



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Charity name: Friends of Felling Park and Town Centre CIO**

**Charity registration number: 1184238**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF GATESHEAD 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 THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF FELLING PARK AND THE PUBLIC RECREATIONAL AREAS OF FELLING TOWN CENTRE
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>Funds generated by the Charity are utilised in activities that are focussed in two main areas:</p> <p>Both short term and long Maintenance and improvements of facilities for the use of the wider community such as Felling Park</p> <p>Planning and hosting of a number of Community wide events such as Family Fun Days, Community Carol Services and other similar events</p>
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 discharged their responsibilities with full regard to the current Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit

### 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	
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	<p>The year has seen many changes in the Charity Group, sadly a reduction in the number of permanent Volunteers but there has been a number of new volunteers who are not only working in the Park but are becoming active in administration of the Group. A particular addition has been the recruitment of a gardener who has worked in this field professionally so we look forward to improvements in the horticultural side of the Charity. A professional greenhouse has been erected which will keep the cost of plants down. The big achievement of the Group this year is the award from Central Government of £135,000 (via Gateshead Council) This is in recognition of the work carried out by Park Volunteers. This will give Felling Park Blue Flag status on completion. The improvements were discussed between Gateshead Council and members of Friends of Felling Park and work has now begun on the changes agreed. At the end of August an Event was held in the Park which once again was well supported by the general public, included were childrens amusements and Treasure trail. We are now looking forward to the completion of improvements to the Park and achieving Blue Flag status.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Activities during the year generated a deficit of £17,945.15</p> <p>Activities have picked up after being affected by Covid and 2022/23 has seen things move back towards normal.</p> <p>A number of Grant funded activities have been completed in 2022/23 using Grant Funding carried over from previous years. Expenditure related to this use of existing funding has resulted in the in-year deficit.</p> <p>Income has primarily come from a Local Community Grant, and also continues to be generated via the traditional sources of personal donations, events income and the sale of surplus and reconditioned equipment.</p> <p>Expenditure has been directly linked to the Grant funded activities as well as the other key activities of the Charity detailed above.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity does not hold reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Charity does not generate reserves. As a small charity funds raised are invested directly into the running costs of its activities and objectives
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	The Charity has negotiated a difficult period due to Covid and there are no known uncertainties around the Charity continuing as a going concern

### 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:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? ( <a href="#">e.g unincorporated association</a> , 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 to be elected or re-elected at AGM

### 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 Felling Park and Town Centre CIO
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Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1184238
Charity's principal address	73 Southend Road Gateshead NE9 6XS

**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	David White	Chair		Friends of felling park
2	Tom Worsley	Committee Member		Friends of felling park
3	Ken Keenan	Committee Member		Friends of felling park
4	Peter Tracey	Committee Member		Friends of felling park
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### 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

N/A
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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)

D White

Full name(s)

David White

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

Xxth January 2024

**Friends of Felling Park**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2023**

**Auditor:**

*Mr G Davidson*

## Friends of Felling Park

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

#### INCOME

<b>Restricted Funds</b>	
Community Foundation Grant	4,520.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>4,520.00</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	
Donations	2,835.95
Events Income	1,845.79
Other Income	1,903.46
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>6,585.20</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,105.20</b>

#### EXPENDITURE

Grants Expenditure	14,003.65
Equipment, Hardware and Maintenance	4,618.36
Events Expenditure	3,392.12
Garden Supplies	302.90
Administration and Office Supplies	1,246.90
Catering and Refreshments	78.94
Miscellaneous Expenditure	5,130.00
Sundries	175.45
Travel and Fuel	102.03
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>29,050.35</b>

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Income - Restricted Funds	4,520.00
Income - Unrestricted Funds	6,585.20
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,105.20</b>
Expenditure	29,050.35
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>(17,945.15)</b>

### **EVENTS DETAILS**

<b><u>Event Details</u></b>	<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>Surplus</u></b>
Jubilee Event	639.79	-	<b>639.79</b>
Halloween Event	401.00	2,917.17	<b>(2,516.17)</b>
Christmas Raffle	805.00	474.95	<b>330.05</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,845.79</b>	<b>3,392.12</b>	<b>(1,546.33)</b>

### **SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AS AT 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2023**

<b><u>Total Funds Summary</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Opening Balance as at 6th June 2022	25,091.85
Net Movement in Year	<b>(17,945.15)</b>
<b>Total Available Funds</b>	<b>7,146.70</b>
<b><u>Available Funds as at 3rd June 2023</u></b>	
Bank	6,397.10
Cash at Hand	749.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,146.70</b>

No restricted funds were held at the end of the Accounting Period June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

### YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON

<u>Income</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Events Income	1,845.79	1,033.00	812.79
Donations	2,835.95	2,789.94	46.01
Grant Funding	4,520.00	11,040.00	(6,520.00)
Other Income	1,903.46	3,192.18	(1,288.72)
	<b>11,105.20</b>	<b>18,055.12</b>	<b>(6,949.92)</b>
<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Grants Expenditure	14,003.65	3,998.37	(10,005.28)
Administration and Office Supplies	1,246.90	200.89	(1,046.01)
Catering and Refreshments	78.94	128.12	49.18
Equipment, Hardware and Maintenance	4,618.36	2,289.27	(2,329.09)
Events Expenditure	3,392.12	1,384.06	(2,008.06)
Garden Supplies	302.90	621.69	318.79
Travel and Fuel	102.03	62.77	(39.26)
Miscellaneous Expenditure	5,130.00	314.45	(4,815.55)
Sundries	175.45	83.78	(91.67)
<b>Friends of Felling Park Total</b>	<b>29,050.35</b>	<b>9,083.40</b>	<b>(19,966.95)</b>
<u>Income and Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Income	11,105.20	18,055.12	(6,949.92)
Expenditure	29,050.35	9,083.40	(19,966.95)
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>(17,945.15)</b>	<b>8,971.72</b>	<b>(26,916.87)</b>

### **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I have prepared the financial statements of Friends of Felling Park for the year ended 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 set out on pages 2, 3 and 4 from the information and explanations supplied to me.

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