

BRISTOL AND BATH PARKS FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1182217

Details

Other names	Your Park Bristol & Bath
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-02-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 3.1 THE OBJECT(S) OF THE CIO ARE TO:3.1.1 PROVIDE AND ENHANCE, AND/OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION AND ENHANCEMENT OF, PARKLAND FOR THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT (INCLUDING, BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT) AND "PARKLAND" SHALL INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO PUBLIC PARKS, GARDENS, LANDSCAPED AREAS, WOODLAND, PLAYING FIELDS, PLAYGROUNDS, NATURE RESERVES AND RECREATIONAL SPACES; AND 3.1.2 ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT INCLUDING (BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION) WITH REGARD TO HORTICULTURE, ARBORICULTURE, ECOLOGY, GEOLOGY, ARCHAEOLOGY, SUSTAINABILITY, HERITAGE AND LOCAL HISTORY; AND 3.1.3 IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE BY PROVIDING AND/OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION; AND IN THIS CLAUSE "AREA OF BENEFIT" MEANS THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS OF BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL, BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL, NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL AND SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL, AND SUCH OTHER AREAS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: Your Park Bristol & Bath (the working name of the Charity) works to help everyone access parks and their transformational health and wellbeing benefits. We run a programme of activities and provide support to communities in the highest areas of deprivation in Bristol and Bath with the aim of increasing use of parks. To do this, we focus on three key areas: health, access and nature.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- North Somerset
- South Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£330,612	£531,155	-	-
2024-12-31	£636,887	£571,779	£345,478	11
2023-12-31	£553,224	£359,601	£280,370	9
2022-12-31	£182,618	£172,429	-	-
2021-12-31	£167,778	£172,497	-	-
2020-12-31	£129,562	£88,935	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Robert John Acton-Campbell	Chair	2019-02-26
Anna Little		2024-07-18
Anthony Wilson Hickman		2025-07-24
Clare Hanley-Theare		2024-07-18
Colin Mathews		2025-05-06
Helen Shirley Hobbs		2023-04-06

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Accounts

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**Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation
(operating as Your Park Bristol and Bath)**

**Annual Report & Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

Your Park Bristol and Bath

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Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Charity number	1182217
Registered office and operational address	Engine Shed Approach Road Temple Meads Bristol BS1 6QH
Trustees	The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows: Rob Acton-Campbell Chair Clare Hanley-Theare Tony Hickman Appointed 24 July 2025 Helen Hobbs Roy Kareem Resigned 11 December 2025 Anna Little Colin Matthews Appointed 6 May 2025
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Independent examiners	Godfrey Wilson Limited Chartered accountants and statutory auditors 5th Floor Mariner House 62 Prince Street Bristol BS1 4QD

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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for year ended 31 December 2025. Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and they and the annual report comply with Your Park Bristol and Bath's governing documentation and applicable law.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Your Park Bristol and Bath's charitable objects, as set out in its constitution, are to:

- provide and enhance, and/or assist in the provision and enhancement of, parkland for the use and enjoyment of the public in the Area of Benefit (including, but without limitation, the provision and maintenance of facilities and equipment) and "parkland" shall include but is not limited to public parks, gardens, landscaped areas, woodland, playing fields, playgrounds, nature reserves and recreational spaces;
- advance the education of the public in the Area of Benefit including (but without limitation) with regard to horticulture, arboriculture, ecology, geology, archaeology, heritage and local history; and
- improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the Area of Benefit in the interests of social welfare by providing and/or assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation.

Our strategy

This is a crucial time for our urban parks. Their importance for communities and nature has never been higher, but due to continued cuts to Council budgets, they are in decline with satisfaction with parks declining and inequality in access to green space likely increasing as a result.

In 2025 we have continued to deliver against our 2023-2026 strategy that aims to ensure parks fulfil their full potential for Bristol and Bath's communities; all with the vision of ensuring that everyone can access parks and their transformational wellbeing benefits.

Our vision

Everyone can access parks and their transformative health and wellbeing benefits.

Your Park Bristol & Bath is a locally based charity that uses Bristol and Bath's parks to deliver positive social change through three key themes:

- **Health** – improving physical and mental wellbeing of communities through initiatives that support and provide park activities;
- **Access** – championing, enabling and consulting the communities least likely to use parks to improve their access to parks, so that everyone can feel safe, enjoy and benefit from parks and green spaces;
- **Nature** – creating, enhancing and sustaining natural habitats by partnering with local communities to realise their ambitions. We enable our diverse communities to respond to the Ecological Emergency Action Plans and enjoy nature-rich community spaces.

Defra reported that the NHS could save £2.1 billion every year if everyone used parks regularly. Using the adapted Bragg and Leck model (2017), we seek to enable everyone to use parks regularly to enjoy the associated health and wellbeing benefits.

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Your Park Bristol & Bath's defined "Area of Benefit" is "the administrative areas of Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council, and such other areas as the Trustees may from time to time determine".

However, to date Your Park Bristol and Bath has focused its activities on the cities of Bristol and Bath.

Your Park Bristol and Bath will not take over the ownership or management of parks but identifies projects and partnerships that will help everyone experience the benefits of these parks and green spaces, improving and enhancing them.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, and they have referred to it when carrying out the Foundation's charitable purposes.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our impact in 2025

In 2025, we continued to strengthen parks as places where people and nature can thrive, focusing on communities facing the biggest barriers to access, health and nature. We combined community development, practical habitat management and volunteering with targeted health and inclusion programmes, working across Bristol and Bath and partnering with local groups to make change that lasts:

- **Health** – supporting people's mental wellbeing through structured, nature-based group programmes and community activity;
- **Access** – working with Disabled people, carers and global majority communities living in low-income areas to identify barriers in parks and co-create changes that make green space more welcoming and usable; and
- **Nature and community** – supporting volunteering, community action and habitat improvements that make parks better for both wildlife and people.

In 2025 we generated **£7,077,379** in social value with £15.02 of benefits for every £1 invested (estimate based on programme delivery spend and calculated using recognised methodologies).

Across all our projects, we worked in **58 parks**. **909 volunteers** gave **3,826 hours** to make **144,509m²** of habitat improvements and support our community projects - we are hugely appreciative of their support.

We also strengthened lived experience leadership by recruiting and inducting **9 members to Your Park, Your Say** (Experts by Lived Experience) and recruiting a trustee with lived experience to co-chair the group.

Health - improving wellbeing through parks

Roots to Wellbeing provides nature-based group support for people experiencing poor mental health, isolation and wider barriers, using local parks as safe, welcoming spaces. In 2025 we received **178 referrals and 103 people attended** at least one session.

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What we delivered

- **160 Roots to Wellbeing sessions** across multiple sites, including Eastville Park, Hartcliffe Millennium Green, Stockwood Open Space, Twerton Roundhill, Hillfields Park, Dundry Slopes and Rawsley Park;
- A structured support pathway alongside delivery, including **106 triage and assessment calls**, **117 six-week review calls**, and **135 discharge calls** to support safe endings and onward steps; and
- Volunteer supported delivery, with **8 volunteers contributing 134 hours**.

Who we reached

- We supported Disabled people and carers through a strong referral to attendance journey: **71 Disabled people triaged, with 56 (79%) attending at least one session, and 16 unpaid carers triaged, with 15 (94%) attending at least one session**;
- We reached people from global majority communities: **33 people triaged, with 28 (90%) attending at least one session**; and
- 82% of people we reached live in areas of multiple deprivation.

What changed for people

Participants reported:

- **95% improved wellbeing**
- **93% reduced loneliness** and **86% made new friends**
- **79% improved confidence**
- **79% used parks more**
- **64% felt more active**

Roots participants also reported mental health improvements, including **82% feeling happier** with an **average 2.5 point increase in happiness** (ONS4). Anxiety measures showed **76% feeling less anxious** with an **average 1.2 point decrease**, and when removing the cohort where the measure was not working as intended, **93% felt less anxious** with an **average 3 point decrease** (ONS4).

Project development and learning

During 2025, core delivery continued until the end of September, when National Lottery funding for the core programme ended, and we paused delivery at some sites while seeking new funding. Alongside core delivery, we piloted and developed new strands including a parent focused programme for parents of SEND children and a pilot in Lawrence Hill and Newtown working with Arabic-speaking women, delivered in partnership with Sadaga, applying learning around outreach, trust building and promotion.

Wild and Well supported community connection and engagement in priority neighbourhoods. In South Bristol, the project delivered community activities and events engaging **161 people** (including **157 participants** through engagement activity), supported infrastructure improvements and enabled small grants and practical support for local groups. We worked with local community groups to improve access to and information about the Dundry Slopes funded by Natural England. In Lawrence Hill, the project spent time doing outreach work and built new relationships with **13 community organisations** and delivered community activities engaging **45 people**.

In Lawrence Hill and Newtown, we focused on outreach and relationship building around Urban Park, supporting a community event engaging around **45 people**, and developing connections that fed directly into inclusive Roots delivery with Sadaga.

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The programme of family friendly events that we delivered in South Bristol and Lawrence Hill engaged 281 people, 25% from ethnic minority backgrounds and 11% identified as Disabled.

Access - co-creating changes that make parks usable for more people

Through Parks4All and with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund, we worked alongside Disabled people and carers to identify barriers in parks and agree practical solutions. In 2025 we:

- Completed access audits at **Withywood Park** and **Redcatch Park and Community Garden**;
- Published **action plans** for both sites;
- Held celebration events to share findings and next steps; and
- Worked with Bristol City Council to action the recommendations in the action plans including improving entrance ways, introducing benches and altering management regimes to improve access.

The programme partnered with **124 disabled people and carers** in total and all the learning from each park helped us to improve our toolkit that will be published in 2026.

To build our understanding of the reasons certain communities are not using parks, we partnered with the University of Bath to complete new social inclusion research focused on global majority communities in Bristol. We hosted focus groups and co-design workshops in the areas of highest deprivation across the city to talk to people who do not use their local parks. The academic paper was published in the Journal of Urban Sustainability and we launched the public facing report in January 2026.

Nature and community – improving parks and building community through volunteering, skills and habitat work

We improved parks for wildlife and people by combining regular conservation volunteering, targeted community activity and practical habitat management. In Bristol, we focused delivery in parts of South Bristol where communities experience higher deprivation and lower satisfaction with parks, using a hands on approach that built local skills, supported community led action and delivered visible improvements on the ground:

- Reached **704 people** through volunteer sessions and community activity;
- Engaged **515 volunteers** contributing **1,831 volunteer hours**; and
- Delivered **81 activities**, including conservation sessions, community park sessions and school sessions.

Activities improved habitats and created routes into long term volunteering. We ran weekly and monthly conservation sessions, plus Saturday sessions to include people who cannot attend during the week. Practical conservation tasks included meadow and grassland management, orchard management, scything, bramble bashing and coppicing, helping sites work better for wildlife and visitors.

We also supported community groups to strengthen their ability to care for parks. With our guidance, Mix and Match Gardening Group secured external funding to grow their food growing work and involve more local residents. We worked with Vision BAME CIC to create local opportunities for residents to build gardening skills and take ownership in their parks.

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Environmental outputs reported this year included:

- **4 bat boxes** and **4 bird boxes** installed;
- **150 hedgerow ships** plus **1 specimen tree** planted;
- **5,500 bulbs** planted (snowdrops, bluebells, daffodils, crocuses, winter aconite); and
- **519 wildflower plugs** planted and **1kg** wildflower seed spread.

We built inclusion into delivery through accessible, family friendly activity days with the Hartcliffe and Withywood Community Partnership, with activities such as bug hotel style butterfly sculptures, wildflower seed bomb making and herb propagation. We also created meaningful work experience for post 16 students with ASD at Venturers' Academy, supporting young people to learn practical skills such as planting, seed sowing, weeding and bulb planting while contributing to their local park.

This work combined practical habitat improvements with community resilience. For example, we supported local groups to secure resources and sustain activity, and we created accessible, meaningful work experience opportunities for young people with additional needs.

In September we welcomed 70 park volunteers to the Trinity Centre in Bristol for a morning exploring how to support more nature and community connection in parks. Speakers covered habitat enhancement, community cohesion, getting things done in parks and attendees made commitments for how they will support more nature in their parks.

In Bath, the year marked a shift from habitat creation to habitat maintenance, as WECA funded habitats established and became more biodiverse. With one staff member working two days per week, Bath Activator focused on maintaining high quality delivery through regular Bee Active volunteering and ongoing support to Friends groups:

- Worked across **17 parks**;
- Engaged **198 individuals** directly through volunteering, Friends groups, collaborations and events; and
- Recorded **351 volunteer attendances**, **902.5 volunteer hours** (equivalent to **175.5 volunteer days**) across **52 Bee Active sessions**.

Bee Active sessions covered a wide range of practical tasks, including meadow and grassland management, wildflower sowing and seed saving, formal bedding replanting, additional habitat features (such as bee hotels and hibernacula), dead wood features, tree and shrub planting, bulb planting and pond maintenance.

Environmental reporting for Bath Activator included:

- **4,490m²** of meadow area restored or maintained and **2,000m²** of grassland restored or maintained;
- **1,360m²** of woodland or orchard area restored or created;
- **400 trees** planted and **9,000** bulbs, seeds or plugs planted; and
- **370m²** of dead hedge created or restored, plus log piles and bug hotels.

We supported **8 Friends groups** with technical guidance, tools and habitat management expertise, and we collaborated with partners including the Forest of Avon Orchard Project and Bathscape Landscape Partnership, including a joint volunteer networking event. We also worked closely with B&NES Parks Department staff to maintain standards, manage safety and align volunteer activity with council objectives.

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Income generation with impact - Team Days

Our Team Days social enterprise generated unrestricted income and delivered practical improvements in parks through corporate volunteering. In 2025 we:

- Delivered 29 Team Days for 21 corporate groups across 16 parks in Bristol and Bath;
- Engaged 402 employees, contributing 126 volunteer hours; and
- Generated £16,569 gross income (excluding partnerships).

Corporate volunteers supported practical conservation and park improvement work across Bristol and Bath, including orchard and woodland maintenance, wildflower meadow and bulb planting, hedgerow and fruit tree planting and the removal of invasive species such as laurel, rhododendron and Himalayan balsam. They also helped improve park access and quality through tasks such as path clearance and resurfacing, litter picking, stream cleaning, step building and planting sensory garden beds, delivering tangible improvements for both wildlife and local communities.

Feedback also showed clear wellbeing and engagement benefits for participants, with 100% reporting they felt better for taking part, 100% saying they would return and 78% reporting gaining new skills.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In 2025 our expenditure at £531,155 remained steady as we continued to deliver projects, spending grants secured in 2024 (£571,779 in 2024). With funds for some of our 2025 work being secured in advance the charity's income declined, raising £330,612 (£636,887 in 2024).

Notable success in the increase in free reserves which have increased to £21,609, from £11,019 in 2024, a rise of 96%.

This clearly demonstrates that the focus on strengthening unrestricted income streams is paying off. We recognise the need to continue this approach to further meet our reserves goal and achieve a more balanced income portfolio.

The ongoing cost-of-living crisis and global instability has led to prudent decisions to invest in strengthening unrestricted sources to sustain a growing level of income and outputs and ensure we can continue to deliver a high level of impact for years to come.

As an independent charity we rely on voluntary contributions to deliver work for public benefit. As such our team and Trustees thank all our supporters for their incredible support in 2025. We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the following for their significant support this financial year:

- Bristol Airport Community Fund;
- Bristol City Council;
- Bristol Healthier Together;
- Garfield Weston Foundation;
- National Grid Electricity Distribution;
- National Lottery Heritage Fund;
- National Lottery Community Fund;
- Natural England;
- Postcode Local Trust;
- Quartet Community Foundation;
- Southern Co-op Community Fund;
- Sovereign Network Group Thriving Communities Fund; and
- West of England Combined Authority.

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Unrestricted income

We have continued to make the most of our success in trusts and foundation fundraising to support our core costs through our Full Cost Recovery system which clarifies the real cost of service delivery. This has continued to be successful with around £60,000 of overheads relating to projects funded through restricted grants.

We took the decision to prudently invest in unrestricted income streams in 2025 by focusing on developing corporate fundraising. This has resulted in a significant uplift in unrestricted income from £63,269 in 2024, to £83,108 in 2025, representing 25% of total income. The trustees thank Amber Fisher, our Head of Fundraising for her work.

Our social enterprise, Team Days - through which we provide wellbeing and team building days for corporates - raised £16,569 through bookings and supported corporate partnership income of £19,000.

We received £1,850 from our Park Companions (our monthly donors). We are greatly appreciative of their long-term support.

Our lottery raised £443. We also received a number of grants from trusts and foundations totalling £24,500.

Our CEO was part of the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance Ambassador programme, sitting on the Why Weight? Steering Group and claiming time totalling £1,200.

Finally, we have taken the opportunity to make the most of high interest rates by holding funds received for grant delivery in an easy access savings account, accruing £4,177.

Restricted income

Our restricted income has decreased by 57% as we secured several large multi-year restricted grants from trusts and foundations in 2023 and 2024.

Health

Roots to Wellbeing continued to be funded by the final draw down of our Reaching Communities grant received in 2024. In 2025 we secured a number of grants from government bodies as well as trusts and foundations. 11 grants of £10,000 and under came from charitable trusts. We also secured £20,000 from BNSSG CCG to reach people out of employment. Smaller pilots of Roots to Wellbeing were supported by Hillfields Community Garden, West of England Combined Authority and the National Lottery Community Fund.

Our Wild & Well project continued to be funded by Bristol City Council's Health Innovation Fund.

Access

The majority of our Parks4All project has been funded by the first draw down of our Heritage Lottery Fund grant received in September 2024. In 2025 we secured a new grant from Bristol City Council to complete an access assessment and create an exemplar park for accessibility in Bristol.

Natural England supported our work to make the Dundry Slopes more accessible.

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Nature

A part of our ongoing multi-year grants we received funding from West of England Mayoral Combined Authority for our work in Bath. We also secured new grants including £19,588 from National Lottery Community Fund's Awards for All Environment Fund.

Our multi-year project in Bristol received £58,048 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, our final payments for this project. We secured a new grant from Bristol Airport Community Fund to be spent on the Dundry Slopes and funding to engage diverse communities and Friends of Groups in making parks more nature rich across Bristol.

Decrease in income

In 2024, due to securing a few significant grants and for one off projects, we delivered a £64,127 restricted surplus which strengthened our restricted project balances and ensured that all work progressed as planned. This year we have spent this surplus of restricted income as expected and there has been less restricted income. The shortfall was comfortably covered by our existing restricted funds, which were £123,326 at the end of 2025.

Our plan to further strengthen our financial position includes securing multi-year funding for our core programmes (including Roots to Wellbeing for which a six figure grant decision is outstanding), expanding corporate partnerships to secure unrestricted income, and maintaining full cost recovery in all new grants. We have a strong pipeline and are investing in trust fundraising to mitigate risk and enable new income stream developments.

Reserves policy

It is the Trustees' long-term aim to build up a balance of free reserves (net current assets) which equates to 4 months' operational costs (around £40,000). This will be held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow, meet emergencies and allow Your Park Bristol and Bath to maintain its financial sustainability. The balance of free reserves at the end of 2025 was £21,609 (2024: £11,019). The trustees are aware of the need to keep close control on operational costs and monitor cash-flow and financial risks while the charity's reserves are increased over the medium-term.

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which Your Park Bristol and Bath may face, and they have established systems which enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to minimise these risks.

The Board of Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the accounting period and the position at 31st December 2025 and consider that the Your Park Bristol and Bath is in a reasonable position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Volunteers

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all our volunteers for their support over the year. Without them we would not have been able to complete our work and have impact for Bristol and Bath's communities.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

2026 will bring a year of renewed purpose with a strategy refresh setting our priorities to 2030. We are not expecting drastic changes to our priorities and direction. As a result our core programmes will continue as usual.

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In January 2026 we received confirmation of three-year funding for Roots to Wellbeing in four parks across Bristol and Bath reaching over 100 people per year.

Our Parks4All project will continue to improve access to parks for Disabled people and carers, while our work with global majority communities will develop following the launch of our research in January.

Several large grants end in April 2026 so we will pause our community development work to allow time to secure the long term funding needed to work alongside communities effectively.

Cost-of-living crisis and global uncertainty

The Trustees have considered the impact that the continuing cost-of-living crisis and external environment (including global insecurity) will have on Your Park Bristol and Bath's current and future financial position. Your Park Bristol & Bath is taking the following steps to mitigate the threats posed to the organisation:

- Reviewing funding priorities to key projects and unrestricted income;
- Developing income streams to mitigate risk and ensure sustainable income;
- Focusing on raising funds from institutions rather than individuals;
- Working with key funders to ensure that core costs can be covered; and
- Continuing to complete thorough due diligence checks on all potential corporate partners and substantial donors.

Council budgets

Parks are not a statutory service and past cuts to Council budgets have seen money available for the management and maintenance of parks in Bristol and Bath decrease year on year. While there were no further cuts to the budget for parks in either city for 2026/27, future funding remains uncertain. The Trustees have considered the possible impact that this will have on Your Park Bristol and Bath's current and future financial position. Your Park Bristol & Bath continues to take steps to mitigate the threats that reductions in Council spending may pose to the organisation:

- Opening conversations to determine new ways of working and partnership opportunities;
- Exploring new legal agreements that will enable us to continue our work; and
- Planning for increased need for our services.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that Your Park Bristol and Bath will continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved for the following reasons:

- Allocation of received funds for delivery in 2026;
- Fundraising efforts to support the Your Park's work are continuing;
- The need for our work and its impact has been further proven through projects run in 2026;
- We have developed a good reputation over six years of operation and are seen as a key delivery partner for the Councils and other strategic organisations in the region; and
- We have renewed our Memorandum of Understanding with the Councils for another five years.

The Trustees therefore consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of preparation of the accounts, as detailed in note 1 to the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Your Park Bristol and Bath is the working name of the Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation, a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Your Park Bristol and Bath is governed by a board of trustees who have overall responsibility for the governance, regulatory obligations and management of the foundation. The board of trustees seeks to ensure the best interest of stakeholders in all management decisions.

A board of trustees have been appointed based on their expertise and experience in areas relating to the strategic management of the organisation.

At the May 2025 meeting, the trustees approved the establishment of a lived experience reference group, Your Park, Your Say. The group forms a new part of the governance structure of the charity, without decision making powers, but in place to inform the work of the trustees and staff team ensuring lived experience of barriers to parks is embedded in all decision making.

Your Park, Your Say is co-chaired by Colin Matthews who was formally elected as a Trustee at the May meeting, bringing his lived experience to the board.

Tony Hickman also joined our team as a new trustee in mid 2025, Tony has long experience of running commercial activities in parks in the Bath area. Sadly, Roy Kareem had to stand down as he moved to live in Spain.

At year end the board of trustees was led by a Chair with four other board members. The Board will look to recruit further members during 2026, it is recognised that we particularly need someone with HR skills, we also aim to increase the diversity of the board and to ensure a good geographical spread across our area of operations.

Rob Acton-Campbell, one of our founding trustees, remains as Chair.

The board of trustees work to a framework structure to cover regulatory, financial and stakeholder obligations.

The Charity's relationship with the Local Authorities of Bristol City Council and Bath and North East Somerset Council is set out in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that was agreed in January 2020. In February 2025 all Parties agreed to extend the period of the MoU on the same terms so that it will run through to February 2030. The MoU established a Steering Group with representatives of all three Parties that meet regularly through the year to ensure that all Parties are aware of the other's plans in respect of parks.

At the end of 2025 our services are delivered by an operational, part-time team of 14. The team includes the Chief Executive, Head of Fundraising, Programme Manager, Finance Assistant, and project delivery team organised by theme; nature, health and access.

The team work from home with shared office space / hot desks rented in central Bristol as required. This enables to team to come together regularly to share ideas and discuss challenges.

The reporting structure includes the staff team reporting into the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive reports directly to the Chair and Board of Trustees. The performance review of the Chief Executive is undertaken by the Chair of Trustees.

The resources required to run a successful charity includes office equipment, such as IT and general office equipment which has been provided from funds from Your Park Bristol and Bath.

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The Charity holds appropriate insurance, including public liability insurance, to cover its activities.

FUNDRAISING PRACTICES

Your Park Bristol and Bath received no complaints regarding our fundraising practices.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing those 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as independent examiners to the charity during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 14 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Mr R Acton-Campbell - Chair

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Your Park Bristol and Bath

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation (the CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 14 to 26.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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

Since the CIO's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO 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 applicable requirements 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.

William Guy Blake

Date: 14 May 2026

William Guy Blake ACA

Member of the ICAEW

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Your Park Bristol and Bath

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	247,504	42,162	289,666	599,320
Charitable activities	4	-	20,200	20,200	18,644
Other trading income	5	-	16,569	16,569	13,771
Investment income		-	4,177	4,177	5,152
Total income		<u>247,504</u>	<u>83,108</u>	<u>330,612</u>	<u>636,887</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	59,949	59,949	82,502
Charitable activities		<u>458,887</u>	<u>12,319</u>	<u>471,206</u>	<u>489,277</u>
Total expenditure	7	<u>458,887</u>	<u>72,268</u>	<u>531,155</u>	<u>571,779</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		(211,383)	10,840	(200,543)	65,108
Transfers between funds		<u>250</u>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	9	(211,133)	10,590	(200,543)	65,108
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>334,459</u>	<u>11,019</u>	<u>345,478</u>	<u>280,370</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>123,326</u></u>	<u><u>21,609</u></u>	<u><u>144,935</u></u>	<u><u>345,478</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 15 to the accounts.

Your Park Bristol and Bath

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets				
Debtors	12	23,108		50,413
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>152,664</u>		<u>319,768</u>
		175,772		370,181
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	13	<u>(30,837)</u>		<u>(24,703)</u>
Net current assets			<u>144,935</u>	<u>345,478</u>
Net assets	14		<u>144,935</u>	<u>345,478</u>
Funds	15			
Restricted funds			123,326	334,459
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>21,609</u>	<u>11,019</u>
Total charity funds			<u>144,935</u>	<u>345,478</u>

Approved by the trustees on 14 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by



Mr R Acton-Campbell - Chair

Your Park Bristol and Bath

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting policies

a) General information and basis of preparation

Your Park Bristol and Bath is Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is Engine Shed, Approach Road, Temple Meads, Bristol, BS1 6QH.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Your Park Bristol and Bath 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 note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves, and cash balances at the signing date. The trustees are ensuring that all projects are being costed on a full cost recovery basis. Although the free reserves are low, the charity's restricted funds cover all planned significant activities and operating costs. For these reasons, the trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

d) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

e) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on the proportion of staff time as follows:

	2025	2024
Raising funds	16.1%	18.3%
Charitable activities	83.9%	81.7%

g) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

h) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

i) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

j) Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

k) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

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2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	573,618	25,702	599,320
Charitable activities	-	18,644	18,644
Other trading activities	-	13,771	13,771
Investment income	-	5,152	5,152
Total income	573,618	63,269	636,887
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	20,214	62,288	82,502
Charitable activities	489,277	-	489,277
Total expenditure	509,491	62,288	571,779
Net income and net movement in funds	64,127	981	65,108

3. Income from donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Grants	247,504	24,500	272,004
Donations from corporates	-	4,366	4,366
Donations from individuals	-	13,296	13,296
	247,504	42,162	289,666

Prior period comparative

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Grants	571,118	14,983	586,101
Donations from corporates	2,500	-	2,500
Donations from individuals	-	10,719	10,719
	573,618	25,702	599,320

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4. Income from charitable activities

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
Corporate partnership agreements	19,000	18,000
Other	1,200	644
	<u>20,200</u>	<u>18,644</u>

In the current and prior periods all income from charitable activities was unrestricted.

5. Income from other trading activities

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
Team days	<u>16,569</u>	<u>13,771</u>

In the current and prior periods all income from other trading activities was unrestricted.

6. Government grants

The charity has received the following total grants from governmental organisations:

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
Bristol City Council	117,093	25,625
Bath and North East Somerset Council	-	96,841
Department of Work and Pensions	888	-
National Lottery Community Fund	19,588	149,147
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	123,988
Natural England	10,000	10,000
NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire CCG	20,000	-
West of England Combined Authority	<u>47,285</u>	<u>56,850</u>
	<u>214,854</u>	<u>462,451</u>

There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in either period.

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7. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2025 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	46,704	244,157	42,857	333,718
Fundraising services	-	-	-	-
Communications and publicity	-	18,424	-	18,424
Grants payable (note 8)	-	750	-	750
Project costs	-	138,637	-	138,637
Office costs and other expenses	-	-	26,676	26,676
Accountancy	-	-	3,612	3,612
Training and conference expenses	-	-	6,594	6,594
Recruitment costs	-	-	1,632	1,632
Bank charges	-	-	60	60
Insurance	-	-	1,052	1,052
Sub-total	46,704	401,968	82,483	531,155
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>13,245</u>	<u>69,238</u>	<u>(82,483)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>59,949</u>	<u>471,206</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>531,155</u>

Total governance costs were £3,871 (2024: £3,600).

Prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2024 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	47,042	210,414	33,527	290,983
Fundraising services	22,947	-	-	22,947
Communications and publicity	-	30,220	-	30,220
Grants payable (note 8)	-	2,250	-	2,250
Project costs	-	190,422	-	190,422
Office costs and other expenses	-	-	20,483	20,483
Accountancy	-	-	3,456	3,456
Training and conference expenses	-	-	5,393	5,393
Recruitment costs	-	-	4,584	4,584
Bank charges	-	-	81	81
Insurance	-	-	960	960
Sub-total	69,989	433,306	68,484	571,779
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>12,513</u>	<u>55,971</u>	<u>(68,484)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>82,502</u>	<u>489,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>571,779</u>

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8. Grants payable

During the current year: 1 grant was awarded to 1 institution as part of the Love Your Park community grant scheme (2024: 3 grants to 3 institutions).

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants payable to institutions:		
Northern Slopes Initiative	-	750
Stepping Sistas	-	750
We Are More Afterschool Club	-	750
Friends of Cottle Road	<u>750</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>750</u></u>	<u><u>2,250</u></u>

9. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	Nil	Nil
Independent examiner's remuneration:		
▪ Independent examination (excluding VAT)	<u>2,350</u>	<u>2,200</u>

10. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	233,710	224,552
Social security costs	13,667	12,738
Pension costs	4,330	4,469
Freelance staff	<u>82,011</u>	<u>49,224</u>
	<u><u>333,718</u></u>	<u><u>290,983</u></u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the current period or prior period.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and the Foundation Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £50,210 (2024: £48,233).

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Average head count	<u>12.1</u>	<u>11.3</u>
Average number of full time equivalents during the year	<u>7.3</u>	<u>7.0</u>

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11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

12. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	15,942	22,635
Prepayments	5,793	963
Other debtors	1,373	-
Accrued income	-	26,815
	<u>23,108</u>	<u>50,413</u>

13. Creditors: amounts due within 1 year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	16,752	21,994
Accruals	2,820	2,640
Tax and social security	8,719	-
Other creditors	976	69
Deferred income	1,570	-
	<u>30,837</u>	<u>24,703</u>

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	143,274	32,498	175,772
Current liabilities	<u>(19,948)</u>	<u>(10,889)</u>	<u>(30,837)</u>
Net assets at 31 December 2025	<u>123,326</u>	<u>21,609</u>	<u>144,935</u>
	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Prior year comparative			
Current assets	354,299	15,882	370,181
Current liabilities	<u>(19,840)</u>	<u>(4,863)</u>	<u>(24,703)</u>
Net assets at 31 December 2024	<u>334,459</u>	<u>11,019</u>	<u>345,478</u>

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15. Movements in funds

	At 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 December 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Bath Activator	(16,485)	61,526	(27,810)	-	17,231
Bath RtW	1,232	-	-	(1,232)	-
Brickfields Park	26,943	-	(19,663)	-	7,280
Bristol Activator	26,715	39,234	(82,876)	26,814	9,887
Bristol Exemplar PAA	-	15,000	(3,500)	-	11,500
Bristol RtW	112,475	52,901	(117,604)	(25,582)	22,190
CLPAA	133,750	3,345	(106,945)	-	30,150
College Green	657	-	(657)	-	-
Green Recovery	-	7,250	(7,165)	-	85
H&W Community Grant	18,605	-	(16,634)	-	1,971
Nature Trail	(3,115)	10,000	(5,867)	-	1,018
Royal Victoria Ponds	3,250	-	-	-	3,250
RtW - Ethnicity pilot	17,870	-	(10,381)	-	7,489
RtW - Hillfields	4,323	14,106	(16,371)	-	2,058
RtW - Parenting	-	7,347	(7,347)	-	-
Volunteer Support	(250)	-	-	250	-
Wild and Well	8,489	36,795	(36,067)	-	9,217
Total restricted funds	334,459	247,504	(458,887)	250	123,326
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	11,019	83,108	(72,268)	(250)	21,609
Total unrestricted funds	11,019	83,108	(72,268)	(250)	21,609
Total funds	345,478	330,612	(531,155)	-	144,935

Transfers between funds

In the year, £26,814 was transferred from the Bristol RtW fund to the Bristol Activator fund after a review of project budgets showed that this amount had been incorrectly allocated in a previous year.

The Bath RtW project was completed in the previous year, with funds transferred to the Bristol RtW fund in line with the funding terms.

The Volunteer Support project was completed in the previous year. £250 was transferred from unrestricted funds to offset the overspend and close this fund.

Purposes of restricted funds

Bath Activator

The Bath Activator programme transforms Bath's parks for nature by supporting local Friends of Park Groups and running weekly volunteer activities to create and enhance habitats like meadows and ponds.

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15. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Bath RtW

The Bath Roots to Wellbeing project expands our Green Social Prescribing project into Bath and North East Somerset, delivering weekly green care opportunities for people struggling with their mental health at Brickfields Park. We receive referrals from health, local service providers and self-referrals.

Brickfields Park

Brickfields Park project has delivered park improvements identified by consulting with local young people, specifically teenage girls, and has introduced new swings, balance bars and seating areas.

Bristol Activator

The Bristol Activator programme transforms Bristol's parks for nature by supporting local Friends of Park Groups and running regular volunteer activities to create and enhance habitats and improve parks.

Bristol Exemplar PAA

Bristol Exemplar Park project is a consultation with disabled people and carers to make a plan to improve one park in Bristol with significant funding from Bristol City Council.

Bristol RtW

The Bristol Roots to Wellbeing is our Green Social Prescribing project in Bristol, delivering weekly green care opportunities for people struggling with their mental health in 3 parks. We receive referrals from health, local service providers and self-referrals.

CLPAA

We are developing the UK's first community led process for disabled people and unpaid carers to assess the accessibility of their local park, develop plans and make improvements. We are running a programme of inclusive activities across Bristol and Bath.

College Green

The fund was established through a crowdfund to repair the damage caused to College Green during BYS4C strike on 28th February 2020. It is now a partnership project between Hargreaves Lansdown and Your Park Bristol & Bath to continually enhance and maintain new habitats that support more nature.

Green Recovery

We delivered a programme of family friendly activities for communities not using parks over the summer holidays. We also ran an event for Friends of Park Groups in Bristol.

H&W Community Grant

We are holding and administering funds on behalf of two community groups; Friends of Withywood Park and Spacemakers, who have consulted with the local community and are making practical improvements to their parks.

Nature Trail

This fund is to consult and develop a community generated idea to connect several green spaces in South Bristol, to the Dundry slopes through an active travel nature trail.

Your Park Bristol and Bath

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15. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Royal Victoria Ponds

This fund is reserved for future projects similar to the guided sensory walk we developed at Sydney Gardens in Bath in 2023.

RtW - Ethnicity pilot

We have secured funding to develop our Green Social Prescribing project, Roots to Wellbeing, for visibly minority ethnic groups living in the Newtown and Lawrence Hill areas of Bristol.

RtW - Hillfields

We have secured funding to run Roots to Wellbeing at Hillfields Community Garden.

RtW - Parenting

We have secured funding to develop our Green Social Prescribing project, Roots to Wellbeing, for parents living in South Bristol.

Volunteer Support

We bring together local groups, organisations and individuals in Hartcliffe, Withywood and Stockwood to open parks for health. Through a network approach we build relationships and provide support so that the number of opportunities for local people to use their park increases.

Wild and Well

This fund is used to bring together community members, groups, organisations and health agencies to explore how to get people in key areas of Bristol using their local parks more.

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15. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior year comparative	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 December 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Bath Activator	13,379	62,686	(92,550)	-	(16,485)
Bath Roots to Wellbeing	1,854	3,358	(3,980)	-	1,232
Brickfields Park	71,919	-	(44,976)	-	26,943
Bristol Activator	32,582	75,527	(81,394)	-	26,715
Bristol RtW	108,913	181,591	(178,029)	-	112,475
CLPAA	6,139	166,488	(38,877)	-	133,750
College Green	1,575	2,500	(3,418)	-	657
EDP	312	4,811	(5,123)	-	-
H&W Community Grant	-	27,605	(9,000)	-	18,605
Nature Trail	-	-	(3,115)	-	(3,115)
Royal Victoria Ponds	3,250	-	-	-	3,250
RtW - Ethnicity pilot	-	19,870	(2,000)	-	17,870
RtW - Hillfields	-	6,807	(2,484)	-	4,323
Vol Award	5,000	580	(5,580)	-	-
Volunteer Support	875	-	(1,125)	-	(250)
Wild and Well	24,534	21,795	(37,840)	-	8,489
Total restricted funds	270,332	573,618	(509,491)	-	334,459
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	10,038	63,269	(62,288)	-	11,019
Total unrestricted funds	10,038	63,269	(62,288)	-	11,019
Total funds	280,370	636,887	(571,779)	-	345,478

16. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the current year. The total aggregate unrestricted donations to the charity from 1 trustee during the prior year was £590.

BRISTOL AND BATH PARKS FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1182217

Accounts

Charity no. 1182217



**Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation
(operating as Your Park Bristol and Bath)**

**Annual Report & Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Your Park Bristol and Bath

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Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Charity number	1182217
Registered office and operational address	Engine Shed Approach Road Temple Meads Bristol BS1 6QH
Trustees	The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows: Rob Acton-Campbell Chair Megan Belcher Resigned 18 July 2024 Jack Gibbon Resigned 18 July 2024 Karen Gill Resigned 18 July 2024 Clare Hanley-Theare Appointed 18 July 2024 Helen Hobbs Roy Kareem Anna Little Appointed 18 July 2024 Laura Salisbury Resigned 8 February 2024
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Independent examiners	Godfrey Wilson Limited Chartered accountants and statutory auditors 5th Floor Mariner House 62 Prince Street Bristol BS1 4QD

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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for year ended 31 December 2024. Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and they and the annual report comply with Your Park Bristol and Bath's governing documentation and applicable law.

AIM AND PURPOSES

Your Park Bristol and Bath has summarised its core charitable purposes to:

- Protect the environment, animals and plants;
- Promote volunteering;
- Support recreation;
- Support health and wellbeing; and
- Promote community cohesion.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Your Park Bristol and Bath's charitable objects, as set out in its constitution, are to:

- provide and enhance, and/or assist in the provision and enhancement of, parkland for the use and enjoyment of the public in the Area of Benefit (including, but without limitation, the provision and maintenance of facilities and equipment) and "parkland" shall include but is not limited to public parks, gardens, landscaped areas, woodland, playing fields, playgrounds, nature reserves and recreational spaces;
- advance the education of the public in the Area of Benefit including (but without limitation) with regard to horticulture, arboriculture, ecology, geology, archaeology, heritage and local history; and
- improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the Area of Benefit in the interests of social welfare by providing and/or assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation.

Our strategy

This is a crucial time for urban parks. Their importance for communities and nature has never been higher, but due to continued cuts to Council budgets, parks are in decline with satisfaction declining (7% reduction in park satisfaction and 4% decrease in park use in Bristol from 2020 to 2023) with inequality in access to green space likely increasing as a result.

In 2024 we have continued to deliver against our 2023-2026 strategy that aims to ensure parks fulfil their full potential for Bristol and Bath's communities;

Our vision

Everyone can access parks and their transformative health and wellbeing benefits.

Our mission

Empowering communities and cultivating inclusive, nature-rich and engaging parks and activities.

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Your Park Bristol & Bath is a locally based charity that uses Bristol and Bath's parks to deliver positive social change through three key themes:

- **Health** – improving physical and mental wellbeing of communities through initiatives that support and provide park activities;
- **Access** – championing, enabling and consulting the communities least likely to use parks to improve their access to parks, so that everyone can feel safe, enjoy and benefit from parks and green spaces;
- **Nature** – creating, enhancing and sustaining natural habitats by partnering with local communities to realise their ambitions. We enable our diverse communities to respond to the Ecological Emergency Action Plans and enjoy nature-rich community spaces.

Defra reported that the NHS could save £2.1 billion every year if everyone used parks regularly. Using the adapted Bragg and Leck model (2017), we seek to enable everyone to use parks regularly to enjoy the associated health and wellbeing benefits.

Your Park Bristol & Bath's defined "Area of Benefit" is "the administrative areas of Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council, and such other areas as the Trustees may from time to time determine".

So far, to date Your Park Bristol and Bath has focused its activities on the cities of Bristol and Bath.

Your Park Bristol and Bath will not take over the ownership or management of parks but identifies projects and partnerships that will help everyone experience the benefits of these parks and green spaces, improving and enhancing them.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, and they have referred to it when carrying out the Foundation's charitable purposes.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Health: parks reduce health inequalities

We have continued to run our two flagship health programmes – Wild and Well and Roots to Wellbeing - expanding them into new communities.

Funded by the Health Innovation Fund, Wild and Well is our programme that aims to increase park use in areas where local people use parks the least. In 2024 we expanded the project from Hartcliffe, Withywood, to include Stockwood in South Bristol and Newtown/Lawrence Hill in Central Bristol. Wild and Well brings together community members, groups, charitable organisations and health agencies to highlight the importance of parks for health and understand why communities are not using parks and explore and support potential solutions.

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To reach the communities that are least likely to use parks, we have partnered with local Community Champions; people who are passionate about parks and are embedded in their local community. Over the course of 2024, we worked with 23 Community Champions across South Bristol. We have supported them to realise their ambitions for their local parks by providing training, facilitating conversations and supporting funding applications. We have held Wild and Well network meetings and arranged walks as part of Bristol Walk Festival. Attended community network meetings and stalls, continued to maintain our online information system and supported many Community Champion led initiatives, reaching 247 people.

In 2024, we have supported our Community Champions in Hartcliffe and Withywood, by supporting a successful funding application Quartet Community Foundation City Labs, held and administered a grant of £30,000 for two Community Champions to make improvements to Withywood Park and Willmott Park including turning on historic streams, installing new swings, disabled picnic benches and improving surfacing.

We are a key partner in the West of England Nature Partnership Health and Wellbeing project to increase access to the Dundry Slopes. As part of this we secured £10,000 from Natural England to work with local residents to develop a Community Champion idea of the 'Hartcliffe Loop' which will connect key green spaces in South Bristol to Dundry.

We started early outreach in Newtown/Lawrence Hill and will prioritise this area in 2025.

Roots to Wellbeing, our Green Social Prescribing programme focused on nature connection, has continued to grow and achieve impressive outcomes for participant's mental health. We ran 141 Roots to Wellbeing sessions in six parks including; Brickfields Park, Twerton Roundhill, Eastville Park, Hartcliffe Millennium Green, Stockwood Open Space and Hillfields Park. Over the course of the year, we received 129 referrals and worked with 138 participants in 2024.

Over half of the people that join Roots to Wellbeing struggle with stress and/or anxiety and 92% set it as a goal to improve their mental health when beginning with Roots. For those who engaged with the programme during 2024, a huge 89% report feeling calmer or less anxious by the time they leave us. An equal percentage also report feeling happier as a result of their time with the project. "Yes, I feel better. A bit more positive, upbeat and present. Mindfulness has been helping me to implement this throughout the day." "My social anxiety has improved in group settings. I get less nervous in group situations."

These changes can make a huge difference to day-to-day living, "I'm more able to do shopping in the day due to less social anxiety – I used to do it at 2am to avoid people."

82% of people told us they felt lonely or isolated when they joined Roots, but 78% of those engaging with the programme report feeling less lonely or isolated when they leave and 73% having made new friends at the group, "an unbelievable impact on my social life".

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Feeling more confident about being around other people has knock-on benefits on other areas of life, “[I used to be] negative and cautious about other people. I’m now more able to get out and attend other things. Also made some big changes with work situation.” “I’ve been able to go on holiday with friends for the first time in years.”

All participants joining Roots to Wellbeing tell us about their goals for their involvement in the programme. This year, 56% of people set a goal of improving their physical health. Given these hopes, it has been amazing to see that by the end of the programme 78% of people said that they felt healthier and a whopping 94% said they felt more active. “It’s got me outside and walking around more, which I need.”

On leaving the programme, the Roots team discuss with participants how they can continue to build on these healthy habits and maintain these changes. We believe that by introducing people to, and connecting them with, the green spaces close to where they live we can enable them to feel more confident and comfortable in continuing to visit green spaces after the Roots programme: 89% of participants said that they visit parks and green spaces more at the end of their time with us.

Another goal that we discuss with people all the way through their time with us is their hopes for moving on to volunteering or paid employment. 44% of people joining the programme in 2024 named this as a goal.

Of those who attended the programme, 45% moved on to other forms of meaningful activity: 22% in to paid work or volunteering and 23% on to other groups or activities. This shows such positive improvement in participants’ lives and is backed up by self-reported feelings of improved confidence and hopefulness: 72% of people reporting feeling more confident and 61% of feeling more hopeful at the end of the Roots programme. “Big changes – I’m more independent now. Not relying on other people for things, taking on my responsibilities and not being afraid of them. Or if I make a mistake – seeing it as something I can learn from and not being so hard on myself.”

Over the course of 2024, five volunteers for the project, contributing 175 hours of support to our expert facilitators. We are hugely appreciative for their support.

Access: parks are accessible, welcoming, safe and inclusive

Our strategy aims to work with the communities who are least likely to use parks to find ways to increase their use. We do this through a place-based approach, but also through understanding the experiences of the community’s identity who report not using green spaces. We commission research to deeply understand their experiences and then co-develop solutions.

In January we finished testing our newly developed process to assess the accessibility of community parks. The process was co-developed with Disabled people and carers in response to our research, not just a check box, published in 2023. With funding from Natural England, we worked with 15 Disabled people and carers (partners) from BS13 to use our developed park access assessment process at Hartcliffe Millennium Green. Hartcliffe has some of the highest proportion of Disabled residents and relative green space deprivation, so the parks that are there need to work for everyone. We successful made an Access Action Plan with our partners and held a community celebration event to share the findings, using the learning from the process to develop our Park Access Assessment toolkit.

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We were able to use the Hartcliffe Millennium Green Access Action Plan to attract funding to make the priority changes identified. By partnering with the Friends of Hartcliffe Millennium Green, we collectively raised enough money to make significant changes to the park in the second half of the year including a new accessible gate, resurfacing of the community garden area, a new handrail, shelter, seating, noticeboard, raised planters and sensory planting. The final bits of work will be complete in 2025, and the partners involved were empowered by the process:

“The access project felt like the whole community was coming together. No one person was singled out, we were all part of a group, and everyone was in the same boat. We felt listened to... It feels now like we are going forward. We know changes won't happen tomorrow, but we can see a picture in our minds about what will happen. We feel like we have accomplished things we didn't think possible in the past.”

The success of this work has enabled us to secure a grant of £247,976 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to further test Park Access Assessments, publish the toolkit, make improvements to parks across Bristol and Bath and run a programme of inclusive activities. This work will start in 2025.

We have started new research, working with the University of Bath, to understand the experiences of different visible minority ethnic groups and cultures across Bristol and Bath. Working with researcher, Zina Abdulla, over summer we held workshops in the areas of highest disadvantage, to uncover challenges. In November, we held a co-development workshop in central Bristol where we explored solutions to the barriers identified. We plan to publish the research and release a new report in April 2025.

Inequality in access to green spaces was highlighted through the pandemic, however the challenges facing communities of identify are not well known. To raise awareness of these issues, and funds to support our work we launched the Reimagining Parks campaign. We used a range of personal stories, video content and reports to highlight the challenges Disabled people, carers, women and girls and people struggling with their mental health face when trying to use parks. The campaign secured coverage on BBC Points West, ITV West Country as well as in local media publications and raised our profile as an organisation working in this space.

Nature: parks are biodiverse and nature-rich

We kicked off 2024 with a wonderful event to celebrate the brilliant park volunteers who go the extra mile to bring their parks to life. We run a volunteer awards programme every other year to shine a light on the individual efforts and group projects that deserve recognition.

We received hundreds of nominations to the awards and 100 people attended the celebration event at Bristol Beacon in February. Volunteers were recognised across categories including Volunteer of the Year, Young Volunteer of the Year, Community Connectors, Nature Lovers and Happy and Healthy. We were joined by Cllr Ellie King and Cllr Dr Bharat Pankhania to present the awards.

Our Nature & Community programmes in Bristol and Bath have gone from strength to strength, working alongside communities to support more nature and improve their local parks. Over the course of the year, we have provided 1,162 opportunities for volunteers and community members to get involved. Collectively the projects have improved 118,207m² of park land across 37 parks.

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In Bath, the team have played a key role in supporting 11 Friends of Groups to take forward their plans, all the more important following redundancies in the BANES parks department. They have continued to run the successful roving volunteer group, Bee Active, to support nature across 21 sites. The support from WECA's Bee Bold Fund, we have created two new ponds at Newbridge Open Space, Brickfields Park and Hillcrest Park, as well as new meadows at an additional five sites. We have created a nature trail that will launch in 2025 to give families the chance to explore and learn about these new habitats.

Bath volunteers have been involved in a huge range of activities, totalling a huge 2,222 hours across activities. Including bulb planting, tree planting, tree care, mulching, meadow creation and ongoing maintenance, wildflower seed-saving, physical grassland management by scything, pond maintenance, new hedging, creation of dead wood habitats such as log features and dead hedging. Making a 'stumpery', scrub bashing, making bug hotels and beetle banks, hurdle-making, orchard pruning, litter picking, balsam bashing, pond maintenance and erecting fencing.

We have continued our partnership with Hargreaves Lansdown (HL) and the Avon Wildlife Trust to enhance and curate the habitats we created at College Green. HL employees joined us to scythe the meadows, plant plug plant, reseed the meadows and maintain the hedgerow. In 2025 will mark five years of our partnership and we will be celebrating our collective impact.

In Bristol, we have a more focused approach where we work across nine sites in Hartcliffe, Withywood and Stockwood, key areas where park use is lower than in other parts of the city. With funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the team works with Friends of Groups to make improvements at more urban sites and works with a roving volunteer group on wilder sites where the focus is conservation. Collectively we have improved 108,207m² of green space by supporting 550 people to get involved across 67 activities.

To further enable community activity, we have made purchases for and given small grants to local community group activities, including:

- Wildflower seed, and bird and bat box kits – Friends of Hartcliffe Millennium Green;
- Bath and moth monitoring equipment for nature walks – Dundry & Hartcliffe Wildlife Conversation Group;
- Equipment to enhance and maintain herb planters – Spacemakers;
- Contribution towards making a new pond – Northern Slopes Initiative;
- Equipment to uncover buried spring in Northern Slopes and incorporate into nature connection activities - We Are More After School Club;
- Programme of nature walks across South Bristol parks – Steppin' Sistas;
- Equipment to deliver forest school activities and events for children and families to connect with nature – Friends of Manor Woods Valley; and
- Tools, equipment and plants to create and enhance areas of wildflowers – Friends of Withywood Park.

Team Days

Our social enterprise initiative, Your Park Team Days, have continued to make a difference to parks, while raising vital funds for our work. We welcome 13 corporate groups to eight parks across Bristol and Bath and participants made a difference by planting trees, rejuvenating gardens, big park clear ups, woodland management, invasive species management and pond maintenance.

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Making the case for parks

We had several opportunities to use our on the ground experience and expertise to influence significant consultations that will affect the future of parks in 2024.

Funding for parks continues to be at risk. Local Authority budgets continue to be stretched and as parks are not a statutory service, they are often looked to for savings. In 2024, Bath and North East Somerset Council proposed changes to the parks department structure that would remove all development capacity as well as support for communities wanting to take action in their park. We responded to the consultation and mobilised support to oppose these proposals. Following a series of conversations with various cabinet members, it became clear that the decision to make these key roles redundant had been made, however due to our constructive challenge, the decision was taken to create a new role to fulfil some of the functions that would be lost.

Bristol City Council consulted on and finalised its Parks and Green Spaces Strategy in 2024, and we are proud to have been a key contributor, in large part responsible for the emphasis on the importance of creating accessible and inclusive parks that work for the communities they serve.

In 2024 we have been invited to present to influential groups including the board of Natural England, Core Cities and Nature Towns and Cities.

We have been involved in ongoing discussions with the RSA and others about establishing a formal group to take a wide view of the way parks are funded in the long-term in and make a stronger case for funding and investment. This would involve representatives from organisations not normally involved in discussions about parks in the hope that they would bring new ideas and initiatives to the table. We aim to develop this work further in 2025.

Supporting our strategy

We have taken significant steps in 2024 to improve our organisation's systems, processes and to build capacity within our project team, delivering against our fifth strategic goal.

With funding from National Lottery Cost-of-Living grant, we commissioned a business development consultant to assess our readiness to scale our work. They spent significant time with our CEO and running workshops with the team to look at our theory of change, our budgeting and financial reporting systems, employee satisfaction and creating our organisational values. The process has honed our strategy and created streamlined systems that empower our team members to deliver their work.

Furthermore, we secured funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to introduce a Programme Manager to lead our project team. This role is integral in ensuring the new systems and processes to support this team are maintained and continually improved, provide our project leads with more support than our CEO was able to and will enable our CEO to focus on more strategic work and fundraising.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

2024 saw the charity's income grow modestly raising £636,887 (£553,224 in 2023). Our expenditure increased by 59% as we started and continued to deliver larger scale projects and spending grants secured in 2023 and 2024 (£571,779 (£359,601 in 2023)).

We have strengthened our income streams but recognise the need to increase unrestricted funding to strengthen our reserves and achieve a more balanced income portfolio.

Recovery from the Pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis have led to prudent decisions to bring forward the development of new income streams, to sustain a growing level of income and outputs and ensure we can continue to deliver a high level of impact for years to come.

As an independent charity we rely on voluntary contributions to deliver work for public benefit. As such our team and Trustees thank all our supporters for their incredible support in 2024. We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the following for their significant support this financial year:

- Our growing group of individual Park Companions who during the current climate, have continued to support our work with a monthly gift;
- Everyone who donated to or fundraised for our Reimagining Parks campaign;
- Our Local Nature Champion partners: National Grid and Offspring Films;
- Bath and North East Somerset Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund;
- Bristol City Council
- Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board;
- Enterprise Development Programme;
- Comic Relief Community Fund;
- Cost of Living Community Fund;
- Garfield Weston Foundation;
- Hargreaves Lansdown;
- Hillfields Community Garden Association;
- Health Innovation Fund;
- John James Bristol Foundation;
- National Lottery Heritage Fund;
- National Lottery Community Fund;
- Natural England;
- Postcode Local Trust;
- Quartet Community Foundation;
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund; and
- West of England Combined Authority.

Unrestricted income

We have continued to make the most of our success in trusts and foundation fundraising to support our core costs through our Full Cost Recovery system which clarifies the real cost of service delivery. This has continued to be successful with around £95,529 of overheads relating to projects funded through restricted grants.

We took the decision to prudently invest in unrestricted income streams in 2024 through a public fundraising campaign and investing in developing corporate fundraising. This has resulted in a significant uplift in unrestricted income from £29,864 in 2023, to £63,269 in 2024, a 110% increase, representing 11% of total income. The trustees thank Amber Fisher, our Head of Fundraising for her work to support this.

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Our social enterprise, Team Days - through which we provide wellbeing and team building days for corporates - raised £13,771, a decrease from 2023, in part due to transitioning some Team Days clients into corporate partnerships which raised £20,500, a significant increase on 2023 (£10,106).

We received £1,042 from our Park Companions (our regular donors). We are greatly appreciative of their long-term support.

We ran an ambitious fundraising campaign – Reimagining Parks - to highlight our access work which raised £6,592 of donations from the public and inspired Sal Vartuli to take on the challenge of walking 235km along the South West Coast Path in support of the campaign. He raised a huge £1,241. We share our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the campaign, especially Sal.

Our lottery raised £470. We also received a number of donations from trusts and foundations totalling £14,983.

We have seen an increase in requests for our team to speak at conferences and events which has enable us to charge speaker fees totalling £644.

Finally, we have taken the opportunity to make the most of high interest rates by holding funds received for grant delivery in an easy access savings account, accruing £5,152.

Restricted income

Our restricted income has grown by 9% as we sustain our success securing restricted grants from trusts and foundations. Our key programmes of work have continued to be funded by and attract further support from substantial multi-year grants.

Health

With support from National Lottery Community Reaching Communities Fund and Cost-of-Living Fund, we continued to run Roots to Wellbeing – a leading project supporting people with complex mental health conditions with peer support and in nature group therapy - into more people and communities in Bristol. In Bath, Roots to Wellbeing continued with support from Comic Relief and other trusts and foundations. In April, we agreed with the National Lottery Community Fund, that the Bath project would be continued using our Reaching Communities grant. Roots to Wellbeing has been supported by additional grants from Garfield Weston and Society of Merchant Venturers.

We have received funding to further develop Roots to Wellbeing for specific groups from Natural England and National Lottery Awards for All.

Our community development and network programme Wild and Well - which connects communities, parks and health in areas of health deprivation - has continued with an ongoing grant from the Health Innovation Fund through Bristol City Council. We received and are administering £29,399 from Quartet Community Foundation for our Community Champions in South Bristol.

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Access

Natural England continued to fund the co-development of the UK's first community led Park Access Assessment. We moved on to securing capital funds to improve the park with contributions from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Postcode Local Trust and John James Bristol Foundation totalling £25,000.

We secured a grant of £247,976 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to progress our project to make parks more accessible for Disabled people and carers in 2025, drawing down our first payment of £123,988 in September 2024.

Nature

Our flagship Nature & Community programmes in both Bristol and Bath in partnership with Councils continued in 2024. The Bath Programme is transforming 21 parks for nature by supporting local Friends of Park Groups and running regular volunteer activities to create and enhance habitats. In Bristol we are delivering the same benefit in South Bristol.

The Bath project was made possible by £25,000 from BANES Council Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund, £30,036 from West of England Combined Authority Pollinator Fund and small grants from May & Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust, DS Smith Charitable Foundation, The Gardens Trust, Cllr Jess Davids (BANES) and Neighbourly. The South Bristol project was made possible by £74,467 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and £1,060 from Buglife.

We are grateful to be continuing our work to enhance College Green for nature and expand our impact across the city through our continued partnership with Hargreaves Lansdown, who donated £15,000.

Organisational development

We received the final payment to develop Team Days from the Enterprise Development Fund.

We are incredibly grateful to all our funders and donors for their support.

Reserves policy

As a recently established charity, we are in the early stages of building our financial foundation. The trustees aim over the medium term is to grow free reserves (unrestricted net current assets) to a level equivalent to approximately three months of operational costs (c. £50k). As of the end of 2024, our free reserves stood at £11,019 (2023: £10,038), reflecting steady progress. We have a clear fundraising strategy in place to support this growth, including implementing full cost recovery, launching a major donor programme, and increasing the volume of unrestricted income.

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which Your Park Bristol and Bath may face, and they have established systems which enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to minimise these risks.

Volunteers

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all our volunteers for their support over the year. Without them we would not have been able to complete our work and have impact for Bristol and Bath's communities.

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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We will continue to deliver against our 2023-2026 strategy as detailed above.

We will see the end of several of our key grants in 2025 and look forward to working with our funders to explore options to continue and develop our work with communities.

2025 will be a key year for our access work with significant progress planned for our work with Disabled people and carers and the launch of our new research into the experiences of visibly minority ethnic groups when trying to use parks.

Cost-of-living crisis and global uncertainty

The Trustees have considered the impact that the continuing cost-of-living crisis and external environment (including cuts to US and UK Aid and global insecurity) will have on Your Park Bristol and Bath's current and future financial position. Your Park Bristol & Bath is taking the following steps to mitigate the threats posed to the organisation:

- Reviewing funding priorities to key projects and unrestricted income;
- Developing income streams to mitigate risk and ensure sustainable income;
- Focusing on raising funds from institutions rather than individuals; and
- Working with key funders to ensure that core costs can be covered.

Continued cuts to Council budgets

Parks are not a statutory service and continued cuts to Council budgets have seen money available for the management and maintenance of parks in Bristol and Bath decrease year on year. The Trustees have considered the impact that this trend will have on Your Park Bristol and Bath's current and future financial position. Your Park Bristol & Bath is taking the following steps to mitigate the threats that the cost of living crisis may pose to the organisation:

- Opening conversations to determine new ways of working and partnership opportunities should key Council roles be made redundant;
- Exploring new legal agreements that will enable us to continue our work; and
- Planning for increased need for our services.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that Your Park Bristol and Bath will continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved for the following reasons:

- Allocation of received funds for delivery in 2025;
- Fundraising efforts to support the Your Park's work are continuing;
- The need for our work and its impact has been further proven through projects run in 2024;
- We have developed a good reputation over six years of operation and are seen as a key delivery partner for the Councils and other strategic organisations in the region; and
- We have renewed our Memorandum of Understanding with the Councils for another five years.

The Trustees therefore consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of preparation of the accounts, as detailed in note 1 to the financial statements.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Your Park Bristol and Bath is the working name of the Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation, a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

Your Park Bristol and Bath is governed by a board of trustees who have overall responsibility for the governance, regulatory obligations and management of the foundation. The board of trustees seeks to ensure the best interest of stakeholders in all management decisions.

A board of trustees have been appointed based on their expertise and experience in areas relating to the strategic management of the organisation.

In July 2024 we were pleased to appoint Clare Hanley-Theare and Anna Little as new trustees bringing their experience of fundraising in the charity sector. Sadly, Megan Belcher and Jack Gibbon, Laura Salisbury and Karen Gill stood down this year.

At year end the board of trustees was led by a Chair with four other board members. The Board will look to recruit additional members during 2025, it is recognised that we particularly need someone with HR skills, we also aim to increase the diversity of the board and to ensure a good geographical spread across our area of operations.

Rob Acton-Campbell, one of our funding trustees, remains as Chair.

The board of trustees work to a framework structure to cover regulatory, financial and stakeholder obligations.

The Charity's relationship with the Local Authorities of Bristol City Council and Bath and North East Somerset Council is set out in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that was agreed in January 2020 to run for a 5 year period. This establishes a Steering Group with representatives of all three Parties that meet regularly through the year to ensure that all Parties are aware of the other's plans in respect of parks. Ahead of the expiry of the MoU, agreement was reached in November 2024 to extend it for a further 5 years.

At the end of 2024 our services are delivered by an operational, part-time team of 18. The team includes the Chief Executive, Head of Fundraising, Finance Assistant, and project delivery team organised by theme; nature, health and access.

The teamwork from home with shared office space / hot desks rented in central Bristol as required. This enables the team to come together regularly to share ideas and discuss challenges.

The reporting structure includes the staff team reporting into the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive reports directly to the Chair and Board of Trustees. The performance review of the Chief Executive is undertaken by the Chair of Trustees.

The resources required to run a successful charity includes office equipment, such as IT and general office equipment which has been provided from funds from Your Park Bristol and Bath.

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FUNDRAISING PRACTICES

Your Park Bristol and Bath received no complaints regarding our fundraising practices.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing those 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as independent examiners to the charity during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 5 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Mr R Acton-Campbell - Chair

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Your Park Bristol and Bath

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation (the CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 16 to 29.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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

Since the CIO's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO 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 applicable requirements 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.

William Guy Blake

Date: 5 June 2025

William Guy Blake ACA
Member of the ICAEW

For and on behalf of:

Godfrey Wilson Limited

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

5th Floor Mariner House

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Your Park Bristol and Bath

Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	573,618	25,702	599,320	531,700
Charitable activities	4	-	18,644	18,644	-
Other trading income	5	-	13,771	13,771	20,455
Investment income		-	5,152	5,152	1,069
Total income		<u>573,618</u>	<u>63,269</u>	<u>636,887</u>	<u>553,224</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		20,214	62,288	82,502	67,307
Charitable activities		<u>489,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>489,277</u>	<u>292,294</u>
Total expenditure	7	<u>509,491</u>	<u>62,288</u>	<u>571,779</u>	<u>359,601</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		64,127	981	65,108	193,623
Transfers between funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	9	64,127	981	65,108	193,623
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>270,332</u>	<u>10,038</u>	<u>280,370</u>	<u>86,747</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>334,459</u></u>	<u><u>11,019</u></u>	<u><u>345,478</u></u>	<u><u>280,370</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 15 to the accounts.

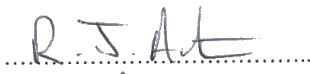
Your Park Bristol and Bath

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets				
Debtors	12	50,413		18,404
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>319,768</u>		<u>272,494</u>
		370,181		290,898
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	13	<u>(24,703)</u>		<u>(10,528)</u>
Net current assets			<u>345,478</u>	<u>280,370</u>
Net assets	14		<u>345,478</u>	<u>280,370</u>
Funds				
Restricted funds	15		334,459	270,332
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>11,019</u>	<u>10,038</u>
Total charity funds			<u>345,478</u>	<u>280,370</u>

Approved by the trustees on 5 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Mr R Acton-Campbell - Chair

Your Park Bristol and Bath

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash used in operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	65,108	193,623
Adjustments for:		
(Increase) in debtors	(32,009)	(17,609)
Increase in creditors	14,175	4,685
Interest received	(5,152)	(1,069)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>42,122</u>	<u>179,630</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest received	<u>5,152</u>	<u>1,069</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>5,152</u>	<u>1,069</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year	47,274	180,699
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>272,494</u>	<u>91,795</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>319,768</u></u>	<u><u>272,494</u></u>

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

Your Park Bristol and Bath

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting policies

a) General information and basis of preparation

Your Park Bristol and Bath is Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is Engine Shed, Approach Road, Temple Meads, Bristol, BS1 6QH.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Your Park Bristol and Bath 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 note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves, and cash balances at the signing date. The trustees are ensuring that all projects are being costed on a full cost recovery basis. Although the free reserves are low, the charity's restricted funds cover all planned significant activities and operating costs. For these reasons, the trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

d) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

e) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on the proportion of staff time as follows:

	2024	2023
Raising funds	18.3%	24.0%
Charitable activities	81.7%	76.0%

g) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

h) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

i) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

j) Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

k) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

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2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	523,360	8,340	531,700
Other trading activities	-	20,455	20,455
Investment income	-	1,069	1,069
Total income	523,360	29,864	553,224
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	32,613	34,694	67,307
Charitable activities	292,294	-	292,294
Total expenditure	324,907	34,694	359,601
Net income/(expenditure)	198,453	(4,830)	193,623
Transfers between funds	806	(806)	-
Net movement in funds	199,259	(5,636)	193,623

3. Income from donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Grants	571,118	14,983	586,101
Donations from corporates	2,500	-	2,500
Donations from individuals	-	10,719	10,719
	573,618	25,702	599,320
Prior period comparative			
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £
Grants	502,467	5,792	508,259
Donations from corporates	10,000	106	10,106
Donations from individuals	10,893	2,442	13,335
	523,360	8,340	531,700

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4. Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Corporate partnership agreements	18,000	-
Other	644	-
	<u>18,644</u>	<u>-</u>

In the current period all income from charitable activities was unrestricted.

5. Income from other trading activities

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
Team days	<u>13,771</u>	<u>20,455</u>

In the current and prior periods all income from other trading activities was unrestricted.

6. Government grants

The charity receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, the National Lottery Community Fund, the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Natural England and the West of England Combined Authority. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 December 2024 was £462,451 (2023: £352,058). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in either period.

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7. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2024 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	47,042	210,414	33,527	290,983
Fundraising services	22,947	-	-	22,947
Communications and publicity	-	30,220	-	30,220
Grants payable	-	2,250	-	2,250
Project costs	-	190,422	-	190,422
Office costs and other expenses	-	-	20,483	20,483
Accountancy	-	-	3,456	3,456
Training and conference expenses	-	-	5,393	5,393
Recruitment costs	-	-	4,584	4,584
Bank charges	-	-	81	81
Insurance	-	-	960	960
Sub-total	69,989	433,306	68,484	571,779
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>12,513</u>	<u>55,971</u>	<u>(68,484)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>82,502</u>	<u>489,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>571,779</u>

Total governance costs were £3,600 (2023: £3,576).

Prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2023 Total £
Staff costs (note 10)	52,188	165,140	26,091	243,419
Fundraising services	1,044	-	-	1,044
Communications and publicity	-	11,432	-	11,432
Project costs	-	71,183	-	71,183
Office costs and other expenses	-	-	17,757	17,757
Accountancy	-	-	3,085	3,085
Training and conference expenses	-	-	6,749	6,749
Recruitment costs	-	-	3,591	3,591
Bank charges	-	-	105	105
Insurance	-	-	1,236	1,236
Sub-total	53,232	247,755	58,614	359,601
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>14,075</u>	<u>44,539</u>	<u>(58,614)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>67,307</u>	<u>292,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>359,601</u>

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8. Grants payable

During the current year: 3 grants were awarded to 3 institutions as part of the Love Your Park community grant scheme. As noted in the trustees report, the charity made purchases on behalf of 5 additional organisations, which are reflected in the overall project costs. There were no grants awarded the prior year.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants payable to institutions:		
Northern Slopes Initiative	750	-
Stepping Sistas	750	-
We Are More Afterschool Club	750	-
	<u>2,250</u>	<u>-</u>

9. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	Nil	Nil
Independent examiner's remuneration:		
▪ Independent examination (excluding VAT)	2,200	1,950
	<u>2,200</u>	<u>1,950</u>

10. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	224,552	195,464
Social security costs	12,738	10,421
Pension costs	4,469	3,666
Freelance staff	49,224	33,868
	<u>290,983</u>	<u>243,419</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the current period or prior period.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and the Foundation Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £48,233 (2023: £45,187).

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Average head count	<u>11.3</u>	<u>8.9</u>
Average number of full time equivalents during the year	<u>7.0</u>	<u>6.3</u>

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11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

12. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	22,635	16,440
Prepayments	963	1,964
Accrued income	<u>26,815</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>50,413</u></u>	<u><u>18,404</u></u>

13. Creditors: amounts due within 1 year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	21,994	8,119
Accruals	2,640	2,340
Other creditors	<u>69</u>	<u>69</u>
	<u><u>24,703</u></u>	<u><u>10,528</u></u>

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	354,299	15,882	370,181
Current liabilities	<u>(19,840)</u>	<u>(4,863)</u>	<u>(24,703)</u>
Net assets at 31 December 2024	<u><u>334,459</u></u>	<u><u>11,019</u></u>	<u><u>345,478</u></u>
	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Prior year comparative			
Current assets	278,125	12,773	290,898
Current liabilities	<u>(7,793)</u>	<u>(2,735)</u>	<u>(10,528)</u>
Net assets at 31 December 2023	<u><u>270,332</u></u>	<u><u>10,038</u></u>	<u><u>280,370</u></u>

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15. Movements in funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 December 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Bath Activator	13,379	62,686	(92,550)	-	(16,485)
Bath RtW	1,854	3,358	(3,980)	-	1,232
Brickfields Park	71,919	-	(44,976)	-	26,943
Bristol Activator	32,582	75,527	(81,394)	-	26,715
Bristol RtW (Wellpark)	108,913	181,591	(178,029)	-	112,475
CLPAA	6,139	166,488	(38,877)	-	133,750
College Green	1,575	2,500	(3,418)	-	657
EDP	312	4,811	(5,123)	-	-
H&W Community Grant	-	27,605	(9,000)	-	18,605
Nature Trail	-	-	(3,115)	-	(3,115)
Royal Victoria Ponds	3,250	-	-	-	3,250
RtW - Ethnicity pilot	-	19,870	(2,000)	-	17,870
RtW - Hillfields	-	6,807	(2,484)	-	4,323
Vol Award	5,000	580	(5,580)	-	-
Volunteer Support	875	-	(1,125)	-	(250)
Wild and Well	24,534	21,795	(37,840)	-	8,489
Total restricted funds	270,332	573,618	(509,491)	-	334,459
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	10,038	63,269	(62,288)	-	11,019
Total unrestricted funds	10,038	63,269	(62,288)	-	11,019
Total funds	280,370	636,887	(571,779)	-	345,478

Funds in deficit

At the year-end, three restricted funds were in deficit due to income being paid in arrears. The trustees confirm that income subsequent to the year end will restore these funds to a positive balance.

Purposes of restricted funds

Bath Activator

The Bristol Activator programme transforms Bristol's parks for nature by supporting local Friends of Park Groups and running regular volunteer activities to create and enhance habitats and improve parks.

Bath RtW

The Bath Roots to Wellbeing project expands our Green Social Prescribing project into Bath and North East Somerset, delivering weekly green care opportunities for people struggling with their mental health at Brickfields Park. We receive referrals from health, local service providers and self-referrals.

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15. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Brickfields Park

Brickfields Park project has focused on delivering park improvements identified by consulting with local young people, specifically teenage girls, and has introduced new social seating to the park, with new swings coming in 2025.

Bristol Activator

The Bristol Activator programme transforms Bristol's parks for nature by supporting local Friends of Park Groups and running regular volunteer activities to create and enhance habitats and improve parks.

Bristol RtW (Wellpark)

The Bristol Roots to Wellbeing is our Green Social Prescribing project in Bristol, delivering weekly green care opportunities for people struggling with their mental health in 3 parks. We receive referrals from health, local service providers and self-referrals.

CLPAA

Following our research with Disabled people and unpaid carers, we are developing the UK's first community led process for Disabled people and unpaid carers to assess the accessibility of their local park, develop plans and make improvements.

College Green

The fund was established through a crowdfund to repair the damage caused to College Green during BYS4C strike on 28th February 2020. It is now a partnership project between Hargreaves Lansdown and Your Park Bristol & Bath to continually enhance and maintain new habitats that support more nature.

EDP

We received funding to develop our social enterprise initiative, Team Days. This grant enabled us to carry out important work on our pricing structure, business plan and marketing. It also paid for a role to administer Team Days.

H&W Community Grant

We are holding and administering funds on behalf of two community groups; Friends of Withywood Park and Spacemakers, who have consulted with the local community and are making practical improvements to their parks.

Nature Trail

This fund is to support organisations to increase the opportunities available for young people who wouldn't normally consider a career in nature.

Royal Victoria Ponds

This fund is reserved for future projects similar to the guided sensory walk we developed at Sydney Gardens in Bath in 2023.

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15. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

RtW - Ethnicity pilot

We have secured funding to develop our Green Social Prescribing project, Roots to Wellbeing, for visibly minority ethnic groups living in the Newtown and Lawrence Hill areas of Bristol.

RtW - Hillfields

We have secured funding to run Roots to Wellbeing at Hillfields Community Garden.

Vol Award

We run a bi-annual Volunteer Awards event to celebrate the committed community members that go the extra mile to bring their park to life.

Volunteer Support

We bring together local groups, organisations and individuals in Hartcliffe, Withywood and Stockwood to open parks for health. Through a network approach we build relationships and provide support so that the number of opportunities for local people to use their park increases.

Wild and Well

This fund is used to bring together community members, groups, organisations and health agencies to explore how to get people in key areas of Bristol using their local parks more.

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15. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior year comparative	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 December 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Bath Activator	10,492	70,732	(67,845)	-	13,379
Bath Roots to Wellbeing	16,000	5,450	(19,596)	-	1,854
Brickfields Park	199	74,919	(3,199)	-	71,919
Bristol Activator	2,500	50,350	(20,268)	-	32,582
Bristol RtW (Wellpark)	6,587	181,626	(79,300)	-	108,913
CLPAA	-	37,868	(31,729)	-	6,139
College Green	6,308	5,000	(9,733)	-	1,575
EDP	-	28,243	(27,931)	-	312
FoG Support	18	-	(18)	-	-
Green Park	131	-	(131)	-	-
Nature Fund	-	19,246	(19,866)	620	-
NC Project	130	-	(130)	-	-
Report Launch	1,637	-	(1,637)	-	-
Royal Victoria Ponds	3,250	-	-	-	3,250
Sensory Walk	4,644	-	(4,830)	186	-
Vol Award	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Volunteer Support	5,500	4,926	(9,551)	-	875
Wild and Well	13,677	40,000	(29,143)	-	24,534
Total restricted funds	71,073	523,360	(324,907)	806	270,332
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	15,674	29,864	(34,694)	(806)	10,038
Total unrestricted funds	15,674	29,864	(34,694)	(806)	10,038
Total funds	86,747	553,224	(359,601)	-	280,370

16. Related party transactions

The total aggregate unrestricted donations to the charity from 1 trustee during the year were £590 (2023: £360 from 1 trustee).

BRISTOL AND BATH PARKS FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1182217

Accounts

Charity no. 1182217



**Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation
(Operating under the working name of
Your Park Bristol and Bath)**

**Report and Unaudited Financial
Statements**

31 December 2023

Your Park Bristol and Bath

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Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity number	1182217																				
Registered office and operational address	PO Box 1702 Bristol BS49 4YW																				
Trustees	The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows: <table><tr><td>Rob Acton-Campbell</td><td>Chair</td></tr><tr><td>Megan Belcher</td><td>Appointed 7 February 2023</td></tr><tr><td>Mark Blackburn</td><td>Resigned 6 April 2023</td></tr><tr><td>Patsy Connor</td><td>Resigned 10 November 2023</td></tr><tr><td>Helen Hobbs</td><td>Appointed 6 April 2023</td></tr><tr><td>Jack Gibbon</td><td>Appointed 7 February 2023</td></tr><tr><td>Karen Gill</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Roy Kareem</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Lynn Robinson</td><td>Resigned 7 September 2023</td></tr><tr><td>Laura Salisbury</td><td>Resigned 8 February 2024</td></tr></table>	Rob Acton-Campbell	Chair	Megan Belcher	Appointed 7 February 2023	Mark Blackburn	Resigned 6 April 2023	Patsy Connor	Resigned 10 November 2023	Helen Hobbs	Appointed 6 April 2023	Jack Gibbon	Appointed 7 February 2023	Karen Gill		Roy Kareem		Lynn Robinson	Resigned 7 September 2023	Laura Salisbury	Resigned 8 February 2024
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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for year ended 31 December 2023. Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and they and the annual report comply with Your Park Bristol and Bath's governing documentation and applicable law.

AIM AND PURPOSES

Your Park Bristol and Bath has summarised its core charitable purposes to:

- Protect the environment, animals and plants;
- Promote volunteering;
- Support recreation;
- Support health and wellbeing; and
- Promote community cohesion.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Your Park Bristol and Bath's charitable objects, as set out in its constitution, are to:

- provide and enhance, and/or assist in the provision and enhancement of, parkland for the use and enjoyment of the public in the Area of Benefit (including, but without limitation, the provision and maintenance of facilities and equipment) and "parkland" shall include but is not limited to public parks, gardens, landscaped areas, woodland, playing fields, playgrounds, nature reserves and recreational spaces;
- advance the education of the public in the Area of Benefit including (but without limitation) with regard to horticulture, arboriculture, ecology, geology, archaeology, heritage and local history; and
- improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the Area of Benefit in the interests of social welfare by providing and/or assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation.

Your Park's defined "Area of Benefit" is "the administrative areas of Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council, and such other areas as the trustees may from time to time determine".

However, Your Park Bristol and Bath will initially focus its activities on the cities of Bristol and Bath.

Your Park Bristol and Bath will not take over the ownership or management of parks but identify projects and partnerships that will help everyone experience the benefits of these parks and green spaces and indirectly improve and enhance them.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, and they have referred to it when carrying out the charity's charitable purposes.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2023 has been the charity's most impactful year to date. We reached over 1,000 people through activities in 40 parks, making a real difference to the health and wellbeing of Bristol and Bath's communities.

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Our talented and committed part-time team grew from 9 in January to 17 in December. However, our core non-service delivery team remains at 2.4FTE ensuring the majority of our funding is allocated for public benefit.

We started the year by welcoming nearly 100 park volunteers for a Park Volunteer Get Together on Saturday 11 February. Special thanks to Hargreaves Lansdown whose support meant it was a free event and the first-time park volunteer from both cities have got together in person. It was a morning of making connections, with volunteers exploring topics across biodiversity, accessibility, resilience, funding and more. The energy in the room showed just how important getting together in person was. Everyone left saying how good it was to be with like-minded people and that they left feeling inspired and proud to be part of something bigger.

Health

Our health work expanded into a new area. Firmly established in Hartcliffe and Withywood, Wild and Well moved into Stockwood. Wild and Well uses a community development and network approach to open up parks for health and wellbeing. The project directly supports community members as well as building a local network, connecting together local residents, the VCSE sector, BCC (Parks, Community Development and Employment Services), health and social care to highlight the benefits of parks for health and wellbeing.

Over the course of 2023, Wild and Well, recruited and supported 12 Community Champions, who are local people who have knowledge of a variety of resources; are able and willing to collaborate and connect with a variety of different people; use their skills, knowledge and life experience to promote parks for health in their community. We hosted six Wild and Well network meetings and supported community members to run a range of park activities from nature walks to consultations. We are very proud of how enthusiasm for parks and their potential has grown in each area. The confidence of our Community Champions has also flourished. Overall, it is inspiring to see how much people are prepared to give their own free time to support their valued parks and green spaces.

Our flagship project, Roots to Wellbeing, expanded to five parks in 2023. This highly effective wellbeing project supports people with poor mental health to experience nature connectedness and build community through parks. The project was established in Brickfields Park mid-year and then into Withywood Park and Stockwood Open Space in Bristol in September.

Our reporting suggests that over half of participants experience a decrease in anxiety after attending our sessions and 76% report feeling happier. The sessions have attracted people from many different backgrounds, ages and experiences. Throughout the year we have supported people suffering from a range of different conditions, including but not limited to: Generalised anxiety disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, Bipolar disorder, Personality disorders, those suffering with grief or bereavement, those recovering from drug or alcohol addiction, those with chronic fatigue, those with learning disabilities and those suffering from Dementia. The team ran 121 wellbeing sessions and received 120 referrals from local health providers, GPs and organisations. On average participants attend seven sessions and have 1:1 contact our team around 10 times. The project was supported by six regular volunteers who support our Health & Community Officers to lead welcoming, safe and supportive sessions.

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When people are asked what they find most valuable about attending our Roots to Wellbeing sessions, the overwhelming response that people mention is the new-found connection they feel either to others or to nature. One person wrote, "Roots to Wellbeing has taught me to look more closely at nature. Realise that there's other people with the same leaning as you. Realise you're not an oddball. Even looking at the weeds, they are beautiful."

The Bristol expansion was made possible by a large, multi-year grant from the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund. This investment has also allowed us to invest heavily in developing the project, putting in systems and processes that set boundaries protecting our team's mental health as well as our participants and ensuring every participant gets the same excellent experience regardless of which site they attend.

The importance of parks for health is relatively well recognised locally. Our partnership with the Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board has enabled us to build connections with the health care system and demonstrate the impact of nature-connectedness through parks. While the importance of parks for preventative community health care is recognised, full integration with public health and the associated funding has not yet been realised. To better understand why and explore solutions, we were invited to present to the Bristol City Council Health & Wellbeing board on 28th July.

To continue this conversation, build awareness and influence, we partnered with the Royal SA and Schumacher Institute to host a big Parks Conversation on 19th September. We invited key stakeholders from Bristol to explore the challenges and opportunities associated with parks and identify opportunities for future collaboration. This first meeting determined there is support for the issue and as a result we intend to make it an annual meeting with the purpose of effecting system change for parks in Bristol and Bath.

Access

Supporting people to use parks more is at the core of what we do. To make access to parks more equitable, it is essential that we understand the experiences of communities least likely to use parks. In 2022, we undertook research to understand how Disabled people and unpaid carers in Bristol and Bath use parks and in January 2023, we took the first steps to action the recommendations identified through our report.

Disabled people and unpaid carers told us that park accessibility needs to be audited by local disabled people and unpaid carers to develop plans that are truly inclusive. Due to declining Council budget and the large amounts of funding needed to complete park access audits, we are co-developing the UK's first community led park access assessment toolkit, a process that could be used by any group of Disabled people and unpaid carers nationwide.

From January to March, we worked with Bristol Disability Equality Forum, Carers Support Centre and the first three months of the year, we recruited 15 Disabled people and unpaid carers to work with us to develop this process through three workshops. We learnt a huge amount about how to provide truly inclusive and accessible experiences, including through hybrid workshops and at the end of the three workshops, we had a draft process to test in parks later in the year.

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Funded and supported by Heritage Lottery Fund, we recruited a Park Access Assistant trainee through the New to Nature programme. The programme aims to support young people into nature-based roles who would not normally consider them, while supporting charities and organisations to establish more inclusive and supportive recruitment and management practices. Madie Lewis joined the team in January to support our access work. The team attended multiple training and support sessions including Addressing Microaggressions, Disability Equality, Unconscious Bias & Culture and Race over the course of the year.

With support from Wesport and Sport England UK, we were able to pilot and develop accessible nature-based activities for Disabled people and unpaid carers, actioning one of the key recommendations from our "Not just a check box" report. Our New to Nature trainee worked with a local visually impaired person to develop and run a series of sensory walks at Sydney Gardens in Bath engaging 56 Disabled people.

We also partnered with Sense to provide training and support to Friends of Park Groups to map and promote sensory walks for their park, many of which were promoted during both city's walking festivals. Both of these projects have helped us shape work in 2024 when we will focus on recruiting, training and supporting a group of Disabled sensory walk leads to provide guided walks through parks across Bristol and Bath.

In the final months of the year, with the support of Natural England, we were able to test the community led park access assessment we developed with Disabled people and unpaid carers earlier in the year. Focusing on the Hartcliffe area, which is a key hotspot for green space deprivation and high proportion of Disabled residents, we recruited a group of 15 local Disabled people and unpaid carers to test the process at Hartcliffe Millennium Green. The group completed several workshops and park visits to create a series of recommendations for how to improve the accessibility of the park. Many of these aligned closely with previous consultations done by the Friends of Hartcliffe Millennium Green who had already attracted Section 106 funding to have the gate and surface of the park improved. We will work closely with the Friends to attract funding to action the improvements identified in 2024 as well as creating a first draft of the community led park access assessment toolkit, ready to be tested in another park.

Following our 2022 consultation with teenagers, specifically teenage girls at Brickfields Park in Bath. We secured a grant to make the first improvements to the park in early 2024. As per the consultation recommendations, we will introduce several new social seating areas, an adult swing (outside of the children's play area) and monkey bars. This will make Brickfields Park one of the first in the UK to be designed by and for teenage girls.

Nature

With additional funding, our Bath Activator project, which aims to work with local communities to transform parks for nature, expanded to work in 21 of Bath's parks, enhancing 1,504m² for nature. Carol Stone joined the team in March and the additional resource has sky-rocketed the project with a huge uplift in activity. 10,000 spring bulbs, 90 native whips and 150m² wildflower meadow were planted with substantial work completed to prepare different areas of parks for planting in 2024.

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The team run a weekly volunteer group called Bee Active, who travel across the 21 sites engaging in weekly volunteer activities. In 2023 we delivered 93 volunteer sessions and engaged with 610 volunteers, contributing over 1,450 volunteer hours. Volunteers have been taking part in activities including wildflower seed sowing and plug planting, maintaining beds of pollinator-friendly plants, creation of dead wood habitats such as log piles and dead hedges, physical management of grasslands (scything), pond planting, bulb planting sessions and litter picking.

11 Bath Friends of Park Groups and several local groups and residents associations received support for their activities, with many attending a Bath Park Volunteer Celebration in June. 85 people attended training covering how to support more pollinators in parks.

We have invested in our trading initiative, Your Park Team Days, through which corporate teams join us in the park for nature-based wellbeing activities that improve parks for people and biodiversity. With financial and development support from Groundwork UK's Enterprise Development Programme, we have reviewed our business plan, pricing strategy and marketing plans. Over the course of the year we welcomed 25 corporate teams to 13 parks, involving 500 employees from 23 companies.

Our long-term partnership with Hargreaves Lansdown has continued to maintain the biodiverse habitats created on College Green as a result of the Bristol Youth Strike for Climate march, led by Greta Thunberg in 2020. Together with HL employees, we scythed the wildflower meadows planted in 2021 and planted thousands of spring bulbs. This project continues to provide a fantastic example of how you can support more biodiversity in the heart of the city, providing local people with more access to nature. We thank Hargreaves Lansdown for their continued support.

South Bristol is a key area of focus for us through our health and access work. In partnership with Bristol City Council, in mid-2023 we secured funding to employ someone to work with local people to improve 11 sites in Hartcliffe, Withywood and Stockwood, with a focus on enhancing them for nature. Following a failed recruitment, we appointed someone to the role in October and towards the end of the year they focused on building local community relationships and starting to support conversation activities with existing groups of volunteers on the larger sites. We are excited to see this project take off in 2024.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

2023 saw the charity's income and therefore impact grow significantly. We have strengthened our income streams considerably but recognise the need for more core funding and a balanced income portfolio. Recovery from the pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis have led to prudent decisions to bring forward the development of new income streams, to sustain a growing level of income and outputs and ensure we can continue to deliver a high level of impact for years to come.

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As an independent charity we rely on voluntary contributions to deliver work for public benefit. As such our team and Trustees thank all our supporters for their incredible support in 2023. We would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the following for their significant support this financial year:

- Our growing group of individual Park Companions who during the current climate, have continued to support our work with a monthly gift;
- Bath and North East Somerset Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund;
- Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board;
- Enterprise Development Programme;
- Comic Relief Community Fund;
- Cost of Living Community Fund;
- Hargreaves Lansdown;
- Health Innovation Fund;
- National Lottery Heritage Fund;
- National Lottery Community Fund;
- Natural England;
- Quartet Community Foundation;
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund; and
- West of England Combined Authority.

Unrestricted income

For the first year since the end of our set up grant (2021) we received no financial support from Local Authorities for our core costs. To meet the gap in income, we adopted a Full Cost Recovery system to clarify the real cost of service delivery. This was successful with around £55,000 of overheads relating to projects funded.

Our social enterprise, Team Days - through which we provide wellbeing and team building days for corporates - raised £20,455, a significant uplift from 2022.

We received £1,775 from our Park Companions (our regular donors). We are greatly appreciative of their long-term support.

In 2023, we launched a lottery as an alternative way to support our work, which raised £366. We also received a number of small donations from family trusts totalling £1,750.

Restricted income

Our restricted income has seen the most significant growth. Our key programmes of work have moved from small and short-term pilot funding to securing more substantial multi-year grants.

Health

With support from National Lottery Community Fund, we expanded Roots to Wellbeing – a leading project supporting people with complex mental health conditions with peer support and in nature group therapy - into more people and communities in Bristol. Before securing this grant, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board helped us continue the project with a bridging grant. We have received matched funds for this project from several trusts and foundations and we raised £10,893 through a Crowdfunder with matched funding through the Aviva Community Fund. In Bath, Roots to Wellbeing continued with support from Comic Relief and other trusts and foundations.

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Our community development programme Wild and Well - which connects communities, parks and health in areas of health deprivation - has continued with an ongoing grant (£40,000 in 2023) from the Health Innovation Fund through Bristol City Council.

Access

We began to action the recommendations from our research and subsequent report, 'Not just a check box'. Natural England funded the co-development of the UK's first community led Park Access Assessment through two grants totalling £34,867. Matched funds were provided by Quartet Community Foundation.

We were part of a pilot scheme by the National Heritage Lottery Fund and other partners looking at diversifying the environment sector. A £19,246 grant enabled us to provide a 12-month placement for a young person who would not typically consider a career in nature which was very successful.

Following consultation with teenage girls to make Brickfields Park a safer and more enjoyable space, we have secured £74,919 from BANES Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund for capital work to improve the space for teenage girls.

Nature

Our flagship Park Activator Programmes in both Bristol and Bath in partnership with Councils, secured significant support in 2023. The Bath Programme is transforming nearly 20 parks for nature by supporting local Friends of Park Groups and running regular volunteer activities to create and enhance habitats. In Bristol we are delivering the same benefit across the South of the City.

The Bath Park Activator Programme was made possible by £55,714 from BANES Council Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund and £15,017 from West of England Combined Authority Pollinator Fund. The South Bristol project was made possible by £50,350 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

With £4,926 from the West of England Combined Authority's Pollinator Fund, we provided support to the network of 'Friends of' park groups and volunteers to make their parks better for pollinators.

We are grateful to be continuing our work to enhance College Green for nature and expand our impact across the city through our continued partnership with Hargreaves Lansdown, who donated £10,000 and provided 264 volunteering hours. Their support will enable us to run the next Love Your Park Volunteer Celebration volunteers in early 2024 as well as continue supporting more nature in the heart of the City.

We invested in our trading initiative, Team Days, with support from the Enterprise Development Programme, managed by Groundwork UK, who provided £28,243 in 2023.

We are incredibly grateful to all our funders and donors for their support.

Reserves policy

It is the Trustees' long-term aim to build up a balance of free reserves (net current assets) which equates to 4 months' operational costs. This will be held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow, meet emergencies and allow Your Park Bristol and Bath to maintain its financial sustainability. The balance of free reserves at the end of 2023 was £10,038 (2022: £15,674). The trustees are aware of the need to keep close control on operational costs and monitor cash-flow and financial risks while the charity's reserves are increased over the medium-term.

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Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which Your Park Bristol and Bath may face, and they have established systems which enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to minimise these risks.

Volunteers

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the following volunteers for their support over the year. Without them we would not have been able to complete our work and have impact for Bristol and Bath's communities.

Molly Mescott, Chloe Barratt, Elena Campos, Sophie Green and Henry Tillard provided support to our Health & Community Officers, ensuring that all our Roots to Wellbeing sessions were welcoming, safe and enjoyable for all participants.

Barbara Harris developed and led sensory walks at Sydney Gardens and has led the development of the Disabled sensory walk guide project for 2024.

In Bath, the regular volunteers of the Bee Active volunteer group have transformed many parks for nature. Thank you to Steve Alston, Melissa Barker, Rich Carter, Robin Chan, Maidei Kambarami, Hilary King, Philip Scaramangas, Lucy Turner and Claire Wilmot.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In 2023, the charity reviewed and updated its strategy, setting out priorities to 2026.

Our vision: Everyone can access parks and their transformative health and wellbeing benefits.

Our mission: Empowering communities and cultivating inclusive, nature-rich and engaging park activities.

Our purpose: Transforming lives through parks.

Your Park Bristol & Bath is a locally based charity that uses Bristol and Bath's parks to deliver positive social change through three key themes:

- Health – improving physical and mental wellbeing of communities through initiatives that support and provide outdoor activities;
- Access – championing, enabling and consulting under-served communities to improve access to parks, so that everyone can feel safe, enjoy and benefit from parks and green spaces;
- Nature – creating, enhancing and sustaining natural habitats through leading and supporting community gardening sessions, enabling our diverse communities to respond to the Ecological Emergency Action Plans and enjoy nature-rich community spaces.

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Our approach will be:

- **Impact driven:** Collate clear evidence that our approach has transformational impact and brings our three key themes of work together to benefit everyone. Working directly with communities to co-create projects that benefit people and the environment;
- **Addressing inequalities:** Understand and develop shared solutions with under-served communities, identifying intersectional solutions that will have the most significant impact upon the success of existing projects to deliver tried and tested interventions;
- **Representative community involvement:** Diverse leadership and a network of thriving, diverse champions and ambassadors;
- **Professionalisation:** The systems and processes required to maintain high-quality services and experiences for all beneficiaries, volunteers and team members. Develop new opportunities for audiences to engage with their local park;
- **Happy and high performing team:** Recruit and retain talented and passionate team, invest in employee wellbeing and maintain inclusive and supportive culture;
- **Partnerships:** High-profile partnerships that achieve transformational impact for communities and increase brand awareness;
- **Financial stability:** reliable unrestricted income streams because of appropriate and responsible investment;
- **Profile & awareness:** An increased profile and supporter base achieved through investment in marketing and communications, campaigns and new partnerships;
- **Influencing change:** Our evidence base and the new appreciation for parks influences system change to increase investment in green spaces.

Cost-of-living crisis

The Trustees have considered the impact that the continuing cost-of-living crisis will have on Your Park Bristol and Bath's current and future financial position. Your Park Bristol & Bath is taking the following steps to mitigate the threats that the cost of living crisis may pose to the organisation:

- Reviewing funding priorities to key projects and unrestricted income;
- Providing one-off lump sums to all employees in January 2023; and
- Ensuring we are building projected inflation into all budgets.

The trustees consider that Your Park Bristol and Bath will continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved for the following reasons:

- Allocation of received funds for delivery in 2023;
- Developing income streams to mitigate risk and ensure sustainable income; and
- Working with key funders to ensure that core costs can be covered.

Continued cuts to Council budgets

Parks are not a statutory service and continued cuts to Council budgets have seen money available for the management and maintenance of parks in Bristol and Bath decrease year on year. The Trustees have considered the impact that this trend will have on Your Park Bristol and Bath's current and future financial position. Your Park Bristol & Bath is taking the following steps to mitigate the threats that the cost of living crisis may pose to the organisation:

- Opening conversations to determine new ways of working and partnership opportunities should key Council roles be made redundant;
- Exploring new legal agreements that will enable us to continue our work; and
- Planning for increased need for our services.

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Going concern

The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the accounting period and the position at 31 December 2023 and consider that Your Park Bristol and Bath is in a reasonable position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

The Trustees consider that Your Park Bristol and Bath will continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved for the following reasons:

- Allocation of received funds for delivery in 2024;
- Fundraising efforts to support the Your Park's work are continuing;
- The need for our work and its impact has been further proven through projects run in 2023; and
- Funding was secured in 2023 to carry out a review of the operation of the charity in early 2024, recommendations from this review will be implemented in mid-2024 which we help ensure the charity is well placed to further increase the scope of its work while managing financial risks.

The trustees therefore consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of preparation of the accounts, as detailed in note 1 to the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Your Park Bristol and Bath is the working name of the Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation, a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

Your Park Bristol and Bath is governed by a board of trustees who have overall responsibility for the governance, regulatory obligations and management of the foundation. The board of trustees seeks to ensure the best interest of stakeholders in all management decisions.

A board of trustees have been appointed based on their expertise and experience in areas relating to the strategic management of the organisation. Following a recruitment process, we were pleased to formally appoint Helen Hobbs as treasurer in April 2023. Megan Belcher and Jack Gibbon were also welcomed as new trustees during the year. For various personal reasons Mark Blackburn, Lynn Robinson and Patsy Conner resigned from the board during 2023. Laura Salisbury also stood down in February 2024. We were sorry to lose their skills and experience.

At year end the board of trustees was led by a Chair with six other board members. The Board has undertaken a skills audit amongst its members and will look to recruit additional members during 2024 to fill the identified gaps.

The board of trustees work to a framework structure to cover regulatory, financial and stakeholder obligations.

Your Park Bristol and Bath services are delivered by an operational, part time team. The team includes the Chief Executive, Head of Fundraising, Finance Assistant, Health Network Lead and Nature & Community Lead. We also have a number project staff working on short-term freelance contracts.

The team work from home with shared office space available at council parks depots on alternate Thursdays.

The reporting structure includes the staff team reporting into the Chief Executive.

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The Chief Executive reports directly to the chair and board of trustees. The performance review of the Chief Executive is undertaken by the chair of trustees.

The resources required to run a successful charity includes office equipment, such as IT and general office equipment which has been provided from funds from Your Park Bristol and Bath.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Your Park Bristol and Bath is an independent charity working at a local level. The charity has strong working relationships with numerous voluntary groups, charities, businesses and local authorities which enable us to expand our reach and achieve our mission.

FUNDRAISING PRACTICES

Your Park Bristol and Bath is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and received no complaints regarding our fundraising practices in 2022. The charity holds appropriate policies and procedures with regard to fundraising practices and complaints.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing those 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

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Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as independent examiners to the charity during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 23 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by



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Mr R Acton-Campbell - Chair

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Your Park Bristol and Bath

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation (the CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 15 to 28.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO 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 applicable requirements 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.

William Guy Blake

Date: 23 April 2024

William Guy Blake ACA

Member of the ICAEW

For and on behalf of:

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Statement of financial activities

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	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	523,360	8,340	531,700	179,248
Other trading income	4	-	20,455	20,455	3,308
Investment income		-	1,069	1,069	62
Total income		<u>523,360</u>	<u>29,864</u>	<u>553,224</u>	<u>182,618</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		32,613	34,694	67,307	51,581
Charitable activities		<u>292,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>292,294</u>	<u>120,848</u>
Total expenditure	6	<u>324,907</u>	<u>34,694</u>	<u>359,601</u>	<u>172,429</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		198,453	(4,830)	193,623	10,189
Transfers between funds		<u>806</u>	<u>(806)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	8	199,259	(5,636)	193,623	10,189
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>71,073</u>	<u>15,674</u>	<u>86,747</u>	<u>76,558</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>270,332</u></u>	<u><u>10,038</u></u>	<u><u>280,370</u></u>	<u><u>86,747</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 14 to the accounts.


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Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2023

	Note	£	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets				
Debtors	11	18,404		795
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>272,494</u>		<u>91,795</u>
		290,898		92,590
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	12	<u>(10,528)</u>		<u>(5,843)</u>
Net current assets			<u>280,370</u>	<u>86,747</u>
Net assets	13		<u>280,370</u>	<u>86,747</u>
Funds	14			
Restricted funds			270,332	71,073
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>10,038</u>	<u>15,674</u>
Total charity funds			<u>280,370</u>	<u>86,747</u>

Approved by the trustees on 23 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Mr R Acton-Campbell - Chair

Your Park Bristol and Bath

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash used in operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	193,623	10,189
Adjustments for:		
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	(17,609)	51,894
Increase in creditors	4,685	3,474
Interest received	(1,069)	(62)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>179,630</u>	<u>65,495</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest received	<u>1,069</u>	<u>62</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>1,069</u>	<u>62</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year	180,699	65,557
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>91,795</u>	<u>26,238</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u><u>272,494</u></u>	<u><u>91,795</u></u>

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

Your Park Bristol and Bath

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Your Park Bristol and Bath 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 note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves, and cash balances at the signing date. The trustees are ensuring that all projects are being costed on a full cost recovery basis. Although the free reserves are low, the charity's restricted funds cover all planned significant activities and operating costs. For these reasons, the trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

d) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

e) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on the proportion of staff time as follows:

	2023	2022
Raising funds	24.0%	11.0%
Charitable activities	76.0%	89.0%

g) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

h) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

i) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

j) Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

k) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

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2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	104,446	74,802	179,248
Other trading activities	-	3,308	3,308
Investment income	-	62	62
Total income	104,446	78,172	182,618
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	7,588	43,993	51,581
Charitable activities	93,263	27,585	120,848
Total expenditure	100,851	71,578	172,429
Net income	3,595	6,594	10,189
Transfers between funds	2,619	(2,619)	-
Net movement in funds	6,214	3,975	10,189

3. Income from donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £
Grants	502,467	5,792	508,259
Donations from corporates	10,000	106	10,106
Donations from individuals	10,893	2,442	13,335
	523,360	8,340	531,700
Prior period comparative:			2022
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
Grants	89,246	62,220	151,466
Donations from corporates	15,200	317	15,517
Donations from individuals	-	12,265	12,265
	104,446	74,802	179,248

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4. Income from other trading activities

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	£	£
Team days	<u>20,455</u>	<u>3,308</u>

In the current and prior years all income from other trading activities was unrestricted.

5. Government grants

The charity receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, the National Lottery Community Fund, the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Natural England and the West of England Combined Authority. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 December 2023 was £352,058 (2022: £116,417). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in either period.

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6. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2023 Total £
Staff costs (note 9)	52,188	165,140	26,091	243,419
Fundraising services	1,044	-	-	1,044
Communications and publicity	-	11,432	-	11,432
Project costs	-	71,183	-	71,183
Office costs and other expenses	-	-	17,757	17,757
Accountancy	-	-	3,085	3,085
Training and conference expenses	-	-	6,749	6,749
Recruitment costs	-	-	3,591	3,591
Bank charges	-	-	105	105
Insurance	-	-	1,236	1,236
Sub-total	53,232	247,755	58,614	359,601
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>14,075</u>	<u>44,539</u>	<u>(58,614)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>67,307</u>	<u>292,294</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>359,601</u>

Total governance costs were £3,576 (2022: £2,703).

Prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2022 Total £
Staff costs (note 9)	45,889	61,347	9,537	116,773
Fundraising services	3,156	-	-	3,156
Communications and publicity	-	14,823	-	14,823
Grants payable (note 7)	-	500	-	500
Project costs	-	23,705	-	23,705
Office costs and other expenses	-	-	7,951	7,951
Accountancy	-	-	2,347	2,347
Training and conference expenses	-	-	100	100
Recruitment costs	-	-	2,150	2,150
Bank charges	-	-	81	81
Insurance	-	-	843	843
Sub-total	49,045	100,375	23,009	172,429
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>2,536</u>	<u>20,473</u>	<u>(23,009)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>51,581</u>	<u>120,848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,429</u>

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7. Grants payable

During the prior year: 1 grant was awarded to 1 institution as part of the Love York Park community grant scheme. There were no grants awarded this year:

	2023	2022
	£	£
<i>Grants payable to institutions:</i>		
Grow Green Carolina	-	500
	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>

8. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	Nil	Nil
Independent examiner's remuneration:		
▪ Independent examination (excluding VAT)	<u>1,950</u>	<u>1,550</u>

9. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	195,464	91,061
Social security costs	10,421	3,176
Pension costs	3,666	1,983
Freelance staff	<u>33,868</u>	<u>20,553</u>
	<u>243,419</u>	<u>116,773</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and the Foundation Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £45,187 (2022: £39,400).

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Average head count	<u>8.92</u>	<u>4.00</u>
Average number of full time equivalents during the year	<u>6.32</u>	<u>2.50</u>

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10. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

11. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	16,440	-
Prepayments	1,964	795
	<u>18,404</u>	<u>795</u>

12. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	8,119	3,914
Accruals	2,340	1,860
Other creditors	69	69
	<u>10,528</u>	<u>5,843</u>

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	278,125	12,773	290,898
Current liabilities	<u>(7,793)</u>	<u>(2,735)</u>	<u>(10,528)</u>
Net assets at 31 December 2023	<u>270,332</u>	<u>10,038</u>	<u>280,370</u>
Prior year comparative			
	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	74,802	17,788	92,590
Current liabilities	<u>(3,729)</u>	<u>(2,114)</u>	<u>(5,843)</u>
Net assets at 31 December 2022	<u>71,073</u>	<u>15,674</u>	<u>86,747</u>

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14. Movements in funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 December 2023 £
Restricted funds					
Bath Activator	10,492	70,732	(67,845)	-	13,379
Bath Roots to Wellbeing	16,000	5,450	(19,596)	-	1,854
Brickfields Park	199	74,919	(3,199)	-	71,919
Bristol Activator	2,500	50,350	(20,268)	-	32,582
CLPAA	-	37,868	(31,729)	-	6,139
College Green	6,308	5,000	(9,733)	-	1,575
EDP	-	28,243	(27,931)	-	312
FoG Support	18	-	(18)	-	-
Future Parks	13,677	-	-	-	13,677
Green Park	131	-	(131)	-	-
Nature Fund	-	19,246	(19,866)	620	-
NC Project	130	-	(130)	-	-
Report Launch	1,637	-	(1,637)	-	-
Royal Victoria Ponds	3,250	-	-	-	3,250
Sensory Walk	4,644	-	(4,830)	186	-
Vol Award	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Volunteer Support	5,500	4,926	(9,551)	-	875
Wellpark	6,587	181,626	(79,300)	-	108,913
Wild and Well	-	40,000	(29,143)	-	10,857
Total restricted funds	71,073	523,360	(324,907)	806	270,332
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	15,674	29,864	(34,694)	(806)	10,038
Total unrestricted funds	15,674	29,864	(34,694)	(806)	10,038
Total funds	86,747	553,224	(359,601)	-	280,370

Purposes of restricted funds

Bath Activator

The Bath Activator programme transforms Bath's parks for nature by supporting local Friends of Park Groups and running regular volunteer activities to create and enhance habitats.

Bath Roots to Wellbeing

The Bath Roots to Wellbeing project expands our Green Social Prescribing project into Bath and North East Somerset, delivering weekly green care opportunities for people struggling with their mental health. We will receive referrals from health, local service providers and self-referrals.

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14. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds

Brickfields Park

Brickfields Park project has continued with regular volunteer opportunities to support more nature in the park. We created a new wildlife pond, dead hedge and further enhanced the wider park for nature.

Bristol Activator

The Bristol Activator programme transforms Bristol's parks for nature by supporting local Friends of Park Groups and running regular volunteer activities to create and enhance habitats.

Community Led Park Access Audit (CLPAA)

Following our research with Disabled people and unpaid carers, we are developing the UK's first community led process for Disabled people and unpaid carers to assess the accessibility of their local park and develop plans to make improvements. In 2023 we have held a number of workshops to develop and test this work.

College Green

We have continued to enhance College Green for nature by introducing and maintaining the existing habitats, scything the meadows and planting more spring bulbs.

Enterprise Development Programme (EDP)

We received funding to develop our social enterprise initiative, Team Days. This grant enabled us to important work on our pricing structure, business plan and marketing. It also paid for a role to administer Team Days.

Friends of Park Groups (FoG) Support

This fund represents the grant awarded by the Isla Foundation to generate resources and training materials to support Friends of Park Groups in Bristol and Bath.

Future Parks

This fund represents a grant awarded by Bristol City Council's Future Parks Accelerator Project to support Your Park's resilience.

Green Park

This fund represents grant awards by Wessex Water and Quartet Community Foundation to pilot community park activities at Green Park in Bath.

Nature Fund

This fund represents public donations to support community led nature projects across Bristol and Bath.

Norfolk Crescent (NC) Project

This fund represents the grant awarded by Bath and North East Somerset Council's Councillor Empowerment Fund to introduce 3 new benches and steps in Norfolk Crescent Green, Bath.

Report Launch

We built a partnership of Disabled people and carers organisations to deliver our Parks 4 All project and launch our research report 'Not just a check box' through a series of online meetings and events.

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14. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds

Royal Victoria Ponds

This fund represents a donation given to Your Park in 2019 from the Avon Gardens Trust as a first donation towards stage 2 of the Royal Victoria Ponds project which will involve repairing, restoring and sorting out the circulation and filtering of the water in the cascade and the bottom pond.

Sensory Walk

We developed a guided sensory walk at Sydney Gardens in Bath, allowing us to run 4 guided walks in 2023 for disabled people and unpaid carers.

Vol Award

We ran an awards scheme to recognise the efforts of park volunteers across Bristol and Bath. There were a number of different categories we attracted nominations for and then a panel decided on the winners and runners up for each, culminating in an online awards ceremony in February 2023, with the next ceremony to come in February 2024.

Volunteer Support

We ran a programme of training and support opportunities for Friends of Groups including a big get together in February 2023 and a programme of training on how to improve parks for pollinators in partnership with Bristol Natural History Consortium.

Wellpark

The Wellpark fund is our Green Social Prescribing in Bristol, delivering weekly green care opportunities for people struggling with their mental health. We receive referrals from health, local service providers and self-referrals and have grown the service since it started in April 2022.

Wild and Well

We bring together local groups, organisations and individuals in Hartcliffe, Withywood and Stockwood to open parks for health. Through a network approach we build relationships and provide support so that the number of opportunities for local people to use their park increases.

Transfers between funds

The transfers to restricted funds are to top up overspends on the funds from general funds.

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14. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior year comparative	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 December 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Bath Activator	-	16,200	(5,708)	-	10,492
Bath Roots to Wellbeing	-	16,000	-	-	16,000
Brickfields Park	7,792	4,000	(11,593)	-	199
Bristol Activator	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
College Green	680	10,000	(4,372)	-	6,308
Diversity Consultancy	5,500	-	(5,560)	60	-
FoG Support	18	-	-	-	18
Future Parks	4,891	33,277	(24,491)	-	13,677
Green Park	131	-	-	-	131
Litter Pickers	966	-	(1,109)	143	-
Nature Fund	(980)	-	-	980	-
NC Project	130	-	-	-	130
Nesta (Rethinking Parks)	15,744	-	(15,744)	-	-
Netham Project	2,384	-	(2,660)	276	-
Park Yoga	-	950	(1,340)	390	-
Report Launch	-	4,955	(3,318)	-	1,637
Royal Victoria Ponds	3,250	-	-	-	3,250
Sensory Walk	-	4,644	-	-	4,644
Small Grants	-	-	(500)	500	-
Vol Award	867	420	(1,557)	270	-
Volunteer Support	500	5,000	-	-	5,500
Wellpark	20,486	9,000	(22,899)	-	6,587
Total restricted funds	<u>64,859</u>	<u>104,446</u>	<u>(100,851)</u>	<u>2,619</u>	<u>71,073</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>11,699</u>	<u>78,172</u>	<u>(71,578)</u>	<u>(2,619)</u>	<u>15,674</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>11,699</u>	<u>78,172</u>	<u>(71,578)</u>	<u>(2,619)</u>	<u>15,674</u>
Total funds	<u><u>76,558</u></u>	<u><u>182,618</u></u>	<u><u>(172,429)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>86,747</u></u>

15. Related party transactions

The total aggregate unrestricted donations to the charity from 1 trustee during the year were £360 (2022: £280 from 1 trustee).

BRISTOL AND BATH PARKS FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1182217

Accounts



Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation
(operating under the working name of Your Park Bristol
and Bath)
Annual Report & Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

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Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Charity number	1182217																						
Registered office and operational address	St George Community Centre Church Road St George Bristol BS5 8AA																						
Trustees	<p>The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>Rob Acton-Campbell</td><td>Chair</td></tr><tr><td>Megan Belcher</td><td>Appointed 7 February 2023</td></tr><tr><td>Mark Blackburn</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Patsy Connor</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Jack Gibbon</td><td>Appointed 7 February 2023</td></tr><tr><td>Karen Gill</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Matthew Hall</td><td>Resigned 3 December 2022</td></tr><tr><td>Roy Kareem</td><td>Appointed 9 February 2022</td></tr><tr><td>Derek Perry</td><td>Resigned 27 June 2022</td></tr><tr><td>Lynn Robinson</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Laura Salisbury</td><td></td></tr></table>	Rob Acton-Campbell	Chair	Megan Belcher	Appointed 7 February 2023	Mark Blackburn		Patsy Connor		Jack Gibbon	Appointed 7 February 2023	Karen Gill		Matthew Hall	Resigned 3 December 2022	Roy Kareem	Appointed 9 February 2022	Derek Perry	Resigned 27 June 2022	Lynn Robinson		Laura Salisbury	
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Your Park Bristol and Bath

Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for year ended 31 December 2022. Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and they and the annual report comply with Your Park Bristol and Bath's governing documentation and applicable law.

AIM AND PURPOSES

Your Park Bristol and Bath has summarised its core charitable purposes to:

- Protect the environment, animals and plants;
- Promote volunteering;
- Support recreation;
- Support health and wellbeing; and
- Promote community cohesion.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Your Park Bristol and Bath's charitable objects, as set out in its constitution, are to:

- provide and enhance, and/or assist in the provision and enhancement of, parkland for the use and enjoyment of the public in the Area of Benefit (including, but without limitation, the provision and maintenance of facilities and equipment) and "parkland" shall include but is not limited to public parks, gardens, landscaped areas, woodland, playing fields, playgrounds, nature reserves and recreational spaces;
- advance the education of the public in the Area of Benefit including (but without limitation) with regard to horticulture, arboriculture, ecology, geology, archaeology, heritage and local history; and
- improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the Area of Benefit in the interests of social welfare by providing and/or assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation.

Your Park's defined "Area of Benefit" is "the administrative areas of Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council, and such other areas as the trustees may from time to time determine".

However, Your Park Bristol and Bath will initially focus its activities on the cities of Bristol and Bath.

Your Park Bristol and Bath will not take over the ownership or management of parks but identify projects and partnerships that will help everyone experience the benefits of these parks and green spaces and indirectly improve and enhance them.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, and they have referred to it when carrying out the charity's charitable purposes.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2022 was a year of growth for Your Park Bristol & Bath. Following 2021 which was the charity's first year of delivering projects, we have expanded our impact, starting new projects, reaching new communities and better understanding our communities.

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Report of the trustees

For the year ended 31 December 2022

In January, using a grant from Quartet Community Foundation's Resilience Fund, we undertook research to understand the experience of Disabled people and unpaid carers when trying to use Bristol and Bath's parks. By holding in-depth conversations with 19 disabled people and unpaid carers over the first few months of the year, we then produced a report, 'Not just a check box' which details the complex barriers these interconnected communities experience and makes recommendations for how to overcome them.

To build on the training and support we have provided for park volunteers and Friends of Groups in 2021, we partnered with Bristol City Council and Bath and North East Somerset Council to run the first Volunteer Awards Scheme on 29 January 2022 to recognise the volunteers that go above and beyond to bring their park to life. We received 107 nominations across multiple categories and ran an online ceremony in which 19 volunteers were recognised. The event was attended by around 60 volunteers who were thanked and celebrated with gift vouchers and certificates.

Throughout the year we continued to lead the Wild and Well network in Hartcliffe, expanding into Withywood at the end of the year. We connect local community groups, charities, organisations and individuals who want to see community health improved by increasing access to local parks. We do this by holding network meetings, publicising information online, making introductions and providing advice and guidance. The Hartcliffe network grew to involve 90 people and has catalysed the establishment of a new Friends of Group, a new health walk for carers, increased referrals to local health projects in parks and our method of sharing information is being replicated by others in Bristol. At the end of 2022, we secured funding to expand Wild and Well to Withywood and Stockwood with a two-year grant from the Health Innovation Fund.

In February we recruited a Health & Community Lead to develop and run our Green Social Prescribing project in Hartcliffe Millennium Green and Eastville Park, Roots to Wellbeing. We work closely with local health providers to receive referrals to our service which provides weekly activities designed to improve the mental wellbeing of people with complex needs. The project started in March 2022 and continued throughout the year funded by the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Care Commission Group and charitable trusts. Roots to Wellbeing has supported 43 people, the majority return for multiple sessions (average of 3.5) and to date, 100% of people who exit the programme feel happier.

In the spring we also introduced the latest litter picking station to Alice Park in Bath. Funded by the Wessex Water Community Fund. The litter picking station is being hosted by Alice Park Café and is well used by the local community and volunteers passionate about reducing litter in the park.

In 2021, we selected 13 grantees (10 in Bristol, 3 in Bath) through the Love Your Park Community Fund which aimed to support community recovery from the pandemic by providing opportunities for local people to come together around shared activities in local parks. We paid the majority of grantees in 2021 and made the final payments in early 2022. Over the course of 2022 we continued to work with the 13 groups to help them deliver their projects and report on their impact. Our grantees supported around 6,500 people through a range of projects including forest schools, community gardening sessions, improved signage, habitat enhancements and rejuvenating unloved spaces. 10 of the 13 groups have gone on to secure further funding and have increased their confidence to grow, run activities and attract future funding.

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We continued our Park Activator project at Brickfields Park in Bath, using income received in 2021 and grants, we continued working with local people to enhance the park for nature, including creating a new wildlife pond. We started a partnership with Make Space for Girls to understand why teenage girls currently don't use the park and what would make them more likely to do so. We completed a consultation with local teenagers, especially teenage girls and agreed plans with Bath and North East Somerset to make improvements to the park over the coming years. In May, we partnered with Relish Running Ltd to bring a programme of health and wellbeing activities to their race day and towards the end of the year we received grants to install a new interpretation board and another grant to install new steps to open access at one end of the park.

We continued our Park Activator project at Netham Park in Bristol with the support of the CLA Charitable Trust. We restarted our Walk and Talks in partnership with the Somali Resource Centre in the spring, providing the opportunity for local parents to practice their English language speaking, meet new people and connect with nature while their children were entertained with nature based activities. We handed this project to the Somali Resource Centre in September 2022 to continue delivery.

Over the summer months, we partnered with Park Yoga to bring the mass engagement activity to Royal Victoria Park in Bath. From May to September more than 50 people visiting the park took part in the free activity each Sunday morning.

In July, we secured a grant to expand the impact of our Bath Activator programme across the city. Starting in September we worked closely with local communities and Friends of Park groups to provide regular opportunities to support more biodiversity in parks. We consulted with Friends of Groups to understand their needs and provide practical days of support to enable them to meet their goals. We also worked with Cllr Jess Davids to consult with local people and plant bulbs at the green spaces in the Moorlands Estate. We received a donation from Total Bathrooms to fund hundreds of spring bulbs to be planted at Newbridge Open Space.

We launched Your Park Team Days, a trading activity to provide corporates with wellbeing focused team days out in parks for a fee. We delivered 10 over the course of the year with groups removing invasive species, building steps, clearing paths and improving the quality of parks in Bristol and Bath.

After the summer holidays, we launched our 'Not Just a Check box' report with the support of Quartet Community Foundation Express Fund. We produced a summary report, printed it and shared with key partners, decision makers and other stakeholders. We held a series of online events to brief park volunteers and Councillors about the research and built a partnership of Disabled people and carers organisations to help us action the recommendations.

We continued our partnership with Hargreaves Lansdown for our project at College Green. They provided a donation to maintain the newly planted wildflower meadows, bulbs and trees. Volunteers with Hargreaves Lansdown supported with scything the meadows in September and planted thousands of spring bulbs in winter.

We became part of the New to Nature scheme run by Groundwork UK and funded by Heritage Lottery Fund. In September we recruited a young person who would be unlikely to consider a nature focused career path. Our New to Nature placement will start in January 2023 and focus on our accessibility work.

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In December, we received a grant to develop and run sensory walks at Sydney Gardens in Bath in 2023. Hargreaves Lansdown also agreed to sponsor a Volunteer Get Together in early 2023 and committed to our ongoing partnership at College Green.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

We have grown our income, diversified our income streams and become less reliant on support from the Local Authorities and our set-up grant. Due to the successful delivery of pilot projects and loosening Covid-19 restrictions, we significantly increased project delivery and expenditure in 2022.

Unrestricted income

Our unrestricted income in 2022 included £30,002 of core cost support from Bristol City Council and £24,718 from Bath & North East Somerset Council. We also received £1,000 from Bath Spa University to host an internship placement as well as grants from charitable trusts.

Over the course of the year we have recruited Park Companions who give a monthly gift and whose support is invaluable to the sustainability of our work. These donations amounted to £885 and we received an additional £11,380 in general donations. We sincerely thank all of our donors for their support in 2022.

Furthermore, we have developed a trading initiative which we launched in 2022. We provide wellbeing and team building days to corporates and raised £3,308.

Restricted income

We are grateful to be able to continue our work to enhance College Green for nature and expand that impact across the city through our blossoming partnership with Hargreaves Lansdown who donated and provided 264 volunteering hours. Their support will enable us to run an event for park volunteers in early 2023. We will replicate this work in Bristol in 2023 with an additional grant secured.

We were honoured to receive funding from Bath and North East Somerset Councillor's Empowerment Fund, and multiple charitable trusts to continue our work at Brickfields Park in Bath. Funding from Park Yoga enabled us to run a programme of free yoga activities in Royal Victoria Park.

Wild and Well has continued to be funded by Bristol City Council with payments totalling £33,277. Roots to Wellbeing was continued beyond the pilot period with grant funding. We will be able to expand Roots to Wellbeing into Bath in 2023 using grants from charitable trusts.

We were able to launch our research report, 'Not just a check box', thanks to grants from Quartet Community Foundation and Wesport's Together Fund which will help us action the report's recommendations through sensory walks in 2023.

In total during the year, Your Park Bristol and Bath received income of £182,618 and paid out £172,429 on charitable activities and fundraising. Net movement in funds on unrestricted funds was £6,594 and £3,595 on restricted funds resulting in total funds balances of £86,747 at the end of this second reporting period.

The trustees are sincerely grateful to all those that have supported Your Park Bristol and Bath's work during this challenging year.

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Reserves policy

It is the trustees' long-term aim to build up a balance of free reserves (unrestricted general funds) which equates to 4 months' operational costs. This will be held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow, meet emergencies and allow Your Park Bristol and Bath to maintain its financial sustainability. The balance of free reserves at the end of 2022 was £15,674 (2021: £11,699). The trustees are aware of the need to keep close control on operational costs and monitor cash-flow and financial risks while the charity's reserves are increased over the medium-term.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which Your Park Bristol and Bath may face, and they have established systems which enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to minimise these risks.

Going concern

The board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the accounting period and the position at 31 December 2022 and consider that Your Park Bristol and Bath is in a reasonable position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Volunteers

The board of trustees would like to thank Hilary King, Elena Campos Ingram, Maidei Kambarami and Emily Davis for their support throughout the year.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In 2020 the charity established a three-year vision, with the aim of achieving the following:

Quality: A national reputation for excellence with people wanting to join us to deliver our vision. A reputation for knowing how to make things happen.

Collaboration: A strong network of effective relationships including high quality community advocates, businesses, patrons and the best minds.

Culture shift: A buzz about parks, people actively taking a share of the responsibility for making their parks better.

Action: An annual Programme, the first high profile campaign launched and several projects underway.

Financial sustainability: Reliable income streams, as a result of appropriate investment in operational capacity. The first legacy commitment secured.

Climate change: Communities are more aware how parks can play a role in mitigating the effects of climate change and have the knowledge and skills to protect and improve the environment for animals, plants and people in their parks.

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Our approach will be to:

- Work directly with communities to co-create projects that benefit people and the environment;
- Learn from the success of existing projects to deliver tried and tested interventions;
- Add value and compliment the work of existing groups and organisations;
- Develop new opportunities for audiences to engage with their local park;
- Help redefine the public's role in making parks better places for people and the environment;
- Promote the value of parks;
- Explore innovative and varied funding streams to become financially sustainable; and
- Develop innovative and varied funding streams.

With the experience of running an expanded range of projects during 2022, the charity will refresh this vision during 2023 with particular emphasis working across neighbourhoods and focusing on four themes:

1. Access
2. Health
3. Nature
4. Community

Covid-19 pandemic

The trustees have considered the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic will have on Your Park Bristol and Bath's current and future financial position. Your Park Bristol & Bath is taking the following steps to mitigate the threats that the cost of living crisis may pose to the organisation:

- Reviewing funding priorities to key projects and unrestricted income;
- Working with key funders to ensure that core costs can be covered; and
- Continuing to work from home to reduce overheads.

Cost-of-living crisis

The trustees have considered the impact that the cost-of-living crisis will have on Your Park Bristol and Bath's current and future financial position. The charity is taking the following steps to mitigate the threats that the cost-of-living crisis may pose to the organisation and its employees:

- Adapting programmes in response to community need will make them more expensive to run e.g. providing hot meals with Roots to Wellbeing participants hungry;
- Providing one-off lump sums to all employees in January 2023; and
- Ensuring we are building projected inflation into all budgets.

The trustees consider that Your Park Bristol and Bath will continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved for the following reasons:

- Allocation of received funds for delivery in 2023;
- Fundraising efforts to support the Your Park's work are continuing with additional support being recruited in 2023; and
- The need for our work and potential impact has been proven through early projects.

The trustees therefore consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of preparation of the accounts, as detailed in note 1 to the financial statements.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Your Park Bristol and Bath is the working name of the Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation, a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

Your Park Bristol and Bath is governed by a board of trustees who have overall responsibility for the governance, regulatory obligations and management of the foundation. The board of trustees seeks to ensure the best interest of stakeholders in all management decisions.

A board of trustees have been appointed based on their expertise and experience in areas relating to the strategic management of the organisation. In 2022, Matt Hall and Derek Perry stood down from the board for personal reasons. We were pleased to welcome Roy Kareem, who joined the board in February 2022. At year end the board of trustees is led by a chair with six other board members. Two further members have been recruited to join the board, with their appointments confirmed in February 2023. The board has been actively seeking to recruit a trustee to act as treasurer to replace Matt Hall, this has been successful and a formal appointment will be made in April 2023.

The board of trustees work to a framework structure to cover regulatory, financial and stakeholder obligations.

The board of trustees are divided into sub-committees, to aid the management of target areas and the strategic direction of the foundation.

Your Park Bristol and Bath services are delivered by an operational, part time team. The team includes the chief executive, head of fundraising, finance assistant, health network lead and nature and community lead. We also have a number project staff working on short-term freelance contracts.

The team work from home with shared office space available at council parks depots on alternate Thursdays.

The reporting structure includes the staff team reporting into the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive reports directly to the chair and board of trustees. The performance review of the Chief Executive is undertaken by the chair of trustees.

The resources required to run a successful charity includes office equipment, such as IT and general office equipment which has been provided from funds from Your Park Bristol and Bath.

Board meetings primary took place on Zoom and in-person in 2022.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Your Park Bristol and Bath is an independent charity working at a local level. The charity has strong working relationships with numerous voluntary groups, charities, businesses and local authorities which enable us to expand our reach and achieve our mission.

FUNDRAISING PRACTICES

Your Park Bristol and Bath is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and received no complaints regarding our fundraising practices in 2022. The charity holds appropriate policies and procedures with regard to fundraising practices and complaints.

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing those 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as independent examiners to the charity during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 19 April 2023 and signed on their behalf by



Mr R Acton-Campbell - Chair

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Your Park Bristol and Bath

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation (the CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 11 to 24.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO 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 applicable requirements 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.

William Guy Blake

Date: 19 April 2023

William Guy Blake ACA

Member of the ICAEW

For and on behalf of:

Godfrey Wilson Limited

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

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Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	104,446	74,802	179,248	165,478
Charitable activities	4	-	-	-	2,300
Other trading income		-	3,308	3,308	-
Investment income		-	62	62	-
Total income		<u>104,446</u>	<u>78,172</u>	<u>182,618</u>	<u>167,778</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		7,588	43,993	51,581	54,742
Charitable activities		<u>93,263</u>	<u>27,585</u>	<u>120,848</u>	<u>117,755</u>
Total expenditure	6	<u>100,851</u>	<u>71,578</u>	<u>172,429</u>	<u>172,497</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		3,595	6,594	10,189	(4,719)
Transfers between funds		<u>2,619</u>	<u>(2,619)</u>	-	-
Net movement in funds	8	6,214	3,975	10,189	(4,719)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>64,859</u>	<u>11,699</u>	<u>76,558</u>	<u>81,277</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>71,073</u></u>	<u><u>15,674</u></u>	<u><u>86,747</u></u>	<u><u>76,558</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 14 to the accounts.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets				
Debtors	11	795		52,689
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>91,795</u>		<u>26,238</u>
		92,590		78,927
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	12	<u>(5,843)</u>		<u>(2,369)</u>
Net current assets			86,747	76,558
Net assets	13		86,747	76,558
Funds	14			
Restricted funds			71,073	64,859
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>15,674</u>	<u>11,699</u>
Total charity funds			86,747	76,558

Approved by the trustees on 19 April 2023 and signed on their behalf by



Mr R Acton-Campbell - Chair

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Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Your Park Bristol and Bath 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 note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves, and cash balances at the signing date. The trustees are ensuring that all projects are being costed on a full cost recovery basis. Although the free reserves are low, the charity's restricted funds cover all planned significant activities and operating costs. For these reasons, the trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

d) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

e) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on the proportion of staff time as follows:

	2022	2021
Raising funds	11.0%	26.5%
Charitable activities	89.0%	73.5%

g) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

h) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

i) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

j) Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

k) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

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2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	81,743	83,735	165,478
Charitable activities	<u>2,276</u>	<u>24</u>	2,300
Total income	<u>84,019</u>	<u>83,759</u>	167,778
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	26,240	28,502	54,742
Charitable activities	<u>70,203</u>	<u>47,552</u>	117,755
Total expenditure	<u>96,443</u>	<u>76,054</u>	172,497
Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds	<u>(12,424)</u>	<u>7,705</u>	(4,719)

3. Income from donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total £
Grants	89,246	62,220	151,466
Donations from corporates	15,200	317	15,517
Donations from individuals	<u>-</u>	<u>12,265</u>	12,265
	<u>104,446</u>	<u>74,802</u>	179,248

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £
Grants	69,753	77,997	147,750
Donations from corporates	8,500	2,005	10,505
Other donations	3,482	-	3,482
Coronavirus job retention scheme	-	2,018	2,018
Donations from individuals	<u>8</u>	<u>1,715</u>	<u>1,723</u>
	<u>81,743</u>	<u>83,735</u>	165,478

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total £
Volunteer training	-	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Prior period comparative:			2021
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
Volunteer training	2,276	24	2,300
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. Government grants

The charity receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, the National Lottery Community Fund, and in the prior year, the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 December 2022 was £116,417 (2021: £90,008). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in either period.

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6. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2022 Total £
Staff costs (note 9)	45,889	61,347	9,537	116,773
Fundraising services	3,156	-	-	3,156
Communications and publicity	-	14,823	-	14,823
Grants payable (note 7)	-	500	-	500
Project costs	-	23,705	-	23,705
Office costs and other expenses	-	-	7,951	7,951
Accountancy	-	-	2,347	2,347
Training and conference expenses	-	-	100	100
Recruitment costs	-	-	2,150	2,150
Bank charges	-	-	81	81
Insurance	-	-	843	843
Sub-total	49,045	100,375	23,009	172,429
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>2,536</u>	<u>20,473</u>	<u>(23,009)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>51,581</u>	<u>120,848</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,429</u>

Total governance costs were £2,703 (2021: £1,903)

Prior period comparative

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2021 Total £
Staff costs (note 9)	30,083	68,164	-	98,247
Fundraising services	15,983	-	-	15,983
Communications and publicity	4,900	-	-	4,900
Grants payable (note 7)	-	11,125	-	11,125
Project costs	-	28,002	-	28,002
Office costs and other expenses	-	-	9,873	9,873
Accountancy	-	-	1,900	1,900
Training and conference expenses	-	-	229	229
Recruitment costs	-	-	1,559	1,559
Bank charges	-	-	96	96
Insurance	-	-	583	583
Sub-total	50,966	107,291	14,240	172,497
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>3,776</u>	<u>10,464</u>	<u>(14,240)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>54,742</u>	<u>117,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,497</u>

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7. Grants payable

During the year, 1 (2021: 13) new grants were awarded to 1 institution (2021: 13) as part of the Love York Park community grant scheme:

	2022	2021
	£	£
<i>Grants payable to institutions:</i>		
Blooming Whiteway	-	1,000
Bristol History & Archaeology Society	-	665
Chaplin Road Community Garden	-	1,000
Dame Emily Park Project	-	1,000
Friends of Arnos Court Park	-	680
Friends of Avon New Cut	-	1,000
Friends of Doncaster Road	-	907
Friends of Manor Woods Valley	-	1,000
Grow Batheaston	-	1,000
Grow Green Carolina	500	500
Hartcliffe Millennium Green	-	863
Hillfields Community Garden	-	999
Redcliffe Gardening Group	-	511
	<u>500</u>	<u>11,125</u>

8. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	Nil	Nil
Independent examiner's remuneration:		
▪ Independent examination (including VAT)	<u>1,860</u>	<u>1,320</u>

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9. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	91,061	82,662
Social security costs	3,176	3,037
Pension costs	1,983	1,613
Freelance staff	20,553	10,935
	<u>116,773</u>	<u>98,247</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees and the Foundation Director. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £39,400 (2021: £38,190).

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Average head count	<u>4.00</u>	<u>4.00</u>
Average number of full time equivalents during the year	<u>2.50</u>	<u>1.88</u>

10. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

11. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	51,859
Prepayments	795	770
Other debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>60</u>
	<u>795</u>	<u>52,689</u>

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12. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,914	890
Other taxation and social security	-	159
Accruals	1,860	1,320
Other creditors	69	-
	<u>5,843</u>	<u>2,369</u>

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	74,802	17,788	92,590
Current liabilities	<u>(3,729)</u>	<u>(2,114)</u>	<u>(5,843)</u>
Net assets at 31 December 2022	<u>71,073</u>	<u>15,674</u>	<u>86,747</u>
Prior year comparative	£	£	£
Current assets	67,069	11,858	78,927
Current liabilities	<u>(2,210)</u>	<u>(159)</u>	<u>(2,369)</u>
Net assets at 31 December 2021	<u>64,859</u>	<u>11,699</u>	<u>76,558</u>

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14. Movements in funds

	At 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 December 2022 £
Restricted funds					
Bath Activator	-	16,200	(5,708)	-	10,492
Bath Roots to Wellbeing	-	16,000	-	-	16,000
Brickfields Park	7,792	4,000	(11,593)	-	199
Bristol Activator	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
College Green	680	10,000	(4,372)	-	6,308
Diversity Consultancy	5,500	-	(5,560)	60	-
FoG Support	18	-	-	-	18
Future Parks	4,891	33,277	(24,491)	-	13,677
Green Park	131	-	-	-	131
Litter Pickers	966	-	(1,109)	143	-
Nature Fund	(980)	-	-	980	-
NC Project	130	-	-	-	130
Nesta (Rethinking Parks)	15,744	-	(15,744)	-	-
Netham Project	2,384	-	(2,660)	276	-
Park Yoga	-	950	(1,340)	390	-
Report Launch	-	4,955	(3,318)	-	1,637
Royal Victoria Ponds	3,250	-	-	-	3,250
Sensory Walk	-	4,644	-	-	4,644
Small Grants	-	-	(500)	500	-
Vol Award	867	420	(1,557)	270	-
Volunteer Support	500	5,000	-	-	5,500
Wellpark	20,486	9,000	(22,899)	-	6,587
Total restricted funds	64,859	104,446	(100,851)	2,619	71,073
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	11,699	78,172	(71,578)	(2,619)	15,674
Total unrestricted funds	11,699	78,172	(71,578)	(2,619)	15,674
Total funds	76,558	182,618	(172,429)	-	86,747

Purposes of restricted funds

Bath Activator

The Bath Activator programme transforms Bath's parks for nature by supporting local Friends of Park Groups and running regular volunteer activities to create and enhance habitats.

Bath Roots to Wellbeing

The Bath Roots to Wellbeing project expands our Green Social Prescribing project into Bath and North East Somerset, delivering weekly green care opportunities for people struggling with their mental health. We will receive referrals from health, local service providers and self-referrals.

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14. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds

Brickfields Park

Brickfields Park project continued from 2021 with regular volunteer opportunities to support more nature in the park. We created a new wildlife pond, dead hedge and further enhanced the wider park for nature.

Bristol Activator

The Bristol Activator programme transforms Bristol's parks for nature by supporting local Friends of Park Groups and running regular volunteer activities to create and enhance habitats.

College Green

We have continued to enhance College Green for nature by introducing and maintaining the existing habitats, scything the meadows and planting more spring bulbs.

Diversity Consultancy

This fund represents a grant from Quartet Community Foundation Resilience Fund to employ a researcher to explore the barriers to parks experience by Bristol and Bath's under represented communities and develop a recommendations report for us to implement in future years.

FoG Support

This fund represents the grant awarded by the Isla Foundation to generate resources and training materials to support Friends of Park Groups in Bristol and Bath.

Future Parks

This fund represents a grant awarded by Bristol City Council's Future Parks Accelerator Project to support Your Park's resilience.

Green Park

This fund represents grant awards by Wessex Water and Quartet Community Foundation to pilot community park activities at Green Park in Bath.

Litter Pickers

The fund represents the grant awarded by Keynsham Town Council to support the introduction of community litter picking stations at parks across Bristol and Bath.

Nature Fund

This fund represents public donations to support community led nature projects across Bristol and Bath.

NC Project

This fund represents the grant awarded by Bath and North East Somerset Council's Councillor Empowerment Fund to introduce 3 new benches and steps in Norfolk Crescent Green, Bath.

Nesta (Rethinking Parks)

This fund represents the grants awarded by Nesta to establish the Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation from its Rethinking Parks programme.

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14. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds

Netham Project

This fund represents grants awarded by the National Lottery Community Fund, Merchant Venturers and Comic Relief to support the pilot of community activities and engagement at Netham Park Bristol.

Park Yoga

We worked with Park Yoga to deliver a summer series of free to access yoga classes on Sunday mornings in Royal Victoria Park.

Report Launch

We built a partnership of disabled people and carers organisations to deliver our Parks 4 All project and launch our research report 'Not just a check box' through a series of online meetings and events.

Royal Victoria Ponds

This fund represents a donation given to Your Park in 2019 from the Avon Gardens Trust as a first donation towards stage 2 of the Royal Victoria Ponds project which will involve repairing, restoring and sorting out the circulation and filtering of the water in the cascade and the bottom pond.

Sensory Walk

We will develop a guided sensory walk at Sydney Gardens in Bath, running 4 guided walks in 2023 for disabled people and unpaid carers.

Small Grants

We made the final grant payment of £500 of our Love Your Park Community Fund small grant programme that supports friends of park groups to bring their park to life.

Vol Award

We ran an awards scheme to recognise the efforts of park volunteers across Bristol and Bath. There were a number of different categories we attracted nominations for and then a panel decided on the winners and runners up for each, culminating in an online awards ceremony in February 2022.

Volunteer Support

In 2023 we will be delivering an event for park groups and volunteers to come together in person, learn from one another and build relationships.

Wellpark

The Wellpark fund is our Green Social Prescribing in Bristol, delivering weekly green care opportunities for people struggling with their mental health. We receive referrals from health, local service providers and self-referrals and have grown the service since it started in April 2022.

Transfers between funds

The transfers to restricted funds are to top up overspends on the funds from general funds.

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14. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior year comparative	At 1 January 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 December 2021 £
Restricted funds					
Brickfields Park	-	16,085	(8,293)	-	7,792
Bristol Activator	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
College Green	19,618	6,000	(24,938)	-	680
Diversity Consultancy	-	9,000	(3,500)	-	5,500
FoG Support	2,000	-	(1,982)	-	18
Future Parks	7,654	11,419	(14,182)	-	4,891
Green Park	2,933	2,080	(4,882)	-	131
Litter Pickers	(25)	2,500	(1,509)	-	966
Nature Fund	53	614	(1,647)	-	(980)
NC Project	286	-	(156)	-	130
Nesta (Rethinking Parks)	30,403	-	(14,659)	-	15,744
Netham Pilot	9,285	3,609	(10,510)	-	2,384
Royal Victoria Ponds	3,250	-	-	-	3,250
Small grants	1,826	7,652	(9,478)	-	-
Vol Award	-	1,574	(707)	-	867
Volunteer Support	-	500	-	-	500
WellPark	-	20,486	-	-	20,486
Total restricted funds	77,283	84,019	(96,443)	-	64,859
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	3,994	83,759	(76,054)	-	11,699
Total unrestricted funds	3,994	83,759	(76,054)	-	11,699
Total funds	81,277	167,778	(172,497)	-	76,558

15. Related party transactions

The total aggregate donations to the charity from 1 trustee during the year were £280 (2021: £372 from 5 trustees).

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for year to 31st December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and they and the annual report comply with Your Park's governing documentation and applicable law.

At the trustee meeting on 9th September 2021, the Your Park trustees decided to change the working name of the Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation to Your Park Bristol and Bath. Your Park Bristol and Bath is the brand that best resonates with our target audiences and stands out from other similar organisations. For the purpose of the annual report, the charity will be referred to as Your Park Bristol & Bath.

AIM AND PURPOSES

Your Park Bristol and Bath has summarised its core charitable purposes to:

- Protect the environment, animals and plants;
- Promote volunteering;
- Support recreation;
- Support health and wellbeing; and
- Promote community cohesion.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Your Park's charitable objects, as set out in its constitution, are to:

- provide and enhance, and/or assist in the provision and enhancement of, parkland for the use and enjoyment of the public in the Area of Benefit (including, but without limitation, the provision and maintenance of facilities and equipment) and "parkland" shall include but is not limited to public parks, gardens, landscaped areas, woodland, playing fields, playgrounds, nature reserves and recreational spaces;
- advance the education of the public in the Area of Benefit including (but without limitation) with regard to horticulture, arboriculture, ecology, geology, archaeology, heritage and local history; and
- improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the Area of Benefit in the interests of social welfare by providing and/or assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation.

Your Park's defined "Area of Benefit" is "the administrative areas of Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council, and such other areas as the trustees may from time to time determine".

However, Your Park will initially focus its activities on the cities of Bristol and Bath.

Your Park will not take over the ownership or management of parks but identify projects and partnerships that will enhance and revitalise these important spaces.

Public benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, and they have referred to it when carrying out the Your Park's charitable purposes.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2021 was a year of impact for Your Park Bristol & Bath. Due to the pandemic, 2020 was primarily a year of being furloughed although we secured several grants that were deferred to be spent in 2021 when restrictions were eased.

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The support provided through our pilot projects reported the following outcomes:

- 94% of people now feel able to connect with others;
- 63% of people said they now have ample opportunities to meet others;
- 63% of people said they now feel close to others;
- 28% of people are increasing the number of times they visit parks;
- 35% of people also increased the length of time they spent during each park visit; and
- 35% more people are now spending more time with family or friends.

In January, using the Isla Foundation funding Your Park ran a consultation with Friends of Groups to understand what could be offered to upskill and equip them to re-start their in parks activities and develop their work in 2021. After reviewing their feedback, a programme of online activities focusing on four identified themes were developed. The first was a one-day conference on how to support more nature in urban green spaces with 15 expert speakers and more than 200 people attending. Your Park ran a further three workshops on raising funds through trusts and foundations, using social media and recruiting and retaining volunteers. There have since been follow up sessions with attendees to support them in implementing their resulting plans.

In spring, Your Park was able to start the Park Activator pilots in Netham Park (Bristol) and Green Park (Bath). Funded by Comic Relief, National Lottery Community Fund, Society of Merchant Venturers, Quartet Express Fund and Wessex Water Community Foundation, the pilots employed Park Activators and Community Engagement Officers to reach out to the underrepresented and disadvantaged sections of the local community and involve them in park activities including nature enhancement (meadow creation, planting beds for pollinators, bulb planting), maintenance (pathway clearance), nature connection walks, community play days and community events. The Green Park project lasted for 3 months, and the Netham Park project continued until November.

Following Greta Thunburg's visit to Bristol to lead the Bristol Youth Strike 4 Climate March (BYS4C) in 2019, the lawns were damaged and a crowdfund raised £15,500 to repair and enhance the site for nature. Your Park was chosen as the recipient of the fund and has led a partnership made up of Bristol Cathedral, Bristol City Council, Avon Wildlife Trust and BYS4C to reimagine the high profile, historic and intensively used green space for nature, aiming to create a year round source of food for birds, bats, pollinators and other insects. In February we announced the designs for the space, and in April works started on College Green to introduce 450sqm of wildflower meadow, involving local volunteers in the planting.

In August, Your Park forged a new partnership with Hargreaves Lansdown to support further biodiversity enhancements at College Green and funding 10,000 spring bulbs to be planted in autumn. In September Your Park worked with volunteers to use the traditional method of scything to cut the meadows and remove the arisings. In November, 30 Hargreaves Lansdown employees helped to plant the 10,000 bulbs into the meadow area. The final planting of trees and native hedgerows will take place in early 2022.

We launched our first public fundraising campaign as part of the Big Green Give, a match funding scheme. We raised £2,500 that was matched to total £5,000. The funds were allocated to the first round the Love Your Park Community Fund small grant scheme. With other donations from members of the public and several corporate contributions, met our target of £12,000 and were able to launch the inaugural funding round.

Due to the financial support of the Local Authorities, Your Park was able to invest in fundraising capacity to develop our restricted and unrestricted income streams. A Head of Fundraising joined the team in May.

Your Park sought advice from VOSCOUR on the development of the grant programme to ensure it added value to the local funding environment and had the right management in place. Your Park recruited a new team member team to lead on the development and delivery of the LYPCF, part funded by a resilience grant from Bristol City Council's Future Parks project.

The first round of the LYPCF was announced during Love Parks Week in July, calling for projects that focus on improving parks for nature and biodiversity or that engage the local community to improve health and wellbeing and community cohesion. There were 39 applications that were considered by a panel of experts who volunteered their time to select successful projects. The panel decided to give

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13 grants to park and community groups, three in Bath, 10 in Bristol. Your Park announced the grantees in October and worked closely with the successful groups to support them to start their projects.

The Park Activator project secured funding to expand to Brickfields Park situated in Twerton, one of the most deprived areas in Bath. Following the same model as at Netham Park and Green Park, in September, Your Park recruited a Park Activator and Community Engagement Officer to build connections with the community and rejuvenate the park through nature enhancement activities including meadow creation, the planting of 579 trees (that will lock in 275,000 pounds of carbon once mature) and spring bulb planting. Your Park are also leading a youth consultation to better understand what young people want from the space in partnership with Make Space for Girls.

Throughout the year, Your Park has worked with park groups and the Local Authorities to identify sites to pilot the introduction of 2 Minute Litter Pick stations designed to encourage impromptu community action on litter, an issue highlighted as park use increased during the pandemic. Your Park introduced a further two new stations to parks in Bristol, at Greville Smyth Park and Blaise Estate.

In September, Your Park was successful in securing a Resilience Grant from Quartet Community Foundation to better understand which groups experience significant barriers to accessing parks in Bristol and Bath, to build new partnerships and to make recommendations for our future work based on the findings. Emma Mather was appointed and will complete the report in March 2022.

To close the year, we were successful in securing a grant from the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Care Commission Group to deliver a programme of Green Social Prescribing activities in South and Central and East Bristol in 2022.

Your Park looks forward to building on the success of their early projects by securing larger and longer term funding in 2022, enabling them to expand their impact to more parks and communities across Bristol and Bath.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The range of activities that Your Park has been involved in has again grown in 2021 and this is reflected in a number of new funds relating to specific projects. Part of this reflects fundraising efforts in 2020 for work that was able to commence in 2021 as Covid-19 restrictions eased. It also reflects increased fundraising capacity which aims to help Your Park's longer term financial sustainability.

In terms of funding for projects in 2021, Your Park received £2,500 from the RSA Climate Change and Education Fund towards the Activator programme and £16,085 from the Postcode Local Trust for a project to revitalise the neglected Brickfields Park in Bath. The work on College Green in Bristol continued with a £5,500 grant from Hargreaves Lansdown and £500 from CAF and the Quartet Community Foundation Resilience Fund awarded £9,000 for Your Park's Diversity consultancy project. £11,419 was received from Bristol City Council under the Future Parks initiative and £2,080 was received from the Wessex Water Recovery Grant Programme towards the Green Park programme. The litter pickers project continued with £1,500 from Quartet Community Foundation and £1,000 from Bristol City Council.

Individual donations provided much of the funding received in 2021 for our Nature Fund and we received our second draw down of our grant from Comic Relief to support our project in Netham Park amounting to £3,609. Our small grant programme was supported by funding from the Big Give, which matched £2,500 of donations from the community. We received £1,574 from Bristol City Council to support the first annual recognition scheme for park volunteers and £500 from the Coop towards a volunteer event that will take place in 2022. Finally, we received £20,486 in 2021 from Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire CCG to deliver a green social prescribing project in South and East Bristol in 2022

Our unrestricted income in 2021 included £50,000 of core cost support from Bristol City Council and £24,000 from Bath & North East Somerset Council, plus a final grant from the CJRS. We also

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received £2,000 from the University of the West of England (UWE) for our participation in the summer internship scheme and donations amounting to £4,000.

The trustees are sincerely grateful to all those that have supported Your Park's work during 2021.

In total during the year, Your Park received income of £167,778 (2020: £129,562) and paid out £172,497 (2020: £88,935) on charitable activities and fundraising. Of total funds carried forward, unrestricted funds were £11,699 and restricted funds were £64,859, resulting in total funds balances of £76,558 at the end of 2021.

Reserves policy

It is the trustees' aim to build up a balance of free reserves (net current assets) which equates to 12 months' operational costs. This will be held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow, meet emergencies and allow Your Park to maintain its financial sustainability. The balance of free reserves at the end of 2021 was £11,699 (2020: £3,994), largely due to this being only the charity's third year of operation.

Risk management

The trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which Your Park may face, and they have established systems which enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to minimise these risks.

Going concern

The Board of trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the accounting period and the position at 31st December 2021 and consider that Your Park is in a reasonable position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Volunteers

The Board of trustees would like to thank Phoebe Dando, Ali Hellier, Ciara Williams, Lizzie Francis, Jed Eldridge, Christina May for their work as volunteers with the charity during this year.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Your Park has established a three-year vision, with the aim of achieving the following:

Quality: A national reputation for excellence with people wanting to join us to deliver our vision. A reputation for knowing how to make things happen.

Collaboration: A strong network of effective relationships including high quality community advocates, businesses, patrons and the best minds.

Culture shift: A buzz about parks, people actively taking a share of the responsibility for making their parks better.

Action: An annual Programme, the first high profile campaign launched and several projects underway.

Financial sustainability: Reliable income streams, as a result of appropriate investment in operational capacity. The first legacy commitment secured.

Climate Change: Communities are more aware of how parks can play a role in mitigating the effects of climate change and have the knowledge and skills to protect and improve the environment for animals, plants and people in their parks.

Our approach will be to:

- Work directly with communities to co-create projects that benefit people and the environment;
- Learn from the success of existing projects to deliver tried and tested interventions;
- Add value and compliment the work of existing groups and organisations;
- Develop new opportunities for audiences to engage with their local park;

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- Help redefine the public's role in making parks better places for people and the environment;
- Promote the value of parks;
- Explore innovative and varied funding streams to become financially sustainable; and
- Develop innovative and varied funding streams.

COVID-19

The trustees have considered the continuing impact that the COVID-19 pandemic will have on Your Park's current and future financial position. Your Park is taking the following steps to mitigate the threats that COVID-19 may pose to the organisation:

- Reviewing funding priorities to key projects and unrestricted income
- Continuing to work with key funders to ensure that core costs can be covered

The trustees consider that Your Park will continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved for the following reasons:

- Key funders have confirmed financial support for Your Park's plans
- Fundraising efforts to support Your Park's work are continuing
- The need for our work and potential impact has been proven through pilot projects

The trustees therefore consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of preparation of the accounts, as detailed in note 1 to the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Your Park Bristol and Bath is the working name of the Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation, a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

Your Park is governed by a board of trustees who have overall responsibility for the governance, regulatory obligations and management of Your Park. The board of trustees seeks to ensure the best interest of stakeholders in all management decisions.

A board of trustees have been appointed based on their expertise and experience in areas relating to the strategic management of the organisation. The board of trustees includes key individuals with expertise ranging from finance, legal and community engagement. In 2021, Catherine Frankpitt, Lisa Ackerley, Tim Pemberton and Suzie Miles stood down from the board for personal reasons, meaning that the board of trustees is led by a Chair and 7 board members.

The board of trustees work to a framework structure to cover regulatory, financial and stakeholder obligations. The board of trustees are divided into sub-committees, to aid the management of target areas and the strategic direction of Your Park.

Your Park services are delivered by an operational, part time team. The team includes the Chief Executive, Marketing, Head of Fundraising, Communications and Development Officer, freelance Trust and Foundations Consultant and a freelance team of project staff including Activators and Community Engagement Officers.

The team works from home with shared office space available at Council parks depots on alternate Thursdays when the pandemic restrictions allow. The team also includes two Volunteer Coordinators from Bath and North East Somerset Council (BANES) and Bristol City Council (BCC).

The reporting structure includes the staff team and volunteer co-ordinators reporting into the Chief Executive.

The Chief Executive reports directly to the Chair and Board of trustees. The performance review of the Chief Executive is undertaken by the Chair of trustees. The resources required to run a successful charity includes office equipment, such as IT and general office equipment which has been provided from funds from Your Park.

Board meetings primary took place on Zoom in 2021 due to the pandemic.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as independent examiners to the charity during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

This report was approved by the trustees on 7th April 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr R Acton-Campbell
Chair of trustees

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

The following served as trustees during the year (unless shown otherwise):

Chair:

- Rob Acton-Campbell
- Lisa Ackerley (to 10th February 2021)
- Mark Blackburn
- Patsy Connor
- Catherine Frankpitt (to 10th February 2021)
- Karen Gill
- Matthew Hall
- Roy Kareem (from 9th February 2022)
- Suzie Miles (to 8th December 2021)
- Tim Pemberton (to 8th December 2021)
- Derek Perry
- Lynn Robinson
- Laura Salisbury

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees Your Park Bristol and Bath

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on pages 10 to 22.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements 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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Date: 13th April 2022

Your Park Bristol and Bath
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	<i>Note</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	83,735	81,743	165,478	128,327
Charitable activities	3	24	2,276	2,300	1,235
Total income		83,759	84,019	167,778	129,562
Raising funds	4	28,502	26,240	54,742	29,393
Charitable activities	5	47,552	70,203	117,755	59,542
Total expenditure		76,054	96,443	172,497	88,935
Net income		7,705	(12,424)	(4,719)	40,627
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		7,705	(12,424)	(4,719)	40,627
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	15	3,994	77,283	81,277	40,650
Total funds carried forward	15	11,699	64,859	76,558	81,277

All activities relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**Your Park Bristol and Bath
Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31st December 2021**

		2021	2020
	Note	£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	12	52,689	2,159
Cash at bank and in hand		26,238	83,111
Total current assets		<u>78,927</u>	<u>85,270</u>
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due with one year	13	(2,369)	(3,993)
Net current assets		<u>76,558</u>	<u>81,277</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		76,558	81,277
Total net assets	16	<u>76,558</u>	<u>81,277</u>
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds		11,699	3,994
Restricted funds		64,859	77,283
Total charity funds	15	<u>76,558</u>	<u>81,277</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 7th April 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr R Acton-Campbell, Chair

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. However, the continuing COVID-19 pandemic is still likely to have a profound impact on the global economy, and may in turn continue to affect the charity. The trustees have considered the impact of this issue on Your Park's current and future financial position. Your Park has a cash balance of £26,238 at year end (2020: £83,111), which is sufficient to cover its committed costs for three months. Although the free reserves are low, the charity's restricted funds cover all planned significant activities and operating costs. For these reasons, the trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Public benefit

The Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations

Donations represent donated funds from individuals and corporate entities.

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Grants receivable

Grants are accounted for when received.

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 are 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 are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.

Governance costs

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

Support costs

These include the costs attributable to supporting the delivery of the charity's charitable purposes. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Governance and support costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the following basis:

	2021	2020
Raising funds	30.62%	21.9%
Charitable activities	69.38%	78.1%

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method

Tangible fixed assets

Individual assets costing more than £250 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
<i>Equipment</i>	<i>25% straight line</i>

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Fund structure

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

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

**Your Park Bristol and Bath
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31st December 2021**

Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£
Grants from Nesta	-	-	-	45,096
Other grants	77,997	69,753	149,768	37,730
Donations from individuals	1,715	8	1,723	15,922
Grants received under CJRS	2,018	-	-	15,030
Donations from corporates	2,005	8,500	10,505	13,199
Other donations	-	3,482	3,482	-
Donated services and facilities	-	-	-	1,350
	83,735	81,743	165,478	128,327

Donated services and facilities in 2020 consisted of office space donated to Your Park during the year.

<i><u>Prior year comparative</u></i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£
<i>Grants from Nesta</i>	-	45,096	45,096
<i>Other grants</i>	-	37,730	37,730
<i>Donations from individuals</i>	68	15,854	15,922
<i>Grants received under CJRS</i>	15,030	-	15,030
<i>Donations from corporates</i>	2,399	10,800	13,199
<i>Donated services and facilities</i>	1,350	-	1,350
	18,847	109,480	128,327

The charity receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council, Bath & North East Somerset Council, the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and National Lottery Community Fund to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 December 2021 was £90,008 (2020: £43,847). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants either period.

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£
Volunteer training	24	2,276	2,300	1,235
	24	2,276	2,300	1,235

<i><u>Prior year comparative</u></i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£
<i>Volunteer training</i>	1,235	-	1,235
	1,235	-	1,235

4. EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising services	4,954	11,029	15,983	13,300
Staff costs	18,996	11,087	30,083	12,264
Communications and publicity	2,991	1,909	4,900	2,891
Support costs	1,561	2,215	3,776	938
	28,502	26,240	54,742	29,393

<i><u>Prior year comparative</u></i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising services</i>	-	13,300	13,300
<i>Staff costs</i>	3,290	8,974	12,264
<i>Communications and publicity</i>	-	2,891	2,891
<i>Support costs</i>	295	643	938
	3,585	25,808	29,393

5. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	43,043	25,121	68,164	43,765
Other project costs	386	38,741	39,127	10,671
Support costs	3,540	5,021	8,561	3,348
Governance costs	583	1,320	1,903	1,758
	47,552	70,203	117,755	59,542

<i>Prior year comparative</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£
Staff costs	11,740	32,025	43,765
Other project costs	-	10,671	10,671
Support costs	1,055	2,293	3,348
Governance costs	-	1,758	1,758
	12,795	46,747	59,542

6. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£
Support costs allocated to raising funds				
Office costs & other expenses	1,162	1,860	3,022	530
Payroll services	99	79	178	201
Training & conferences	70	-	70	194
Recruitment costs	208	269	477	-
Bank charges	22	7	29	13
	1,561	2,215	3,776	938
Support costs allocated to charitable activities				
Office costs & other expenses	2,636	4,215	6,851	1,893
Payroll services	224	178	402	717
Training & conferences	159	-	159	691
Recruitment costs	471	611	1,082	
Bank charges	50	17	67	47
	3,540	5,021	8,561	3,348
	5,101	7,236	12,337	4,286

7. ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE COSTS

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£
Independent examination	-	1,320	1,320	1,200
Insurance	583	-	583	558
	583	1,320	1,903	1,758

100% of governance costs are allocated to charitable activities.

8. GRANTS PAYABLE

The following grants were made to community groups as part of the Love Your Park community grant scheme:

	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£
Grants to institutions (13 grants)		
Blooming Whiteway	1,000	-
Bristol History & Archaeology Society	665	-
Chaplin Road Community Garden	1,000	-
Dame Emily Park Project	1,000	-
Friends of Arnos Court Park	680	-
Friends of Avon New Cut	1,000	-
Friends of Doncaster Road	907	-
Friends of Manor Woods Valley	1,000	-
Grow Batheaston	1,000	-
Grow Green Carolina	500	-
Hartcliffe Millennium Green	863	-
Hillfields Community Garden	999	-
Redcliffe Gardening Group	511	-
	11,125	-

9. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

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

No trustees received reimbursed expenses in 2021 from the charity (2020: £nil).

10. STAFF COSTS

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	82,662	54,747
Social security costs	3,037	13
Pension costs	1,613	1,269
Freelance and other staff costs	10,935	-
	98,247	56,029

No employees were paid more than £60,000 during the year.

Head count (excluding periods of furlough)	2021	2020
The average head count during the year:	4.00	2.00
The average head count during the year, based on full-time equivalents:	1.88	1.55

Remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel of Your Park comprise the trustees and Foundation Director.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £38,190 (2020: £35,983).

11. TAXATION

Your Park is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12. DEBTORS

	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£
Trade debtors	51,859	800
Prepayments and accrued income	770	1,359
Other debtors	60	-
	52,689	2,159

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<i>Total 2021</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£
Trade creditors	890	93
Taxation and social security	159	-
Accruals	1,320	3,900
	2,369	3,993

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The total aggregate donations to the charity from 5 trustees during the year were £372 (2020: £0).

15. FUNDS

	<i>Balance at 1 Jan 2021</i>	<i>Incoming resources</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Balance at 31 Dec 2021</i>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General	3,994	83,759	76,054	11,699
Restricted				
Activator	-	2,500	-	2,500
Brickfields Park	-	16,085	8,293	7,792
College Green	19,618	6,000	24,938	680
Diversity consultancy	-	9,000	3,500	5,500
FoG Support Isla	2,000	-	1,982	18
Future Parks	7,654	11,419	14,182	4,891
Green Park	2,933	2,080	4,882	131
Litter Pickers	(25)	2,500	1,509	966
Nature Fund	53	614	1,647	(980)
NC Project	286	-	156	130
Nesta (Rethinking Parks)	30,403	-	14,659	15,744
Netham Pilot	9,285	3,609	10,510	2,384
Royal Victoria Ponds	3,250	-	-	3,250
Small grants	1,826	7,652	9,478	-
Vol Award	-	1,574	707	867
Volunteer Support	-	500	-	500
WellPark	-	20,486	-	20,486
Total funds	81,277	167,778	172,497	76,558

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Activator

This fund represents a grant of £2,500 from RSA Climate Change and Education Fund toward our work supporting communities to respond to the climate and ecological emergencies through projects in their local park. Spending to come in 2022.

Brickfields Park

This fund represents a grant of £16,085 from the Postcode Local Trust for a project to revitalise the neglected Brickfields Park in Bath and to support community wellbeing through regular in park activities focused on nature enhancement.

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College Green

This fund represents public donations raised through a crowdfund and a corporate donation from Good Energy to repair the damage caused to College Green during BYS4C strike on 28th February 2020. The fund will be used to repair the lawns and support more nature on the site.

Diversity consultancy

This fund represents a grant of £9,000 from Quartet Community Foundation Resilience Fund to employ a researcher to explore the barriers to parks experience by Bristol and Bath's under represented communities and develop a recommendations report for us to implement in future years.

FoG Support

This fund represents the grant awarded by the Isla Foundation to generate resources and training materials to support Friends of Park Groups in Bristol and Bath.

Future Parks

This fund represents a grant awarded by Bristol City Council's Future Parks Accelerator Project to support Your Park's resilience.

Green Park

This fund represents grants awards by Wessex Water and Quartet Community Foundation to pilot community park activities at Green Park in Bath.

Litter Pickers

The fund represents the grant awarded by Keynsham Town Council to support the introduction of community litter picking stations to parks across Bristol and Bath.

Nature Fund

This fund represents public donations to support community led nature projects across Bristol and Bath. Further income is expected in 2022 to cover the deficit of this fund at the end of 2021.

NC Project 001

This fund represents the grant awarded by Bath and North East Somerset Council's Councillor Empowerment Fund to introduce 3 new benches and steps in Norfolk Crescent Green, Bath.

Nesta (Rethinking Parks)

This fund represents the grants awarded by Nesta to establish the Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation from its *Rethinking Parks* programme.

Netham Pilot

This fund represents grants awarded by National Lottery Community Fund, Merchant Venturers and Comic Relief to support the pilot of community activities and engagement at Netham Park in Bristol.

Royal Victoria Ponds

This fund represents a donation given to Your Park in 2019 from the Avon Gardens Trust as a first donation towards stage 2 of the Royal Victoria Ponds project which will involve repairing, restoring and sorting out the circulation and filtering of the water in the cascade and the bottom pond.

Small grants

This fund represents public and corporate donations towards a small grant programme to support community led projects that support health and wellbeing, biodiversity and nature, and community cohesion.

Vol Award 21

This fund represents work with Bristol City Council and Bath and North East Somerset Council to deliver the first annual recognition scheme for park volunteers in both cities.

Volunteer Support

This fund represents a grant from the Coop towards a volunteer event that will take place in 2022.

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WellPark

This fund represents a grant from Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire CCG to deliver a green social prescribing project in South and East Bristol in 2022.

<u>Prior year comparative</u>	Balance at 1 Jan 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>	292	18,732	15,030	3,994
Restricted				
<i>Rethinking Parks (Nesta)</i>	37,108	46,446	53,151	30,403
<i>College Green</i>	-	24,775	5,157	19,618
<i>FoG Support</i>	-	2,000	-	2,000
<i>Future Parks</i>	-	18,381	10,727	7,654
<i>Green Park</i>	-	3,500	567	2,933
<i>Litter Pickers</i>	-	804	829	(25)
<i>Nature Fund</i>	-	53	-	53
<i>NC Project 001</i>	-	3,000	2,714	286
<i>Netham Pilot</i>	-	10,045	760	9,285
<i>Small grants</i>	-	1,826	-	1,826
<i>Royal Victoria Ponds</i>	3,250	-	-	3,250
Total funds	40,650	129,562	88,935	81,277

16. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	11,858	67,069	78,927
Current liabilities	(159)	(2,210)	(2,369)
Total net assets	11,699	64,859	76,558

Your Park Bristol and Bath
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<i>Prior year comparative</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total funds</i>
	£	£	£
<i>Current assets</i>	3,994	81,276	85,270
<i>Current liabilities</i>	-	(3,993)	(3,993)
<i>Total net assets</i>	3,994	77,283	81,277

17. PRIOR PERIOD COMPARATIVES: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	18,847	109,480	128,327
Charitable activities	1,235	-	1,235
Total income	20,082	109,480	129,562
Raising funds	3,585	25,808	29,393
Charitable activities	12,795	46,747	59,542
Total expenditure	16,380	72,555	88,935
Net income	3,702	36,925	40,627
Transfer between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	3,702	36,925	40,627
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	292	40,358	40,650
Total funds carried forward	3,994	77,283	81,277

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Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation
Annual Report & Financial Statements
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**Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation
Annual Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st December 2020**

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for year to 31st December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and they and the annual report comply with the Foundation's governing documentation and applicable law.

AIM AND PURPOSES

The Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation has summarised its core charitable purposes to:

- Protect the environment, animals and plants;
- Promote volunteering;
- Support recreation;
- Support health and wellbeing; and
- Promote community cohesion.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Foundation's charitable objects, as set out in its constitution, are to:

- provide and enhance, and/or assist in the provision and enhancement of, parkland for the use and enjoyment of the public in the Area of Benefit (including, but without limitation, the provision and maintenance of facilities and equipment) and "parkland" shall include but is not limited to public parks, gardens, landscaped areas, woodland, playing fields, playgrounds, nature reserves and recreational spaces;
- advance the education of the public in the Area of Benefit including (but without limitation) with regard to horticulture, arboriculture, ecology, geology, archaeology, heritage and local history; and
- improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the Area of Benefit in the interests of social welfare by providing and/or assisting in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation.

The Foundation's defined "Area of Benefit" is "the administrative areas of Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council, and such other areas as the Trustees may from time to time determine".

However, the Foundation will initially focus its activities on the cities of Bristol and Bath.

The Foundation will not take over the ownership or management of parks, but identify projects and partnerships that will enhance and revitalise these important spaces.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, and they have referred to it when carrying out the Foundation's charitable purposes.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Having established a firm base, with a strong team of volunteer trustees and a Foundation Director in post, the Foundation was in a good position at the start of 2020 for its first full year of operations.

The 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MoU) agreed in 2019 was signed by the Foundation, Bath & North East Somerset Council and Bristol City Council in early January to formalise the relationship between the three bodies and to facilitate joint working. The Steering Group with representatives from all three parties and local park groups which was established through the MoU met regularly throughout the year.

**Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation
Annual Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st December 2020**

The trustees gathered for an 'away-day' at Netham Park in January to firm up the Foundation's Strategy for 2020 to 2023. As a result of this process the Foundation set itself five strategic goals which were formally adopted in April.

1. Individuals and communities have a closer relationship with their local park.
2. Community groups play a more active role in improving their local park and have greater ownership.
3. Advocate for the value and importance of parks and the role of our charity.
4. Develop sustainable income streams to ensure our charity is effective, well run and impactful.
5. Make the most of unplanned opportunities that meet our charitable goals.

A major part of the strategy was to employ 'Park Activators' to work with local people; bring improvements to parks and encourage volunteering and community events. The Foundation aimed to seek funding to run pilot projects in both Bristol and Bath to demonstrate the benefits of this approach ahead of applying for larger grants to roll the project out across the area. An important aspect of the plans was to focus on more deprived areas.

On 28th February 2020, Greta Thunberg visited Bristol on a very wet day. The thousands of people who attended left College Green very muddy and looking anything but green. A local resident setup a crowd funder to repair the Green and the Foundation agreed to hold the funds and develop a project to make appropriate use of the funding. Part of this sum was used to carry out work to aerate the soil to help the grass recover; the remainder is funding the introduction of wildflower meadows on to part of the Green (targeted for spring 2021).

The start of the Covid-19 pandemic and the first UK national 'lockdown' in March 2020 changed the Foundation's plans completely. It became clear that the Foundation's projects would have to be put on hold; both because of the restrictions on group activities and because of the changed situation in respect of funding availability. It soon became clear that the focus of all grant funders and potential donors was rightly directed towards the impacts of Covid-19 and dealing with its impacts.

The Foundation moved to put its staff on furlough from April 2020 with the chair and other trustees keeping things ticking over; this allowed funds to be conserved to allow the Foundation to extend the contracts of its two staff members. A part-time, freelance trust and grants fundraiser was retained until June to develop a strategy and put the Foundation in the best possible position to apply for funding as grant giving schemes reopened for applications.

The Foundation held some funds and was due a final payment from the Nesta Rethinking Parks grant that were intended to pay part of its core costs until February 2021, though with the majority due to be spent by mid-2020 in accordance with the funding agreement. A revised agreement was reached with Nesta so that the period for spending these funds could be extended.

The Foundation also contributed to national events organised by Nesta to launch a 'tool-kit' for local authorities considering forming a Parks Foundation and to mark the end of the Rethinking Parks project. The Foundation continues to have good contacts with Parks Foundations in both Bournemouth and Leeds and to learn from their experiences.

Throughout the rest of 2020 the Foundation continued to make use of the Government's furlough scheme when it was available while adjusting its plans to suit the changing restrictions.

With lockdown relaxed in the autumn, it was possible to carry out a limited amount of work with students from the University of Bath on the pilot project at Norfolk Crescent in Bath. In December a bulb planting session involving a local school was run at Netham Park in Bristol.

Also in December the Foundation ran a very well received 'Thank You' event on *Zoom* for park groups across both Bristol & Bath as part of its project to support these groups.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic several small grants were secured during the year and some donations were received from individuals, but the change in the funding landscape prevented the Foundation achieving its income goals.

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In the autumn the Foundation received funding through the Bristol Future Parks Project to help develop its ideas for Social Enterprise trading activities that will secure unrestricted income in the future. Workshops were held facilitated by the Real Ideas Organisation.

It became clear to the trustees however, that while they remained confident that the Foundation could secure adequate funding in the long-term there was a short-term funding gap which had been made worse by the pandemic. The Foundation therefore negotiated with both Councils through the Steering Group to reach an agreement for further funding to help secure the Foundations future and to allow it to play its part in helping those Councils achieve their aims for parks and green spaces in their areas. The negotiations were successfully concluded in early 2021.

Actions taken during this year included:

- Received funds from the Greta Thunberg crowdfunding appeal and develop a project to bring wildflowers to College Green Bristol;
- Developed and adopted a business strategy and clear goals;
- Further strengthened its governance procedures and policies;
- Utilise the Governments furlough scheme to reduce spending while activities were on hold due to Covid-19 and preserve funding for 2021;
- Secure grant funding for pilot projects;
- Carry out limited activities on pilot projects in Bath and Bristol despite the pandemic;
- Participated in nation events on the future of parks & green spaces;
- Organise an online event for park groups across both cities;
- Retained key staff despite the financial pressures;
- Continued to have good relationships with both Local Authorities; and
- Worked with Bristol Future Parks to develop ideas for Social Enterprise activities.

The Foundation looks forward to being able to run its delayed projects in 2021 to demonstrate to potential funders and other partners the benefit of its proposed strategy to residents in both cities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Even with the Covid-19 restrictions, the range of activities that the Foundation has been involved in has grown considerably in 2020 and this is reflected in the number of new funds relating to specific projects. Much of this reflects fundraising efforts in 2020 for work that will continue in 2021.

Following Greta Thunberg's visit in February 2020, the Foundation was honoured to receive £24,775 for College Green in Bristol, including £10,000 from Good Energy and £14,775 crowdfunded by the people of Bristol. The Foundation was also grateful to receive £18,381 from Bristol City Council as part of the Future Parks Accelerator programme and the Foundation's pilot project at Netham Park in Bristol was supported by £7,436 from the National Lottery Community Fund and £2,609 from the Society of the Merchant Venturers. Work in Green Park in Bath was supported by £3,500 from the Quartet Community Foundation and £2,000 was received from the Isla Foundation towards supporting 'friends' groups in 2021.

A donation of £804 was received from Keynsham Town Council towards the Foundation's litter pickers project and Wilmot Clarke kindly donated £800 towards the small grants scheme that will launch in 2021. This scheme was also supported by £1,026 from individual donations, as were both the nature fund (£53) and unrestricted funds (£68).

In 2020, the final tranche of the start-up funding awarded by Nesta was received by the Foundation, amounting to £45,096 and £15,030 was reclaimed from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. A grant for £3,000 was awarded by Bath and North East Somerset Council's Councillor Empowerment Fund to introduce 3 new benches and steps in Norfolk Crescent Green, Bath and Bristol City Council kindly donated office space in the year equivalent to £1,350. Unrestricted donations of £2,399 were received and £1,235 was raised from volunteer training.

The trustees are sincerely grateful to all those that have supported the Foundation's work during this challenging year.

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In total during the year, the Foundation received income of £129,562 and paid out £88,935 on charitable activities and fundraising. Net movement in funds on unrestricted funds was £3,702 and £36,925 on restricted funds resulting in total funds balances of £81,277 at the end of this second reporting period.

Reserves policy

It is the Trustees' aim to build up a balance of free reserves (net current assets) which equates to 12 months' operational costs. This will be held to smooth out fluctuations in cash flow, meet emergencies and allow the Foundation to maintain its financial sustainability. The balance of free reserves at the end of 2020 was £3,994 (2019: £292), largely due to this being the charity's second year of operation.

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks which the Foundation may face, and they have established systems which enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to minimise these risks.

Going concern

The Board of Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the accounting period and the position at 31st December 2020 and consider that the Foundation is in a reasonable position to continue its activities during the coming year, and that the charity's assets are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

Volunteers

The Board of Trustees would like to thank George Tapp and Olivia Ellis for their work as a volunteers with the Foundation during this year.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Foundation has established a three-year vision, with the aim of achieving the following:

Quality: A national reputation for excellence with people wanting to join us to deliver our vision. A reputation for knowing how to make things happen.

Collaboration: A strong network of effective relationships including high quality community advocates, businesses, patrons and the best minds.

Culture shift: A buzz about parks, people actively taking a share of the responsibility for making their parks better.

Action: An annual Programme, the first high profile campaign launched and several projects underway.

Financial sustainability: Reliable income streams, as a result of appropriate investment in operational capacity. The first legacy commitment secured.

Climate Change: Communities are more aware how parks can play a role in mitigating the effects of climate change and have the knowledge and skills to protect and improve the environment for animals, plants and people in their parks.

Our approach will be to:

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- Work directly with communities to co-create projects that benefit people and the environment;
- Learn from the success of existing projects to deliver tried and tested interventions;
- Add value and compliment the work of existing groups and organisations;
- Develop new opportunities for audiences to engage with their local park;
- Help redefine the public's role in making parks better places for people and the environment;
- Promote the value of parks;
- Explore innovative and varied funding streams to become financially sustainable; and
- Develop innovative and varied funding streams.

COVID-19

The Trustees have considered the continuing impact that the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the Foundation's current and future financial position. The Foundation is taking the following steps to mitigate the threats that COVID-19 may pose to the organisation:

- Reviewing the timing of key projects until social distancing and other restrictions are lifted
- Working with key funders to ensure that core costs can be covered
- Continuing to use the Government's furlough scheme for a limited period of time

The Trustees consider that the Foundation will continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved for the following reasons:

- Key funders have confirmed financial support for the Foundations' plans
- Fundraising efforts to support the Foundation's work are continuing
- The furloughing of staff has helped prolong the Foundations' existing funding

The Trustees therefore consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of preparation of the accounts, as detailed in note 1 to the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

The Foundation is governed by a board of trustees who have overall responsibility for the governance, regulatory obligations and management of the foundation. The board of trustees seeks to ensure the best interest of stakeholders in all management decisions.

A board of trustees have been appointed based on their expertise and experience in areas relating to the strategic management of the organisation. The board of trustees includes key individuals with expertise ranging from finance, legal and community engagement. The board of trustees is led by a Chair and 11 board members.

The board of trustees work to a framework structure to cover regulatory, financial and stakeholder obligations.

The board of trustees are divided into sub-committees, to aid the management of target areas and the strategic direction of the foundation.

The Foundation services are delivered by an operational, part time team. The Foundation team includes the Foundation Director, Marketing, Communications and Development Officer and freelance Trust and Foundations Consultant.

The operational team work from the BBPF office in the Create Centre, Bristol, although the majority of the year was spent working from home due to the pandemic. The team also includes two Volunteer Coordinators from Bath and North East Somerset Council (BANES) and Bristol City Council (BCC).

The reporting structure includes the staff team and volunteer co-ordinators reporting in to the Foundation Director.

The Foundation Director reports directly to the Chair and Board of Trustees. The performance review of the Foundation Director is undertaken by the Chair of Trustees.

The resources required to run a successful Foundation includes office space to house the operational team, this office space in the Create Centre, Bristol is supplied by BCC. Office equipment, such as IT and general office equipment has been provided from funds from the BBPF.

Board meetings primary took place on Zoom due to the pandemic.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent examiners

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as independent examiners to the charity during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 6th April 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr R Acton-Campbell
Chair of trustees

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

The following served as Trustees during the year (unless shown otherwise):

Chair:

- Rob Acton-Campbell
- Lisa Ackerley (to 10th February 2021)
- Mark Blackburn
- Patsy Connor
- Catherine Frankpitt (to 10th February 2021)
- Karen Gill
- Matthew Hall
- Suzie Miles
- Tim Pemberton
- Derek Perry
- Lynn Robinson
- Laura Salisbury

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 10 to 22.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements 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.

William Guy Blake ACA
Godfrey Wilson Ltd
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 8th April 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2020

		<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>Total 2019</i>
	<i>Note</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	18,847	109,480	128,327	63,412
Charitable activities	3	1,235	-	1,235	-
Total income		20,082	109,480	129,562	63,412
Raising funds	4	3,585	25,808	29,393	772
Charitable activities	5	12,795	46,747	59,542	21,990
Total expenditure		16,380	72,555	88,935	22,762
Net income		3,702	36,925	40,627	40,650
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,702	36,925	40,627	40,650
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	14	292	40,358	40,650	-
Total funds carried forward	14	3,994	77,283	81,277	40,650

All activities relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation
Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31st December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	11	2,159	659
Cash at bank and in hand		83,111	43,918
Total current assets		<u>85,270</u>	<u>44,577</u>
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due with one year	12	(3,993)	(3,927)
Net current assets		<u>81,277</u>	<u>40,650</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		81,277	40,650
Total net assets		<u>81,277</u>	<u>40,650</u>
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted funds	15	3,994	292
Restricted funds		77,283	40,358
Total charity funds		<u>81,277</u>	<u>40,650</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 6^h April 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr R Acton-Campbell, Chair

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern. However, the continuing COVID-19 pandemic is still likely to have a profound impact on the global economy, and may in turn continue to affect the charity. The Trustees have considered the impact of this issue on the Foundation's current and future financial position. The Foundation has a cash balance of £83,111 at year end (2019: £43,918), which is sufficient to cover its planned costs for a full year. Although the free reserves are low, the charity's restricted funds cover all planned significant activities and operating costs. For these reasons, the Trustees consider that the charity has sufficient cash reserves to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved.

Public benefit

The Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity within the meaning of FRS102.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations

Donations represent donated funds from individuals and corporate entities.

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Grants receivable

Grants are accounted for when received.

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 are 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 are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income.

Governance costs

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

Support costs

These include the costs attributable to supporting the delivery of the charity's charitable purposes. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Governance and support costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the following basis:

	2020	2019
Raising funds	21.9%	0%
Charitable activities	78.1%	100%

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method

Tangible fixed assets

Individual assets costing more than £250 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
<i>Equipment</i>	<i>25% straight line</i>

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Fund structure

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

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£
Grants from Nesta	-	45,096	45,096
Other grants	-	37,730	37,730
Donations from individuals	68	15,854	15,922
Grants received under CJRS	15,030	-	15,030
Donations from corporates	2,399	10,800	13,199
Donated services and facilities	1,350	-	1,350
	18,847	109,480	128,327

Donated services and facilities consisted of office space donated to the Foundation during the year.

Prior year comparative

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2019</i>
	£	£	£
<i>Donations and legacies:</i>			
<i>Grants from Nesta</i>	-	58,520	58,520
<i>Grants from other charities</i>	-	3,250	3,250
<i>Donated services and facilities</i>	1,350	-	1,650
<i>Donations from corporates</i>	250	-	250
<i>Donations from individuals</i>	42	-	42
	1,642	61,770	63,412

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>Total 2019</i>
	£	£	£	£
Volunteer training	1,235	-	1,235	-
	1,235	-	1,235	-

4. EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>Total 2019</i>
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising services	-	13,300	13,300	600
Staff costs	3,290	8,974	12,264	-
Communications and publicity	-	2,891	2,891	172
Support costs	295	643	938	-
	3,585	25,808	29,393	772

Expenditure on raising funds in the prior year was fully restricted.

5. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£
Staff costs	11,740	32,025	43,765
Other project costs	-	10,671	10,671
Support costs	1,055	2,293	3,348
Governance costs	-	1,758	1,758
	12,795	46,747	59,542

Prior year comparative

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2019</i>
	£	£	£
Staff costs	-	18,096	18,096
Other project costs	-	1,343	1,343
Support costs	1,350	149	1,499
Governance costs	-	1,052	1,052
	1,350	20,640	21,990

6. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>Total 2019</i>
	£	£	£	£
Support costs allocated to raising funds				
Office costs & other expenses	295	235	530	-
Payroll services	-	201	201	-
Training & conferences	-	194	194	-
Bank charges	-	13	13	-
	295	643	938	-
Support costs allocated to charitable activities				
Office costs & other expenses	1,055	838	1,893	1,363
Payroll services	-	717	717	101
Training & conferences	-	691	691	-
Bank charges	-	47	47	35
	1,055	2,293	3,348	1,499
	1,350	2,936	4,286	1,499

7. ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE COSTS

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>Total 2019</i>
	£	£	£	£
Independent examination	-	1,200	1,200	960
Insurance	-	558	558	92
	-	1,758	1,758	1,052

8. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

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

No trustees received reimbursed expenses in 2020 from the charity (2019: £311 - one trustee).

9. STAFF COSTS

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	Total 2020	Total 2019
Staff costs during the year were:	£	£
Wages and salaries	54,747	17,897
Social security costs	13	-
Pension costs	1,269	199
	56,029	18,096

No employees were paid more than £60,000 during the year.

Head count (<i>excluding periods of furlough</i>)	2020	2019
The average head count during the year:	2.00	0.85
The average head count during the year, based on full-time equivalents:	1.55	0.76

Remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Foundation comprise the Trustees and Foundation Director.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £35,983 (2019: £13,108).

10. TAXATION

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

11. DEBTORS

	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£
Trade debtors	800	148
Prepayments and accrued income	1,359	511
	2,159	659

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<i>Total 2020</i>	<i>Total 2019</i>
	£	£
Trade creditors	93	487
Taxation and social security	-	1,001
Accruals	3,900	960
Other creditors	-	1,479
	<hr/> 3,993 <hr/>	<hr/> 3,927 <hr/>

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the year.

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14. FUNDS

	<i>Balance at 1 Jan 2020</i>	<i>Incoming resources</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Balance at 31 Dec 2020</i>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General	292	18,732	15,030	3,994
Restricted				
Rethinking Parks (Nesta)	37,108	46,446	53,151	30,403
College Green	-	24,775	5,157	19,618
FoG Support	-	2,000	-	2,000
Future Parks	-	18,381	10,727	7,654
Green Park	-	3,500	567	2,933
Litter Pickers	-	804	829	(25)
Nature Fund	-	53	-	53
NC Project 001	-	3,000	2,714	286
Netham Pilot	-	10,045	760	9,285
Small grants	-	1,826	-	1,826
Royal Victoria Ponds	3,250	-	-	3,250
Total funds	40,650	129,562	88,935	81,277

<u><i>Prior year comparative</i></u>	<i>Balance at 26 Feb 2019</i>	<i>Incoming resources</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Balance at 31 Dec 2019</i>
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General	-	292	-	292
Restricted				
Rethinking Parks (Nesta)	-	59,870	22,762	37,108
Royal Victoria Ponds	-	3,250	-	3,250
Total funds	-	63,412	22,762	40,650

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Rethinking Parks (Nesta)

The fund represents the grants awarded by Nesta to establish the Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation from its *Rethinking Parks* programme.

College Green

The fund represents public donations raised through a crowdfund and a corporate donation from Good Energy to repair the damage caused to College Green during BYS4C strike on 28th February 2020. The fund will be used to repair the lawns and support more nature on the site.

FoG Support

The fund represents the grant awarded by the Isla Foundation to generate resources and training materials to support Friends of Park Groups in Bristol and Bath.

Future Parks

The fund represents a grant awarded by Bristol City Council's Future Parks Accelerator Project to support the Foundation's resilience.

Green Park

The fund represents grants awards by Wessex Water and Quartet Community Foundation to pilot community park activities at Green Park in Bath.

Litter Pickers

The fund represents the grant awarded by Keynsham Town Council to support the introduction of community litter picking stations to parks across Bristol and Bath.

Nature Fund

The fund represents public donations to support community led nature projects across Bristol and Bath.

NC Project 001

The fund represents the grant awarded by Bath and North East Somerset Council's Councillor Empowerment Fund to introduce 3 new benches and steps in Norfolk Crescent Green, Bath.

Netham Pilot

The fund represents grants awarded by National Lottery Community Fund, Merchant Venturers and Comic Relief to support the pilot of community activities and engagement at Netham Park in Bristol.

Small grants

The fund represents public and corporate donations towards a small grant programme to support community led projects that support health and wellbeing, biodiversity and nature, and community cohesion.

Royal Victoria Ponds

This fund represents a donation given to the Foundation in 2019 from the Avon Gardens Trust as a first donation towards stage 2 of the Royal Victoria Ponds project which will involve repairing, restoring and sorting out the circulation and filtering of the water in the cascade and the bottom pond.

15. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total funds</i>
	£	£	£
Current assets	3,994	81,276	85,270
Current liabilities	-	(3,993)	(3,993)
Total net assets	3,994	77,283	81,277
<i>Prior year comparative</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total funds</i>
	£	£	£
Current assets	292	44,285	44,577
Current liabilities	-	(3,927)	(3,927)
Total net assets	292	40,358	40,650

16. PRIOR PERIOD COMPARATIVES: STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total 2019</i>
	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	1,642	61,770	63,412
Total income	1,642	61,770	63,412
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	772	772
Charitable activities	1,350	20,640	21,990
Total expenditure	1,350	22,762	22,762
Net income	292	40,358	40,650
Transfer between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	292	40,358	40,650
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	292	40,358	40,650