



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01/10/21 **Period start date** **To:** 30/09/22 **Period end date**

Charity name: FRIENDS OF RIDLEY PARK (FORP)

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	<p>FORP was set up to:</p> <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	<p>Park entrance project funding from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Joicey Trust• One Lottery• Easy fundraising• Amazon Smile• Public and corporate donations <p>Nature activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bird screen maintenance• Perennial & bulb planting• Nest box audit• Light gardening• Litter picking• iNaturalist data recording <p>Heritage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill & Ben mascots• FORP CONNECT• Bowl bugs
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees have observed the Commission's statutory guidance on public benefit to improve facilities and activities within Ridley Park.</p>

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	
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>During this financial year FORP received a £5000 grant from The Joicey Trust and £250 from the Port of Blyth which are ringfenced for the park entrance project. Final approval for the balance of funding from a funder is pending. FORP fundraising efforts continued to prioritise the park entrance project which will substantially enhance and promote the park to the community.</p> <p>A grant of £250 was received from the Rotary Club of Blyth to buy perennial plants and bulbs to improve biodiversity and raise awareness amongst the public of collecting wildlife data.</p> <p>Other achievements relied on volunteer time and minimal or no financial input from FORP. Members bring a positive presence to the park to improve the park for all the community. Some members work together on creative projects, while others are active on engagement with groups in the wider community:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th anniversary of FORP. Display of achievements in park pavilion window and Blyth Library. • Weekly <i>Jobs in the Park</i> 356 hours of volunteer time: litter picking, deadheading roses, bird-screen and pavilion maintenance, light gardening, window displays, nest box audit and report. <p>420 hours of volunteer time: meetings, administration, funding applications, creative projects, community engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FORP CONNECT - 12 digital editions of the newsletter were produced to help charity trustees stay in touch, especially those with underlying health conditions, living alone or socially isolated. The newsletter started during COVID-19 and is now considered a valuable archive resource for FORP. • Free trees obtained from Northumberland County Council (NCC) tree planting scheme for the local Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Canopy. • Bill & Ben, FORP mascots: members took them on park outings, to Blyth Town Carnival parade, and to the <i>Pride of Blyth</i> town exhibition. • Members attended training sessions run by NCC and ERIC North -East. • Northumbria in Bloom Gold award in parks category, meeting judges and representing the park at award ceremony. • <i>Revitalising our Estuaries Project</i> collaboration with Groundworks North-East involved planting wildflower plugs. • Creative projects: bowl bugs, Platinum Jubilee bunting and Christmas Tree for annual local church festive display
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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	Following on from COVID 19, expenditure has been carefully monitored. Use of the pavilion has generated a small income stream.
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	16 November 2022	

FRIENDS OF RIDLEY PARK

Wensleydale Terrace, Blyth, NE24 3HF

Charity Commission Number: 1177588

Statement of Accounts

For the Year Ended

30th September 2022

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Total Funds at 1st October 2021 19,161.07

RECEIPTS

Membership Fees 36.00

Donations

Collections	53.04	
Donations - General	321.99	
Donations - One Lottery Prizes	439.02	
Gift Aid Refunds	216.47	
		1,030.52

Grants

Port of Blyth	250.00	
The Rotary Club of Blyth	250.00	
The Joicey Trust	5,000.00	
		5,500.00

Other Receipts

Amazon Smile Receipts	32.43	
Easy Fundraising Receipts	187.42	
One Lottery Ticket Sales Refunds	1,531.00	
		1,750.85

TOTAL RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 8,317.37

27,478.44

PAYMENTSMiscellaneous Project

Insurance - Combined Policy	331.81	
NCC - Gaming Licence for One Lottery	20.00	
Stationery	6.49	
Flowers	47.25	
Cleaning Materials	17.33	
Carnival Banner	49.83	
		472.71

Bird Screen & Nest Boxes Project

Bird Screen - Bird Food	88.99	
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Nature Project

Plants Purchased	253.15	
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TOTAL PAID DURING THE YEAR 814.85

Total Funds at 30th September 2022 26,663.59

27,478.44

STATEMENT OF MEMBER'S FUNDS AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022Assets & Liabilities

Notes

Assets

Cash at Bank & In Hand:

Balance at Lloyds Bank

26,572.76

Cash in Hand

90.83

Total Assets

26,663.59

Liabilities

Deferred Income:

Blyth Town Council Grant

1

15,000.00

Joicey Trust Grant

2

5,000.00

Total Liabilities

(20,000.00)

6,663.59

Represented By:-

Member's Funds:

Miscellaneous Project

1,174.27

Park Entrance Project

5,140.67

Bird Screen & Nest Boxes Project

348.65

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- 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 2022 as there is a possibility that it might have to be repaid to Blyth Town Council.
- FORP received a Grant of £5,000 from The Joicey Trust on 4th July 2022. The grant was offered towards the Park Entrance Project with the proviso that certain conditions be met before the funds were expended; the main conditions being that the project should be fully funded but not over funded and that the project is going ahead. 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 2022 as there is a possibility that it might have to be repaid to The Joicey Trust.

Signed on behalf of all Trustees:Signature

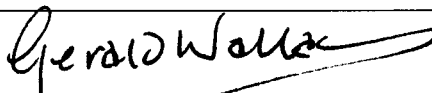
(Trustee)

Name

FIONA M GIBSON

Date

26/10/22

Signature

(Trustee)

Name

Gerald Wallace

Date

26/10/22

FRIENDS OF RIDLEY PARK

Accounts for the Year Ended 30th September 2022

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: Lindsay John McDougall

Name: Lindsay John McDougall

Date: 21/10/2022

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