

FRIENDS OF KELLY AVENUE PARK (Charity No. 1181726)

TRUSTEE REPORT 2023 - 2024

'Friends of Kelly Avenue Park' is a community organization located 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 "garden gatherings" when we gather to clean up the park and work on the garden to enhance the environment while meeting with other local, like-minded people.

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 2023 - 2024 set out below:

Tracy Brook

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Joanna Ruth Brinton

Victor Bayfield

The principal address of Friends of Kelly Avenue Park is:

c/o Little Rabbit Day Nursery, Kelly Avenue SE15 5GL

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 together.

To achieve these objectives, Friends of Kelly Avenue Park host monthly "garden gatherings" when 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 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

I am proud to report that 2024 has been our most successful year yet, both in financial terms and in our outreach, and I want to publicly thank all our funders, partners and volunteers who are engaged in this journey with us.

This year:-

- We have engaged with greater numbers of local people, many of whom helped in the preparing for and planting of our perimeter hedge, thanks to our partnership in becoming 'Hedgerow Heroes' with CPRE London;
- We have initiated our weekly 'Be Well' sessions, thanks to a grant from United St. Saviour's, and have engaged in conversations with 28 new people;
- We have recently added an extension to the park, in developing the new Wodehouse Woodland Garden nearby, thanks to our partnership with Southwark Nature Action Volunteers;
- We have been awarded our largest individual grant yet, from Community Southwark's 'Funding Differently' scheme which, as the money can be used as and when we need it, gives us a bit of breathing space to be more strategic in our planning in the New Year;

and lastly, we finally have our mini-gym installed – requested by local residents and thanks to the Active Southwark Olympic Legacy Fund.

And finally, no year's report can be complete without mentioning the invaluable support we continue to have from Southwark Council, and particularly our three ward councillors, in subsidizing our Community Fun Day every summer through the Neighbourhood Fund and in actively backing us to move our 'work' along.

We remain a very small team of local volunteers, but we are learning all the time and, when you consider all that we've managed to achieve, we hope it shows that, when ordinary people come together with enthusiasm, commitment and perseverance, they can bring about real change for good in their community.

Tracy Brook – Chair of Trustees

FRIENDS OF KELLY AVENUE PARK
INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 DEC 24

SUMMARY

TOTAL INCOME	9,830.10
TOTAL EXPENSES	£3,386.62
NET INCOME	6,443.48

INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 DEC. 24

Southwark Grant (Fun Day 2024)	£2,000.00
Merchant Taylor Grant	£500.00
Raffle tickets Sale	£80.10
Be Well Grant	£1500.00
Volunteer expenses	£250.00
Veolia Grant	£500.00
Funding differently	£5,000.00
TOTAL	£9,830.10

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 Dec 24

Workshop	£272.45
Fun Day	£1,682.81
TCV Subscription	£-
Praetorium (Be Well)	£80.00
Gardening & Maintenance	£582.77
Euroloo Ltd	£378.00
Insurance	£190.59
Repayment of loan	£200.00
TOTAL	£3,386.62

Friend of Kelly Avenue
Financial Statement for the year ended 1 Dec. 2024

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank	£8,263.12
Cash in hand	0
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TOTAL	£8,263.12

LIABILITES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

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TOTAL LIABILITES	0

NET ASSET	£8,263.12
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ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE FRIENDS OF KELLY AVENUE PARK

I have prepared the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 1st December 2024, 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. 2024

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