

FRIENDS OF EASTWOODS PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1181168

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-12-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF PRUDHOE WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AGE, DISABILITY, NATIONALITY, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS. TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME (WHETHER ALONE OR IN CO-OPERATION WITH A STATUTORY AUTHORITY OR OTHER PERSON OR BODY) IN FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTS. TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.

Activities: Operating the Miners Lamp Community Cafe & Hub. Reducing food poverty through our food bank and food redistribution. Combatting climate change through reducing food waste, making environmental improvements and increasing biodiversity. Providing youth employment opportunities. Providing sporting equipment and facilities to improve health. Promoting and protecting our local heritage and history

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-04	£208,509	£169,896	-	-
2024-04-04	£131,505	£122,617	-	-
2023-04-04	£85,948	£132,050	-	-
2022-04-04	£63,438	£64,116	-	-
2021-04-04	£128,105	£78,737	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brenda Grey	Chair	2025-09-09
ALEXANDRA BOND		2018-12-18
HAYLEY DICKINSON		2018-12-18
Lesley Ineson		2021-10-01

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Trustees' Annual Report

for the period

From (start date) to (end date)

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alexandra Bond	Chair		
2	Hayley Dickinson			
3	Lesley Ineson			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Section A

Reference and administration details (continued)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Solicitors	Power Scott	16 Clifford Road, Stanley, Co Durham
Banking	Unity Trust Bank	Nine Brindleyplace, Birmingham

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted
(eg trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods
(eg appointed by, elected by)

Additional governance issues (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
 - relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Charity has adopted the following policies;
 Bullying and harassment policy and procedures
 Complaints handling
 Complaints policy and procedures
 Conflicting interests
 Financial reserves policy and procedures
 Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
 Internal risk management policy and procedures
 Risk management
 Safeguarding policy and procedures
 Safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries
 Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures
 Volunteer management

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Prudhoe without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or of political, religious, or opinions by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for said inhabitants. To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same in furtherance of the objects. To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Maintain and manage the Miners Lamp Community Cafe & Hub
Provision of food bank services to the community
Environmental improvements and maintenance within Eastwoods Park
Provision of sports, sports equipment and facilities to the community
Reducing food waste and redistribution to those in need
Promotion and protection of local heritage for the community
Holding of public events to promote community cohesion

Additional details of objectives and activities (optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Our volunteers make a valuable contribution to the operations of our charity. We are delighted that our volunteers are from within our community, and we have such strong support from within our community.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Main achievements within the year;

Our Food Bank; we provided 226 food parcels, providing 4.5 tonnes of food to those facing food poverty in our community, 54% of those we support live within the West Wylam area of Prudhoe. We have seen an increase in requests for support from the previous year.

Reducing Food Waste; Working with Fareshare, we have redistributed 3.3 tonnes of fresh food and 500kg of frozen food which would otherwise have gone to landfill.

Food was used within the Miners Lamp Community Cafe to provide over 300 FREE meals over the winter period.

Overall, we have provided 20,000 meals through our foodbank and waste reduction programs, and have saved over 5.5tonnes of CO2 from entering our atmosphere.

Eastwoods Park Improvements; We have created over 2000sqm of new wildflower area including new wildlife pond.

Community Events; We continue to host Prudhoe Town Show, our towns oldest community event, since 1854.

Youth Employment; We continue to provide employment and skills for young people through the Miners Lamp Community Cafe & Hub. Providing opportunities for growth life skills

Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have no defined policy in terms of the levels of resources held. However, the trustees regularly on a quarterly basis review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfill the organisations continuing obligations and to provide our services for a minimum of 6 months.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are in deficit

Further financial review details (optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We are supported by a number of funds and grant making bodies in addition to donations from the general public.

Organisations that we have been supported by include:
National Lottery Community Fund
Northumberland County Council
Prudhoe Town Council
Sir James Knott Foundation
Karbon Homes
Asda Foundation

Section F**Other optional information**

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

No Trustees, nor any person connected to them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

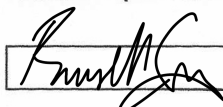
The Constitution prohibits Trustees from being employees of the organisation.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Russell Greig

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Project Manager

Date

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**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Friends of Eastwoods Park

**On accounts for the year
ended**

04/04/2025	Charity no (if any)	1181168
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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **04/04/2025**

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**


I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

	Date:	01/02/2026
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Name:

Lynne O'Brien

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Address:

6 Shepherds Way
East Boldon, Tyne and Wear
NE36 0QT

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Receipts and payments accounts


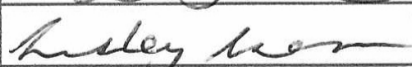
For the period from	Period start date 05/04/2024	To	Period end date 04/04/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Miners Lamp Cafe Trading Income	35,914	-	-	35,914	27,835
Northumberland Lottery	592	-	-	592	612
Donations and Grants	36,798	10,530	-	47,328	9,676
Clothes Bank	463	-	-	463	450
Northumberland County Council	- 0	4,108	-	4,108	-
National Lottery Community Fund (RC North East and Cumbria)	- 0	68,818	-	68,818	55,297
Sir James Knott Foundation	- 0	10,000	-	10,000	-
Spacehive Crowdfunding	- 0	26,211	-	26,211	-
Karbon Homes	- 0	1,200	-	1,200	1,500
Prudhoe Town Council	- 0	11,600	-	11,600	8,500
Asda Foundation	- 0	1,000	-	1,000	-
Interest Accrued	947	-	-	947	-
HMRC Gift Aid	328	-	-	328	429
Northumberland Estates	- 0	-	-	-	2,500
Prudhoe Community Workshop Trust	- 0	-	-	-	20,000
Rothley Trust	- 0	-	-	-	900
Community Action Northumberland	- 0	-	-	-	900
Catherine Cookson Trust	- 0	-	-	-	500
Prudhoe Town Football Club	- 0	-	-	-	1,906
Essity	- 0	-	-	-	500
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	75,042	133,467	-	208,509	131,505
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	75,042	133,467	- 0	208,509	131,505
A3 Payments					
Fundraising Costs	22,328	-	-	22,328	21,089
Charitable Activities	11,731	68,473	-	80,204	25,505
Wages and Salaries (inc Pensions)	14,134	31,804	-	45,938	54,790
Rent and Rates	- 0	1,438	-	1,438	1,658
Utilities	- 0	3,045	-	3,045	-
Motor Expenses	- 0	1,916	-	1,916	3,101
Printing, Stationary and Marketing	761	-	-	761	1,384
Internet, IT and Web Hosting	1,420	-	-	1,420	1,658
Professional Fees and Subscriptions	- 0	4,070	-	4,070	6,890
Bank Charges	420	-	-	420	357
Insurance	1,606	-	-	1,606	1,040
Equipment Hire and Leasing	450	-	-	450	3,778
Repairs and Renewals	- 0	6,046	-	6,046	1,034
PPE and Training Costs	254	-	-	254	334
Sub total	53,104	116,792	-	169,896	122,618
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	

Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	53,104	116,792	- 0	169,896	122,618
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,938	16,675	-	38,613	8,887
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,681	21,495	-	30,176	21,183
Cash funds this year end	30,619	38,170	-	68,789	30,070

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	30,120	-	-
	Instant Access Savings Account	-	38,170	-
	Cash In Hand	499	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,619	38,170	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Alexandra Bond		02/02/2026
		Lesley Ineson		02/02/2026



**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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Charity Name
Friends of Eastwoods Park

**On accounts for the year
ended**

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Signed:

	Date:	01/02/2026
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Name:

Lynne O'Brien

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Address:

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England & Wales - Charity number 1181168

Accounts



friends of
Eastwoods Park

ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 4 April 2024

Registered Charity Number 1181168

Principal Office
Miners Lamp Community Cafe & Hub
Eastwoods Park
Eastwoods Road
Prudhoe
Northumberland
NE42 5DT

Reference and Administrative Details

4th April 2024

Charity Name	Friends of Eastwoods Park
Charity Reg No	1181168
Principal Office	Miners Lamp Community Cafe & Hub Eastwoods Park, Eastwoods Road Prudhoe, Northumberland NE42 5DT
Website	www.minerslamp.org
Facebook	www.facebook.com/MinersLampCafe www.facebook.com/friendsofeastwoodspark
Trustees:	Alexandra Bond Hayley Dickinson Lesley Ineson Joss Mitchell
Independent Examiner	Lynne O'Brien 6 Shepherds Way East Boldon, Tyne & Wear NE36 0QT
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank Nine Brindleyplace Birmingham, B1 2HB
Solicitors	Power Scott Solicitors 16 Clifford Road Stanley, Co Durham DH9 0AB

Trustees Report

The trustees of the charity present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 4th April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounts and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Report Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st Jan 2019)

The financial statements have been independently examined as required under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Objects and Aims

The Friends of Eastwoods Park is a registered charity, set up to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for residents.

In furtherance of these objectives, but not otherwise, the trustees shall have the power to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and recreational land and to maintain, manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre and recreational land, for activities promoted by the charity.

We fulfil our objects and aims through the following objectives, strategies and activities.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The Miners Lamp opened in April 2019, through which we provide facilities for our community and park users to access such as toilets and cafe. We ensure that our cafe can meet the needs of those on low incomes and can be affordable for many who visit Eastwoods Park.

Community Cafe & Hub

The Miners Lamp commands a prominent position within Eastwoods Park and the community of West Wylam, however our reach extends far beyond. Our Community Cafe & Hub continues to be a key part in our operations not least providing a warm and welcoming space with toilet facilities for park users, but also as a base for many of our other continuing project, and activities and events.

Our Community Cafe has become a place of value for many in our community, providing a place to meet new people and reduce loneliness and isolation for many elderly people in our community.

Food Bank and Fighting Hunger

We continue our mission to fight hunger. We approach this through a number of initiatives, since our inception we have operated our Food Bank, which continues to be an important part of our operation and is crucial for many individuals and families. Throughout the period we support nearly 200 households facing food poverty. Over 50% of those we support live within the West Wylam area.

There are many reasons why people access our food bank which can range from recent job loss, unexpected bills, financial difficulties, and rent arrears etc.

We're delighted to continue to work with a number of local partners who support our service through providing drop off points for members of the public, including Aldi, Coop Wylam, Coop Garage Prudhoe, Spar Branch End and Stocksfield Post Office. We are always in awe at the generosity of those who donate food direct to us as well, including Prudhoe Methodist Church, and Stocksfield Baptist Church.

We supported our Christmas Hamper project which our trustees decided to continue. Our Christmas Hampers are a seasonal extra for those we support through our food bank. Our food bank is designed to meet a basic need of alleviating hunger. Our Christmas Hampers are designed to provide those extra things that many take for granted, at Christmas time and can make life that little less stressful for many.

In addition to many of the Christmas staples such as stuffing, gravy, crackers, biscuits and many other everyday items used at Christmas, we were also able to include small essential items such as toiletry sets, hats, gloves, socks and other small items.

We continued our Free Community Lunch Club providing a warm space and hot meal to members of our community one day per week. Throughout January to March 2024 we provided nearly 300 free lunch and desserts to members of our community.

We also continued to work with Fareshare throughout the year to redistribute food and reduce food waste. Food donated by Fareshare is a valuable contribution to our work through our community cafe, food bank and free lunch club.

School Uniform Scheme

We continued to operate our school uniform scheme. However, following the introduction of new legislation and guidance issued under the [Education \(Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms\) Act 2021](#), this required appropriate authorities of relevant schools to have regard to the cost and durability of uniform items when developing and implementing their school's uniform policy.

It set out a number of areas where consideration should be given in respect of branded items where other everyday items can be purchased from most retailers, due to frequent changes to uniform.

Governing bodies were to be compliant with the Act by September 2022. As a result we have seen a large reduction in the number of requests for uniform that we would normally receive over the summer break.

In September 2023 we decided to discontinue our uniform scheme. This decision was not taken lightly and we had to weigh up not only the time and cost of administering the scheme, but also the sheer space requirements of storing large quantities of school uniform.

Local History and Heritage

Eastwoods Park and the Miners Lamp Community Cafe and Hub are the centre of our operations. As an important community park with a rich history serving the former mining community of West Wylam. We named the Miners Lamp in honour of this, and an important part of our mission is to preserve and promote our local industrial heritage.

We continue to display many items of local historical interest within the Miners Lamp and alongside this we continue to seek out items of special interest. We continue to purchase items relating to the former mining community of West Wylam, and for many who lived in the community who worked at the former Prudhoe Hospital we have been lucky to add to our collection with a number of Prudhoe Pottery items. These items were handmade by the residents of the hospital through vocational training schemes.

We intend that these items will be placed on display for many to admire and understand the history behind these artefacts.

Youth Employment

We continue to work towards improving the lives of those in our community. Although we are limited in respect of the extent of our youth employment scheme, we are committed to providing opportunities for young people where possible.

We provide casual employment to young people, offering an opportunity to learn new skills in a hospitality setting within our community cafe. Alongside this, the young people we work with grow in confidence and it is a vital part of how we engage with young people, and an important way to reduce the temptation of antisocial behaviour.

Eastwoods Park Environmental Improvements

We continue to work with Northumberland County Council to bring about environmental improvements within Eastwoods Park. Our aim is to make Eastwoods Park more accessible and a much valued and enjoyed place within our community.

2023 saw the coronation of HM King Charles III, which we celebrated by lighting of the Beacon.

We continue to make further environmental improvements to Eastwoods Park including planted areas, installation of bird boxes and bug hotels. We also continue to work in partnership with Northumberland County Council on achieving Green Flag status for Eastwoods Park and continue to work for other improvements to the park to make Eastwoods Park more accessible for those with disabilities.

Community Fun Days and the return of Prudhoe Town Show

Our annual Summer Fun Days are a great way to bring our community together, providing free children's entertainment, we have around 500 attendees come along. Bringing our community together helps to build community cohesion and providing free entertainment and low cost refreshments, it also meets the need of many families and individuals within our community who find visiting other events and activities for children financially difficult.

This year was extra special by seeing the return of Prudhoe Town Show. The Show which had originally began life as the West Wylam and Prudhoe Flower Show in 1857 looked unlikely to return after its last appearance in 2018, with difficulty in securing volunteers in 2019 and then subsequently covid, it looked unlikely to return. We were delighted with the attendance and support from our community for its return in conjunction with our annual summer fun days.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission of England and Wales.

Financial Review

The Charities current account will be maintained with a minimum balance of £5,000. This can be increased with trustee approval for expected exceptional items. The charity does not have a deposit account.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have no defined policy in terms of the levels of resources held. However, the trustees regularly on a quarterly basis review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the organisations continuing obligations and to provide our services for a minimum of 6 months.

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of governing document

The Friends of Eastwoods Park is governed by a Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, however the trustees may appoint a new trustee to temporarily fill a vacancy or to bring in additional skills or experience. Such a trustee will retire at the next AGM but can then be re-appointed.

The Trustees, where practicable, are involved in the work of the Friends of Eastwoods Park.

Our Constitution prohibits Trustees from being employees of the organisation.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees have appointed a Project Manager and Operations Team to oversee the day to day activities of the organisation. They report to and are accountable to the Trustees.

The team also consists of volunteers who are involved in all aspects of the work of the organisation.

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The Annual Report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 31st January 2025 and signed on its behalf by :



Russell Greig, Project Manager.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 31st January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Greig', written in a cursive style.

Russell Greig
Project Manager

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Friends of Eastwoods Park.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 4th April 2024, details of which are summarised here. The full report is available on request.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of the Friends of Eastwoods Park you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

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Lynne O'Brien

Balance Sheet as at 4 April 2024

Current Assets	Total year ended 4 April 2024 £	Total year ended 4 April 2023 £
Cash in Bank and in hand	30,176	21,985
Creditors amounts falling due	(61)	(802)
Net Assets	<u>30,145</u>	<u>21,183</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	8,681	4,135
Restricted funds	21,495	17,850
Total Funds	<u>30,176</u>	<u>21,985</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>(61)</u>	<u>(802)</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>30,145</u>	<u>21,183</u>

Friends of Eastwoods Park
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
For the year ended 4 April 2024

	Total year ended 4 April 2024 £	Total year ended 4 April 2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies	48,373	60,150
National Lottery Community Fund (RC North East and Cumbria)	55,297	
Other trading activities	27,835	25,798
Total income	<u>131,505</u>	<u>85,948</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(21,089)	(24,427)
Charitable activities	(25,504)	(39,667)
Overheads	(76,024)	(67,956)
Total expenditure	<u>(122,617)</u>	<u>(132,050)</u>
Net income	(8,888)	(46,102)
Net movement in funds	(8,888)	(46,102)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	21,183	67,285
Total funds carried forward	<u>30,071</u>	<u>21,183</u>

Friends of Eastwoods Park
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	Total year ended 4 April 2024 £	Total year ended 4 April 2023 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations from individuals and groups	8,714	18,955
Fundraising Activities	962	2,150
Northumberland Lottery Supporters	612	869
Grant from Local Authority	450	10,500
Grant from Karbon Homes	1,500	1,700
Grant from Prudhoe Town Council	8,500	4,000
Grant from National Lottery Community Fund (RC North East and Cumbria)	55,297	8,000
Grant from Northumberland Estates	2,500	
Grant from former Prudhoe Community Workshop Trust	20,000	
Grant from Rothley Trust	900	
Grant from Community Action Northumberland	900	
Grant from Catherine Cookson's Trust	500	
Donation from Prudhoe Town Football Club	1,906	
Donation from Essity	500	
HMRC Gift Aid	429	
Grant from Northern Power Grid Foundation	-	13,476
Grant from Greggs Foundation	-	500
	<u>103,670</u>	<u>60,150</u>
 Other trading activities		
Income from Miners Lamp Community Cafe	27,835	25,798
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 Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(21,089)	(24,427)
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	Total year ended 4 April 2024 £	Total year ended 4 April 2023 £
Charitable Activities		
Charitable Purposes	(25,505)	(39,667)
Wages and Salaries	(54,790)	(50,342)
Pension Contributions (inc in above)	-	(1,403)
Motor Expenses	(3,101)	(1,914)
Internet and IT	(1,658)	(1,928)
Insurance	(1,040)	(1,210)
Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals	(1,034)	(2,328)
Bank Charges	(357)	(319)
Professional fees and subscriptions	(6,890)	(2,613)
Rent and Rates	(1,658)	(1,312)
Equipment Hire and Leasing	(3,778)	(3,703)
Marketing	(103)	(494)
Printing and Stationary	(1,281)	(390)
PPE and Training	(334)	-
	<u>(101,529)</u>	<u>(107,623)</u>

Friends of Eastwoods Park

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 4 April 2024

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Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. When performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance and constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered a pass to test set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of

the Corporate Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties not any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets are purchased and written off in the year of purchase.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are set aside for specific purposes as directed by the grant provider at the discretion of the trustees.

Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance Costs

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 4 April 2024 £	Total 4 April 2023 £
Staff costs				
Wages and salaries and pensions	40,000	14,790	54,790	50,342
Employer Pension Contributions	-	-	-	1,403
Training	185	149	334	-
Sub-Contractors Costs	-	-	-	-
Legal and professional fees	4,743	2,147	6,890	1,047
Accountancy Fees	-	509	509	-
Bank charges and fees	-	357	357	319
	<u>44,928</u>	<u>17,952</u>	<u>62,880</u>	<u>53,111</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The Friends of Eastwoods Park had 6 employees during the period.

Employment Status	No	Notes
Full Time	1	This post was funded by the National Lottery Community Fund (RC North East and Cumbria)
Part Time	1	This post was funding by the National Lottery Community Fund (RC North East and Cumbria)
Part Time	1	This post is funded by income generated from trading activity
Casual	3	These posts are part of our 'Youth Employment Scheme' and are funded by income generated from trading activity

Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any person connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	4 April 2024 £	4 April 2023 £
Other taxation and social security	-	-
Other creditors	-	-
Accruals	-	-
	-	-

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FRIENDS OF EASTWOODS PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1181168

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT
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For the year ended 4 April 2023

Registered Charity Number 1181168

Principal Office
Miners Lamp Community Cafe & Hub
Eastwoods Park
Eastwoods Road
Prudhoe
Northumberland
NE42 5DT

Reference and Administrative Details 4th April 2023

Charity Name	Friends of Eastwoods Park
Charity Reg No	1181168
Principal Office	Miners Lamp Community Cafe & Hub Eastwoods Park, Eastwoods Road Prudhoe, Northumberland NE42 5DT
Website	www.minerslamp.org
Facebook	www.facebook.com/MinersLampCafe www.facebook.com/friendsofeastwoodspark
Trustees:	Alexandra Bond Hayley Dickinson Lesley Ineson Joss Mitchell
Independent Examiner	Lynne O'Brien 6 Shepherds Way East Boldon, Tyne & Wear NE36 0QT
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank Nine Brindleyplace Birmingham, B1 2HB
Solicitors	Power Scott Solicitors 16 Clifford Road Stanley, Co Durham DH9 0AB

Trustees Report

The trustees of the charity present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 4th April 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounts and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Report Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1st Jan 2019)

The financial statements have been independently examined as required under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Objects and Aims

The Friends of Eastwoods Park is a registered charity, set up to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for residents.

In furtherance of these objectives, but not otherwise, the trustees shall have the power to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and recreational land and to maintain, manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre and recreational land, for activities promoted by the charity.

We fulfil our objects and aims through the following objectives, strategies and activities.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The Miners Lamp opened in April 2019, through which we provide facilities for our community and park users to access such as toilets and cafe. We ensure that our cafe can meet the needs of those on low incomes and can be affordable for many who visit Eastwoods Park.

Community Cafe & Hub

The Miners Lamp commands a prominent position with Eastwoods Park and the community of West Wylam, however our reach extends far beyond. Our Community Cafe & Hub continues to be a key part in our operations not least providing a warm and welcoming space with toilet facilities for park users, but also as a base for many of our other continuing project and activities and events.

Our Community Cafe has become a place of value for many in our community, providing a place to meet new people and reduce loneliness and isolation for many elderly people in our community.

Food Bank and Fighting Hunger

We continue our mission to fight hunger. We approach this through a number of initiatives, since our inception we have operated our Food Bank, which continues to be an important part of our operation and is crucial for many individuals and families. There are many reasons why people access our food bank which can range from recent job loss, unexpected bills, financial difficulties, and rent arrears etc.

We're delighted to continue to work with a number of local partners who support our service through providing drop off points for members of the public, including Aldi, Coop Wylam, Coop Garage Prudhoe, Spar Branch End and Stocksfield Post Office. We are always in awe at the generosity of those who donate food direct to us as well, including Prudhoe Methodist Church, and Stocksfield Baptist Church.

During Covid, we began our Christmas Hamper project which our trustees decided to continue. Our Christmas Hampers are a seasonal extra for through our food bank. Whereas our food bank is designed to meet a basic need of alleviating hunger, our Christmas Hampers are designed to provide those extra things that many take for granted at Christmas time and can make Christmas that little less stressful for many.

In addition to many of the Christmas staples such as stuffing, gravy, crackers, biscuits and many other everyday items used at Christmas. We were also able to include small xmas items such as toiletry sets, hats, gloves, socks and other small items. Our Christmas hampers also included a meat voucher for a local butcher with funding via the household support scheme in 2022.

The funding through the scheme also allowed us to start our first Free Community Lunch Club providing a warm space and hot meal to members of our community one day per week. Throughout January to March 2023 we provided nearly 300 free lunch and desserts to members of our community.

We also continued to work with Fareshare throughout the year to redistribute food and reduce food waste. Food donated by Fareshare is a valuable contribution to our work through our community cafe, food bank and free lunch club.

School Uniform Scheme

We continued to operate our school uniform scheme. This is an important way to extend the life of preloved school uniform and help many low income families or those who wish to help fight waste. The clothing industry is a major contributor to carbon emissions and recycling of clothing can be difficult.

By providing a school uniform scheme we are not only helping those on low incomes but also reducing the amount of clothing waste.

Guidance issued under the [Education \(Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms\) Act 2021](#). Required appropriate authorities of relevant schools to have regard to the cost and durability of uniform items when developing and implementing their school's uniform policy.

It set out a number of areas where consideration should be given in respect of branded items where other everyday items can be purchased from most retailers, frequent changes to uniform.

Governing bodies were to be compliant with the Act by September 2022. As a result we did see a large reduction in the number of requests for uniform that we would normally receive over the summer break.

Local History and Heritage

Eastwoods Park and the Miners Lamp Community Cafe and Hub are the centre of our operations. As an important community park with a rich history serving the former mining community of West

Wylam. We named the Miners Lamp in honour of this, and an important part of our mission is to preserve and promote our local industrial heritage.

We continue to display many items of local historical interest within the Miners Lamp and alongside this we continue to seek out items of special interest. We continue to purchase items relating the former mining community of West Wylam, and for many who lived in the community who worked at the former Prudhoe Hospital we have been lucky to add to our collection with a number of Prudhoe Pottery items. These items were handmade by the residents of the hospital through vocational training schemes.

We intend that these items will be placed on display for many to admire and understand the history behind these artefacts.

Youth Employment

We continue to work towards improving the lives of those in our community. Although we are limited in respect of the extent of our youth employment scheme, we are committed to providing opportunities for young people where possible.

We provide casual employment to young people, offering an opportunity to learn new skills in a hospitality setting within our community cafe. Alongside this, the young people we work with grow in confidence and it is a vital part of how we engage with young people, and an important way to reduce the temptation of antisocial behaviour.

Eastwoods Park Environmental Improvements

We continue to work with Northumberland County Council to bring about environmental improvements within Eastwoods Park. Our aim is to make Eastwoods Park more accessible and a much valued and enjoyed place within our community.

2022 saw the lead up to and culmination of HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee celebrations. A momentous occasion for our country becoming the longest reigning monarch in British history. As part of celebrations to mark this occasion we commissioned and installed the Elizabeth Beacon within the park.

Our community came together with the lighting of the beacon to celebrate this milestone in British history, joined by bagpiper, bugler and choir. Sadly just a few short months later HM passed away, and on the eve of HM's funeral we held a vigil and commemoration with a lighting of the beacon and few words from the Rev Dan Freyhan of St Mary Magdalen Church in Prudhoe.

This was very well attended by members of our community and brought our community together at such a time of national grief.

Alongside the installation of the Elizabeth Beacon we continue to make further environmental improvements to Eastwoods Park including planted areas, installation of bird boxes and bug hotels. We also continue to work in partnership with Northumberland County Council on achieving Green Flag status for Eastwoods Park and continue to work for other improvements to the park to make Eastwoods Park more accessible for this with disabilities.

Community Fun Days

Our annual Summer Fun Days are a great way to bring our community together, providing free children's entertainment, we have around 500 attendees come along. Bringing our community together helps to build community cohesion and providing free entertain and low cost refreshments, it also meets the need of many families and individuals within our community who find visiting other events and activities for children financially difficult.

In addition to our summer events, we also held a winter event. Creating both a winter wonderland, along with elf workshops for crafts and activities. Alongside this we also brought an ice rink to Prudhoe. This was a first for our town and the cost of taking children to ice rinks in the area in winter can be costly. Over two days we had over 600 children enjoy the ice rink.

A key part of our mission is to ensure accessibility, not only of Eastwoods Park but also our events. As part of our winter wonderland, we set aside separate time for children with SEN needs to attend both the Winter Wonderland and Ice Rink, with more subdued lighting and music.

Winter Warm

As part of our aims to improve the lives of those in our community and reduce hardship. We received funding to assist with the rising cost of living crisis. With many within our community and those we support through our food bank already struggling, the rising cost of energy would cause even more suffering. We were able to provide small grants to help with the cost of energy through the Government Household Support Scheme. This was invaluable to many, and we saw a rising in those accessing our food bank due to the rising cost of living crisis.

Working with Community Action Northumberland, we were became a Warm Hub offering a warm space for anyone feeling cold and a hot meal. This was in addition to our Free Community Lunch Club. In addition to providing a warm space and meal, we also worked with a number of partners to provide advice with organisations attending our lunch club days to talk to members of our community and offer advice and guidance.

Other achievements

We are continually looking at ways to improve our environment and provide a better community for those who we help. We were delighted to instal a defibrillator on the exterior of our building within the park. Eastwoods Park is a much used park by a wide range of people and age groups, situated on the edge of our town the nearest defibrillator was some distance.

We were also delighted to be shortlisted for a Love Northumberland Award, and were awarded Love Northumberland Runner Up. Alongside this our Project Manager also received a BBC Make a Difference Award and Karbon Homes Community Star Award.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission of England and Wales.

Financial Review

The Charities current account will be maintained with a minimum balance of £5,000. This can be increased with trustee approval for expected exceptional items. The charity does not have a deposit account.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have no defined policy in terms of the levels of resources held. However, the trustees regularly on a quarterly basis review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the organisations continuing obligations and to provide our services for a minimum of 6 months.

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of governing document

The Friends of Eastwoods Park is governed by a Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, however the trustees may appoint a new trustee to temporarily fill a vacancy or to bring in additional skills or experience. Such a trustee will retire at the next AGM but can then be re-appointed.

The Trustees, where practicable, are involved in the work of the Friends of Eastwoods Park.

Our Constitution prohibits Trustees from being employees of the organisation.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees have appointed a Project Manager and Operations Team to oversee the day to day activities of the organisation. They report to and are accountable to the Trustees.

The team also consists of volunteers who are involved in all aspects of the work of the organisation.

The Annual Report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 31st January 2024 and signed on its behalf by :



Russell Greig, Project Manager.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 31st January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Greig', written in a cursive style.

Russell Greig
Project Manager

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Friends of Eastwoods Park.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 4th April 2023, details of which are summarised here. The full report is available on request.

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Lynne O'Brien

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Cash in Bank and in hand	21,985	67,285
Creditors amounts falling due	(802)	-
Net Assets	<u>21,183</u>	<u>67,285</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	4,135	54,785
Restricted funds	17,850	12,500
Total Funds	<u>21,985</u>	<u>67,285</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>(802)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>21,183</u>	<u>67,285</u>

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For the year ended 4 April 2023

	Total year ended 4 April 2023 £	Total year ended 4 April 2022 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies	60,150	54,584
Other trading activities	25,798	8,854
Total income	<u>85,948</u>	<u>63,438</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(24,427)	(12,608)
Charitable activities	(39,667)	(51,508)
Overheads	(67,956)	
Total expenditure	<u>(132,050)</u>	<u>(64,116)</u>
Net income	(46,102)	(678)
Net movement in funds	(46,102)	(678)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	67,285	67,963
Total funds carried forward	<u>21,183</u>	<u>67,285</u>

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Donations from individuals	18,955	9,345
Donations from collection boxes	2,150	2,714
Northumberland Lottery Supporters	869	-
Grant from Local Authority	10,500	1,401
Grant from Ballinger Charitable Trust	-	15,000
Grant from Karbon Homes	1,700	-
Grant from Prudhoe Town Council	4,000	5,000
Grant from Northern Power Grid Foundation	13,476	-
Grant from National Lottery Community Fund (RC North East and Cumbria)	8,000	-
Grant from Greggs Foundation	500	-
Grant from Groundworks UK	-	1,000
Grants other agencies (inc Covid Business Support)	-	20,124
	<u>60,150</u>	<u>54,584</u>
Other trading activities		
Income from Miners Lamp Community Cafe	25,798	8,854
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Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(24,427)	(12,608)
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Charitable Activities		
Charitable Purposes	(39,667)	(16,789)
Wages and Salaries	(50,342)	(14,146)
Pension Contributions	(1,403)	(307)
Motor Expenses	(1,914)	(1,451)
Internet and IT	(1,928)	(824)
Insurance	(1,210)	(1,266)
Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals	(2,328)	(817)
Bank Charges	(319)	(183)
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Equipment Hire and Leasing	(3,703)	(3,522)
Travel	-	(10)
Marketing	(494)	(168)
Printing and Stationary	(390)	-
PPE and Training	-	(15)
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Raising funds

These costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance and constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered a pass to test set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporate Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties not any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets are purchased and written off in the year of purchase.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are set aside for specific purposes as directed by the grant provider at the discretion of the trustees.

Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance Costs

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 4 April 2023 £	Total 4 April 2022 £
Staff costs				
Wages and salaries	20,500	29,842	50,342	14,146
Employer Pension Contributions	-	1,403	1,403	307
Training	-	-	-	-
Sub-Contractors Costs	-	-	-	7,500
Surveyor and professional fees	-	1,047	1,047	2,131
Accountancy Fees	-	-	-	-
Bank charges and fees	-	319	319	183
	<u>20,500</u>	<u>32,611</u>	<u>53,111</u>	<u>24,789</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The Friends of Eastwoods Park had 7 employees during the period.

Employment Status	No	Notes
Full Time	1	This post was funded by the Ballinger Trust until January 2023 and subsequently funded by unrestricted funds from January to April 2023, when funding was secured by the National lottery Community Fund
Part Time	1	This post was created in July 2022 and was funded by unrestricted funds between July and Sept 2022 with subsequent funding by the National Lottery Community Fund for a period of 3 years from Oct 2022
Part Time	1	This post is funded by income generated from trading activity
Part Time	1	This post was funded by income generated from trading activity, and terminated in August 2022
Casual	3	These posts are part of our 'Youth Employment Scheme' and are funded by income generated from trading activity

Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any person connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	4 April 2023 £	4 April 2022 £
Other taxation and social security	-	-
Other creditors	-	-
Accruals	-	-
	-	-

Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

FRIENDS OF EASTWOODS PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1181168

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 4 April 2022

Registered Charity Number 1181168

Principal Office
Miners Lamp Community Cafe & Hub
Eastwoods Park
Eastwoods Road
Prudhoe
Northumberland
NE42 5DT



friends of
Eastwoods Park

Trustees:	Alexandra Bond Hayley Dickinson Russell Greig (Resigned 30 September 2021) Lesley Ineson
Treasurer	Alexandra Bond
Secretary	Russell Greig
Independent Examiner	Lynne O'Brien 6 Shepherds Way East Boldon Tyne & Wear

Chairman's Remarks

2021 continued to be a challenging year of uncertainty and worry for many following the previous year throughout covid which continues to be a concern.

Through 2021 we continued our pay as you feel market which provided many with access to affordable food. However during the later part of 2021 we decided to stop holding our pay as you feel market. This was due to a number of reasons including reduced produce and food that we were collecting, increased costs of collections and significantly reduced income from donations for food we collected.

As lockdown measures eased in 2021, our cafe was able to reopen to welcome visitors again.

Likewise other projects also began to happen including planting in the park and preparation for Keep Britain Tidy Green Flag Awards.

We hosted a number of outside events during 2021 which proved successful and well attended. Including our own Summer Fun Days in September which were very well attended by our community.

Our School Uniform Scheme continues to help many parents with the cost of school uniform, this year we held a table top sale of Uniform items, which worked well and this is something which we will continue to do in the future.

Donations to our food bank continued to roll in through 2021, with a number of local stores and organisations acting as drop off points. Our food bank continues to be a lifeline for many in our community.

Christmas 2021 saw us continue with our Christmas Hamper appeal and this meant we were able to provide hampers to many who might be spending Christmas alone.

2022 saw the start of HM the Queens Platinum Jubilee Year, and early 2022 we began plans for activities and events throughout the summer. Including a Beacon Lighting Ceremony, Picnic in the Park, Fun Days and much more.

We are constantly 'blown away' by the support we receive from individuals and organisations, in terms of financial support and items donated to our food bank.

Russell Greig
Project Manager

Trustees Report

Objects and Aims

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In furtherance of these objectives, but not otherwise, the trustees shall have the power to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and recreational land and to maintain, manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre and recreational land for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of our objects and aims.

We fulfil our objects and aims through the following objectives, strategies and activities.

Objectives, Strategies and activities

The Miners Lamp opened in April 2019, through which we provide facilities for our community and park users to access such as toilets and cafe. We ensure that our cafe can meet the needs of those on low incomes and can be affordable for many who visit Eastwoods Park.

From the Miners Lamp we also operate our food bank and school uniform bank. Throughout the year we have provided support to alleviate food poverty, as well as pre-loved school uniforms to many families across our town and surrounding areas.

In order to help reduce food waste, we have also redistributed food donated through supermarkets and working with the charity Fareshare. This food whilst still of good quality, was distributed through our food parcels, and also offered to the general public to help us raise funds for our charity.

Working with Northumberland County Council, we have helped bring about a range of improvements to Eastwoods Park for the benefit of our community. These have included removing overgrown shrubs, re-establishing flower beds and planting. Providing sports equipment free of charge for use within the park.

As part of our activities, we have organised and held fun days and events and activities during school holiday breaks, which have been an opportunity for us to also provide meals to combat and reduce children facing holiday hunger.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission of England and Wales.

Achievements and Performance

With the support of so many individuals, groups and organisations in our town. Who have helped collect for our food bank, and also helped us plan and host a number of activities and events FREE for our community.



April 2021 saw our 2nd Birthday, our first being during completely lockdown in 2020.

We have helped provide food to hundreds of individuals every year, along with over 50 families with school uniform items. Many families who we have supported continue to receive support over extended periods of time.

Through our work, children and adults have had access to equipment free of charge for the following sports in Eastwoods Park;

Tennis, football, basketball, cricket, rounders, baseball.

Planting preparations for Green Flag Judging.





Uniform Table Top Sale

Our fun day events which brought together a wide range of community groups and organisations. This was our first large event after the relaxation of covid restrictions.

It was an opportunity for us to work with local entertainers and suppliers whose businesses had been effected by the pandemic and also an opportunity for our community to get together.





Towards the end of 2021 we began work for our Christmas Hamper distribution. This is a mammoth task and involves collection donations, and sorting items to produce a fantastic filled hamper box with Christmas essentials and goodies.

We distributed over 80 Hampers in 2021 to many elderly people and those who may not have loved ones to spend Christmas

We also welcomed Father Christmas who welcomed many local children to the Miners Lamp with a present.



The beginning of 2022 saw us work with Northumberland County Council to get work carried out in Eastwoods Park ready for the summer including repairs to fencing around the Multi Use Games Area.

2022 was also HM The Queens Platinum Jubilee Year and preparations were started for celebrations later in the year.



Financial Review

The Charities current account will be maintained with a minimum balance of £5,000. This can be increased with trustee approval for expected exceptional items. The charity does not have a deposit account.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have no defined policy in terms of the levels of resources held. However, the trustees regularly on a quarterly basis review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the organisations continuing obligations and to provide our services for a minimum of 6 months.

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of governing document

The Friends of Eastwoods Park is governed by a Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, however the trustees may appoint a new trustee to temporarily fill a vacancy or to bring in additional skills or experience. Such a trustee will retire at the next AGM but can then be re-appointed.

The Trustees, where practicable, are involved in the work of the Friends of Eastwoods Park.

On 30 September 2021 Russell Greig resigned as Trustee having become a full time employee of the Charity, Our Constitution prohibits Trustees from being employees of the organisation.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees have appointed a Project Manager and Operations Team to oversee the day to day activities of the organisation. They are report to and are accountable to the Trustees.

The team also consists of volunteers who are involved in all aspects of the work of the organisation.

The Annual Report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 22 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by :



Russell Greig, Project Manager.

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Friends of Eastwoods Park.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 4th April 2022, details of which are summarised here. The full report is available on request.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of the Friends of Eastwoods Park you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the Friends of Eastwoods Park's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention with the examination giving me cause to believe that any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Friends of Eastwoods Park as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirement concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Lynne O'Brien

Balance Sheet as at 4 April 2022

Current Assets	Total year ended 4 April 2022 £	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £
Cash in Bank and in hand	67,285	67,963
Creditors amounts falling due	-	-
Net Assets	<u>67,285</u>	<u>67,963</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	54,785	40,182
Restricted funds	12,500	27,781
Total Funds	<u>67,285</u>	<u>67,963</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>67,285</u>	<u>67,963</u>

Friends of Eastwoods Park
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
For the year ended 4 April 2022

	Total year ended 4 April 2022 £	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies	54,584	109,624
Other trading activities	8,854	18,481
Total income	<u>63,438</u>	<u>128,105</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(12,608)	(8,593)
Charitable activities	(51,508)	(70,144)
Total expenditure	<u>(64,116)</u>	<u>(78,737)</u>
Net income	(678)	49,368
Net movement in funds	(678)	49,368
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	67,963	18,595
Total funds carried forward	<u>67,285</u>	<u>67,963</u>

Friends of Eastwoods Park
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
For the year ended 4 April 2022

	Total year ended 4 April 2022 £	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations from individuals	9,345	19,496
Donations from collection boxes	2,714	6,443
Donations from Local Authority	1,401	-
Grant from Ballinger Charitable Trust	15,000	15,000
Grant from Groundworks UK	1,000	-
Grant from Martin Lewis Coronavirus Emergency Fund	-	10,000
Grant from Prudhoe Town Council	5,000	7,500
Grant from Karbon Homes	-	1,000
Grant from WRAP Food Redistribution	-	9,839
Grant from National Lottery Awards for All	-	9,500
Grant from Coop Local Community Fund	-	2,341
Grant from Northumberland County Council	-	3,000
Grants other agencies (inc Covid Business Support)	20,124	25,506
	<u>54,584</u>	<u>109,624</u>
Other trading activities		
Income from Miners Lamp Community Cafe	8,854	18,481
	<u>8,854</u>	<u>18,481</u>
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(12,608)	(8,593)
	<u>(12,608)</u>	<u>(8,593)</u>
Charitable Activities		
Employee Wages and Salaries	(14,146)	(9,246)
Employer's Pension Contributions	(307)	-
Motor Expenses	(1,451)	(2,294)
Internet and IT	(824)	(800)
Insurance	(1,266)	(1,211)
Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals	(817)	(2,479)
Bank Charges	(183)	(182)
Professional fees and subscriptions	(10,788)	(15,627)
Activities and Events	(16,789)	(9,659)
Rent and Rates	(1,222)	(762)
Equipment Hire and Leasing	(3,522)	-
Travel	(10)	-
Martin Lewis Food Bank Provisions	-	(5,668)
Karbon Homes Project	-	(1,000)
National Lottery Awards for All	-	(6,403)
Prudhoe Town Council Projects	-	(5,491)
WRAP Food Redistribution	-	(7,782)
Marketing	(168)	(40)
Printing and Stationary	-	(681)
PPE and Training	(15)	(821)
	<u>(51,508)</u>	<u>(70,143)</u>

Notes to the Accounts: (Full details of these can be provided on application)

The trustees have prepared the trustees report and financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and republic of Ireland.

Financial guarantee contracts

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Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity hold a 15 year Lease on the Miners Lamp Community Cafe and Hub which is owned by Northumberland County Council for an annual rent of £1.

The charity owns all fixtures and fittings within the Miners Lamp Community Cafe and Hub.

Trustees remuneration and expenses

The Charity received £15,000 per year from the Ballinger Trust in respect of Project Manager Russell Greig. This sum was paid under a service agreement to Russell Greig at £1250 per month, until 30th September 2021 when Russell Greig resigned as Trustee to become an employee of the Charity. No other remuneration or expenses were paid to Russell Greig whilst being a Trustee.

Sum paid to Russell Greig under the service agreement are included in Professional Fees and Subscriptions thereafter salaries paid are included under Employee Wages and Salaries.

Employee Wages and Salaries

Included in employee wages and salaries are casual labour over busy summer periods and from 1st October 2021 employee and ancillary employment costs relating to Russell Greig.

Charity Registration Number: 1181168

Friends of Eastwoods Park

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 4 April 2022

Lynne O'Brien

Friends of Eastwoods Park

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Friends of Eastwoods Park
Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Alexandra Bond Hayley Dickinson Russell Greig Lesley Ineson
Principal Office	c/o 17 Coldwell Road Prudhoe Northumberland NE42 5DY
Charity Registration Number	1181168
Independent Examiner	Lynne O'Brien 6 Shepherds Way West Boldon Tyne & Wear

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 4 April 2022

Objects and Aims

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Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Financial Review

The Charities current account will be maintained with a minimum balance of £5,000. This can be increased with trustee approval for expected exceptional items. The charity does not have a deposit account.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have no defined policy in terms of the levels of resources held. However, the trustees regularly on a quarterly basis review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the organisations continuing obligations and to provide our services for a minimum of 6 months.

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The Trustees, where practicable are involved in the work of the Friends of Eastwoods Park.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees have appointed a Project Manager and Operations Team to oversee the day to day activities of the organisation. They are report to and are accountable to the Trustees.

The team also consists of volunteers who are involved in all aspects of the work of the organisation.

The Annual Report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 22 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by :

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Russell Greig
Project Manager

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 22 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Russell Greig
Project Manager

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Friends of Eastwoods Park.

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of the Friends of Eastwoods Park you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the Friends of Eastwoods Park's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention with the examination giving me cause to believe that any material respect:

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Lynne O'Brien

Friends of Eastwoods Park
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
For the year ended 4 April 2022

	Note	Total year ended 4 April 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies		54,584
Other trading activities		8,854
Total income		<u>63,438</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds		(12,608)
Charitable Activities		<u>(51,523)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(64,116)</u>
Net movement in funds		(678)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward		<u>67,963</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>67,285</u>

	Note	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies		109,624
Other trading activities		18,481
Total income		<u>128,105</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds		(8,593)
Charitable Activities		<u>(70,143)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(78,736)</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>49,368</u>
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward		18,595
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All of the charities activities derive from continuing operations during the above period.

**Friends of Eastwoods Park
(Registration number 1181168)
Balance Sheet as at 4 April 2022**

Current Assets	Total year ended 4 April 2022 £	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £
Fixed Assets	-	-
Cash in Bank and in hand	67,285	67,963
Creditors amounts falling due	-	-
Net Assets	<u>67,285</u>	<u>67,963</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	54,785	44,848
Restricted funds	12,500	21,400
Total Funds	<u>67,285</u>	<u>67,963</u>
Fixed Assets	=	=
Total Liabilities	=	=
Total Net Assets	<u>67,285</u>	<u>67,963</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on the 22 June 2023 and signed on their behalf.



Russell Greig
Project Manager

Friends of Eastwoods Park

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 4 April 2022

1. Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of Preparation

The Friends of Eastwoods park meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and Endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. When performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are set aside for specific purposes as directed by the grant provider at the discretion of the trustees.

2. Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance Costs

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 4 April 2022 £	Total 4 April 2021 £
Staff costs				
Wages and salaries	7,500	6,646	14,146	9,246
Employer Pension Contributions	-	307	307	-
Training	-	-	-	361
Sub-Contractors Costs	7,500	-	7,500	15,000
Surveyor and professional fees	-	2,131	2,131	-
Accountancy Fees	-	-	-	-
Bank charges and fees	<u>-</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>182</u>
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>9,267</u>	<u>24,267</u>	<u>24,789</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

5. Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any person connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

7. Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	4 April 2022 £	4 April 2021 £
Other taxation and social security	-	-
Other creditors	-	-
Accruals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

9. Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

**Friends of Eastwoods Park
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
For the year ended 4 April 2022**

	Total year ended 4 April 2022 £	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies	54,584	109,624
Other trading activities	8,854	18,481
Total income	<u>63,438</u>	<u>128,105</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(12,608)	(8,593)
Charitable activities	(51,508)	(70,144)
Total expenditure	<u>(64,116)</u>	<u>(78,737)</u>
Net income	(678)	49,368
Net movement in funds	(678)	49,368
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	67,963	18,595
Total funds carried forward	<u>67,285</u>	<u>67,963</u>

Friends of Eastwoods Park
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
For the year ended 4 April 2022

	Total year ended 4 April 2022 £	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations from individuals	9,345	19,496
Donations from collection boxes	2,714	6,443
Donations from Local Authority	1,401	-
Grant from Ballinger Charitable Trust	15,000	15,000
Grant from Groundworks UK	1,000	-
Grant from Martin Lewis Coronavirus Emergency Fund	-	10,000
Grant from Prudhoe Town Council	5,000	7,500
Grant from Karbon Homes	-	1,000
Grant from WRAP Food Redistribution	-	9,839
Grant from National Lottery Awards for All	-	9,500
Grant from Coop Local Community Fund	-	2,341
Grant from Northumberland County Council	-	3,000
Grants other agencies (inc Covid Business Support)	20,124	25,506
	<u>63,438</u>	<u>109,624</u>
Other trading activities		
Income from Miners Lamp Community Cafe	8,854	18,481
	<u>8,854</u>	<u>18,481</u>
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(12,608)	(8,593)
	<u>(12,608)</u>	<u>(8,593)</u>
Charitable Activities		
Employee Wages and Salaries	(14,146)	(9,246)
Employer's Pension Contributions	(307)	-
Motor Expenses	(1,451)	(2,294)
Internet and IT	(824)	(800)
Insurance	(1,266)	(1,211)
Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals	(817)	(2,479)
Bank Charges	(183)	(182)
Professional fees and subscriptions	(10,788)	(15,627)
Activities and Events	(16,789)	(9,659)
Rent and Rates	(1,222)	(762)
Equipment Hire and Leasing	(3,522)	-
Travel	(10)	-
Martin Lewis Food Bank Provisions	-	(5,668)
Karbon Homes Project	-	(1,000)
National Lottery Awards for All	-	(6,403)
Prudhoe Town Council Projects	-	(5,491)
WRAP Food Redistribution	-	(7,782)
Marketing	(168)	(40)
Printing and Stationary	-	(681)
PPE and Training	(15)	(821)
	<u>(51,508)</u>	<u>(70,143)</u>

FRIENDS OF EASTWOODS PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1181168

Accounts



friends of
Eastwoods Park

ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 4 April 2021

Registered Charity Number 1181168

Principal Office
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friends of
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Trustees: Alexandra Bond
 Hayley Dickinson
 Russell Greig

Treasurer Alexandra Bond

Secretary Russell Greig

Independent Examiner Lynne O'Brien
 6 Shepherds Way
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Chairman's Remarks

We started our financial year already two weeks into a national lockdown and no one would have envisaged how the rest of our year to April 2021 would have panned out and the challenges that many of our most vulnerable would face.

Certainly 2020-21 posed a number of challenges to our charity and we had to adapt quickly to ensure that we could build a resilient organisation which could weather the storm that was to come with our main priority supporting our community and its most vulnerable over the year to come.

As lockdown developed in early 2020, the challenges that we faced in supporting people through our food bank was in receiving donations and food to pass on to those in need. Many supermarkets had empty shelves or were rationing the number of items that could be purchased. As a result donations significantly reduced and so we were left with the dilemma of having to purchase food items ourselves to ensure that our food bank could still support those in need.

The other aspect of this was that due to lockdown, our community cafe which helped us generate income, was now closed during lockdown and so our main source of income had stopped.

Through a pro-active approach, we were delighted by the response from our community to our requests for help and we secured a significant amount of funding from a range of sources to allow us to upscale our food redistribution operations. These funds helped us to:

- Purchase additional freezers and fridges to help extend the life of food for redistribution
- Purchase a van to assist in the collection and delivery of food
- Purchase food grade packing boxes for the packing of prepared meals
- Purchase boxes for the packing and delivery of food parcels
- Purchase food and other essentials from supermarkets and wholesalers

As a result of upscaling to meet the increased demand on our services, our cafe seating area and community room become a food bank storage area.

We are constantly 'blown away' by the support we receive from individuals and organisations, in terms of financial support and items donated to our food bank.

Russell Greig
Secretary

Trustees Report

Objects and Aims

The Friends of Eastwoods Park is a registered charity, set up to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for residents.

In furtherance of these objectives, but not otherwise, the trustees shall have the power to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and recreational land and to maintain, manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre and recreational land for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of our objects and aims.

We fulfil our objects and aims through the following objectives, strategies and activities.

Objectives, Strategies and activities

The Miners Lamp opened in April 2019, through which we provide facilities for our community and park users to access such as toilets and cafe. We ensure that our cafe can meet the needs of those on low incomes and can be affordable for many who visit Eastwoods Park.

From the Miners Lamp we also operate our food bank and school uniform bank. Through-out the year we have provided support to alleviate food poverty, as well as preloved school uniforms to many families across our town and surrounding areas.

In order to help reduce food waste, we have also redistributed food donated through supermarkets and working with the charity Fareshare. This food whilst still of good quality, was distributed through our food parcels, and also offered to the general public to help us raise funds for our charity through our pay as you feel market.

Working with Northumberland County Council, we have helped bring about a range of improvements to Eastwoods Park for the benefit of our community. Building on improvements last year. Eastwoods Park was awarded its first ever Green Flag Award in 2020.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission of England and Wales.

Achievements and Performance

We were already in the first 2 weeks of lockdown at the start of our year in April 2020, I don't think anyone expected the what was to come, from empty supermarket shelves, limits on purchasing items and even rationing of toilet rolls.

As we entered April 2020, our cafe had already closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. This sadly impacted many of those we supported through volunteering and partner organisation.

Our focus needed to shift quickly to helping respond to the new challenges faced by the pandemic. Supporting those vulnerable, elderly and those facing even more financial hardship and food poverty.

The Easter Bear and Bunny ready to deliver Easter eggs during lockdown with a message about staying indoors.



Daily collections of food from supermarkets

Our pay as you feel market became a lifeline for many feeling the financial hardship of lockdown and furlough



To upscale our distribution, we needed a bigger vehicle. Sherwoods kindly loaned us a van which became invaluable.

Despite the pandemic, Green Flag Judging was to continue, so work had to continue improving our park.



Makeshift outdoor volunteer distribution centre with food parcels. Stacks of food parcels ready for volunteers to collect and distribute throughout our community.



With hospitals overwhelmed, we collected toiletries for local hospitals.



Shortages of things like Flour and Yeast, we purchased in bulk and divided up to sell to our community at cost price.



Toilet roll famine, donations from a local toilet roll factory meant we could still provide the basics to those in need and vulnerable.

Our pay as you feel market, reduced food waste and provided a lifeline to many people between March and December 2020 we redistributed over 35 tonnes of food which would've gone to landfill





We got our own van, and increased capacity to redistribute food with industrial fridges and freezers.



We were now able to prepare cooked meals for the vulnerable in our community during lockdown. Delivering over 150 meals per week.



Our food bank was busier than ever, supporting the local authority to deliver food parcels along the Tyne Valley



As lockdown eased, outdoor dining was permitted.



With many families struggling financially, we started our holiday hunger program, providing free meals during school holidays

Our school uniform scheme became a lifeline for many families as their children returned to school





As we headed towards Christmas, we were overwhelmed with support from local schools, police and many others. Christmas was going to be a tough time during lockdown.



With many organisations cancelling their Santa visits. We wanted to bring a smile to our community, Santa joined us as we visited many small communities around us.





The start of our Christmas Hamper Appeal, packing and delivering hampers too many vulnerable and isolated people in our community or to those who may just be spending Christmas alone.





Our very own Russ Greig honoured with an award for Community Champion by Karbon Homes



Christmas Day 2021 saw us all preparing over 50 Christmas Lunches to deliver to some of our most vulnerable in our community.

But no time to rest, our van was out between Christmas and New Year delivering much needed food parcels throughout the Tyne Valley.





Winter, a quiet time for some. But work continues to make Eastwoods Park better. Planting willow to improve biodiversity and wildlife habitat. An added bonus being able to weave it.



Springtime allows us to be able to replace 40 year old rotten windows, improving our buildings energy efficiency and helping to save money.

Financial Review

The Charities current account will be maintained with a minimum balance of £5,000. This can be increased with trustee approval for expected exceptional items. The charity does not have a deposit account.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have no defined policy in terms of the levels of resources held. However, the trustees regularly on a quarterly basis review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the organisations continuing obligations and to provide our services for a minimum of 6 months.

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of governing document

The Friends of Eastwoods Park is governed by a Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, however the trustees may appoint a new trustee to temporarily fill a vacancy or to bring in additional skills or experience. Such a trustee will retire at the next AGM but can then be re-appointed.

The Trustees, where practicable are involved in the work of the Friends of Eastwoods Park.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees have appointed a Project Manager and Operations Team to oversee the day to day activities of the organisation. They are report to and are accountable to the Trustees.

The team also consists of volunteers who are involved in all aspects of the work of the organisation.

The Annual Report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 22 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by :

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Greig', written in a cursive style.

Russell Greig, Secretary.

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Friends of Eastwoods Park.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 4th April 2021, details of which are summarised here. The full report is available on request.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of the Friends of Eastwoods Park you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the Friends of Eastwoods Park's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention with the examination giving me cause to believe that any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Friends of Eastwoods Park as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirement concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynne O'Brien', written in a cursive style.

Lynne O'Brien

Balance Sheet as at 4 April 2021

Current Assets	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £	Total year ended 4 April 2020 £
Cash in Bank and in hand	67,963	22,743
Creditors amounts falling due	-	(4,148)
Net Assets	<u>67,963</u>	<u>18,595</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	40,182	10,243
Restricted funds	27,781	12,500
Total Funds	<u>67,963</u>	<u>22,743</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,148)</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>67,963</u>	<u>18,595</u>

Friends of Eastwoods Park
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
For the year ended 4 April 2021

	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £	Total year ended 4 April 2020 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies	109,624	29,291
Other trading activities	18,481	21,723
Total income	<u>128,105</u>	<u>51,014</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(8,593)	(14,793)
Charitable activities	(70,144)	(10,692)
Total expenditure	<u>(78,737)</u>	<u>(25,485)</u>
Net income	49,368	18,595
Net movement in funds	49,368	18,595
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	18,595	-
Total funds carried forward	<u>67,963</u>	<u>18,595</u>

Friends of Eastwoods Park
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
For the year ended 4 April 2021

	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £	Total year ended 4 April 2020 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations from individuals	19,496	3,929
Donations from collection boxes	6,443	216
Grant from Ballinger Charitable Trust	15,000	15,000
Grant from Martin Lewis Coronavirus Emergency Fund	10,000	-
Grant from Prudhoe Town Council	7,500	-
Grant from Karbon Homes	1,000	-
Grant from WRAP Food Redistribution	9,839	-
Grant from National Lottery Awards for All	9,500	-
Grant from Coop Local Community Fund	2,341	-
Grant from Northumberland County Council	3,000	-
Grants other agencies (including covid business support)	25,506	10,145
	<u>109,624</u>	<u>29,290</u>
Other trading activities		
Income from Miners Lamp Community Cafe	18,481	21,723
	<u>18,481</u>	<u>21,723</u>
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(8,593)	(14,793)
	<u>(8,593)</u>	<u>(14,793)</u>
Charitable Activities		
Marketing	(40)	(168)
Employee Wages and Salaries	(9,246)	(2,840)
Motor Expenses	(2,294)	(64)
Printing and Stationary	(680)	(102)
Internet and IT	(800)	(865)
Insurance	(1,211)	(455)
Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals	(2,479)	(1,443)
Bank Charges	(182)	(87)
Professional fees and subscriptions	(15,627)	(4,284)
PPE and Training	(821)	(375)
Activities and Events	(9,659)	(6,942)
Rent	(762)	-
Martin Lewis Food Bank Provisions	(5,668)	-
Karbon Homes Project	(1,000)	-
National Lottery Awards for All	(6,403)	-
Prudhoe Town Council Projects	(5,491)	-
WRAP Food Redistribution	(7,782)	-
	<u>(70,143)</u>	<u>(17,625)</u>

Notes to the Accounts: (Full details of these can be provided on application)

The trustees have prepared the trustees report and financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and republic of Ireland.

Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity hold a 15 year Lease on the Miners Lamp Community Cafe and Hub which is owned by Northumberland County Council for an annual rent of £1.

The charity owns all fixtures and fittings within the Miners Lamp Community Cafe and Hub.

Trustees remuneration and expenses

In accordance with Section 6 Sub-Section 1 and 2 of the Charities Constitution and Sections 185 to 188 of the Charities Act 2011. The Charity entered into a service agreement with a Trustee for which they were remunerated not exceeding £15,000 per annum for the period to April 2021.

No other Trustee, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

Charity Registration Number: 1181168

Friends of Eastwoods Park

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 4 April 2021

Lynne O'Brien

Friends of Eastwoods Park

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Friends of Eastwoods Park
Reference and Administrative Details

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1181168

Independent Examiner

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 4th April 2021

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Working with Northumberland County Council, we have helped bring about a range of improvements to Eastwoods Park for the benefit of our community. These have included removing overgrown shrubs, re-establishing flower beds and planting. Providing sports equipment free of charge for use within the park.

As part of our activities, we have organised and held fun days and events and activities during school holiday breaks, which have been an opportunity for us to also provide meals to combat and reduce children facing holiday hunger.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Financial Review

The Charities current account will be maintained with a minimum balance of £5,000. This can be increased with trustee approval for expected exceptional items. The charity does not have a deposit account.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have no defined policy in terms of the levels of resources held. However, the trustees regularly on a quarterly basis review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the organisations continuing obligations and to provide our services for a minimum of 6 months.

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of governing document

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The Trustees have appointed a Project Manager and Operations Team to oversee the day to day activities of the organisation. They are report to and are accountable to the Trustees.

The team also consists of volunteers who are involved in all aspects of the work of the organisation.

The Annual Report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 22 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by :

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Greig', written in a cursive style.

Russell Greig
Secretary

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 22 September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Russell Greig
Secretary

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of The Friends of Eastwoods Park.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 4th April 2021, details of which are summarised here. The full report is available on request.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of the Friends of Eastwoods Park you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the Friends of Eastwoods Park's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention with the examination giving me cause to believe that any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Friends of Eastwoods Park as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirement concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Lynne O'Brien

Friends of Eastwoods Park
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
For the year ended 4th April 2020

	Note	Total year ended 4th April 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies		109,624
Other trading activities		18,481
Total income		<u>128,105</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds		(8,593)
Charitable Activities		(70,143)
Total expenditure		<u>(78,736)</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>49,368</u>
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward		<u>18,595</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>67,963</u>

	Note	Total year ended 4th April 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies		29,291
Other trading activities		21,723
Total income		<u>51,014</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds		(14,793)
Charitable Activities		(10,692)
Total expenditure		<u>(25,485)</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>18,595</u>
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward		-
Total funds carried forward		<u>18,595</u>

All of the charities activities derive from continuing operations during the above period.

Friends of Eastwoods Park
(Registration number 1181168)
Balance Sheet as at 4 April 2021

Current Assets	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £	Total year ended 4 April 2020 £
Cash in Bank and in hand	67,963	22,743
Creditors amounts falling due	-	(4,148)
Net Assets	<u>67,963</u>	<u>18,595</u>
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted funds	44,848	10,243
Restricted funds	21,400	12,500
Total Funds	<u>67,963</u>	<u>22,743</u>
Total Liabilities	-	<u>(4,148)</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>67,963</u>	<u>18,595</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on the 22 September 2022 and signed on their behalf.



Russell Greig
Secretary

Friends of Eastwoods Park

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 4 April 2021

1. Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of Preparation

The Friends of Eastwoods park meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and Endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. When performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance and constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered a pass to test set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporate Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets are purchased and depreciate over a three year term.

The charity owns a range of commercial kitchen equipment and fixtures and fittings within the Miners Lamp Community Cafe and Hub.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are set aside for specific purposes as directed by the grant provider at the discretion of the trustees.

2. Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance Costs

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 4 April 2021 £	Total 4 April 2020 £
Staff costs				
Wages and salaries	-	9,246	9,246	2,840
Training	-	361	361	-
Sub-Contractors Costs	15,000	-	15,000	3,750
Accountancy Fees	-	-	-	534
Bank charges and fees	-	182	182	87
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>9,607</u>	<u>24,789</u>	<u>7,211</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

The above staff wages and salaries relate to casual staff employed during busy summer periods.

5. Trustees remuneration and expenses

In accordance with Section 6 Sub-Section 1 and 2 of the Charities Constitution and Sections 185 to 188 of the Charities Act 2011. The Charity entered into a service agreement with a Trustee for which they were remunerated not exceeding £15,000 per annum from the period.

No trustees, nor any person connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

7. Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	4 April 2021 £	4 April 2020 £
Other taxation and social security	-	-
Other creditors	-	4,148
Accruals	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,148</u>

9. Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor debts secured on assets of the CIO.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 4 April 2020

	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £	Total year ended 4 April 2020 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	109,625	29,291
Other trading activities (analysed below)	18,480	21,723
Total income	<u>128,105</u>	<u>51,014</u>
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(8,593)	(14,793)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(70,143)	<u>(17,625)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(78,736)</u>	<u>(32,418)</u>
Net income	49,368	18,595
Net movement in funds	49,368	18,595
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	18,595	-
Total funds carried forward	<u>67,963</u>	<u>18,595</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
For the year ended 4 April 2021

	Total year ended 4 April 2021 £	Total year ended 4 April 2020 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations from individuals	19,496	3,929
Donations from collection boxes	6,443	216
Grant from Ballinger Charitable Trust	15,000	15,000
Grant from Martin Lewis Coronavirus Emergency Fund	10,000	-
Grant from Prudhoe Town Council	7,500	-
Grant from Karbon Homes	1,000	-
Grant from WRAP Food Redistribution	9,839	-
Grant from National Lottery Awards for All	9,500	-
Grant from Coop Local Community Fund	2,341	-
Grant from Northumberland County Council	3,000	-
Grants other agencies (including covid business support)	25,506	10,145
	<u>109,625</u>	<u>29,290</u>
Other trading activities		
Income from Miners Lamp Community Cafe	18,480	21,723
	<u>18,480</u>	<u>21,723</u>
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(8,593)	(14,793)
	<u>(8,593)</u>	<u>(14,793)</u>
Charitable Activities		
Marketing	(40)	(168)
Employee Wages and Salaries	(9,246)	(2,840)
Motor Expenses	(2,294)	(64)
Printing and Stationary	(680)	(102)
Internet and IT	(800)	(865)
Insurance	(1,211)	(455)
Maintenance, Repairs and Renewals	(2,479)	(1,443)
Bank Charges	(182)	(87)
Professional fees and subscriptions	(15,627)	(4,284)
PPE and Training	(821)	(375)
Activities and Events	(9,659)	(6,942)
Rent	(762)	-
Martin Lewis Food Bank Provisions	(5,668)	-
Karbon Homes Project	(1,000)	-
National Lottery Awards for All	(6,403)	-
Prudhoe Town Council Projects	(5,491)	-
WRAP Food Redistribution	(7,782)	-
	<u>(70,143)</u>	<u>(17,625)</u>