

## THE FRIENDS OF KELLY AVENUE PARK (Charity No. 1181726)

### TRUSTEE REPORT 2020 -2021

The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park is a community organization based in Peckham, South London. Our broad aim is to ensure that Kelly Avenue Park and the surrounding area provides a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for the local community.

Our roots lie in the Peckham branch of Citizens UK and the successful campaigning of children in two local primary schools. This campaign earned us our first funding award back in January 2016. It enabled us to organise and host a community fun day to raise awareness of the many negative issues facing the park, the community building within it, and the immediate surrounding area.

Since then, we have gone from strength to strength, winning further funding awards that have allowed us to make the community fun day an annual event, to extend a path right through the park for better access and to increase footfall, and to set up art workshops for local children. We also host monthly "working parties" where we gather to clean up the park and work on the garden to enhance the environment while meeting with other local, like-minded people.

The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park was registered as a charity (No. 1181726) in January 2019, under our constitution, originally adopted on 03.12.16, which sets out its mission and regulations.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

New Trustees are recruited and appointed from within the membership, principally those engaged in volunteer activities. As a part of their induction, they receive a copy of the Constitution and Rules. The Friends is run voluntarily and has no paid member of staff.

Names of the Trustees, all of whom served throughout the year 2020 - 2021 set out below:

Tracy Brook

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Joanna Ruth Brinton

Victor Bayfield

The principal address of The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park is:

c/o The Copleston Centre, Copleston Road, SE15 4AN

## OBJECTIVE AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park, in summary, are to:

- Bring local residents together to maintain Kelly Avenue Park and the surrounding area as a clean, safe, and welcoming place for local residents and their families.
- Empower ourselves and other local people to make positive change to our local community, working with the local Council to create the safe, attractive and welcoming environment that local people want, to work and play in.

To achieve these objectives, The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park host monthly "working parties" where the Friends' volunteers undertake practical work such as litter-picking and gardening while socializing with their neighbours. We also host our annual Community Fun Day. We have also provided an outdoor learning environment for local schoolchildren and held creative workshops for families with young children during the summer holiday.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR

This year has, thankfully, seen a return to some sort of normality for most people with opportunities for getting together again and, for us, enjoying our time here in the park.

Looking back to what we managed to achieve this year.....

Thanks to the subsidy from the Council's Neighbourhood Fund, we hosted the most successful of all our Community Fun Days in July, welcoming an impressive number of local people happy to be back in the park again, enjoying contributions from many of the groups that have been taking advantage of the building being re-opened, a fantastic free lunch, performances from South London Samba Youth and Amplified Arts Academy, sports and fitness activities, capoeira, henna, and hat-making as well as music all day. Having to adapt our plans to be compliant with all the COVID restrictions in place at the time, meant that we devised ways of running things more smoothly, so that learning will now be carried forward to future events. As always, we had a 'campaign ask' and that was gaining public support, as well as that of Barrie Hargrove, currently Mayor of Southwark, for our petition to get Southwark Council to acknowledge this as a park rather than a playground, and to formally give it the popular name of Kelly Avenue Park.

We were able to, in the summer, spend our National Lottery grant, and we are now well-equipped with gardening, sporting and artistic materials and tools enabling us to run further activities for local children and young people during

our working-party/coffee-morning days and, next year, to host further holiday workshops.

We hosted a pre-works site visit with Craig Dove, Project Supervisor for the Cleaner, Greener, Safer Fund, and Joe Lakin from Valley Provincial, the contractors, who will together bring to fruition our proposals for the new picnic tables, with sails designed once again by our own Jo Brinton, new table tennis tables and new noticeboards. All is looking positive, and they are hoping to start mid-January 2022.

We are currently running a competition among eleven local primary schools and art clubs, to design us a more adaptable logo, that we can use on a letterhead, as well as having publicity materials - mugs, T-shirts etc. - printed.

We have continued to build positive relationships with other community groups around us, and are looking forward, again when permitted, to working even more closely with young people from local schools, welcoming them back to the park for a variety of positive activities.

Also this year we were fortunate to be the beneficiaries of a large donation, from the construction company, Durkan, working on the housing development across the road.

The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park have not stood still.... and we have so much more we want to do, with your continued support.

Tracy Brook  
Chair of Trustees

The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park

Financial Statement for the year ending  
1 Dec. 2021

ACCOUNT

Opening balance	£957.58
Total Income	£2,778.74
Total Expenses	£2,140.46
CLOSING STATMENT	£1,595.86

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Bank	£1,545.77
petty cash	£50.09
TOTAL	£1,595.86

INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1 DEC.  
2021

Donation workshop	£165.02
Donation Fun day	£61.00
Raffle ticket sale	£52.72
Grant Southwark	£1,000.00
Grant Durkan	£1,500.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£2,778.74</u>

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1  
DEC. 2021

Other Expenses	£939.31
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Fun Day	£1,009.63
Working party expenses	£191.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,140.46</b>

### **ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE FRIENDS OF KELLY AVENUE PARK**

I have prepared the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 1th December 2021, based upon my examination of accounting records of The Friends of Kelly Avenue Park information and explanations provided.

I certify that, in my opinion, this to be a true and fair view of Income Funds as of 1 Dec. 2021

Mohamed Jama  
Financial Advisor of  
Thames Accounts Ltd

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### **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTANTS BY THE FRIENDS OF KELLY AVENUE PARK**

Approved and signed on its behalf:

Chairperson

Treasurer

Date