



Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/11/2019 to 31/10/2020

Charity name: Friends of Gladstone Park

Charity registration number: 1180529

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the CIO are to protect, preserve and enhance for the public benefit the environment and biodiversity of Gladstone Park as a place of historic and ecological interest in particular but not exclusively by:

- Advancing education into the history and other aspects of the park
- Providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area
- Liaising with community groups and the London Borough of Brent Council and facilitating events and fundraising in support of the stated objectives

During this period the Friends of Gladstone Park have supported these objectives with the activities below. Many activities during this period have been curtailed or cancelled due to Covid restrictions but as most of our activities are outside we have been fortunate enough to continue in a limited capacity.

- The annual nest-box building event for children went ahead although the insect Hotel building had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions.
- Various guided walks through the parks led by an expert. This year there were walks with a focus on trees, birds, bats and butterflies although fewer than usual and with strict controls on numbers.
- Fundraising to purchase roses to refresh gaps in the existing rose-beds alongside the walled garden in the park.
- Organising regular Litter Picks in the park with members of the public.

The Friends of Gladstone Park also organise a weekly Gardening Group consisting of regular volunteers who undertake various tasks to maintain and improve the park – in particular the walled garden and the copse area. This working group continued throughout although with social distancing being observed, and any common tools being sanitised before and after use.

All trustees have had sight of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, to make sure this is taken into account during decision-making.

Achievements and Performance

All Friends of Gladstone Park activities have an underlying purpose of encouraging people into the park to enjoy and benefit from this beautiful public space.

The hedge alongside the rail line has been maintained through further community events and is thriving. Visually, it is clear that birds and butterflies and other insects are finding it attractive. Additionally, the remaining grant money from Tesco has been used to purchase further hedging plants which have formed a hedge along the other side of the railway.

While working on the rose beds adjacent to the walled garden within the park, it was clear that some gaps had opened up in these beds due to the death over time of various of the rose bushes. FOGP gained agreement from Brent Council and Veolia (who are contracted to maintain the parks) to organise refurbishing these rosebeds. Fundraising brought a fantastic response and we were able to purchase and plant all necessary rose bushes to refresh these beds. Unfortunately, the unveiling of a plaque to celebrate this, and a tea for volunteers and donors at the Town Hall, had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions but we hope something may still be organised once these are lifted.

FoGP hosted a 'Memories Day' to invite local people to share their memories and associations with Gladstone Park. This was planned as gathering information towards a possible film or video presentation to contribute to Brent's Borough of Culture activities. However, this was also a victim of Covid but it was a lovely afternoon with some fascinating wartime memories being shared.

In an effort to reduce the amount of litter left in the park a member of the committee, a local artist, designed an attractive sticker to be placed on litter bins asking people not to pile up litter next to the bins if they are full, but to take it home to prevent foxes etc tearing open the bags and spreading the contents. The design was approved by Brent Council and a number of the trustees funded the printing of the stickers which have been placed on the bins in the park.



All fundraising coffee mornings, table days etc. had to be cancelled, as we aimed these for warmer weather. In order to get some income, the Gardening Group sets out a bucket for donations whilst working and this has meant we can cover costs.

Financial Review

At the end of this period we have £632.45 in the account, which is a healthy amount for us and a tribute to the generous users of Gladstone Park who drop donations into our bucket. Only a small amount remains ring-fenced - for bluebells.

Friends of Gladstone Park also registered with Amazon Smile and Easyfundraising during this period, to help boost income during a difficult time.

The charity does not hold reserves as there are no regular outgoings over and above the annual public liability insurance premium.

Friends of Gladstone Park Account

Balance at 1st November 2019: **£1,429.66**

Outgoings: **£3,148.04**

Public Liability Insurance, website costs and plants for the park. Notably, the roses to refurbish the rose-beds.

Income : **£2,357.83**

There were donations from Waitrose amounting to £533.00. A lot was down to purchases of roses but we also had income from general donations and money given during the various events that did manage to go ahead.

Balance as at 31st October 2020: **£632.45**

Structure, Governance and Management

The Friends of Gladstone park is constituted as a CIO, governed by a governed by a constitution based on the Foundation Constitution document provided by the Charities Commission.

Under the current constitution, new trustees are appointed by a vote at a properly organised meeting of the current trustees,

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: The Friends of Gladstone Park

Registered Charity Number: 118059

Charity's Principal Address: 13 Park View Road London NW10 1AD

**Names of the
charity trustees who
manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Sally Long	Chair	
2	Francine Lawrence	Deputy Chair	
3	Gill Close	Secretary	
4	Hazel Glenister	Treasurer	
5	Helen Goodsell		
6	Sylvia Gautherau		
7	Mark Cummins		
8	Tariq Dar MBE		
9	Dick Heath-Brown		
10	Chris Elsdale		
11	Paul Quinn		
12	Paul Hurst		
13	Lia Colaccico		
14	Liz Dixon		
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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)

Hazel Glenister

Full name(s)

HAZEL MARION GLENISTER

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TREASURER

Date

30 / 08 / 2021



Friends of Gladstone Park Statement of Accounts 2019-2020

This statement covers the period 1st November 2019 to 31st October 2020

Friends of Gladstone Park Account

Balance at 1st November 2019: **£1,429.66**

Outgoings : £3,148.04

- Public Liability Insurance
- Website and email costs
- Plants for the park. Notably, the roses to refurbish the rose-beds and the plants for the hedge..
- Art materials for posters advertising events, and for the litter bin stickers
- Printing costs for the litter bin stickers

Income : £2,357.83

- Donations from Waitrose amounted to £533.00
- First donation from Amazon Smile received
- Most of the rest was down to rose purchases, but we still received a good amount of general donations in the bucket left out while the gardening group is working.

More detail of the transactions on the account are given overleaf.

Balance as at 31st October 2020: **£632.45**

Friends of Gladstone Park Account Transactions

Date	Incomin g	Outgoing	Description
11/01/18			Opening balance £1,429.66
11/01/19	£32.00		Rose Purchases
11/04/19	£45.72		Transfer from Paypal, Rose Purchases
11/06/19	£16.00		Rose Purchases
11/08/19	£32.00		Rose Purchases
11/14/19		£236.93	Reimbursement for Bluebells and other bulbs purchased for the park
11/18/19	£16.00		Rose Purchases
11/19/19	£48.00		Rose Purchases
11/19/19	£11.56		Donations from Memory Day event
11/19/19	£32.00		Rose Purchases
11/20/19	£16.00		Rose Purchases
11/25/19	£16.00		Rose Purchases
11/26/19	£32.00		Rose Purchases
11/26/19	£32.00		Rose Purchases
11/28/19	£32.00		Rose Purchases
12/02/19	£96.00		Rose Purchases
12/03/19		£399.79	Reimbursement for purchase of roses
12/17/19	£16.00		Rose Purchases
12/18/19	£16.00		Rose Purchases
12/19/19	£16.00		Rose Purchases
12/19/19	£48.00		Rose Purchases
12/23/19	£32.00		Rose Purchases
12/23/19	£232.77		Transfer from Paypal, Rose Purchases
01/02/20	£16.00		Rose Purchases
01/10/20		£444.32	Reimbursement for purchase of roses
01/10/20	£200.00		Donation from Waitrose Ltd.
01/10/20	£16.00		Rose Purchases
01/13/20	£91.73		Transfer from Paypal, Rose Purchases
01/16/20	£16.00		Rose Purchases
01/16/20	£60.00		Rose Purchases
01/21/20	£16.00		Rose Purchases

01/27/20		£59.29	Reimbursement for art materials
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Date	Incoming	Outgoing	Description
01/31/20	£16.00		Rose Purchases
02/11/20		£409.80	Reimbursement for purchase of roses
02/13/20		£570.18	Reimbursement for purchase of hedge plants
02/13/20	£76.87		Transfer from Paypal, Rose Purchases
02/13/20	£64.00		Rose Purchases
02/13/20		£31.49	Payment for website and email addresses
03/02/20		£175.56	Public Liability Insurance
05/05/20		£365.68	Reimbursement for shrubs and bulbs for the park
05/21/20	£5.00		Donation from Amazon Smile
06/29/20	£29.18		Donations received via Paypal
07/02/20	£35.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
07/10/20	£130.00		Contribution to Litter Bin Stickers
07/13/20		£65.00	Refund for overpayment (Litter Bin Stickers)
07/13/20	£65.00		Contribution to Litter Bin Stickers
07/13/20	£65.00		Contribution to Litter Bin Stickers
07/13/20	£65.00		Contribution to Litter Bin Stickers
07/21/20	£65.00		Contribution to Litter Bin Stickers
07/29/20		£390.00	Payment for printing Litter Bin Stickers
07/31/20	£65.00		Contribution to Litter Bin Stickers
08/12/20	£30.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
08/27/20	£333.00		Donation from Waitrose Ltd.
08/27/20	£18.00		Donations from Nest-Box building event
09/03/20	£25.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
10/13/20	£30.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
10/31/20			Closing Balance £632.45

