees constantly review risks relevant to the charity. Any risks identified are reported to the Trustees and decisions made on how to minimise risk.

Reserves policy and going concern

The Trustees have assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. As a result, the Trustees have approved a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed, should be held in reserve and maintained at a level which ensures that Friends of Firs Farm core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The target reserve amount represents at least 3 months' (12 weeks) expenditure and will be reviewed annually.

Organisational Charitable Objects

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 of the public in North London / Enfield by supporting the preservation, promotion and improvement of Firs Farm Wetlands Park & Playing Fields.

Trustees and Their Responsibilities

Charity trustees are the people who serve on the governing body of a charity. They may be known as trustees, directors, board members, governors or committee members. The principles and main duties are the same in all cases.

Trustees have, and must accept, ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of a charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and meeting the needs for which it has been set up.

Achievements

Please refer to the AGM report.

Future Plan

The organisation will continue to generate income and fundraise to support its increasing demand for its services for public benefit.

Planning application for the community hub has been approved and plans are underway to build the hub. Everyone is very excited to see the long awaited plans come to fruition.

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2021

We thank all volunteers and members for their valuable support in achieving our goals and objectives for the year.

Signed on behalf of all Trustees

Toni Guiver



Chair

30th January 2022

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)Period Ended 31st March 2021**Statement of Financial Activities**

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM
Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31st March 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
INCOMING RESOURCES	(3)	£	£	£	£
Donation		26	200	226	6,735
Enfield In Bloom		-	-	-	100
Groundworks		-	-	-	5,000
Winter Wonderland		5	-	5	-
Forest school		-	1,314	1,314	-
Other fundraising		193	-	193	3,307
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		224	1,514	1,738	15,142
RESOURCES EXPENDED	(4)				
Expenses in raising funds		-	-	-	490
Charitable Expenditure					
Project Activities		27	-	27	8,322
Festivals & Events		-	-	-	2,538
Equipment	(5)	806	-	806	-
General Administration costs		118	-	118	266
Professional fees		-	-	-	500
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		951	-	951	12,116
Net Incomings and (outgoings)		(727)	1,514	787	3,026
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		4,337	18,480	22,817	19,791
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		3,610	19,994	23,604	22,817

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2021

Balance Sheet

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM Balance Sheet as at 31st MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Current Assets	(6)		
Debtor		108	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand		23,550	22,817
Deposit and Cash		-	-
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: Falling due within one year		(54)	-
Accruals and Creditors		-	-
Net Assets		<u>23,604</u>	<u>22,817</u>
As Represented By:			
Restricted Fund	(7)	19,994	18,480
Unrestricted fund	(8)	3,610	4,337
Total Funds		<u>23,604</u>	<u>22,817</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 24th June 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



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Chair

Toni Guiver



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Treasurer

Simon Jarosch

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2021

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting Basis

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Friends of Firs Farm meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis:

The Charity trustees are of the view that measures taken in reviewing organisational costs regularly and successful in applying for continuation funding have secured the immediate future of the Charity for the next 12 months and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

2. Cash Flow Statement

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

3. Incoming resources

Income is recognised in the period to which it relates, unless specified otherwise by the funder. Project funding is, in general, repayable if not expended within the relevant project. Such income is only recognised to the extent that it ceases to be repayable. The income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

4. Resource Expendable

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

5. Equipment

Equipment was purchased to support litter picking activities (£274), materials for the mud kitchen (£230) and materials for the music wall (£223).

6. Fixed assets

The organisation has no fixed assets.

7. Unrestricted Fund

Unrestricted funds were generated from Donation & fundraising. The current balance of £3,610 is carried forward into the next financial year.

FRIENDS OF FIRS FARM (1177069)

Period Ended 31st March 2021

These are accumulated to enable the organisation to continue its activities in case of loss of funding and to cover cost which is not funded by funders but to meet our organisational objectives in line with our reserve policy.

8. Restricted Fund

Restricted funds of £1,514 were received, mainly in relation to the Eco Club through facebook fundraising.

No expenditure of restricted funds took place for the year ended 2021. Preparations are underway to utilise these funds once the lockdown eases. The restricted fund balance carried forward into 2022 is £19,994.

There were no transactions of any nature with any of the Trustees

AGM Report

Community working together to help shape how our park works, is maintained, & protected

Friends of Firs Farm Wetlands Park & Playing Fields AGM



24th June 2021

This report is to highlight the achievements and the aims of the group 'Friends of Firs Farm (FOFF)' for the twelve-month period to 31st March 2021.

Message from the Trustees – we need more people and support – call for skills!

Over the last year, Firs Farm wetlands has proven to be a ‘life saver’ for families and many of the community who need to experience and engage with wildlife and fresh air. The park has had an increase in footfall as some of the community realise the benefits of the park especially the newly reinvigorated children’s area for families with young people.

Over the years, footfall has seen to be increasing based on a one entrance survey, and saw an uplift from Autumn 2019 to Autumn 2020 of 200%. As a result, this shows that even in a difficult and challenging year the Friends of Firs farm has been successful in creating interesting initiatives in the park such as children’s trails, Themed seasonal areas and hidden green rooms where users can find some alone time off the normal mile circuit. This has attracted the community in using the park extensively for leisure activities even in socially distanced times. The FOFF have been working with the council to ensure that picnic tables are covered, notices on social distancing are visible around the park.

Despite visitor numbers to the park, wildlife has thrived and we are seeing a wealth of species within the boundaries. Protected species such as water voles, slow worms, and stag beetles plus many other species: newts, fogs, swans, Egyptian geese, cormorants, hedge sparrows, swallows, song thrush, gold finch, herons, woodpeckers to name a few.

The wetlands and park has been a valuable asset for many, however, this success comes at a cost. We have experienced high levels of litter, fly tipping on a regular basis and ant-social behaviour. In November 2020, sadly we did see a serious police incident and as a result, concerns were raised both by community and police that we consider gating and fencing the park. The council have signposted additional funding for the Friends to access and to ultimately improve the security of the park. In addition, the park’s paths and banks have become eroded. The friends continue to work on this during the next year including increasing the number of bins in populated areas to reduce litter.

Unfortunately, working with the council has been frustrating and challenging this year with outstanding actions from both community hub and multi-sport pitch not fulfilled and the potential loss of solid funding, generated by FOFF. In addition, we have missed out on potential funding pots and grants. We are highly optimistic that progress will be made once COVID-19 becomes less of an issue.

As always we must end by saying a big ‘THANK YOU’ to all the volunteers and supporters for their hard work and dedication over the last 12 challenging months.

Thank you

The FOFF Trustees

What has been accomplished during the past twelve months?

In addition to the usual business of the Friends to ensure we further our purposes and encourage all to participate in the park (refer to the 2018 AGM report), we have the following to share with you:

1. **Celebration of past year Trustees achievements including new members**

As a charity we are only as good as our Trustees and so we thank the new members who got involved in the last year's sessions. These members have 'brought to the table' skills and expertise in local business and marketing, financial and planning. However, we would encourage others who feel that protecting a green space is important for the community to come forward whatever skills they believe will support the charity aims, particularly if you have fundraising, events or legal skills that will support the charity.

2. **Dedicated programme of tree planting in Firs Farm (Autumn and early Spring)**

This has not only spanned local trees but also special Japanese trees that we managed to successful bid for.

Native trees: FOFF planted over 300 native parkland trees with the help of a raft of energetic volunteers.

This was done within strict COVID-19 guidance. We also planted more than 100 native hedgerow shrubs.

Japanese trees: The Friends of Firs Farm, Carey Hall Preschool & Winchmore School children planted 30 of these special trees in Firs Farm Wetlands as part of the Japanese Sakura cherry tree project –6,500 will be planted across the country in parks, gardens and schools.

The Sakura Cherry Trees have been distributed to over 400 schools and 160 sites in all four countries of the UK from St Ives to Aberdeen to Londonderry, Cardiff and several of London's biggest parks. The project was formally launched with a planting ceremony at The Regent's Park attended by HRH The Duke of Gloucester, the Japanese Ambassador Yasumasa Nagamine, Joint Chairman of the Sakura Cherry Tree Project Keisaku Sandy Sano and local schoolchildren.

All of the varieties of cherry trees to be planted as part of this project are of Japanese origin. The vast majority will be of three varieties, 'Beni-yutaka', 'Taihaku', and 'Somei-yoshino', which have been chosen for their variation in colour, timing, and historical significance. For example, 'Taihaku' is a large, single white blossom variety, which became extinct in Japan but was reintroduced to its homeland by Britain's Collingwood 'Cherry' Ingram in 1932.

3. **Firs Farm (FF) Transformation Project / improvements/ maintenance...**

Key improvements that have been implemented throughout the year

- **Children's play area** - during lockdown, we realised that families needed to have a space that helps with engaging children and keeping them amused. Hence, we expedited the natural children's play area ('Get out and Get active') and inserted mud kitchens, music wall, stepping posts, and wishing well. We plan further developments in the next year e.g. chess table, seating and wildlife pond.
- **Welcome board with map at the entrance to the A10 with additional new gate** – this has improved the A10 entrance area and safety for all users including youngsters on two wheels.

- **Tree planting:** Since 2021, over a 1000 new trees have now been planted. We plan to further develop the orchard in the coming year and pledge to plant another 100 trees in 2021/2022.
- **British beavers return to Firs Farm**
Water voles (termed British beavers by some) have been identified as taking up residence in the park. They are crucial to help with diversifying the eco system in which they live. The presence of water voles is a testament to the community conservation which has been seen in this green space.
The Enfield council are aware and monitoring the numbers. Voles are legally protected as they have rapidly declined in the UK countryside. Hence, they are a priority conservation species. Their decline is due to lack of habitat and pollution in the waterways.
- **Reinstating the FFFF Eco club proposed** –The last year has seen the friends raise funds to support new eco club e.g. litter helper club (publicised Neo the hero) plus trainer training
- **Wildlife:** increased spotting of wider variety of birds and water fowl. Including red data species House Sparrows, sparrow hawk, grebe, and egret. Surveys to monitor this wildlife, delivered to date, will be published onto the website. Over the last year, we have seen new additions such as swans, woodpeckers and Herons.

Accolades

- Social media sites and overwhelming positive comments from the public.

Working with third parties/stakeholders/business.

- FFFF continue to work with Enfield council to review the key milestones for Firs Farm transformation. This includes progressing the community hub and delivering a temporary structure in next year.
- There has been a hiatus, due to Covid, on work with schools and corporate volunteer events

4. Membership / Volunteers

Despite COVID-19, our current membership continues to grow. For FFFF, there are still no fees charged for membership although donations are always welcome.

5. Social Media / Google maps

We currently have 1428 facebook followers, 668 on Twitter and 1,152 on Instagram.

Our rating on Googles maps remains at a healthy 4.5

We have received 429 good reviews

6. Funding/donations

Funding was down this year but we did have Enfield in bloom plus an anonymous donor generous give us some funds. In addition, donations have been given to us via social media to support family initiatives.

The Friends applied for a number of funds so kindly refer to the Treasurers report for the complete list of all donations received during the past year.

What does the Future hold for Firs Farm and our much loved green space?

- Community hub development which includes the sports facilities is an ongoing project.

- Events that will safely bring our community together (Covid restrictions permitting)

Summary- In summary, FFFF, a registered Charity, dedicated to maintaining and protecting the park and wildlife for public benefit. The friends are an active group which is evidenced by volunteer hours since inception **in excess of 15,000**. There is **no membership fee** in order to keep the group 'open to all'.

Come and join us and show that you **L♥ve your Green Space**.

Thank you

The Trustees of Friends of Firs Farm
Registered Charity 1177069

Independent Examiner's Report



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on
the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of

Friends of Firs Farm

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2021

Charity no.:

1177069

Company no.:

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Set out on pages

1-16

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year 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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

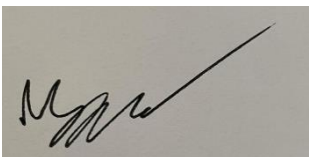
- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or

Independent examiner's statement

- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:		Date: 24/01/2022

Name:	Nicholas Hayes
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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales
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Address:	58 Brooklands Park
	London
	SE3 9AJ



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2020 Period start date To 31st March 2021 Period end date

Charity name: Friends of Firs Farm

Charity registration number: 1177069

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity brings the community together for events, interests, and sporting / other in/outdoor activities, as well as providing volunteer opportunities, reduce loneliness and encourage healthier lifestyles.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Tree planting: Native trees: FOFF planted over 300 native parkland trees with the help of a raft of energetic volunteers. We also planted more than 100 native hedgerow shrubs. Japanese trees: The Friends of Firs Farm, Carey Hall Preschool & Winchmore School children planted 30 of these special trees in Firs Farm Wetlands as part of the Japanese Sakura cherry tree project. Since 20214, over a 1000 new trees have now been planted. We plan to further develop the orchard in the coming year and pledge to plant another 100 trees in 2021/2022.</p> <p>Children's play area: during lockdown, we realised that families needed to have a space that helps with engaging children and keeping them amused. Hence, we expedited the natural children's play area ('Get out and Get active') and inserted mud kitchens, music wall, stepping posts, and wishing well. We plan further developments in the next year e.g. chess table, seating and wildlife pond.</p> <p>Welcome board with map at the entrance to the A10 with additional new gate – this has improved the A10 entrance area and safety for all users including youngsters on two wheels.</p> <p>British beavers return to Firs Farm: Water voles (termed British beavers by some) have been identified as taking up residence in the park. They are crucial to help with diversifying the eco system in which they live. The presence of water voles is a testament to the community conservation which has been seen in this green space. The Enfield council are aware and monitoring the numbers. Voles are legally protected as they have rapidly declined in the UK countryside. Hence, they are a priority conservation species. Their decline is due to lack of habitat and pollution in the waterways.</p>

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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity makes available to all Trustees the requirements and guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	While there has been a hiatus to the normal events calendar because of the lockdowns and pandemic induced restrictions, Enfield in Bloom took place, decorations were put up for Halloween and Christmas and tree planting continued to take place in the year.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	There were total funds of £23,604 at the end of the reporting period and £787 of net income achieved over the year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The target level of reserves, from unrestricted funds, is 3 months' worth of expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3,610
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	The charity is set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)		
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Applicant fills out a fit & proper persons declaration form and is interviewed by the Chair. There are a maximum number of 12 trustees, as per the constitution.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Firs Farm
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1177069
Charity's principal address	253 Firs Lane, Winchmore Hill, London, N21 2PH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Toni Guiver	Chair		
2	Gail Nielen	Secretary		
3	Helen Osman	Trustee		
4	Soulla Thomas	Trustee		
5	Lisa Chapman	Trustee		
6	Geraldine Cosh	Trustee		
7	Chris Ferrary	Trustee		
8	Simon Jarosch	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details


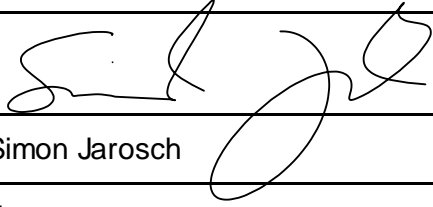
N/a

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Toni Guiver	Simon Jarosch
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	30 th January 2022	