



Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/11/2021 to 31/10/2022

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.

- 13th November 2021: organised event for members of the public to help sow seeds of plants specifically identified as being beneficial to butterflies in defined areas in the park. Seeds and expertise were provided by the UK Butterfly Monitoring Project.
- 15th May 2022: Dawn Chorus bird walk. A guided walk with an expert to hear and identify the birdsong heard in the park as the sun rises.
- 18th May 2022: Ceremony to welcome the Sakura cherry trees. An event to mark the planting in Gladstone Park of some of the 100 cherry trees gifted to Brent Council from the Japan British Society in in 2018 in appreciation of the friendship between our two nations dating back 150 years. Speakers from the Japanese embassy, and organisers of the cherry tree project addressed the public alongside the Mayor of Brent, and food and drink was provided.
- 21st May 2022: Nature walk. A walk led by an expert showing the diverse habitats in the park.
- 7th June 2022: History of the Park walk. Led by a local tour guide and lecturer this event also gives local people with long memories the opportunity to share their experiences and add to the knowledge provided by the walk leader.
- 3rd July 2022: Butterfly Walk. A guided walk with an expert to identify and find out more about the various species of butterfly in the park at this time of year.
- 13th July 2022: Bat stroll. A walk at dusk with bat monitoring equipment to detect and identify the various species of bat living in the park.
- 16th July 2022: Tree walk. A guided walk led by an expert to showcase and describe the variety of trees growing in the park.

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.

FOGP continued to improve the dead-hedging around the copse area to help discourage anti-social activities there, and to encourage wildflower areas and ferns to enhance the copse and increase biodiversity.

Members of FOGP and the Gardening Group have been actively involved with the Big City Butterflies project, run by Butterfly Conservation. With the help of a member of their team, a set route through the park (a transect) was identified to cover different habitats within the park. Volunteers walk this transect every week from April to September, recording the butterflies seen as well as information about the weather conditions at the time. The observations are uploaded to the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme. Additionally, the Big City Butterflies project provided seeds to plant strips of pollinator-friendly plants in the park.

FOGP funded and carried out the refurbishment of the noticeboards by the entrances to the park which had become untidy and dilapidated.

FOGP organised the funding (via grants from the Edward Harvist Trust and Together Towards Zero) and installation of new railings around a number of previously neglected flowerbeds which have been replanted. The railings not only smarten up these areas, but provide a level of protection for the new flower beds to flourish.

FOGP was active in enabling some of the cherry trees gifted to Brent by the Sakura Cherry Trees project to be planted in the park, and watered and maintained for 3 years to get them established. They will form a beautiful avenue from the south side of the park towards the main childrens playground. In addition, FOGP organised and hosted a ceremony to welcome these trees into the park. Photographs from the event can be seen in the Gallery of the Sakura Cherry Trees Project website.

Financial Review

At the end of this period we have £959.89 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 2021: **£921.07**

Outgoings: **£5,333.12**

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

Income : **£5371.94**

- There were donations from Waitrose, Amazon Smile, EasyFundraising as well as from a local artist who donated a percentage of the profits she made from selling prints of the park. We also had income from general donations and money given during the various events. The bulk of the income, however, was from grants specifically to pay for the new railings in the park organised by FOGP.

Balance as at 31st October 2022: **£959.89**

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

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**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	Paul Quinn		
11	Paul Hurst		
12	Lia Colaccico		
13	Liz Dixon MBE		
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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

26 / 7 / 2023



Friends of Gladstone Park Statement of Accounts 2021-2022

This statement covers the period 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022

Friends of Gladstone Park Account

Balance at 1st November 2020: **£921.07**

Outgoings : £5,333.12

- 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.
- Ropes used to mark out areas in the copse which should not be walked over while plants are getting established.
- Reimbursements for expenses of organising a ceremony to mark the donation of Sakura cherry trees from Japan, and new railings for the park. These were funded by Brent Council.

Income : £5371.94

- Donations from Waitrose amounted to £100.00
- Donations from Amazon Smile amounted to £33.98
- Donations from EasyFundraising, amounted to £64.35
- A local artist sold prints of the park and donated 10% of the profits.
- We arranged grants to fund new railings in the park from the Edward Harvist Trust and Together Towards Zero organisations. We received £3,400.00 in total for the railings.
- We hosted a ceremony to welcome Sakura cherry trees which were donated by the Japanese government. Brent Council gave £308.00 to cover expenses for the ceremony.
- 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 Litter Picks or guided walks in the park.

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

Balance as at 31st October 2021: **£959.89**

Friends of Gladstone Park Account Transactions

Date	Incoming	Outgoing	Description
01/11/21			Opening balance £921.07
04/11/21	£17.77		Donations from EasyFundraising
08/11/21	£500.00		Donation from Waitrose
08/11/21		£424.15	Reimbursement for plants for the Walled Garden
07/12/21	£500.00		Donation from Waitrose
13/12/21	£8.21		Donation from Amazon Smile
20/12/21	£75.00		Donation from sale of prints of Gladstone Park
20/12/21		£34.35	Reimbursement for rope used in the copse
20/12/21		£40.89	Reimbursement for plants for the Walled Garden
28/01/22	£50.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
31/01/22		£43.79	Reimbursement for bulbs for the park
31/01/22		£18.88	Reimbursement for rope used in the copse
18/02/22	£16.37		Donations from EasyFundraising
23/02/22	£9.13		Donation from Amazon Smile
23/02/22		£223.20	Reimbursement for refurbishing noticeboards
23/02/22		£148.10	Reimbursement for FOGP website costs
09/05/22	£22.50		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
09/05/22	£7.11		Donation from Amazon Smile
23/05/22	£1,000.00		TTZ Grant from Brent for new railings
25/05/22	£2,400.00		EHTF Grant from Brent for new railings
01/06/22		£175.56	Payment for Public Liability insurance
07/06/22	£30.21		Donations from EasyFundraising
08/06/22		£1,934.09	Reimbursement for new railings
05/07/22		£1,680.00	Reimbursement for new railings
11/07/22	£302.11		Donations from Together Towards Zero, from their funding of the Olive Road Street Party
26/07/22	£86.00		Donations collected after History walk
16/08/22	£9.53		Donation from Amazon Smile
23/08/22	£308.00		Brent payment for Sakura Cherry Trees event
24/08/22		£308.00	Reimbursement for Sakura Cherry Trees event
30/08/22		£302.11	Reimbursement for plants for the walled garden
24/10/22	£30.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
31/10/22			Closing Balance £959.89