



Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/11/2020 to 31/10/2021

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. Most activities during this period have continued to be 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.

- 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.
- Active fundraising was curtailed, but we received generous donations into a bucket left out while we worked in the park
- Organising regular Litter Picks in the park with members of the public continued, although with Covid precautions in place..

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 Gardening Group continued to maintain the Walled Garden in Gladstone Park along with the formal rose beds outside (now refreshed with the roses purchased by FOGP).

In addition to the Walled Garden, beds around the upper terrace adjacent to the Walled Garden were maintained, as well as the beds around what was the bowling green.

With increased time available from the volunteers, FOGP improved the dead-hedging around the copse to help discourage some of the anti-social activities in this area, and seeded wildflower areas and ferns to enhance the copse and increase biodiversity.

Towards the end of this period, members of FOGP and the Gardening Group began to get involved with the Big City Butterflies project.

All fundraising coffee mornings, table days etc. remained cancelled, as caution was still advised even when lockdowns were lifted. 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 £921.07 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.

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: **£632.45**

Outgoings: **£990.61**

Public Liability Insurance, website costs and plants for the park.

Income : **£1,279.23**

There were donations from Waitrose, Amazon Smile, EasyFundraising and Thomson Reuters. 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 2021: **£921.07**

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: 106, Fleetwood Road London NW10 1NN

**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		
11	Paul Quinn		
12	Paul Hurst		
13	Lia Colaccico		
14	Liz Dixon MBE		
15	Chris Elsdale		Until 15 th October 2021 (Resigned)
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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 GLENISTER

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TREASURER

Date

28 / 08 / 22



Friends of Gladstone Park Statement of Accounts 2020-2021

This statement covers the period 1st November 2020 to 31st October 2021

Friends of Gladstone Park Account

Balance at 1st November 2020: **£632.45**

Outgoings : £990.61

- Public Liability Insurance
- Website and email costs
- Plants for the park. Mostly for the Walled Garden, but also for the beds we are beginning to refurbish outside the Stables cafe and in front of the toilet.

Income : £1,279.23

- Donations from Waitrose amounted to £167.00
- Donations from Amazon Smile amounted to £23.92
- We received our first donations from EasyFundraising, amounting to £45.01
- During this period we had a volunteer employed by Thomson Reuters who operated a scheme paying for their volunteering hours to the organisation concerned. We received \$500.00 (£356.30) this way.
- Most of the rest was down to general donations in the bucket left out while the gardening group is working or given to us during organised Letter Picks in the park.

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

Balance as at 31st October 2021: **£921.07**

Friends of Gladstone Park Account Transactions

Date	Incoming	Outgoing	Description
01/11/20			Opening balance £632.45
12/11/20	£82.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
16/11/20	£27.88		Donations from EasyFundraising
17/11/20		£245.25	Reimbursement for plants for the Walled Garden
07/12/20	£39.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
21/12/20	£63.00		Refund from rose suppliers for roses that died after planting.
07/01/21	£167.00		Donation from Waitrose
21/01/21		£326.22	Reimbursement for plants for the Walled Garden
21/01/21		£31.03	Reimbursement for Domain Name expenses
25/01/21	£45.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
26/01/21	£356.30		Donation from Thompson Reuters volunteering scheme
11/02/21	£7.22		Donation from Amazon Smile
25/02/21	£80.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
25/03/21	£50.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
26/04/21		£78.65	Reimbursement for plants for the Walled Garden
28/04/21	£50.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
06/05/21	£50.00		Donation received at Litter Pick
24/05/21	£6.35		Donation from Amazon Smile
26/05/21	£17.13		Donations from EasyFundraising
28/05/21		£175.56	Payment for Public Liability insurance
07/06/21		£81.40	Reimbursement for plants purchased for beds in front of the Stables cafe
21/06/21	£15.00		Donation from F. Lawrence
01/07/21	£22.00		Donation received at Litter Pick
12/07/21	£50.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
16/08/21	£65.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
17/08/21	£10.35		Donation from Amazon Smile
31/08/21	£50.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
27/09/21		£52.50	Reimbursement for plants for the Walled Garden
19/10/21	£26.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
31/10/21			Closing Balance £921.07