



Friends of Didsbury Park



Registered Charity Number 1179064



Friends of Didsbury Park
Charity Commission Annual Return 2023

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2023 Audited Annual Accounts – Summary

	Start Balance 1/1/2023	Income 2023	Expenditure 2023	Transfers	End Balance 31/12/2023
Start Bank Balance 1/1/23	19,271.15				
Unrestricted Funds General					
General Expenditure	6699.56	4708.22	-3058.83	572.18	8921.13
Unrestricted Funds Designated					
Reserve Fund	475.00				475.00
Total Unrestricted Funds					9396.13
Restricted Funds					
Poppy Path Crowdfunding	5105.11		-498.73		4606.38
Dog Show Retained Funds	500.00	863.97	-291.79	-572.18	500.00
We Love Manchester Grant	755.24		-755.24		-
MCC Electrical Supply Grant	3736.26		-3736.26		-
Parks in Partnership Grant		14,808.00	-14,808.00		-
MCC Climate Change Grant	1999.98		-516.11		1483.87
MCC ASB Remedial Grant		600.00	-600.00		-
Lendlease Timber Grant		1711.46	-1711.46		-
MCC Sports Facilities Grant		702.00	-702.00		-
Total Restricted Funds					6590.25
Totals Income & Expenditure	19,271.15	23,393.65	-26678.42	-	
End Bank Balance 31/12/23					15,986.38



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Trustees Annual Report

Trustees:

The following trustees held office throughout the financial year 2023

Chair: Brian Johnson

Treasurer: Dermot Preston

Secretary: Emma Newman

Pauline Ong

Murray Nee

Michael Corlett

In accordance with the constitution, two trustees, Brian Johnson and Murray Nee stepped down at the AGM of the Friends of Didsbury Park In March 2023. Both re-applied and were elected by the members for a further term.

An additional trustee, Dr Joyce Barclay was appointed in February 2023 and was formally elected by the members at the AGM in March 2023.

An additional trustee Allan Jepson was appointed in November 2023 and will seek formal election at the AGM in March 2024

Secretary Emma Newman retired on 31st December 2023.

Principal Activity:

The principal activity of the Friends of Didsbury Park is the maintenance and improvement of Didsbury Park.



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Operations Report:

2023 has been an amazing year for the Friends of Didsbury Park. In addition to being voted by the public the 'most favourite' park in Manchester in 2022 the Friends of Didsbury Park received the Kings Award for Voluntary Service which was announced on the King's Birthday in November 2023. This award is equivalent to an MBE for groups and is the highest award a volunteer group can receive in the UK.

The volunteering work undertaken during 2023 once again hit new record levels (7403 hours) and many major projects to improve Didsbury Park have been successfully completed.



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