

FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1183948

Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTIVES (THE OBJECTIVES) ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO:1) PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF ROWNTREE PARK AS A PLACE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST AND AMENITY VALUE:2) ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES IN RELATION TO THE HISTORY, BIODIVERSITY AND OTHER ASPECTS OF ROWNTREE PARK AND RELATED ISSUES:3) PROVIDE OF FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE INTERESTS WITHIN ROWNTREE PARK4) PROMOTE CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY, VOLUNTEERING, HEALTH AND WELLBEING AMONG THE USERS OF ROWNTREE PARK

Activities: Promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical /naturalenvironment of Rowntree Park as a place of environmental interest and amenity valueAdvance the education of people in relation to the history, biodiversity of the park.Provide facilities/opportunities for public education, recreation etc and promote civic responsibility, volunteering, health and wellbeing.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- City Of York

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£44,573	£49,130	-	-
2024-09-30	£63,914	£77,083	-	-
2023-09-30	£78,268	£52,117	-	-
2022-09-30	£40,374	£40,440	-	-
2021-09-30	£37,526	£16,236	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Chester		2019-10-17
Dr Catherine Jane Mortimer		2019-10-17
Edward George Woollard		2023-04-17
Jacqueline Bateson		2025-01-22
Jane Elen Mackay		2021-04-23
Lucy Katherine Brown		2023-04-17
Matthew Smelt-Webb		2025-01-22
Rebecca Blues		2021-04-23

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ANNUAL REPORT

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CHARITY INFORMATION

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For the year ending 30 September 2025

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Over the 2024-25 financial year, the Friends have contributed to these aims through a huge and varied range of activities, including but not limited to:

- Regular children's events, including a weekly pre-school Forest School and Wild Ones nature youth group for teenage girls, a monthly Very Young Friend and quarterly Family Forest Schools.
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- Adult events, including Wreath Making, Christmas Crafts, Willow-weaving, history walks and talks, York Unlocked, York Festival of Ideas and York Environment Week, which included wildlife area and seed collecting sessions.
- Other projects, such as Art in the Park, the Remembrance Display, involvement in York Unlocked, York Festival of Ideas and York Environment Week, and the Make Space York Festival. Charity Manager, Abigail Gaines, also led related sessions for York International Women's Week, spoke at The Mansion House for International Women's Day and at York Theatre for the Women of the World Show.

We have also organised a range of outside providers to run events including nature writing, York Buddhists meet-ups, theatre productions, a pizza van and group social meet up / gatherings as well as children's birthday parties and even a wedding!

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Objectives and Activities

Key achievements for during the 2024-25 financial year include:

- Green Flag Award contributions
- Changes to the Lodge Garden for propagation (new gate / clearing out debris)
- Increased membership fee to boost income
- Make Space York project an example of good practice, with Abigail sharing presentations to North Yorkshire Health Hubs, the Irish Government and others.

Community Link with the Council

FRP continue to work with the council to report issues and suggest improvements. Our main contact is Dave Meigh of Public Realms, but we also work with the Environment and Community Team, who mainly support workplace volunteering in the park. Our Eco Team links were Beki Hagger and Melanie Elkan. Beki has now left but is still working in the park via St Nicks.

Social Media

In the past year we have continued to have good social media presence, which is vital for engaging with our community and promoting our activities. From 1 October 2024, we have increased our Facebook followers by 6.3% (we now have 8.5k followers). This growth reflects our ongoing efforts to connect with our audience and share the positive impact of our initiatives. Meanwhile, over the last 90 days, our Instagram content has reached 15k accounts. This impressive reach demonstrates the effectiveness of our social media in engaging a wider audience and raising awareness about FRP. These numbers not only highlight our growing influence but also provide an opportunity to further engage with our community. By continuing to enhance our social media presence, we can attract more volunteers, participants and members.

Future Plans

Lodge Project

The Lodge Project Team continues to meet regularly and are currently looking at grant-making organisations for a large bid to support this project, such as the Heritage Lottery Fund. Work is also ongoing on our negotiations with the council on the lease and the Heads of Terms are currently being agreed.

Structure, Governance and Management

Our Trustees and Committee work closely together. In fact, some trustees were originally committee members and still have active roles on the committee too.

Our trustees oversee the strategic planning of the charity. They make sure the Friends plans are in line with the charity's aims and that the charity's funds are handled responsibly. The priority for the trustees and the charity, as a whole, is developing strategy, especially with regard to financial planning and stability, to ensure the charity can continue as a going concern.

In January 2025, a new Chair of the Board of Trustees, Jacqueline Bateman, was appointed. She replaced interim Chair, Edward Wollard, who was appointed following the departure of Cath Mortimer.

Our committee members are involved in the day-to-day running of the charity. They plan and run events and activities in line with the charity's aims and objectives. The committee has open/public meetings four times a year in January, April, June and October (AGM). Subgroups also meet throughout the year.

The charity has a paid charity manager, Abigail Gaines, who works part-time, looking after the volunteers and members, as well as coordinating our wide-ranging activities and all the design and advertising. Those leading the Forest School and Gardening strands receive payment towards their work and we pay for a few hours of admin/finance help as well as an accountant for our end of year accounts. Since April / May 2025 we have also had two grant-funded temporary roles. A Volunteer Engagement Coordinator (Toria Morris) and a Wildlife Area Volunteer Lead (Cas Casauer).

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to hold reserves of no less than three months of ongoing expenditure.

Political Donations

The Friends has no party-political affiliations and does not make political donations.

Financial Accounts

The accounts for the year ending 30 September 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to all charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards.

The financial year has ended with a net deficit (total income less total expenditure) of £4,558, made up of a net deficit on unrestricted funds of £573, and a net deficit on restricted funds of £3,985.

Total charitable income in 2024-25 was £44,573, compared to £63,914 in 2023-24, a decrease of £19,341. This was primarily driven by a fall in restricted income from grants. However, in contrast, income from charitable and trading activities both increased during the period.

Total expenditure on charitable activities in 2024-25 was £49,131, compared to £77,083 in 2023-24 a decrease of £27,952.

The balance on unrestricted funds will reduce the charity reserves, however the release of restricted funds during the year means that there remains £22,316 in unrestricted funds to be carried forward. The balance on restricted funds will be carried forward to next financial year, in accordance with restricted grant funding requirements.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

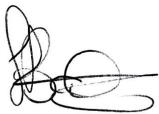
- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They 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.

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- So far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the independent reviewer is unaware, and
- Each trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant financial information that may have a material impact on the financial reports and to establish that the organisation's independent reviewer is aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:



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Jacqueline Bateman
Chair of Trustees

Approved by the board on

Date: **13/03/2026**
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year ending 30 September 2025

I report on the accounts of Friends of Rowntree Park for the year ending 30 September 2025, which are set out on pages 9-13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

Have not been met, or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Nicola Ainscough FCA BSc
Chartered Accountant
Equilibrium Accountants Ltd
48 Goodramgate, York, YO1 7LF

9 February 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 30 September 2025

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2025 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £
INCOME					
Incoming and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	14,314	1,157	15,471	38,583
Charitable activities	3	-	24,612	24,612	22,756
Other trading activities	4	-	4,490	4,490	2,575
Investments		-	-	-	-
Other income		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		14,314	30,259	44,573	63,914
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	-	2,578	2,578	1,334
Charitable activities	6	17,651	24,508	42,159	72,331
Other	7	647	3,746	4,393	3,418
Total resources expended		18,298	30,832	49,130	77,083
Net income / (expenditure) for the period		(3,984)	(573)	(4,557)	(13,169)
Transfer of funds	8	(250)	250	-	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward as at 1 Oct 23		27,617	22,889	50,506	63,675
Total funds carried forward as at 30 Sep 24	9	23,383	22,566	45,949	50,506

The notes on pages 11-13 form a part of these financial statements

A Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as all gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

There is no difference between the net income / (expenditure) for the period above and the historical cost equivalent. All activities are continuing.

BALANCE SHEET

For the year ending 30 September 2025

	Notes	£	As at 30 Sep 2025 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets			-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		-	
Prepayments		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		45,949	
			<hr/>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			-
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)			<hr/> 45,949
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<hr/> 45,949
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			-
			<hr/>
Net Assets			<hr/> 45,949
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	5		22,316
Restricted funds			23,633
Total Funds			<hr/> 45,949

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Trustee benefits: advances, credit and guarantees

During the year no benefits, in the form of advances, credit and guarantees, were conferred upon trustees of the charity.

Guarantees and other financial commitments

During the year no guarantees or other financial commitments were made.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 9-13 were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



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Jacqueline Bateman
Chair of Trustees

Date: **13/03/2026**
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 30 September 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Statutory Information

Friends of Rowntree Park is a registered charity in the UK with the Charities Commission, registration number 1183948.

b) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the receipts and payment basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the period, are set out below.

c) Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Accounting and Reporting by Charities for Smaller Entities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective January 2015) – (Charities 'SORP' FRS 102)): the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – Small Entities and other applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom.

d) Funds structure

Earmarked funds, as shown in the notes to the accounts, represent funds set aside by the trustees for use on specific projects. Amounts shown as Restricted Funds, on the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet, represent funds donated for specific projects in accordance with the Charities Act definition.

e) Income recognition

Revenue is recognised in respect of non-government, non-exchange transactions, donations and funds received for goods and services supplied during the financial period on receipt.

f) Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year the trustees did not receive any remuneration or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, as none were incurred.

2. DONATION AND LEGACIES INCOME

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2025 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £
General	-	1,157	1,157	2,021
Grants				
ASDA	2,100	-	2,100	3,153
Community Ownership Fund	-	-	-	9,764
The Cooperative Foundation	500	-	500	-
Feoffees	7,000	-	7,000	-
Joseph Rowntree Foundation	-	-	-	15,000
MIND	-	-	-	1,270
National Lottery Fund	-	-	-	3,635
Tesco	-	-	-	1,000
Trailblazers	-	-	-	2,740
Two Ridings	1,414	-	1,414	-
York Children's Trust	3,300	-	3,300	-
Yorkshire Water	-	-	-	-
	<u>14,314</u>	<u>1,157</u>	<u>15,471</u>	<u>38,583</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES INCOME

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2025 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £
Membership	-	11,390	11,390	7,976
External Event Booking Income	-	2,475	2,475	1,209
Events Income	-	10,747	10,747	13,571
	-	24,612	24,612	22,756

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES INCOME

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2025 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £
FRP Merchandise	-	2,339	2,339	2,049
Duck Food	-	2,151	2,151	526
	-	4,490	4,490	2,575

5. RAISING FUNDS

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2025 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £
Duck Food	-	560	560	74
Bird Food / Feeds	-	75	75	-
Merchandise Expenses	-	882	882	924
Advertising Expenses	-	1,061	1,061	336
	-	2,578	2,578	1,334

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2025 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £
Projects	-	10,397	10,397	11,806
Volunteer Retention	-	194	194	184
Forest School	-	2,284	2,284	2,815
Charity Management	-	11,633	11,633	11,089
Grant Expenses	17,651	-	17,651	46,437
	17,651	24,508	42,159	72,331

7. OTHER

Year to	Year to
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	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	30 Sep 2025 Total £	30 Sep 2024 Total £
General Expenses	-	650	650	282
Insurance	529	39	568	548
Fees	-	1,117	1,117	886
Website/IT	118	1,940	2,058	1,702
	647	3,746	4,393	3,418

8. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The board of trustees have approved the following reallocation of funds between the restricted and unrestricted fund accounts:

Fund	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2025 Total £
Charities Trust*	(250)	250	-
	(250)	250	-

* During the 2024-25 financial year it was confirmed that the Charities Trust payment of £250 was a gift donation, and as such has been released from the restricted fund. This has now been designated towards the Lodge Garden.

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Restricted Fund 30 Sep 2024 £	Restricted Fund movement £	Year to 30 Sep 2025 Total £
Restricted Funds**			
ASDA	-	1,282	1,282
Belfry	393	(393)	-
Benenden	118	(118)	-
Charities Trust (see note 8)	250	(250)	-
The Cooperative Foundation	-	500	500
Crime Commissioner	7,597	(2,580)	5,017
Feoffees	-	4,969	4,969
Joseph Rowntree Foundation	11,976	(6,000)	5,976
MSFG - Equipment	642	-	642
Trailblazers	1,011	(1,011)	-
Two Ridings	-	1,153	1,153
York Children's Trust	-	-	-
Yorkshire Water	5,630	(1,786)	3,844
	27,617	(11,427)	23,383

** First Transpennine confirmed during the 2022-23 financial year that the grant issued in the previous financial period was released from all restriction and could be treated as a designated general donation. The balance on this fund is 697 (2024: £817).






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Key achievements for during the 2023-24 financial year include:

Make Space for Girls in Rowntree Park project

In May funds raised for the Making Space for Girls initiative were used to install new equipment into an area co-designed with the teenage girls who have attended the five-week free programme of events and activities. Around 400 girls have been involved with the project, which also involved leading sessions for York International Women's Week, at the Mansion House for International Women's Day and at York Theatre Royal for the Women of the World Show.

The project won the 'Best of the Best' award from Green Flag Awards for the 'Best Initiative to increase use of parks by women and girls' in November 2023.

Gardening

Despite the park being under water for 3 months, the volunteers adapted, and the park looked great again. New welcome and history boards were also installed.

Community Link

We continue to work with the council to report issues and suggest improvements. This year, key themes have been flooding and communication between teams linked to flooding and also who does what in the park and when.

Social Media

In the past year we have made significant strides in expanding our social media presence, which is vital for engaging with our community and promoting our activities. Since November 2023 we have increased our followers by 1.1k. The growth reflects our ongoing efforts to connect with our audience and share the positive impact of our initiatives. Our following on Instagram has also now reached 12.3k. This impressive reach demonstrates the effectiveness of our social media in engaging a wider audience and raising awareness about the Friends of Rowntree Park. These numbers not only highlight our growing influence but also provide an opportunity to further engage with our community. By continuing to enhance our social media presence, we can attract more volunteers, participants and members.

Future Plans

Lodge Project

The Lodge Project Team continues to meet regularly and are currently looking at grant-making organisations for a large bid to support this project, such as the Heritage Lottery Fund. Submission for a grant is likely to be made in early 2025. Work is also ongoing on our negotiations with the council on the lease and the Heads of Terms are currently being agreed.

Green Park Award

Rowntree Park was not entered for the Green Flag Award in 2024, but the aim is to enter in 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

Our Trustees and Committee work closely together. In fact, some trustees were originally committee members and still have active roles on the committee too.

Our trustees oversee the strategic planning of the charity. They make sure the Friends plans are in line with the charity's aims and that the charity's funds are handled responsibly.

Earlier this year, Cath Mortimer stepped down as the Chair of the Board of Trustees and recruitment is now underway for a new Chair. As an interim measure the current Trustees have agreed to take on the role of Chair on a six-month rolling basis. Edward Wollard will be in the position of Chair until the end of March 2025.

Our committee members are involved in the day-to-day running of the charity. They plan and run events and activities in line with the charity's aims and objectives. The committee has open/public meetings four times a year in January, April, June and October (AGM). Subgroups also meet throughout the year.

The charity has a paid charity manager, Abigail Gaines, who works part-time, looking after the volunteers and members, as well as coordinating our wide-ranging activities and all the design and advertising. Those leading the Forest School and Gardening strands receive payment towards their work and we pay for a few hours of admin/finance help as well as an accountant for our end of year accounts.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to hold reserves of no less than three months of ongoing expenditure.

Political Donations

The Friends has no party-political affiliations and does not make political donations.

Financial Accounts

The accounts for the year ending 30 September 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to all charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards.

The financial year has ended with a net deficit (total income less total expenditure) of £13,169, made up of a net deficit on unrestricted funds of £3,294, and a net deficit on restricted funds of £9,875.

Total charitable income in 2023/24 was £63,914, compared to £78,268 in 2022/23, a decrease of £14,354.

Total expenditure on charitable activities in 2023/24 was £77,083, compared to £52,117 in 2022/23 an increase of £24,966.

The balance on unrestricted funds will reduce the charity reserves, however the release of restricted funds during the year means that there remains £22,889 in unrestricted funds to be carried forward. The balance on restricted funds will be carried forward to next financial year, in accordance with restricted grant funding requirements.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They 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.

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- So far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the independent reviewer is unaware, and
- Each trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant financial information that may have a material impact on the financial reports and to establish that the organisation's independent reviewer is aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:



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Edward George Woollard
Chair of Trustees

Approved by the board on

Date: 03/02/2025
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year ending 30 September 2024

I report on the accounts of Friends of Rowntree Park for the year ending 30 September 2024, which are set out on pages 9-13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
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Have not been met, or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Chartered Accountant
Equilibrium Accountants Ltd
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22 November 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 30 September 2024

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £
INCOME					
Incoming and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	36,562	2,021	38,583	49,606
Charitable activities	3	-	22,756	22,756	23,538
Other trading activities	4	-	2,575	2,575	5,124
Investments		-	-	-	-
Other income		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		36,562	27,352	63,914	78,268
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	-	1,334	1,334	2,143
Charitable activities	6	46,437	25,894	72,331	47,209
Other	7	-	3,418	3,418	2,765
Total resources expended		46,437	30,646	77,083	52,117
Net income / (expenditure) for the period		(9,875)	(3,294)	(13,169)	26,151
Transfer of funds	8	(1,638)	1,638	-	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward as at 1 Oct 23		39,130	24,545	63,675	37,524
Total funds carried forward as at 30 Sep 24	9	27,617	22,889	50,506	63,675

The notes on pages 11-13 form a part of these financial statements

A Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as all gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

There is no difference between the net income / (expenditure) for the period above and the historical cost equivalent. All activities are continuing.

BALANCE SHEET

For the year ending 30 September 2024

	Notes	£	As at 30 Sep 2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets			-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		-	
Prepayments		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		50,506	
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Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			-
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Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)			50,506
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities			50,506
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Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			-
			<hr/>
Net Assets			50,506
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FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	5		22,803
Restricted funds			27,703
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Total Funds			50,506
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The notes on pages 11-13 form a part of these financial statements

Trustee benefits: advances, credit and guarantees

During the year no benefits, in the form of advances, credit and guarantees, were conferred upon trustees of the charity.

Guarantees and other financial commitments

During the year no guarantees or other financial commitments were made.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 9-13 were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

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Edward George Woollard
Chair of Trustees

Date:

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 30 September 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Statutory Information

Friends of Rowntree Park is a registered charity in the UK with the Charities Commission, registration number 1183948.

b) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the receipts and payment basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the period, are set out below.

c) Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Accounting and Reporting by Charities for Smaller Entities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective January 2015) – (Charities ‘SORP’ FRS 102)): the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – Small Entities and other applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom.

d) Funds structure

Earmarked funds, as shown in the notes to the accounts, represent funds set aside by the trustees for use on specific projects. Amounts shown as Restricted Funds, on the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet, represent funds donated for specific projects in accordance with the Charities Act definition.

e) Income recognition

Revenue is recognised in respect of non-government, non-exchange transactions, donations and funds received for goods and services supplied during the financial period on receipt.

f) Trustees’ remuneration and expenses

During the year the trustees did not receive any remuneration or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, as none were incurred.

2. DONATION AND LEGACIES INCOME

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £
General	-	2,021	2,021	2,440
Grants				
Benenden	3,153	-	3,153	1,956
Crime Commissioner	-	-	-	10,528
Community Ownership Fund	9,764	-	9,764	8,140
CYC	-	-	-	8,140
Joseph Rowntree Foundation	15,000	-	15,000	-
MIND	1,270	-	1,270	1,458
National Lottery Fund	3,635	-	3,635	-
Sweaty Betty	-	-	-	5,000
Tesco	1,000	-	1,000	-
Trailblazers	2,740	-	2,740	-
Two Ridings	-	-	-	1,584
Whitwam Family	-	-	-	5,000
Yorkshire Water	-	-	-	13,500
	<u>36,562</u>	<u>2,021</u>	<u>38,583</u>	<u>49,606</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES INCOME

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £
Membership	-	7,976	7,976	6,215
External Event Booking Income	-	1,209	1,209	1,181
Events Income	-	13,571	13,571	16,142
	-	22,756	22,756	23,538

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES INCOME

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £
FRP Merchandise	-	2,049	2,049	3,198
Duck Food	-	526	526	1,926
	-	2,575	2,575	5,124

5. RAISING FUNDS

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £
Duck Food	-	74	74	-
Bird Food / Feeds	-	-	-	20
Merchandise Expenses	-	924	924	579
Cards – Merchandise	-	-	-	751
Advertising Expenses	-	336	336	793
	-	1,334	1,334	2,143

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £
Projects	-	11,806	11,806	13,048
Volunteer Retention	-	184	184	383
Forest School	-	2,815	2,815	3,656
Charity Management	-	11,089	11,089	12,320
Grant Expenses	46,437	-	46,437	17,802
	46,437	25,954	72,331	47,209

7. OTHER

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £
General Expenses	-	282	282	292
Insurance	-	548	548	514
Fees	-	886	886	927
Website/IT	-	1,702	1,702	1,032
	-	3,418	3,418	2,765

8. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The board of trustees have approved the following reallocation of funds between the restricted and unrestricted fund accounts:

Fund	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £
DS Smith	(1,500)	1,500	-
Gardening	(273)	273	-
MSFG – Activities	150	(150)	-
MSFG – Lottery	(15)	15	-
	(1,638)	1,638	-

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS RECONCILIATION

	Restricted Fund 30 Sep 2023 £	Restricted Fund movement £	Year to 30 Sep 2024 Total £
Restricted Funds**			
Belfry	1,017	(624)	393
Benenden	1,061	(943)	118
Charities Trust	250	-	250
COF Enabling Fund – Lodge	(1,950)	1,950	-
Crime Commissioner	10,188	(2,591)	7,597
CYC – Lodge	1,000	(1,000)	-
DS Smith	1,500	(1,500)	-
Gardening – Propagation Project	273	(273)	-
Joseph Rowntree Foundation	-	11,976	11,976
MIND	-	86	86
MSFG – Activities	-	-	-
MSFG - Equipment	15,000	(14,358)	642
MSFG – Benenden	-	-	-
MSFG – Lottery	-	-	-
Trailblazers	-	1,011	1,011
Yorkshire Water	10,791	(5,161)	5,630
	39,130	(11,427)	27,703

** First Transpennine confirmed during the 2022-23 financial year that the grant issued in the previous financial period was released for all restriction and could be treated as a designated general donation. The balance on this fund is 817 (2023: £2,473)

FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1183948

Accounts

Friends of Rowntree Park

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending 30 September 2023

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CHARITY INFORMATION

For the year ending 30 September 2023

Charity Overview

Registered Charity Name:	Friends of Rowntree Park
Charity Number:	1183948
Principal Office Address:	33 Curzon Terrace York North Yorkshire YO23 1EZ
Trustees:	Lucy Katherine Brown (Appointed 17 April 2023) Agnes Reka Szechy (Appointed 17 April 2023) Edward George Woollard (Appointed 17 April 2023) Polly Louisa Bennett Jane Elen Mackay Matthew David Segar Rebecca Blues Anthony Chester Dr Catherine Jane Mortimer Stephen Dunthorne (Resigned 17 April 2023)

TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ending 30 September 2023

Introduction

The trustees hereby present the annual report for Friends of Rowntree Park, a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (registered number 1183948). Friends of Rowntree Park is a charity focused on maintaining and improving Rowntree Park in York.

The Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

- Lucy Katherine Brown (Appointed 17 April 2023)
- Agnes Reka Szechy (Appointed 17 April 2023)
- Edward George Woollard (Appointed 17 April 2023)
- Polly Louisa Bennett
- Jane Elen Mackay
- Matthew David Segar
- Rebecca Blues
- Anthony Chester
- Dr Catherine Jane Mortimer
- Stephen Dunthorne (Resigned 17 April 2023)

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Trust Deed. Trustees meet quarterly, and all decisions are reached by agreement. The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Background

The Friends of Rowntree Park are a registered charity. From 1993-2019, the Friends of Rowntree Park ran as a not-for-profit organisation with a committee leading the day-to-day management of our volunteer activities.

The Friends of Rowntree Park became a charity in June 2019 and trustees were appointed at this time. All trustees and committee members are volunteers.

Our volunteers love Rowntree Park in York and help care for it. Our volunteers do activities such as garden, litter pick, help with wildlife, run community events and projects, as well as focusing on education and mental health and wellbeing.

Objectives and Activities

Our vision is for The Friends to be a well-resourced and sustainable group of volunteers and staff focused on enhancing the value of the park as a cherished, thriving, green space at the heart of our local community.

We aim to the quality of life for residents and visitors through use of the park and its facilities, enabling and delivering a range of activities that engage all sectors of the community.

Our priorities are:

1. To continue to offer a range of services and opportunities to park users and the local community.
2. To increase resilience and robustness of resources so the long-term future of The Friends is assured.
3. To expand the range of services and opportunities offered, subject to building on the resources available.

Our strategy focuses on four main themes: Education, Conservation, Wellbeing and Recreation. We run a membership scheme where anyone can join the Friends of Rowntree Park. This money helps fund the work we do.

We have a small group of dedicated volunteers that want to make Rowntree Park the best it can be.

We run a range of events for all ages. Many of these tend to focus on natural and 'eco' themes.

For children we have a range of events through the year that include regular events like Forest School, Home Education sessions and the Very Young Friends of Rowntree Park, as well as one-off special events. Adult events also tend to follow a nature/eco theme and range from things like nature crafts, bird watching, art and mindfulness. We also run musical and art events through the summer months when able.

Structure, Governance and Management

Our Trustees and Committee work closely together. In fact, some trustees were originally committee members and still have active roles on the committee too.

Our trustees oversee the strategic planning of the charity. They make sure the Friends plans are in line with the charity's aims and that the charity's funds are handled responsibly.

Our committee members are involved in the day-to-day running of the charity. They plan and run events and activities in line with the charity's aims and objectives. The committee has open/public meetings four times a year in January, April, June and October (AGM). Subgroups also meet throughout the year.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to hold reserves of no less than three months of ongoing expenditure.

Political Donations

The Friends has no party-political affiliations and does not make political donations.

Financial Accounts

The accounts for the year ending 30 September 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Articles of Association and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to all charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial

position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They 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.

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- So far as each trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the independent reviewer is unaware, and
- Each trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant financial information that may have a material impact on the financial reports and to establish that the organisation's independent reviewer is aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:



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Cath Mortimer
Chair of Trustees

Approved by the board on

Date: **14/03/2024**
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

For the year ending 30 September 2023

I report on the accounts of Friends of Rowntree Park for the year ending 30 September 2023, which are set out on pages 8-13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
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Have not been met, or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Nicola Ainscough FCA BSc
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29 February 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ending 30 September 2023

	Notes	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2022 Total £
INCOME					
Incoming and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	47,166	2,440	49,606	17,072
Charitable activities	3	-	23,538	23,538	18,244
Other trading activities	4	-	5,124	5,124	5,058
Investments		-	-	-	-
Other income		-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		47,166	31,102	78,268	40,374
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	-	2,143	2,143	2,631
Charitable activities	6	17,802	29,407	47,209	35,253
Other	7	-	2,765	2,765	2,556
Total resources expended		17,802	34,315	52,117	40,440
Net income / (expenditure) for the period		29,364	(3,213)	26,151	(66)
Transfer of funds	8	(2,482)	2,482	-	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward as at 1 Oct 22		12,248	25,276	37,524	37,490
Total funds carried forward as at 30 Sep 23	9	39,130	24,545	63,675	37,524

The notes on pages 10-13 form a part of these financial statements

A Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as all gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

There is no difference between the net income / (expenditure) for the period above and the historical cost equivalent. All activities are continuing.

BALANCE SHEET

For the year ending 30 September 2023

	Notes	£	As at 30 Sep 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets			-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		-	
Prepayments		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		63,675	
		63,675	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			-
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)			63,675
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			63,675
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			-
Net Assets			63,675
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	5		24,545
Restricted funds			39,130
Total Funds			63,675

The notes on pages 10-13 form a part of these financial statements

Trustee benefits: advances, credit and guarantees

During the year no benefits, in the form of advances, credit and guarantees, were conferred upon trustees of the charity.

Guarantees and other financial commitments

During the year no guarantees or other financial commitments were made.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 8-13 were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



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Cath Mortimer
Chair of Trustees

Date: **14/03/2024**
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ending 30 September 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Statutory Information

Friends of Rowntree Park is a registered charity in the UK with the Charities Commission, registration number 1183948.

b) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the receipts and payment basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the period, are set out below.

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d) Funds structure

Earmarked funds, as shown in the notes to the accounts, represent funds set aside by the trustees for use on specific projects. Amounts shown as Restricted Funds, on the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet, represent funds donated for specific projects in accordance with the Charities Act definition.

e) Income recognition

Revenue is recognised in respect of non-government, non-exchange transactions, donations and funds received for goods and services supplied during the financial period on receipt.

f) Trustees’ remuneration and expenses

During the year the trustees did not receive any remuneration or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, as none were incurred.

2. DONATION AND LEGACIES INCOME

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2022 Total £
General	-	2,440	2,440	2,276
Grants				
Crime Commissioner	10,528	-	10,528	
Two Ridings	1,584	-	1,584	
Yorkshire Water	13,500	-	13,500	
Benenden	1,956	-	1,956	
CYC	8,140	-	8,140	1,177
Sweaty Betty	5,000	-	5,000	
Whitwam Family	5,000	-	5,000	
MIND	1,458	-	1,458	2,635
LNER	-	-	-	10,984
	<u>47,166</u>	<u>2,440</u>	<u>49,606</u>	<u>17,072</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES INCOME

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2022 Total £
Membership	-	6,215	6,215	4,852
External Event Booking Income	-	1,181	1,181	2,264
Events Income	-	16,142	16,142	11,128
	-	23,538	23,538	18,244

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES INCOME

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2022 Total £
FRP Merchandise	-	3,198	3,198	1,836
Cards	-	-	-	589
Duck Food	-	1,926	1,926	2,633
	-	5,124	5,124	5,058

5. RAISING FUNDS

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2022 Total £
Duck Food	-	-	-	793
Bird Food / Feeds	-	20	20	183
Merchandise Expenses	-	579	579	502
Cards – Merchandise	-	751	751	810
Advertising Expenses	-	793	793	343
	-	2,143	2,143	2,631

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2022 Total £
Projects	-	13,048	13,048	6,772
Volunteer Retention	-	383	383	187
Forest School	-	3,656	3,656	4,329
Charity Management	-	12,320	12,320	6,415
Grant Expenses	17,802	-	17,802	17,550
	17,802	29,407	47,209	35,253

7. OTHER

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £	Year to 30 Sep 2022 Total £
General Expenses	-	292	292	186
Insurance	-	514	514	497
Fees	-	927	927	997
Website/IT	-	1,032	1,032	876
	-	2,765	2,765	2,556

8. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The board of trustees have approved the following reallocation of funds between the restricted and unrestricted fund accounts:

Fund	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £
Bettys	(574)	574	-
Crime Commissioner	138	(138)	-
W2W	(176)	176	-
Yorkshire Water	1,407	(1,407)	-
Benenden	157	(157)	-
CYC Micklegate	(39)	39	-
MIND	(419)	419	-
LNER	(399)	399	-
MSFG – Activities	(104)	104	-
First Transpennine **	(2,473)	2,473	-
	(2,482)	2,482	-

** First Transpennine confirmed during the 2022-23 financial year that the grant issued in the previous financial period was released for all restriction and could be treated as a general donation. As such, the remaining funds in the restricted account have been released to unrestricted funds.

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS RECONCILIATION

Fund	Restricted Fund 30 Sep 2022 £	Fund movement £	Year to 30 Sep 2023 Total £
Gardening – Propagation Project	273	-	273
Bettys	1,440	(1,440)	-
Crime Commissioner	(138)	10,326	10,188
W2W	176	(176)	-
Yorkshire Water	(1,407)	12,198	10,791
DS Smith	1,500	-	1,500
CYC Micklegate	39	(39)	-
Benenden	(157)	1,218	1,061
MIND	173	(173)	-
LNER Grant	6,822	(6,822)	-
Charities Trust	250	-	250
Belfry (Two Ridings)	-	1,017	1,017
MSFG - Equipment	-	15,000	15,000
MSFG – Activities	-	-	-
COF Enabling Fund – Lodge	-	(1,950)	(1,950)
CYC – Lodge	-	1,000	1,000
First Transpennine	3,277	(3,277)	-
	<u>12,248</u>	<u>26,882</u>	<u>39,130</u>

FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1183948

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Charity Commission Annual Return 2022

FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

Charity registration number: 1183948

Most of the information you give in this form will become publicly available on the Register of Charities. Any field that the Charity Commission will not display will be clearly marked.

This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2022.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/10/2021

Financial period end date

30/09/2022

Income and spending

Income £

£ 40,374

Spending £

£ 40,440

Serious Incidents

For the period of this return, were there any serious incidents in your charity that have not been reported to the Charity Commission?

No

Fundraising - professional fundraiser

Did your charity raise funds from the public?

Yes

Did the charity work with any professional fundraisers?

No

Fundraising - commercial participator

Did your charity work with any commercial participators?

No

Government contracts

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities?

No

Government grants

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from grants from central government or local authorities?

Yes

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or local authorities?

1

What was the total value of these grants?

£ 1,177

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside the UK ?

Spending outside England & Wales

Did your charity operate outside England and Wales?

Total Spending outside England & Wales

Trading subsidiaries

Did the charity have any subsidiaries?

Trustee payments

Did any of the trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses?

Did any of the trustees resign and then take up employment with the charity?

Employees' salaries

Did any of your charity's staff receive total employee benefits of £60,000 or more? Select No if your charity does not have any staff or does not pay any staff.

For your highest paid member of staff only, what was the total value of their employee benefits?

(For example if your highest paid member of staff received £35,000 enter 35000). If you do not have any staff or did not pay any staff, enter 0 (zero)

Volunteers

How many UK volunteers, excluding trustees, did the charity have during the financial period?

Financial controls

Did your charity review its internal financial controls?

Safeguarding

Has the charity obtained a standard, enhanced or enhanced with barred lists DBS check on all trustees, employees and volunteers who are in roles that are eligible for these checks?

Select Yes if there are no trustees, employees or volunteers in roles that are eligible for these types of DBS checks.

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- you have consented to their release; or
- we are legally obliged to disclose them; or
- we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- we can lawfully do so; and
- we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

(a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;

(b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;

(c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/10/2021	To	30/09/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	4,852	-	-	4,852	4,450
Merchandise	2,425	-	-	2,425	1,818
Events	4,220	-	-	4,220	4,940
Craft Group	151	-	-	151	516
Forest School	6,758	-	-	6,758	4,038
Duck Food Sales	2,633	-	-	2,633	1,667
Donations	2,276	-	-	2,276	606
Event Bookings	2,264	-	-	2,264	2,298
Grants	-	14,796	-	14,796	17,194
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	25,578	14,796	-	40,374	37,527

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,578	14,796	-	40,374	37,527

A3 Payments

Events	1,503	-	-	1,503	1,059
Gardening	2,738	-	-	2,738	1,052
Craft Group	55	-	-	55	237

Advertising/Marketing	674	-	-	674	333
Merchandise	1,312	-	-	1,312	216
Bird Food/Feeders	183	-	-	183	81
Duck Food	793	-	-	793	532
Projects	2,145	-	-	2,145	1,319
Fees	997	-	-	997	643
Insurance	497	-	-	497	497
Volunteer Retention	187	-	-	187	65
Accounting	304	-	-	304	-
General Expenses	186	-	-	186	115
Website/IT	572	-	-	572	531
Forest School	4,329	-	-	4,329	1,162
Charity Management	6,415	-	-	6,415	3,249
Grants	-	17,550	-	17,550	5,145
Venue Hire	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	22,890	17,550	-	40,440	11,091

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	22,890	17,550	-	40,440	11,091
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,688	2,754	-	66	26,436
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,588	15,002	-	37,590	-
Cash funds this year end	25,276	12,248	-	37,524	26,436


Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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				-	
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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Anthony Chester Cath Mortimer	18.9.23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

On accounts for the year ended

30/09/2022

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: M Raynes

Date: 19/9/23

Name: MICHAEL RAYNES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Address: 16 NELSONS LANE
YORK
YO24 1HD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None

Name: MICHAEL JAMES
 Title: CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE
 Date: 30/01/2022

FRIENDS OF ROWNTREE PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 1183948

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 1st Oct 2020

To: 30 Sept 2021

Charity name: Friends of Rowntree Park

Charity registration number: 1183948

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity's objects are for the public benefit to: 1) promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the Rowntree Park as a place of environmental interest and amenity value, 2) advance the education of people of all ages in relation to the history, biodiversity and other aspects of Rowntree Park and related issues, 3) provide facilities and opportunities for public education, recreation and other leisure interests within Rowntree Park, 4) promote civic responsibility, volunteering, health and wellbeing among the users of Rowntree Park.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organise volunteers to carry out gardening, litter-picking and other practical tasks in the park, in order to improve the Park• Organise a programme of activities and projects for people of all ages and backgrounds, within the park• Offer Forest School and similar environmental education• Run a membership scheme for the Friends• Co-operate and collaborate with other significant partners, including the council, York Cares etc.• Manage all of the above in a safe and effective manner.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit, and we believe that the work of the Friends does provide plentiful public benefit, as outlined above.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	NA
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	NA
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our volunteers are essential – they do the practical hands-on work and provide a lot of the inspiration for the projects and activities that happen. • We only have a small amount of paid assistance - and these individuals contribute many more hours, as unpaid volunteers.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased volunteer numbers, recruited new volunteer leaders and clarified induction processes: the charity offers more opportunities for volunteering and we feel more certain that the work is carried out in an effective and safe way. • New website, more regular social media posts and more prominent signage in the park: the passion and focus of the charity is now much clearer to the public. • Increased level of Friends' membership – more people are aware of our work, and of the activities available. • Planned a budget, although the implementation of this was much disrupted by Covid restrictions, and spending was down over the year:

		the charity is able to show that their income is well-spent.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a tough year, due to Covid restrictions, we couldn't do as many gardening and other sessions as planned. However, the number of volunteers continued to grow throughout the year, as did the number of Friends who support us with their memberships. • A key objective was to recruit more trustees, and we have successfully found a group of high-class appointees.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	NA
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	NA
Other		NA

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Unrestricted fund profit of 11k, leaves charity in strong financial position. Aim to see a reduction in reserves in line with the reserves policy in 21/22
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in line with our reserves policy, to cover flooding, loss of income and potential future projects
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£22,588
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of the Friends (£5 per person, per year) • Fees paid to attend our events • Grants for specific projects
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	NA
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day-to-day management of the charity is the responsibility of one person. • When the park floods, our activities cease, which impacts our income, and the park's public profile. • The city council is under-funded and the paid staff in charge of the park are severely over-stretched, meaning that there is even more call on our resources.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Resolution passed at convened meeting.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	NA
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	NA
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	NA
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Rowntree Park
Other name the charity uses	NA
Registered charity number	1183948
Charity's principal address	33 Curzon Terrace, York YO23 1EZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Catherine Mortimer	Chair		
2	Anthony Chester	Treasurer		
3	Matt Segar		From April 2021	
4	Becci Blues		From April 2021	
5	Stephen Dunthorne		From April 2021	
6	Rachael Bevan		From April 2021	
7	Polly Bennett		From April 2021	
8	Jane Mackay		From April 2021	
9	David Rowsell		To August 2021	
10	Ruth Phillips		To March 2021	
11	Abigail Gaines		To January 2021	
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13				
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15				
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20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NA
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NA
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NA

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Cath Mortimer Anthony Chester	
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Full name(s) Catherine Jane Mortimer Anthony Chester	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair Treasurer	
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Date 16.10.21	
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Friends of Rowntree Park	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1/10/2020	To	Period end date 30/09/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Memberships	4,450	-	-	4,450	3,680
Merchandise	1,818	-	-	1,818	-
Events	4,940	-	-	4,940	3,216
Craft Group	516	-	-	516	-
Forest School	4,038	-	-	4,038	1,638
Duck Food Sales	1,667	-	-	1,667	-
Donations	606	-	-	606	581
Events bookings	2,298	-	-	2,298	-
Grants	-	17,194	-	17,194	4,342
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,332	17,194	-	37,526	13,457
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,332	17,194	-	37,526	13,457
A3 Payments					
Events	1,059	-	-	1,059	742
Gardening	1,052	-	-	1,052	1,565
Craft Group	237	-	-	237	-

Advertising/Marketing	333	-	-	333	241
Merchandise	216	-	-	216	336
Bird Food/feeders	81	-	-	81	120
Duck Food	532	-	-	532	338
Projects	1,319			1,319	702
Fees (PayPal, Stripe, iZettle)	643			643	257
Insurance	497			497	427
Volunteer Retention	65			65	183
General expenses	115			115	389
Website/IT	531			531	269
Forest School	1,162	-	-	1,162	-
Charity management	3,249			3,249	
Grants		5,145		5,145	5,106
Venue Hire				-	335
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,091	5,145	-	16,236	11,010

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	

Total payments	11,091	5,145	-	16,236	11,010
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Net of receipts/(payments)	9,241	12,049	-	21,290	2,447
A5 Transfers between funds	2,154	- 2,154	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,193	5,107	-	16,300	-
Cash funds this year end	22,588	15,002	-	37,590	2,447

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
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B1 Cash funds

Cash	48	-	-
Bank	22,315	15,002	-
PayPal	225	-	-
Total cash funds	22,588	15,002	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))

OK	OK	OK
Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
A Chester	Anthony Chester	16/10/2021
C Mortimer	Cath Mortimer	16/10/2021



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Friends of Rowntree Park

**On accounts for the year
ended**

Sep 2021 **Charity no
(if any)** 1183948

Set out on pages

1-3
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 / 09 / 2021**.

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: MRaynes

Date: 11/10/22

Name: Michael Raynes

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):**

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

No materials matters of concern were identified.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Section B Disclosure

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