



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period 01/11/2023 to 31/10/2024**

**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.
- 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.

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.

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.

Although still a part of the Gardening Group, the volunteers working in the copse effectively became a discrete 'Cope Group' meeting on Fridays while the Gardening Group continues to meet on Mondays and Wednesdays allowing those who wish to be part of both groups. Additionally, FOGP commenced the process of having the copse classified as a Local Nature Reserve in order to recognise the area and to ensure a plan for its future alongside Brent Council.

The group of people who monitor butterflies continue to do so and record data. For 2024 we had a complete data set – that is we recorded an entry for every week of the period from the beginning of April to the end of September.

In January 2024 we hosted our first post-Covid public meeting where we enabled the local community to meet the manager of the new contractors to maintain Gladstone Park, and their Safer Neighbourhoods team from the local Police Force and ask questions and raise issues. A further public meeting in April allowed the community to meet and question officers from Brent Council responsible for Gladstone Park.

## Financial Review

At the end of this period we have £3,060.13 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 and website costs.

### Friends of Gladstone Park Account

Balance at 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023: **£2,856.04**

Outgoings: **£1,440.91**

Regular costs including Public Liability Insurance and Website hosting, as well as plants for the park, manure for the Walled Garden, materials for rustic benches in the copse and a thank-you gift of flowers to our departing chair.

Income : **£1,645.00**

Brent Council funded the purchase of manure and there was a £500.00 donation from George Irwin (who hold a funfair in the park). The remainder came from supporters via EasyFundraising, Sumup and cash donations.

Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024: **£3,060.13**

## **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: 39B, Balmoral Road, London NW2 5BS**

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates Acted if not for the whole year
Sally Long	Chair	Until 09/01/2024
Hazel Glenister	Treasurer until 09/01/2024 then Chair	
Francine Lawrence	Deputy Chair	
Paul Hurst	Treasurer from 09/01/2024	
Sylvie Gautherau		Until 27/02/2024
Dick Heath-Brown		Until 29/11/2024
Gill Glose	Secretary	
Owen Plummer		From 04/06/2024
Fitzroy Lee		From 04/06/2024
David McClements		From 04/06/2024
Mark Cummins		
Tariq Dar MBE		
Lia Colacicco		
Liz Dixon MBE		
Helen Goodsell		

## Declarations

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:**

Signature



Full Name

Hazel Glenister

Position (eg Secretary, Chair etc)

Chair

Date

31/07/25

# Friends of Gladstone Park - Statement of Accounts 2023-2024

This statement covers the period: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

## Friends of Gladstone Park Account

Balance at 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023: **£2,856.04**

### Outgoings: **£1,440.91**

Public Liability Insurance	212.62
Plants for:	787.05
• the Walled Garden	
• the rose beds	
• the upper terrace	
• the beds outside the Stables cafe entrance and in front of the toilet	
Manure for the Walled Garden (funded by Brent)	243.00
One-off award of flowers to retiring Chair	40.00
Website hosting renewal	123.56
Materials for installing rustic benches in the woodland area	34.68

### Income: **£1,645.00**

Donation from George Irwin for funfair in park	500.00
EasyFundraising Donations	20.44
Donations via Sumup	234.79
London Borough of Brent	250.35
Donations to FOGP bucket, at organised walks and litter picks, plant sales	639.42

Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 : **£3,060.13**

## Friends of Gladstone Park Account Transactions 1/11/2023 to 31/10/2024

Date	Description	Debit	Credit
09/11/23	MAGIC BUCKET		20.00
14/11/23	EASY FUNDRAISING		20.44
03/01/24	FOGP WEBSITE	67.17	
03/01/24	MAGIC BUCKET		15.00
15/01/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		20.81
15/01/24	MAGIC BUCKET		28.42
16/01/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		20.00
26/01/24	MAGIC BUCKET		111.00
22/02/24	WEBSITEDOMAIN 3YRS	56.39	
22/02/24	COPSE BENCHES	34.68	
29/02/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		3.00
29/02/24	PLANTS/FLOWERS	278.35	
11/03/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		10.00
13/03/24	MAGIC BUCKET		95.00
28/03/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		10.00
28/03/24	CHAIRS FLOWERS	40.00	
08/04/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		15.00
15/04/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		3.00
15/04/24	MAGIC BUCKET		105.00
22/04/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		6.93
10/05/24	MAGIC BUCKET		80.00
20/05/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		9.83
22/05/24	ZURICH INSURANCE	212.62	
28/05/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		21.71
24/06/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		60.95
03/07/24	PLANTS/FLOWERS	272.55	
15/07/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		10.00
17/07/24	LB BRENT		250.35
22/07/24	MAGIC BUCKET		110.00
13/08/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		3.00
27/08/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		14.75
28/08/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		10.00
25/09/24	MANURE REFUND	243.00	
30/09/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		13.81
02/10/24	IRVINS FUNFAIR		500.00
08/10/24	SUMUP PAYMENTS		2.00
25/10/24	MAGIC BUCKET		75.00
28/10/24	PLANTS/FLOWERS	236.15	
	<b>Totals</b>	1440.91	1645.00