

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

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### **Report of the trustees**

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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 successfully 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 118,207m<sup>2</sup> 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 108,207m<sup>2</sup> 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 enabled 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.

## **Your Park Bristol and Bath**

### **Report of the trustees**

**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

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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.

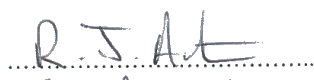
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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**

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

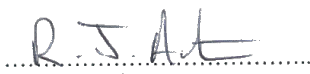
## Your Park Bristol and Bath

### Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2024

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

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 £
<b>Cash used in operating activities:</b>		
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)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>42,122</b>	<b>179,630</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Interest received	5,152	1,069
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<b>5,152</b>	<b>1,069</b>
<b>Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<b>47,274</b>	<b>180,699</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	272,494	91,795
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>319,768</b>	<b>272,494</b>

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**

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#### **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.

## Your Park Bristol and Bath

### Notes to the financial statements

#### For the year ended 31 December 2024

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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.

**Your Park Bristol and Bath**

**Notes to the financial statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

**2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities**

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

**3. Income from donations**

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

**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
	<b>523,360</b>	<b>8,340</b>	<b>531,700</b>

## Your Park Bristol and Bath

### Notes to the financial statements

#### For the year ended 31 December 2024

#### 4. Income from charitable activities

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

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

#### 5. Income from other trading activities

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

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.



## Your Park Bristol and Bath

### Notes to the financial statements

**For the year ended 31 December 2024**

#### 7. Total expenditure

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

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
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>53,232</b>	<b>247,755</b>	<b>58,614</b>	<b>359,601</b>
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>14,075</u>	<u>44,539</u>	<u>(58,614)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b><u>67,307</u></b>	<b><u>292,294</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>359,601</u></b>

## Your Park Bristol and Bath

### Notes to the financial statements

#### For the year ended 31 December 2024

##### 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)	<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	<u>49,224</u>	<u>33,868</u>
	<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 No.	2023 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>

## Your Park Bristol and Bath

### Notes to the financial statements

#### For the year ended 31 December 2024

##### 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	26,815	-
	<u>50,413</u>	<u>18,404</u>

##### 13. Creditors: amounts due within 1 year

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

##### 14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	354,299	15,882	370,181
Current liabilities	(19,840)	(4,863)	(24,703)
<b>Net assets at 31 December 2024</b>	<u><b>334,459</b></u>	<u><b>11,019</b></u>	<u><b>345,478</b></u>

	Restricted funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
<b>Prior year comparative</b>			
Current assets	278,125	12,773	290,898
Current liabilities	(7,793)	(2,735)	(10,528)
<b>Net assets at 31 December 2023</b>	<u><b>270,332</b></u>	<u><b>10,038</b></u>	<u><b>280,370</b></u>

## Your Park Bristol and Bath

### Notes to the financial statements

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#### 15. Movements in funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 December 2024 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
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
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>270,332</b>	<b>573,618</b>	<b>(509,491)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>334,459</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	10,038	63,269	(62,288)	-	11,019
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>10,038</b>	<b>63,269</b>	<b>(62,288)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,019</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>280,370</b>	<b>636,887</b>	<b>(571,779)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>345,478</b>

#### 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.

## **Your Park Bristol and Bath**

### **Notes to the financial statements**

#### **For the year ended 31 December 2024**

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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 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
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
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>71,073</b>	<b>523,360</b>	<b>(324,907)</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>270,332</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	15,674	29,864	(34,694)	(806)	10,038
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>15,674</b>	<b>29,864</b>	<b>(34,694)</b>	<b>(806)</b>	<b>10,038</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>86,747</b>	<b>553,224</b>	<b>(359,601)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>280,370</b>

#### 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).