

FRIENDS OF HANDSWORTH PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1177786

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-04-03

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF HANDSWORTH, 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 THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PRESERVATION, PROMOTION, SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF HANDSWORTH PARK.

Activities: Friends of Handsworth Park organises activities in Handsworth Park for the benefit of local people, wildlife and plantlife. The charity ensures that the Park is well maintained and a safe place for people to use.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£18,000	£20,872	-	-
2024-03-31	£28,571	£12,587	-	-
2023-03-31	£19,015	£6,360	-	-
2022-03-31	£7,358	£6,360	-	-
2021-03-31	£5,830	£5,560	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Eleanor Hoad		2025-04-02
Kalpana Joshi		2022-05-17
Kerry Williamson		2025-11-03
Mabowunje Harrison		2025-04-02
Natascha Rohde		2022-11-26
Ola Brown		2025-11-03
Shah Karim		2022-05-17
Surinder Guru		2023-11-11
Theodore Daniel		2025-04-02

FRIENDS OF HANDSWORTH PARK

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Accounts

Friends of Handsworth Park

Charity Number: 1177786
{For Charitable Incorporated Organisation}

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

3rd November 2025

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: Friends of Handsworth Park

Charity number: **1177786**

Charity's operating address: Sons of Rest, Handsworth Park, Birmingham, B20 2BY

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Appointed	Retired
1	Theo Daniel		2.4.2025	
2	Surinder Guru	Treasurer	26.11.2022	
3	Kalpana Joshi		16.5.2022	
4	Karim Shah		16.5.2022	
5	Natascha Rohde	Secretary	26.11.2022	
6	Ed Freshwater		16.5.2022	
7	Eleanor Hoad		2.4.2025	
8	Mabowunje Harrison		2.4.2025	

Names & Addresses of Advisors

	Name	Address & Postcode
Bank:	Lloyds Bank, Box 1, BX1 1LT	

Structure, Governance & Management

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Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

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Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year – Chair's Report

FOHP Annual Report 2024-2025

2024 was a busy year for the Friends of Handsworth Park. We focussed on delivering activities in the park for local people in a range of ways.

Tea and Social, our weekly free community hot meal in the Sons of Rest building continued, celebrating 2 years of weekly delivery in 2024-2025. We were given an additional £4000 of funding from the Warm Welcome scheme which was used to buy ingredients, new furniture and kitchen equipment. Weekly around 60 people are fed and people from a diverse range of backgrounds attend. We have had several special lunches this year including our own Eden project "Big Lunch" in June, a summer picnic in the Community Garden, a visit by the Birmingham Opera Company, a Christmas singalong with Handsworth Community Choir in December and we even opened on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Forest School weekly sessions led by Eleanor Hoad from Crafting Community continued on Wednesdays and were very well attended with a huge range of nature play activities offered. This project secured 2 years worth of funding from The National Lottery to continue into 2025-2026. There are plans for a feasibility study into the potential for this to run from the woodland adjoining the park in partnership with the Friends.

Our Handsworth Park Community garden continued to run weekly sessions on Fridays growing fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Our Wednesday women's sessions with Saheli Hub also restarted in 2024. Sadly, our sun guardian bear sculpture was damaged but will hopefully return repaired in 2025. We secured 2 years of funding (£12,300) for the gardening sessions and our weekly Tai Chi

sessions from The National Lottery Community Fund. This also funded a wonderful Autumn Celebration Day with a seed swap, nature crafts, music and food followed by a Lantern parade evening with Crafting Community. Lantern making workshops were held in the Sons of Rest building.

We were concerned to hear that 5 beds in the park were to be turfed over due to cuts at Birmingham City Councils Parks department. We negotiated with the city to get permission to take over these beds as wildflower meadows. These were dug and sown with wildflower seed in the autumn by Friends volunteers and were an amazing sight blooming this spring and summer well into autumn. The wildflowers should self-reseed and with a little top up should be blooming again this coming spring. Our guardianship of the Sons of Rest building continued in 2024 and 2025 with a wide range of groups using the building for community events and meetings. These have included: the Simmer Down festival green room, Self-directed learning community, The Handsworth Heeras, Queer art club, the Latvian Theatre Company, Bunny Breads graphic art workshops, Bike Rides for Palestine, Birmingham Tree People Training, Arts trail walks and workshops with Handsworth Creative- (school and home education), Share and Repair workshops, The Blossom Festival with art and music, Handsworth Creatives family fun day, the clothes swap and free clothes rail, Handsworth Hood Poetry nights and community cleaning days.

In the spring of 2024, we were excited to work with Black Heritage Walks Birmingham to install a new mural on the Sons of Rest to celebrate the life of local hero Benjamin Zephaniah after his untimely passing. Artist Bunny Bread created the mural and we hosted a very well attended launch event.

We have also hosted a guided mushroom walk in autumn and a bug walk in spring with Lukas Large, the curator for Natural Sciences at Birmingham Museums Trust in the park. Both events were so popular that we have already agreed with him to be back for 2025/26, dates pending.

We were sad to see that budget cuts lead to our park warden of 16 years, Umar Khan being redeployed. We have seen some more anti-social activity in the park since then, including some damage to artworks. We have also seen Head of Parks Joe Hayden retire and look forward to working with Simon Needle in his new Parks management role. We continue to try to engage in ongoing discussions about the future of the buildings in the park with Birmingham City Council and have launched a number of petitions in 2024 including one to try and save the lodge house following its abandonment and subsequent fire.

The polluted small lake was finally emptied and cleaned by Severn Trent this year, it shows improvement with still some way to go! The Handsworth Wellbeing centre had roof repairs completed and further building repairs added.

We congratulate the Cricket club on a great season and on winning the county play Off.

We are pleased to see the park being well used by the general public as well as a range of groups notably Makki FC football club and the regular TAWS cycling sessions with large annual events this year including Eid prayers and the Simmer Down festival, which some of our trustees attended in the name of FoHP.

Our thanks also go to the excellent park maintenance staff led by Mike Currie for

keeping the park in such great condition despite the budget cuts and challenges faced by Birmingham City Council.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our trustees, committee members and volunteers for their hard work in 2024 and 2025.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The charity does not intend to build up reserves as there are no employees and no capital assets to maintain.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

None

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the CIO

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report and the Annual Accounts.


Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s): 

Full Name(s): Natascha Rohde

Position(s): trustee

Date: 3rd November 2025

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Friends of Handsworth Park		1177786		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	01/04/24	To	31/03/25	

Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Endowme nt funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
BCC (Tea & Social)		5000		5,000	11614
BCC Community Garden					1260
Birmingham Open Spaces Forum	110			110	80
ARRAG	50			50	
Handsworth Creative					50
The National Lottery Fund		12300		12,300	
Make Good Arts	100			100	
Donation					167
BVSC					200
Crafting Communities					200
Latvian Cultural	440			440	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	700	17,300	-	18,000	13,571
A2 Asset and investment sales.					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	700	17,300	-	18,000	13,571

A3 Payments					
Community Garden		4199		4,199	2,169
Soho Rd Bid CIC		8352		8,352	2,763
Tai Chi		1785		1,785	1,575
Cinema				-	16
Forest School				-	1,120
Tea and Social		2921		2,921	2,172
Bench, tables, mural and sundries	1616			1,616	
Crafting Communities		2000		2,000	
BCC licence				-	70
Sub total	1,616	19,256	-	20,872	9,885
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	1,616	19,256	-	20,872	9,885
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 916	- 1,956	-	- 2,872	3,686
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1649	17044	-	18,693	15,007
Cash funds this year end	733	15,088	-	15,821	18,693

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period				
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	733	15088	
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		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	733	15,088	-
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		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

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Friends of Handsworth Park
Chair's Report 2023 - 24

The Friends of Handsworth Park continued to engage in regular activities in Handsworth Park, campaigning for cleaning to the upper lake, for preservation of park buildings (without success, regrettably) and in continuing the impactful Tea & Social event which sees the Sons of Rest building in regular use.

The withdrawal of Council personnel and forthcoming cuts to services remains a cause for concern and a future risk for Handsworth Park, which Trustees and the public are keen to find solutions for.

The charity's financial position is not assured and will benefit from more regular funding streams and potentially income generation; however, planned services have continued throughout the year even when having to rely on volunteers' out of pocket expenses and goodwill.

E. Freshwater
Chair of Trustees (in report period).



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/23	To	31/03/24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
		-	-	-
Carried Over balance from 2022 (15k includes restricted funds (Holyhead in Bloom 737.18; 1250 FoHP; 500 Hinstock))	12,513	2,487	-	15,000
BCC Community Gardening		1260	-	1,260
Birmingham Open Space (total)	80		-	80
Birmingham Voluntary Service	200		-	200
BCC	1614		-	1,614
BCC Holyhead in Bloom (holding)		10000		10,000
				-
Handsworth Creative Adventure Day	50			50
Tea and Social				-
F/Flow ARVAISTU OR	167.15			167
Crafting Community Eleanor		200	-	200
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,624	13,947	-	28,571
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,624	13,947	-	28,571
A3 Payments				
Community Garden (excludes 418 pd)	3298			3,298
Soho Rd Bid CIC	2763			2,763
Tai Chi (excludes 280 pd 9th April)	1575		-	1,575
Cinema			-	-
Forest School			-	-
Tea and Social	4951		-	4,951
WA Cadbury Grant				-
Lottery Grant	-		-	-
Sub total	12,587		-	12,587
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-

<i>Total payments</i>	12,587	-	-	12,587
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	2,037	13,947	-	15,984
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1649	3774	-	5,423
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	3,686	17,721	-	21,407

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	18692.66	13098
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
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Receipts and payments accounts

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10th September 2023

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Charity's operating address: 47 Philip Victor Road
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Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity (Add extra rows as required)

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1	Graham Winfield	Chair	3.4.18	26.11.22
2	Rachel Chiu	Treasurer	3.4.18	22.3.22
3	Tonia Clark	Secretary to 26.11.22	3.4.18	
4	Theo Daniel		3.4.18	22.3.22
5	Rose Blair		3.4.18	22.3.22
6	Lee Southall	Exofficio BCC	3.4.18	3.6.22
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Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year – Chair's Report

Friends of Handsworth Park

Chair's Report, 2022-23

The Friends of Handsworth Park has continued to pursue new and exciting projects that benefit not just our park but the local community. A small number of active and enthusiastic individuals have made the most of slight resources to maintain activity and resources in Handsworth Park.

In May 2022, we began our Tea & Social event at the Sons of Rest building, which has continued every week without interruption ever since. With an initially small offering of tea and biscuits, a small team of volunteers quickly began serving soup and snacks to as many as sixty visitors per week and been supported as a Warm Welcome space by Birmingham City Council. We have successfully attracted local and council funding for this enterprise.

We are delighted that new people have become involved in supporting activities in the park and making changes for the benefit of our community. We hope new members will become involved to reflect the rich diversity and experience of Handsworth.

Challenges include building networks so that all the park's stakeholders are working toward common goals, pursuing beneficial use of the park buildings, addressing continued problems with litter, and resolving pollution in the pond and boating lake.

The city is about to experience significant financial hardship that will likely result in reduced funding for parks. A challenge for the Friends of Handsworth Park will be working with the Council, residents

and group to sustain a high-quality shared space to the benefit of all.

Ed Freshwater

Chair of Trustees

Friends of Handsworth Park

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Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

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Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

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Statutory Notes to the Accounts

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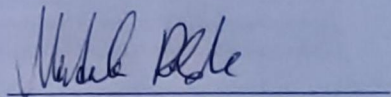
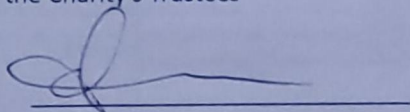
Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):



Full Name(s): EDWARD FRESHWATER

Natascha Rohde

Position(s): CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Secretary of FoHP, trustee

Date: 7/12/2023

08/12/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Handsworth Park

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/22	To	31/03/23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Summerdown	150	-	-	150	150
BCC NINS Grant (Tai Chi)	-	1,750	-	1,750	1,820
Lottery Grant	-	9,809	-	9,809	0
Police and Crime Commissioner	-	-	-	-	4,868
BOSF	110	-	-	110	120
BCC Holyhead in Bloom (holding)	-	4,750	-	4,750	-
BCC Hiretock RA (holding)	-	500	-	500	-
BVSC	-	120	-	120	-
Tea and Social	-	825.58	-	826	-
WA Cadbury Grant	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Other	-	-	-	-	400
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	260	18,755	-	19,015	7,258
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	260	18,755	-	19,015	7,258
A3 Payments					
Community Garden	-	3,465.33	-	3,465	3,605
Other	-	148.7	-	145	70
Tai Chi	-	1,610	-	1,610	1,505
Cinema	-	28	-	28	28
Forest School	-	-	-	-	1,120
Tea and Social	-	78.97	-	79	-
WA Cadbury Grant	-	1,000	-	1,000	-
Lottery Grant	-	3,100	-	3,100	-
Sub total	-	9,431	-	9,431	6,260
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	9,431	-	9,431	6,260
Net of receipts/payments	260	9,324	-	9,584	998
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1643	3,774	-	5,423	4,425
Cash funds this year end	1,903	13,098	-	15,007	5,423

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	1,909	130,998	
	Total cash funds	1,909	130,998	

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets				

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets				

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf
of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

FRIENDS OF HANDSWORTH PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1177786

Accounts

Friends of Handsworth Park

Charity Number: 1177786

{For Charitable Incorporated Organisation}

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

24th November 2022

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: Friends of Handsworth Park

Charity number: **1177786**

Charity's operating address: 18 Grestone Road, Handsworth, Birmingham,
B20 1NL

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity (Add extra rows as required)

	<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Retired</i>
1	Graham Winfield	Chair	3.4.18	
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3	Tonia Clark	Secretary	3.4.18	
4	Theo Daniel		3.4.18	22.3.22
5	Rose Blair		3.4.18	22.3.22
6	Lee Southall	Exofficio BCC	3.4.18	3.6.22
7	Ed Freshwater		16.5.22	
8	Kalpana Joshi		16.5.22	
9	Karim Shah		16.5.22	

Names & Addresses of Advisors

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address & Postcode</i>
Bank:	Lloyds Bank, Box 1, BX1 1LT

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document: Constitution

How the Charity is Constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee Selection Methods: Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Local people with an interest in the park are approached to join the committee.

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Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document

The objects of the CIO are for the benefit of the inhabitants of Handsworth and surrounding areas, 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 their conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit in particular but not exclusively by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Handsworth Park.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects

The charity organises events to educate and inform local people about the park and its benefits. It also manages the Community Garden which provides free gardening sessions and specialist workshops about fruit, vegetables and herbs.

FOHP also monitors the upkeep of the park by the Council and feeds back comments from local people to the Council Parks Team.

Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year – Chair's Report

I want to begin my report this year by focussing on the Friends of Handsworth park committee. The Friends of Handsworth Park is the legacy of the Handsworth Park Association and the Save Handsworth Park group which came into being in 1994.

The hard work of these volunteers stopped the demise of the park and they were instrumental in obtaining the Heritage Lottery Fund grant which transformed it.

Over the years, other volunteers have put in prodigious amounts of time and skill in helping to maintain the park as a vital local and regional asset. None more so than committee members Rachel Chiu and Tonia Clark. As Treasurer and Secretary respectively, they have kept the management of the Friends group completely stable and have continuously raised funds for our projects.

Earlier this year, Rachel stepped down from her role as Treasurer and committee member and at this year's AGM Tonia will resign as Secretary. I want to thank Tonia and Rachel for their remarkable support for the park and we will miss their input so much.

I am pleased to welcome Ed, Kalpana and Shah to the committee and thank them for their skills and enthusiasm.

Lee Southall retired this year from his role as Constituency Parks Manager and we thank him for all the support he has given us over the years and wish him the best for the future.

The park continues to look good thanks to Mike Curry and his team of gardeners. The sewage problem in the upper pool is not resolved and is still being worked on by Severn Trent.

The community garden and forest school, under the stewardship of Eleanor Hoad, are thriving and are back to pre-Covid levels of attendance.

The Well Being Centre is well used although the roof repair to the main pool remains a work in progress. A new mural on the Playcentre walls celebrating reggae from Handsworth was commissioned by Simmerdown Festival.

The large range of activities in the park and Sons of Rest continues; Tai Chi, meditation sessions, playschemes, gardening sessions, Film night, Birmingham International Dance Festival, tea and socials every Wednesday at the Sons of Rest, Commonwealth Games Festival, Simmerdown which attracted over 15,000 people, lantern parade and Handsworth Cricket Club.

The Arts Trail by Handsworth Creative, installed two new pieces and another is in the pipeline for the sunken garden.

The Boathouse Cafe was opened only very occasionally and the lease is up for tender. The Sons of Rest is increasingly being used and we would like to have a formal arrangement with the Council which would assist us in raising funding for activities.

I would like to thank the committee for all the support over the year and on their behalf thank everyone involved in the life of the park.

Graham Winfield

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The charity does not intend to build up reserves as there are no employees and no capital assets to maintain.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

None

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the CIO

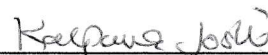
Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):



Full Name(s): EDWARD FRESHWATER

KALPANA JOSHI

Position(s): CHAIR

TRUSTEE

Date: 26/11/2022

26/11/2022



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/21	To	31/03/22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Simmerdown	150	-	-	150	0
BCC NNS Grant (Tai Chi)		1820	-	1,820	0
Covid response grant			-	-	5730
Police and Crime Commissioner		4868	-	4,868	
BOSF	120		-	120	100
other	400		-	400	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	670	6,688	-	7,358	5,830
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	670	6,688	-	7,358	5,830
A3 Payments					
Community Garden		3635		3,635	5,490
other	70			70	70
Tai Chi		1505		1,505	
Cinema	30			30	
Forest School	1120			1,120	
Sub total	1,220	5,140	-	6,360	5,560
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,220	5,140	-	6,360	5,560
Net of receipts/(payments)	-550	1,548	-	998	270
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2199	2226	-	4,425	4,155
Cash funds this year end	1,649	3,774	-	5,423	4,425

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in bank	1649	3774	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,649	3,774	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	

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Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year – Chair's Report

For most of the Covid restrictions the park was a blessing for walkers, runners, exercisers and children. It was a lovely place to meet friends as it was easy to remain socially distanced.

Coming out of the restrictions the park has returned to something like normal and the Friends of Handsworth Park held its first non virtual meeting on a warm September evening in 2021 in the community garden.

The community garden is active again with good support from funds secured for another year from the Police Community Initiatives Fund. The forest school is open on Wednesdays and the cricket restarted with some Covid restrictions in place. League matches have been played and the 3rd team won the 8th division of the Warwickshire league. Some 60 young players are involved and the cricket club continues to be an asset of community value in the service it provides to local people and the welcome it gives to visiting teams.

It was great to see the Playcentre used again for children's activities thanks to Abi Issac who secured funding from the Holiday Activities Fund.

In October, the flowerbeds have been neatly cleared, ready for replanting. The grass is well cut and the shrub beds are well weeded. Only the bed bordering the Broad Walk is waiting to be done. The park team had their work interrupted by Covid as like all workers their hours were limited due to space restrictions. They have worked hard this summer to bring the park back to its normal standard. The Park's urban character with its Victorian and Edwardian heritage depends to a great extent on the quality and number of its flower and shrub beds. Its status as a Strategic Park must continue to attract capital and revenue funding for high quality planting and landscaping.

Section 106 money from the City Council has enabled work on cleaning and de-silting of the upper lake to proceed and it is now almost finished. The Council undertook some consultation with local people on what some of this money could be spent on and it is pleasing to see that local people's opinions have been taken into account. A fitness trail and new planting of shrubs and trees are being established.

The Handsworth Park Arts Trail's latest sculpture is 'Roots and Branches' and is a striking addition to the Park's skyline. Thank you to Handsworth Creative for fundraising for this and managing the project.

The situation in respect of the Sons of Rest building, however, is of great concern. It is classed as an asset of community value but it is virtually unused and we have not been able to establish when the City Council will offer the lease out for tender. The coming year must see some progress on this process by the City Council. The other asset of community value in the Park is the Boathouse and we

have held discussions with the lease holder around the opening of the cafe more reliably. We are hopeful that this will bear fruit.

During lockdown the Friends of Handsworth Park continued to meet virtually. On all our behalf I would like to thank Tonia and Rachel, along with Lee Southall, the Park Manager and his staff for all their efforts over this very difficult period.

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Declaration

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Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):





Full Name(s):

GRAHAM LESLIE WINKFIELD

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CLARK

Position(s):

Chair

SECRETARY

Date:

2/11/21

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/20	To	31/03/21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Simmerdown		-	-	-	-
Seven Up			-	-	150
Covid response grant		5730	-	5,730	
BOSF	100		-	100	130
other			-	-	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	100	5,730	-	5,830	430
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	100	5,730	-	5,830	430
A3 Payments					
Community Garden		5490		5,490	1,000
other	70			70	70
Tree Calendar			-	-	265
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
Sub total	70	5,490	-	5,560	1,335
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	70	5,490	-	5,560	1,335
Net of receipts/(payments)	30	240	-	270	-905
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2169	1986	-	4,155	5,060
Cash funds this year end	2,199	2,226	-	4,425	4,155

Details

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash in bank	2199	2226	
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	2,199	2,226	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Details

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Details

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Details

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
T Clark for E Hoad DBS		52.99	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval