



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01/10/20 **Period start date** **To:** 30/09/21 **Period end date**

Charity name: FRIENDS OF RIDLEY PARK

Charity registration number: 1177588

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Friends of Ridley Park was set up to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• help the inhabitants of Blyth and its surrounding area by providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation.• improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants in the area of benefit by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Ridley Park.
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	Nature activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bug hotel• Wildlife photos• Bird screen maintenance Gardening/park assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tree project• Hedging planted• Light gardening• Litter picking Heritage: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID-19 commemoration plaque• Bill & Ben mascots• FORP CONNECT Fundraising for park entrance project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One Lottery• Easy Fundraising• Amazon Smile• Public donations
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have observed the Commission's statutory guidance on public benefit to improve facilities and activities within Ridley Park.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers have spent 500 hours this year working on the park entrance project. Weekly tasks amount to 20 hours of volunteer time.
Other		

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	<p>The activities of Friends of Ridley Park were once again impacted by COVID-19 and restricted to outdoors.</p> <p>During this financial year FORP received the grant of £15000 which is ringfenced for the park entrance project. A further grant of £5000 was secured, payable once the balance of funding for the park entrance project is achieved. This project will substantially enhance and promote the park to the community. The group continue to fundraise for this project.</p> <p>Due to restricted income, most of the achievements this year relied on volunteer time and minimal or no financial input from Friends of Ridley Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free hedging from NCC tree planting scheme. • Bench painting, using the local Probation service and materials from the County Council. This improves park seating for the general public. • FORP CONNECT - 51 digital editions of newsletter produced to help charity trustees stay in touch, especially those with underlying health conditions, living alone and socially isolated.

		<p>This is valuable archive material of FORP during COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bug hotel was completed and installed by members with information panel designed by FORP. • ZOOM Pro licence was donated, enabling monthly meetings and AGM to take place. It also allowed members to work remotely to review our policies and procedures. • Tree project: two specimen trees were planted, one of which has a dedication plaque to COVID-19 • Bill & Ben scrapbook of photos and timeline was produced. FORP members took them on park outings and joined in the town carnival parade.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Due to COVID 19, all expenditure has been kept to a minimum as our income stream from use of the pavilion has stopped.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Friends of Ridley Park aim to hold £1000 in reserves as this will ensure we can cover our Public Liability insurance costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1000.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
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	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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	Appointed by Charity Trustees of Friends of Ridley Park

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Safeguarding Policy GDPR Policy Health & Safety Policy Equal Opportunities Policy Volunteer Policy
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Ridley Park
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1177588
Charity's principal address	4 Park View Blyth NE24 3AY

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	Fiona Gibson	Chair	2018-present	Trustees of Friends of Ridley Park
2	Gerald Wallace	Vice Chair	2018-present	Trustees of Friends of Ridley Park
3	Stuart Olley	Assistant Secretary	2018-present	Trustees of Friends of Ridley Park
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

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	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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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)	Fiona Mary Gibson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	22 November 2021	

FRIENDS OF RIDLEY PARK

Wensleydale Terrace, Blyth, NE24 3HF

Charity Commission Number: 1177588

Statement of Accounts

For the Year Ended

30th September 2021

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Total Funds at 1st October 2020 2,320.60

RECEIPTS

Membership Fees 39.00

Donations

Collections	130.79	
Donations - General	1,654.02	
Donations - One Lottery Prizes	275.99	
Gift Aid Refunds	68.75	
		2,129.55

Grants

Blyth Town Council - Community Support Grant	15,000.00	
NCC - Empowering Communities Grant	200.00	
		15,200.00

Other Receipts

Amazon Smile Receipts	21.23	
Easy Fundraising Receipts	120.83	
One Lottery Ticket Sales Refunds	878.00	
		1,020.06

TOTAL RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 18,388.61

20,709.21

PAYMENTS
Miscellaneous Project

Insurance - Combined Policy	276.52	
IT Costs - Zoom Software	115.10	
NCC - Gaming Licence for One Lottery	40.00	
Litter Picking Equipment	82.98	
		514.60

Park Entrance Project

Promotional Posters		33.00
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Bird Screen & Nest Boxes Project

Bird Screen - Bird Food	160.00	
Bird Screen - Maintenance	74.21	
		234.21

Tree Trail Project

Trees Purchased	477.60	
Tree Plaque	228.00	
		705.60

Bug Hotel Project

Bug Hotel - Construction Costs		60.73
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TOTAL PAID DURING THE YEAR 1,548.14

Total Funds at 30th September 2021 19,161.07

20,709.21

STATEMENT OF MEMBER'S FUNDS AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Assets & LiabilitiesNotesAssets

Cash at Bank & In Hand:

Balance at Lloyds Bank

19,112.28

Cash in Hand

48.79

Total Assets

19,161.07

Liabilities

Deferred Income:

Blyth Town Council Grant

1 15,000.00

Funds held re Board Game Event

2 25.00

Prepaid Membership Fees

3 1.00

Total Liabilities

(15,026.00)

4,135.07

Represented By:-

Member's Funds:

Miscellaneous Project

1,613.13

Park Entrance Project

2,091.29

Bird Screen & Nest Boxes Project

430.65

4,135.07Notes:

- FORP received a Community Support Grant of £15,000 from Blyth Town Council on 29th March 2021. The grant was offered towards the Park Entrance Project with the proviso that certain conditions be met before the funds were expended; the main condition being that the remaining funds be raised to complete the project. The conditions attached to the grant have, as at the year-end date, not yet been met. Consequently, this amount is treated as Deferred Income as at 30th September 2021 as there is a possibility that it might have to be repaid to Blyth Town Council.
- Dave Foxhall paid a £25.00 deposit on 7th November 2019 to book the pavilion for his board game event. Due to Covid, the event did not take place but Dave asked that we retain his funds pending the re-arrangement of his event at some future date. As at 30th September 2021 the event still hasn't taken place so the £25.00 is now treated as Deferred Income.
- FORP Member Bill Thompson duplicated his membership fee payment during the year. His extra £1.00 fee will be carried forward to the 21/22 financial year and it will be treated as Deferred Income in the accounts as at 30th September 2021.

Signed on behalf of all Trustees:Signature

Fiona McGibson

(Trustee)

Name

FIONA MCGIBSON

Date

25/10/21

Signature

Gerald Wallace

(Trustee)

Name

GERALD WALLACE

Date

25/10/21

FRIENDS OF RIDLEY PARK

Accounts for the Year Ended 30th September 2021

Independent Examiner's Report

Having examined the accounts of "Friends of Ridley Park", the receipts and payments are, to the best of my knowledge, a true and accurate record.

Signed: LJ McDougall

Name: Lindsay John McDougall

Date: 20/10/2021

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