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## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/11/2022 to 31/10/2023**

**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.

- Regular litter picks (typically monthly) between March and October.
- 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023: Tree Event (at Cricklewood Library). A celebration of trees for local children. After an illustrated talk on the life-cycle of trees they divided into groups to produce artwork of trees at each season of the year.
- 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023: Easter Event. Easter themed activities and games for families.
- 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023: Cherry Tree Walk. Led by an expert, a walk to help people identify and learn about the cherry trees in the park.
- 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023: Dawn Chorus bird walk. A guided walk with an expert to hear and identify the birdsong heard in the park as the sun rises.
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023: Public meeting with Make Space for Girls to discuss making safe spaces for girls and young women to encourage them to use the park.
- 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022: Nature walk. A walk led by an expert showing the diverse habitats in the park.
- 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023: History and Myths 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.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023: 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.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023: Nature Walk across the Acid Grassland. A guided walk with an expert on this rare habitat which has been identified within the park.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023: A stroll through the Copse. A walk led by local volunteer David McClements who has been organising work to refresh a small wooded area within the park and make it more inviting as well as increasing its biodiversity.

- Bat strolls. Walks at dusk with bat monitoring equipment to detect and identify the various species of bat living in the park. These were organised at relatively short notice when weather conditions were favourable.

The Friends of Gladstone Park also organise a 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.

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. The paths within the copse were maintained with fresh woodchip being laid.

During this year the Gardening Group also worked with Brent Council regarding the problem with the box hedge in the Walled Garden which was getting ravaged by box moth and blight. The Council approved replacing the box with Japanese Ilex and agreed to fund this.

Members of FOGP and the Gardening Group have been actively involved with 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 continued to 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.

## Financial Review

At the end of this period we have £3086.54 in the account, which is a mainly due to continuing healthy donations from John Lewis/Waitrose with the addition this year of donations from George Irwin and CAF. As ever, we also benefit from 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022: **£959.89**

Outgoings: **£2,274.51**

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

Income : **£4170.66**

There were donations from Waitrose, Amazon Smile and EasyFundraising. We also had a couple of unexpected donations from George Irwin (who ran a funfair in the park) and CAF. And of course the income from general donations and money given during the various events. This year we also joined SumUp to enable us to accept donations by card now fewer people are carrying cash.

Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023: **£2856.04**



## **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		
10	Paul Quinn		Until 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
11	Paul Hurst		
12	Lia Colaccico		
13	Liz Dixon MBE		
14	Sajjad Dar		From October 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2023
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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

1/8/2024



## **Friends of Gladstone Park Statement of Accounts 2022-2023**

This statement covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

### **Friends of Gladstone Park Account**

Balance at 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022: **£959.89**

#### **Outgoings : £2,274.51**

- Public Liability Insurance
- 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.
- Manure for the Walled Garden (funded by Brent)
- Costs of fixing outside taps in the Walled Garden and in the courtyard of The Stables cafe (used for water in the Walled Garden) (funded by Brent)

#### **Income : £4170.66**

- Donations from Waitrose amounted to £1,600.00
- Donations from Amazon Smile amounted to £88.16
- Donations from EasyFundraising, amounted to £26.21
- Donations via SumUp amounted to £10.90
- George Irwin regularly hosts a Funfair in the park and this year gave a donation of £500.00 to FOGP.
- An unexpected donation from CAF of £630.00
- 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 : **£2856.04**



### **Friends of Gladstone Park Account Transactions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>Description</b>
01/11/22			Opening balance <b>£959.89</b>
15/11/22	£7.90		Donation from Amazon Smile
24/11/22	£1,000.00		Donation from Waitrose
22/12/22		£758.50	Reimbursement for manure for the Walled Garden
09/01/23		£364.82	Reimbursement for Helen
18/01/23	£630.00		Donation from CAF
19/01/23		£87.50	Room Hire for public meeting
31/01/23	£9.83		Donation from Amazon Smile
31/01/23	£758.50		Brent payment for manure for the Walled Garden
31/01/23	£600.00		Donation from Waitrose
14/02/23	£26.21		Donation from EasyFundraising
23/02/23	£45.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
07/03/23	£104.98		Brent payment for fixing tap in Walled Gaeden
14/03/23		£104.98	Reimbursement to Helen for tap in Walled Gaeden
14/03/23		£175.99	Reimbursement to Helen for tap in Stables area
14/03/23		£250.50	Reimbursement to Helen for plants
16/03/23	£55.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
14/04/23	£175.99		Brent payment for fixing tap in Stables area
24/04/23	£5.76		Donation from Amazon Smile
26/04/23	£80.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
15/05/23		£87.50	Room hire for Trees Art Event
19/05/23	£20.59		Donation from Amazon Smile
26/05/23		£194.57	Payment for Public Liability insurance
12/06/23	£75.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
24/07/23	£500.00		Donation from George Irwin
14/08/23	£65.00		Donations from Gardening Group bucket
29/08/23	£6.90		Donation via SumUp
04/09/23	£3.00		Donation via SumUp
12/09/23	£1.00		Donation via SumUp
02/10/23		£250.15	Reimbursement for plants for the walled garden
31/10/23			Closing Balance <b>£2856.04</b>