

# **Friends of Handsworth Park**

**Charity Number: 1177786**

*{For Charitable Incorporated Organisation}*

## **Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021**

**14<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

## 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	<b>Graham Winfield</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>3.4.18</b>	
2	<b>Rachel Chiu</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>3.4.18</b>	
3	<b>Tonia Clark</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>3.4.18</b>	
4	<b>Theo Daniel</b>		<b>3.4.18</b>	
5	<b>Rose Blair</b>		<b>3.4.18</b>	
6	<b>Lee Southall</b>	<b>Exofficio BCC</b>	<b>3.4.18</b>	
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### *Names & Addresses of Advisors*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address &amp; 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.

**How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained:** Prospective trustees are asked to attend a meeting before they commit. They meet with the Chair who explains the history and the role of the charity.

## 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**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> team won the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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):

*GE Winkfield*

*Tonia Clark*

Full Name(s):

GRAHAM LESLIE WINKFIELD

TONIA  
CLARK

Position(s):

Chair

SECRETARY

Date:

2/11/21.

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

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

# Details

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash in bank	2199	2226	
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

# Details

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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# Details

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