

FRIENDS OF PLATT FIELDS

2022 Trustees' Annual Report

Covering the period 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022

Charity name: Friends of Platt Fields

Charity registration number: 1182191

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote the preservation, restoration, maintenance, and improvement of Platt Fields Park, and to encourage both a greater use by the public of the facilities available and high standards in the provision of such facilities.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Activities to further the objectives of the charity. This includes campaigning, fundraising, working with partners including the local authority, and spending on events, gardening, and encouraging volunteer activity.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The change of structure to a CIO was further delayed due to the treasurer's progress on opening a bank account. The friends continued to work under the existing charity structure (1086533).</p> <p>The charity began the process to open an account with Co-op Bank in early 2022, and thus complete the transfer to a CIO.</p> <p>The process broke down very quickly, sometimes waiting months for a reply. Unfortunately this situation continued up to the end of the year.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As the asset transfer from the old to the new charity is still underway, there was no financial activity for the charity in this reporting period.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	At present, the charity has no policy on holding reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The change of structure to a CIO is still incomplete, and the charity has no assets.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The charity has no funds.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity has been unable to open a bank account due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and now due to inaction by the Co-op bank. The transfer to a CIO remains paused. The Friends intend to continue working under the original structure until such as time as the transfer can be completed.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Association Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>(a) At the first annual general meeting of the members of FoPF all the charity trustees shall retire from office;</p> <p>(b) At every subsequent annual general meeting of the members of FoPF, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire;</p> <p>(c) The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot;</p> <p>(d) The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (e) of this clause;</p> <p>(e) The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause 15 (Retirement and Removal of Charity Trustees), or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause 12(3) on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded;</p> <p>(f) A person so appointed by the members of FoPF shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses (b) and (c) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Platt Fields
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1182191
Charity's principal address	C/O The Lakeside Centre, Platt Fields Park Fallowfield Manchester M14 6LA



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)
Daniel Thomson	Chair		
George Sanders	Treasurer		
Jean Griffin	Archivist		

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	George Sanders	Daniel Thomson
Position	Treasurer	Chair
Date	19/10/2023	19/10/2023

Friends of Platt Fields CIO**Charity number: 1182191****Financial Statement from 1st Jan 2022 to 31st December 2022****Prepared by George Sanders**

	2022 £	2021 £
RECEIPTS		
TOTAL	0	0
PAYMENTS		
TOTAL	0	0
Surplus/Deficit	0	0
FUNDS		
Current Account: Opening balance at 1 Jan	0	0
Net movement during year	0	0
Closing balance at 31 Dec	0	0
Deposit Account: Opening balance at 1 Jan	0	0
Net movement during year	0	0
Closing balance at 31 Dec	0	0
Petty cash	0	0
TOTAL FUNDS	0	0

Performance (2022)

- We are in the process of transferring our current account to The Co-operative Bank as part of the ongoing transition to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status. When this is set up, this will be the preferred account for subscriptions payments, however, monies sent to the Lloyds account will be automatically redirected for a number of years so there is no need to change payment instructions at this point.