

# FRIENDS OF THE FISHPOND PARK PANTEG

England & Wales · Charity number 1184066

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-06-24

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE PARISHES OF GRIFFITHSTOWN AND SEBASTAPOL IN THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF TORFAEN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA ("THE AREA OF BENEFIT"), TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFITS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PRESERVATION, PROMOTION, SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FISHPOND PARK, PANTEG, PONTYPOOL.

**Activities:** A group of volunteers who have come together to maintain and improve a local park (known as the Fishpond Park due to the presence of the fishpond which is an important feature in the park). The work primarily involves general gardening and maintenance of the grounds for the benefit of the local community. The volunteers meet on Saturday mornings and during the summer on additional evenings.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Recreation

## Geography

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- Area of benefit: LOCAL
- Torfaen

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£16,792	£34,194	-	-
2023-10-31	£7,506	£6,886	-	-
2022-10-31	£6,777	£4,075	-	-
2021-10-31	£11,825	£13,493	-	-
2020-10-31	£9,196	£7,722	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Maldwyn Davies</b>	Chair	2019-06-24
Anita Herbert		2019-06-24
Annette Madden		2019-06-24
Bryan Madden		2019-06-24
Christine Peploe		2019-06-24
Christopher Woods		2019-06-24
Claire Jones		2019-06-24
Colin Mansfield		2019-06-24
Grainne Mansfield		2019-06-24
Helen Powell		2021-11-20
Lyndon Jones		2019-06-24
Paul Davies		2019-06-24
Paula Davies		2019-06-24
Robert Evans		2019-06-24
Rosemary Ann Forster		2019-06-24
Shirley Horler Mrs		2019-06-24
Trevor Whittaker		2019-06-24
Wendy Woods		2019-06-24

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 To 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Charity name: Friends of Fishpond Park Panteg

Charity registration number: 1184066

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To advance the facilities and maintenance of the Fishpond Park for the benefit and enjoyment of the community.</p> <p>To raise funds to further this aim whilst not engaging in any taxable permanent trading activity and must comply with regulations.</p>
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	<p>General work on all areas of the park including weeding, pruning and planting to ensure the park looks good all year round.</p> <p>Our dog show/fun day is our main fund raising event. 2024 was the park centenary and we were able to show off the renovated pond/fountain and the resurfaced paths.</p> <p>We hosted a lamp lighting ceremony to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D Day landings.</p> <p>In December we held our usual pensioners tea which is completely free as it is funded by our volunteers. Children from the local primary school provide the entertainment and the event is well loved by those who attend many of whom live alone.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>I can confirm the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers make cakes at their own expense to raise funds. Some grow plants at home to offer for sale at our summer event to raise funds for us. Fruit an veg grown on their allotments offered to public in return for a donation.
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	That our group is still going strong after 10 years together and still committed to making the park as good as it can be is an achievement in itself. Completing the work on the pond so we now have a fully functioning pump and filter system and working fountain. The pond is an iconic feature and youngsters especially love to see the fish that now thrive in the pond. Resurfacing the main paths so they are now much safer to walk on. When the group first got together it was in response to the neglect, anti-social behaviour and drug use in the park which was worrying local residents. People didn't feel safe but this is no longer the case and it is a pleasure to visit. We have been awarded a Green Flag again. Positive Facebook comments.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance	Para 1.41	

against objectives		
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of this reporting period ( 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024) the charity is still solvent despite the large expenditure in this accounting period. The balance stands at £1,115 which although significantly lower than last year reflects the use of our accumulated funds to complete the work on the pond and resurface the paths.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have no policy for holding reserves
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Our charity is too small to have such a policy. In previous years we tried to save in order to be able t fund future projects which would require substantial expenditure. We spent those savings in this last period. We are now back to a small working balance and will need to build our funds back up in order to be in a position to make further improvements in the future.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### 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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		n/a
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	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed at our AGM By election

### 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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Fishpond Park Panteg
Other name the charity uses	

Registered charity number	1184066
Charity's principal address	1 Cwrdy Road Griffithstown Pontypool Torfaen NP4 5AG

**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	Maldwyn Davies	Chairman		
2	Wendy Woods	Secretary		
3	Helen Powell	Treasurer		
4	Colin Mansfield	Safety Officer		
5	Paul Davies	Social Secretary		
6	Paula Davies	Social Secretary		
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**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	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

**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

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**Other optional information**

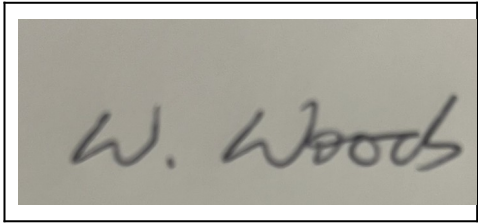
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**Declarations**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Wendy Carol Woods	
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Secretary	
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Date

19 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
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## Receipts and payments account

For the period from	Period start date 01-Nov-23	To
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>			
Public Donations	1,841	-	-
Members Donations	112	-	-
Dog Show/FunDay takings	2,293	-	-
Donations From Organisations	2,000	-	-
Council Contribution to Insurance	246	-	-
Donation from ward and community Council	10,300	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>16,792</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>16,792</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>			
General Expenses	793	-	-
Expenditure for Dog Show/FunDay	391	-	-
Electricity Bills	592	-	-
Purchase of Plants	746	-	-
Pond Refurbishment	1,234	-	-
Insurance Cost	492	-	-
Purchase of Tools	42	-	-
Tarmac to Paths	29,904	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>34,194</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>34,194</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 17,402</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>18,517</b>	-	-

**Cash funds this year end** | 1,115 | - | -

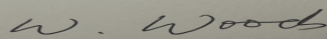
# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Balance held at 31 October 2024	1,115
		-
		-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>1,115</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>
	None	-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>
	None	
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>
	large secure metal storage container	unrestricted funds
	gardening tools and Equipment	unrestricted funds
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>
	None	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

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Period end date  
31-Oct-24

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**Total funds**

**Last year**

to the nearest £

to the nearest £

1,841	-
112	-
2,293	-
2,000	-
246	-
10,300	-
-	-
-	-
16,792	-

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-	-
-	-

16,792	-
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793	-
391	-
592	-
746	-
1,234	-
492	-
42	-
29,904	-
-	-
34,194	-

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-	-
-	-

34,194	-
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- 17,402	-
-	-
18,517	-

1,115	-
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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
-	-
-	-
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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Name	Date of approval
Noods	19/08/2025

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

### **Purposes of the Charity**

- 1) To advance the facilities and maintenance of the Fishpond Park Panteg for the benefit and enjoyment of the public at large
- 2) To raise funds to further this aim whilst not engaging in any taxable permanent trading activity and must comply with any relevant statutory regulations.

### **Summary of the main activities**

The ongoing maintenance and improvement of all areas of the park. This includes planting shrubs, annuals and perennials in the numerous beds. We keep costs down by purchasing seeds and plug plants. Some of our more green fingered members bring them on in their own greenhouses and allotments and transport to the park when ready for planting. Any plants surplus to requirements are offered to the general public in return for a donation. Many people donate empty hanging baskets and containers to us which we plant up and this helps us to raise more funds. The park is enclosed by hedging. The outside is cut annually by the Council but our members take care of the inside. This task alone keeps us busy at certain times of the year. A wood chipper enables us to reduce the green waste that is collected by the Council and also provides mulch for some of the borders.

There is a brick pavilion in the grounds which we use as our base and for some limited storage. We also have a metal storage container which provides extra storage for all our tools and equipment and is very secure.

We create a lot of green waste especially during the summer months. This is collected by the Local Authority. We also have a large compost area so that we can produce compost to use in the park and also reduce the amount of waste collected by the Council.

A major fundraising event is our family Fun Day/Dog Show which takes place in July and attended by several hundred people and generates much needed funds to finance our work.

To celebrate the Kings Coronation we held a picnic in the park which was a useful fund raiser for us. As in previous years we put on a free tea for local pensioners at Christmas.

The fish pond is an iconic feature in the park but this needs constant attention to ensure the wellbeing of the fish. Two pumps and a filter are housed inside the brick pavilion which is approximately 50 metres from the pond. This distance is a problem. After seeking expert opinion we were advised we needed new equipment which should be relocated to a position alongside the pond. This will involve digging out an underground chamber, installing the new equipment and running electric to it from the pavilion building. This will be a time consuming and costly project but we have made this work a priority and have

secured some donations to purchase most of the necessary equipment. Next year will be the park centenary so we hope to complete this project in time for the celebrations in the summer of 2024.

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA )continues to provide professional tennis coaching sessions for children. Outside of these sessions, the courts are available to members of the public free of charge.

We hope that our status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) will enable us to continue to secure funding to make improvements to the park. It has already enabled us to secure a 25 year lease with Torfaen County Borough Council running from August 2022.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The main achievement is probably the fact that as a group we are still going strong and as determined as ever to work together to maintain and improve the facilities in this park for the benefit of the community. The park attracts lots of visitors of all age groups and we receive many compliments and words of appreciation. Our Facebook page is testimony to our achievements.

When the group started in 2016 there had been a lot of anti-social behaviour, drug use and vandalism by youths in the park. I am pleased to report that such incidents are now very rare and this is probably because the park is being cared for, used and more appreciated.

We are pleased that our hard work in the park has been recognised by Keep Wales Tidy and we have been awarded a Green Flag each year since 2016.

### **Financial Review**

At the end of this reporting period (31<sup>st</sup> October 2023) the charity is in a good financial position. We have £18,517 which is a small increase on the previous year. We will continue to raise our own funds and try to secure funding to finance further improvements in the park.s

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Governing document - Constitution

We are a CIO

Trustees are appointed at our AGM. By election.

### **On behalf of the Charity's Trustees**

Wendy Woods

Position: Secretary

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**FRIENDS OF FISHPOND PARK PANTEG  
REGISTRATION NO. 1184066**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1st NOVEMBER 2022 to 31st OCTOBER 2023**

**A1 RECEIPTS**

Donations from the public	#	545
Donations from organisations	#	2531
Tea & veg sales	#	977
Income from Coronation Event	#	160
Income from Fun Day event	#	2134
Standing Orders	#	340
Reimbursement of defibrillator costs	#	419
Reimbursement of insurance costs	#	400
<b>Total income in period</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>7506</b>

**A3 PAYMENTS**

General expenditure	#	454
Expenditure for Fun Day event	#	235
Expenditure for Coronation event	#	67
Expenditure for pensioners tea event	#	85
New equipment	#	1033
Electricity bills	#	592
Insurance	#	462
Expenditure in period on pond project	#	3010
Plants & Shrubs etc	#	948
<b>Total expenditure in period</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>6886</b>

**NET INCOME IN PERIOD** # **620**

***Total funds held at 31st October 2023*** # **18517**

***\* Donations from organisations as follows***

Ward Councillors	#	600
Community Councillors	#	1500
Admiral Insurance	#	408
Easy Fundraising	#	23
<b><i>Total#</i></b>		<b>2531</b>

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**FRIENDS OF FISHPOND PARK PANTEG  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NO. 1184066**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup>  
OCTOBER 2021**

**Purposes of the Charity**

- 1) To advance the facilities and maintenance of the Fishpond Park Panteg for the benefit and enjoyment of the public at large
- 2) To raise funds to further this aim whilst not engaging in any taxable permanent trading activity and must comply with any relevant statutory regulations.

**Summary of the main activities**

The ongoing maintenance and improvement of all areas of the park. This includes planting shrubs, annuals and perennials in the numerous beds. We keep costs down by purchasing seeds and plug plants. Some of our more green fingered members bring them on in their own greenhouses and allotments and transport to the park when ready for planting. Any plants surplus to requirements are sold to the general public . Many people donate empty hanging baskets and containers to us which we plant up and sell at a good profit. The park is enclosed by hedging. The outside is cut annually by the Council but our members take care of the inside. This task alone keeps us busy at certain times of the year. We have purchased a wood chipper that enables us to reduce the green waste that is collected by the Council and also provide mulch for some of the borders.

There is a brick pavilion in the grounds which we use as our base and for storage. However, it became clear to us that we needed extra storage. We decided a metal storage container would provide the space and security we needed and after successfully obtaining the relevant planning permission the container was purchased and covered with wooden cladding as required by the planning consent. A few of our members worked on the inside to provide the shelving etc that we needed.

We create a lot of green waste which is collected by the Local Authority. We decided to build a large compost area to produce compost for our own use in the park and also reduce the amount of waste collected by the Council.

A major fundraising event is our family Fun Day and Dog Show which usually takes place in July and attended by several hundred people. This type of event has not been possible during the pandemic but in July 21 we

did hold the dog show and plant sale. This was a much smaller event but thankfully still generated much needed funds for our charity.

The park is noted for the fish pond but this needs constant attention to ensure the wellbeing of the fish. To that end we have had to purchase a new pump at considerable cost.

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA )continue to provide professional tennis coaching sessions for children. Outside of these sessions, the courts are available to members of the public free of charge.

The LTA together with Torfaen County Borough Council provided funds to cover the full cost of resurfacing the tennis courts. This funding was paid into our bank account to be paid, by us, directly to the contractors.

We hope that our status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) will enable us to secure funding to make further improvements. It has already enabled us to negotiate with Torfaen County Borough Council with regard to us leasing the park and the brick pavilion. This has taken longer than anticipated (partly due to the pandemic) but we are advised that arrangements are progressing.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The main achievement is probably the fact that as a group we are still going strong and as determined as ever to work together to maintain and improve the facilities in this park for the benefit of the community. The pandemic continued to impact on our work as a group during this period but some of our volunteers carried on working alone to ensure the park didn't decline. The park attracts lots of visitors and we receive many compliments and words of appreciation. Our Facebook page is testimony to our achievements.

When the group started in 2016 there had been a lot of anti-social behaviour, drug use and vandalism by youths in the park. I am pleased to report that such incidents are now very rare and this is probably because the park is being cared for, used and more appreciated.

We are pleased that our hard work in the park has been recognised by Keep Wales Tidy and we have been awarded a Green Flag each year since 2016.

## **Financial Review**

At the end of this reporting period (31<sup>st</sup> October 2021) the charity is in a good financial position. We have £15, 195. Although this is slightly down

on the same period last year we paid out significant sums on agreed expenditure (which includes the storage container and ancillary works to meet planning requirements).

The pump and filter for the fish pond is positioned inside the pavilion building and we have been advised that the distance from the pond is the cause of the issues we have keeping the water in good condition for the fish. Once the lease is secured we hope to reposition the pump and filter in the ground adjacent to the pond. This will be costly but since the fish pond is such a feature in the park we believe it should be done.

We hope a lease will enable us to apply for more substantial funding so that we will be able to finance some of the more expensive work needed in the park e.g. resurfacing of the tarmac paths which are in a very poor state.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Governing document - Constitution

We are a CIO

Trustees are appointed at our AGM. By election.

On behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Wendy Carol Woods

Position: Treasurer

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**FRIENDS OF FISHPOND PARK PANTEG  
REGISTRATION NO. 1184066**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1st NOVEMBER 2020 1**

**A1 RECEIPTS**

Donations from Public	465
Plant sales	3600
Tea & veg sales	689
Members standing orders	291
Donations from Organisations	6336
Dog Show Income	121
Sale of Refreshments	323
<b>Total income in period</b>	<b>11825</b>

**A3 PAYMENTS**

General expenditure	166
Expenditure for Dog Show/ Plant Sale	139
Insurance	95
Fish Food	47
Expenses for Container	4401
Expenses for Compost Enclosure	579
Pump for Fish Pond	520
Tools and general maintenance	954
Plants & Shrubs	321
Resurface Tennis Courts	6271
<b>Total expenditure in period</b>	<b>13493</b>

**NET INCOME FOR PERIOD -1668**

***The total funds held at 31st October 20: £15,195***

**\* Donations from Organisations as follows**

<i>Co op Community Fund</i>	2161
<i>Ward Councillors</i>	400
<i>Community Councillors</i>	800
<i>CAF ( Charities Aid Foundation)</i>	504
<i>Torfaen CBC for tennis court work</i>	2471
<b>Total</b>	<b>6336</b>

**\*\* For Information**

*The full cost of £6271 to resurface the tennis courts has bee*

*in full by Torfaen CBC. £3800 held at 31st October 2020 plus  
amount of £2471 as shown above - received this period*

**to 31 OCTOBER 2021**

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**FRIENDS OF FISHPOND PARK PANTEG  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NO. 1184066**

**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019 TO 31<sup>st</sup>  
OCTOBER 2020**

**Purposes of the Charity**

- 1) To advance the facilities and maintenance of the Fishpond Park Panteg for the benefit and enjoyment of the public at large
- 2) To raise funds to further this aim whilst not engaging in any taxable permanent trading activity and must comply with any relevant statutory regulations.

**Summary of the main activities**

The ongoing maintenance and improvement of all areas of the park. This includes planting shrubs, annuals and perennials in the numerous beds. We keep costs down by purchasing seeds and plug plants. Some of our more green fingered members bring them on in their own greenhouses and allotments and transport to the park when ready for planting. Any plants surplus to requirements are sold to the general public . Many people donate empty hanging baskets and containers to us which we plant up and sell at a good profit. The park is enclosed by hedging. The outside is cut annually by the Council but our members take care of the inside. This task alone keeps us busy at certain times of the year. We use good quality rechargeable electric tools and have had to purchase additional batteries to keep pace with the volume of work. We have also agreed to purchase a wood chipper that will enable us to reduce the green waste that is collected by the Council and also provide mulch for some of the borders.

There is a brick pavilion in the grounds which is in a poor state of repair but we use it as a base for our activities and for storage. Each year we try and identify some area to repair/improve. In the period covered by this return we completed the refurbishment of the ladies toilets. This was quite costly but a local Housing Association helped with a generous donation (received prior to June 19).

The large windows in the pavilion all needed attention. One window was missing and the area just boarded up and the other windows had missing or broken glass. A hardwood replacement was ordered from a local joinery firm and installed and glazed by one of our members. A locally based window company re-glazed the remaining windows using safety glass where necessary. The window frames all needed stripping, rubbing down and then repainting and this is being done alongside the gardening jobs.

The outside of the pavilion also needed painting. Security shutters and doors have been done but further work is required to complete the task.

Damaged concrete steps have been repaired.

A number of new benches have been commissioned and installed by our members.

A water fountain has been installed to provide drinking water.

CCTV was purchased and installed free of charge by a local electrical company. This was considered to be desirable to discourage any anti-social behaviour and is therefore helping to make the park a safe environment for the many residents who visit and value this local green space.

A major fundraising event is our family Fun Day and Dog Show which takes place in July and attended by several hundred people. The attractions include stalls, an ice cream van, afternoon teas, bouncy castle, football goal scoring, tennis tuition, bowls taster competition and plant sale. Unfortunately, in 2020 the Fun Day had to be cancelled due the pandemic but we did manage to hold a socially distanced plant sale.

The Lawn Tennis Association (LTA )working with Torfaen County Borough Council have chosen the Fishpond Park as a venue for professional tennis coaching sessions for children. Outside of these sessions, the courts are available to members of the public free of charge. The general public will therefore benefit when the courts are resurfaced courtesy of the LTA.

At Christmas we host an afternoon tea for local pensioners free of charge. Children from the local primary school attend to sing carols and there is also a free raffle. All the food is donated by our members so the cost to the charity is kept to a minimum. This event is particularly enjoyable and we know it is very much appreciated.

We hope that our status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) will enable us to secure funding to make further improvements. It has already enabled us to negotiate with Torfaen County Borough Council with regard to us leasing the park and the brick pavilion.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## **Achievements and Performance**

The main achievement is probably the fact that as a group we are still going strong and as determined as ever to work together to maintain and improve the facilities in this park for the benefit of the community. The pandemic meant we were unable to work as a group for many months but

during that time some individuals carried on working alone to ensure the park didn't decline. At a time when none of us could travel very far the park attracted a lot more visitors and we received many compliments and words of appreciation. It seems that there were a lot of people who were very grateful to have this tranquil green space nearby. Our Facebook page is testimony to our achievements.

When the group started in 2016 there had been a lot of anti-social behaviour, drug use and vandalism by youths in the park. I am pleased to report that such incidents are now very rare and this is probably because the park is being cared for, used and more appreciated.

We are pleased that our hard work in the park has been recognised by Keep Wales Tidy and we have been awarded a Green Flag each year since 2016.

### **Financial Review**

At the end of this reporting period (31<sup>st</sup> October 2020) the charity is in a good financial position. We have £16, 863. We already expect to spend around £8,600 in the near future on planned expenditure as mentioned in the receipts and payments account and there will be further costs to put a pitch roof on the coming storage container (as required by Planning). Negotiations regarding the lease are progressing well and we hope that having the lease will enable us to secure more substantial funding so that we will be able to finance some of the more expensive work needed in the park e.g. resurfacing of the tarmac paths which are in a very poor state.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Governing document - Constitution

We are a CIO

Trustees are appointed at our AGM. By election.

On behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Wendy Carol Woods

Position: Treasurer

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**FRIENDS OF FISHPOND PARK PANTEG  
REGISTRATION NO. 1184066**

**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 24th JUNE 2019 to 31 C**

**A1 RECEIPTS**

Donations  
Plant sales  
Tea & veg sales  
Members standing orders  
Trustee subscriptions  
Income from car boot sale  
Income from Fun Day  
Profit from members private xmas function  
Profit from members private BBQ  
**Total income in period**

**A3 PAYMENTS**

General expenditure  
Expenditure for Fun Day  
Expenditure for car boot sale  
Expenditure for pensioners xmas tea party  
Refurbishment of ladies toilets  
Windows  
New pond filter plus repairs  
CCTV  
Water fountain ( drinking water)  
Four new benches  
Planning fee for storage container  
Plants & Shrubs  
**Total expenditure in period**

**NET INCOME FOR PERIOD**

***For Information***

*The total funds held at 31st October 2020*

*This includes £3800 previously given to us by the Lawn  
Tennis Association to resurface the tennis courts.*

*£799 earmarked for a wood chipper*

*£4,000 plus earmarked for a secure storage container*

## **Notes**

Donations have been given by individuals, local businesses, Ward and Parish Councillors and a local community group

When members meet to work in the park we have tea/coffee and donated homemade cakes. Also donated seasonal vegetables. Members pay by way of a donation.

Some individuals have organised standing order payments direct from their bank by way of a donation

General expenditure includes a broad range of things E.g. Kitchen and toilet equipment and consumables. Paint and brushes. Gardening essentials, turf and obelisks. Fish food. Electric heaters. Strimmer and rechargeable batteries for gardening tools.

The cost of one brand new (large) window plus replacement of broken or missing glass in the rest of the windows in the brick pavilion.

**OCTOBER 2020**

	<b>See Note</b>
3244	1
2593	
814	2
425	3
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1924	
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40	
<b>9196</b>	

1586	4
377	
38	
82	
2167	
1092	5
772	
125	
414	
360	
190	
518	
<b>7721</b>	

**1475**

*£16,863*

Note 1

Note 2

Note 3

Note 4

Note 5