



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 07 2020	To	30 06 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Goldsworth Park Community Association CIO

Other names charity is known by GPCA

Registered charity number (if any) 1185628

Charity's principal address 37 Willowmead Close

Goldsworth Park

Woking Surrey

Postcode

GU21 3DN

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	Irene Watson	Chair		
2	Christopher Martin	Vice Chair		
3	Celia Young	Secretary		
4	Tina Hartley	Treasurer		
5	George Binyon	Editor		
6	Cathy Butt	Social Secretary		
7	Gerald Smeesters	Project Manager - NGP	to 21.10.2020	
8	Robert Challoner	Project Manager - NGP	from 01.04.2021	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

None

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the Membership subject to the necessary checks (references and disqualification checks)

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are:

- (1) to promote the benefit of the community of Goldsworth Park and the surrounding neighbourhood (hereinafter called "the area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, gender, age, disability, race or ethnic origin, political, religious or other opinions by associating together the residents and local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to provide opportunities in the interests of social welfare for recreation, leisure-time occupation and education, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the community;
- (2) to promote, maintain and improve the character, amenities and environment of the area of benefit for the public benefit;
- (3) to promote such other charitable purposes for the public benefit that are charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as may be determined from time to time.

The CIO shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

1. Communicating matters of local interest and importance to the community through the publication of a quarterly free magazine and Facebook and Twitter accounts. The magazine is delivered by volunteers to virtually every house in Goldsworth Park and is available in various shops and other public buildings. It is also available to read on the website.
2. Holding quarterly public meetings at which issues of concern can be raised and discussed.
3. Liaising with local authorities and campaigning on issues affecting quality of life.
4. Interacting with other organisations in the voluntary and private sectors on issues affecting the community.
5. Organising and promoting activities to develop and enhance community spirit.
6. Assisting individuals and groups of residents with problems relating to planning, parking, road safety, management of common areas, etc., and, where appropriate, making formal representations on their behalf.
7. Providing other voluntary organisations in the area with practical and financial support when resources permit.
8. Managing the Natural Goldsworth Park Project aimed at conserving and enhancing the meadow, woodland and lake and its' biodiversity for the benefit of the community.

In exercising any powers or duties, and in all activities, the Trustees pay due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on the public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. Four editions of the magazine were published during the “year”, in September and December 2020 and March and June 2021. Due to Covid restrictions, the September 2020 and March 2021 issues were “virtual”, emailed to Members of the CIO and available to all residents on the web-site.

The range of topics covered in the magazines included: the change of ownership of the local shopping centre, consultation on the possible uses of funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy, a report on Living with Covid from the Manager of a local independent living facility, an introduction to the new Project Manager of the Natural Goldworth Park Project, a report on the recent community litter pick; articles about the lake and wildflower meadow and the creation of a woodland walk, and plans for upgrading the local BMX track, amongst other topics.

The Facebook Group now has over 1,100 members. It is a valuable method of reaching a wider audience in a timely manner and is well used by residents.

2. Regular meetings of the GPCA were held in July, October (the AGM), and December 2020 and April 2021 all on ZOOM. Attendance was good, averaging over 30.

At the AGM, it was agreed that there should be a speaker of local interest at meetings and, at the next meeting in January, the speaker was the Police Borough Commander and this attracted a large audience. He spoke about his vision of community policing and then there was a lively question and answer session during which residents were able to express their views about policing priorities. There were also questions about the future of the local youth facility which had been damaged by fire in 2018 and the refurbishment of the BMX track, followed by reports from the Trustees.

The speaker at the April meeting was the Chairman of the local Good Neighbour scheme – Goldsworth Care. It was surprising that many residents did not know of its existence so the talk about what it could (and couldn't) do was useful. General questions covered elastic bands dropped by postal workers, the future of a derelict building owned by the Council, parking outside schools, the poor state of pavements, followed by reports from the Trustees.

3. Trustees have good working relationships with local Councillors and Council Officers who are invited to attend general meetings and the AGM. Many of the issues raised at meetings involve the Council so the good relationship is invaluable in resolving problems. Councillors value the GPCA as a channel of communication with residents and as a way of finding out residents want from the Council.
4. The GPCA also has good relationships with a number of other voluntary organisations including the local Church and Good Neighbour scheme with whom it liaised over lockdown issues and commercial organisations such as the local shops (for donations for the Christmas tree and more) and the Managing Agents of the shopping centre over issues to do with the safety of the playground equipment and the cleanliness of the paving.

5. To enhance community spirit, representatives of the GPCA attended the very much scaled down Remembrance Sunday Service and laid a Poppy Wreath.

As in previous years, the GPCA organised the erection of a Christmas Tree in the shopping centre courtyard with contributions from the shops, Church, pub and local Angling Club (all evidence of good working relationships) but this year there were no community carols due to Covid restrictions.

Unfortunately, the event planned for September – a family day with various attractions including water activities arranged by a partner organisation which manages the lake – had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions. However, three ZOOM quiz nights, which proved very enjoyable, were held. An Easter Trail for families with children, which did not involve gathering in groups, was organised.

6. The GPCA continues to help residents with problems relating to parking, overgrown trees and hedges, planning and other issues.
7. During the year, the GPCA made donations to the Guides & Brownies and to the Scouts & Cubs to help them purchase more equipment so that children would not have to share.

It continues to publicise the activities of other voluntary groups in the magazine and on the Community Notice Board.

8. During the period in question, a number of surveys of plants, insects and other wildlife were carried out and the results published for all to see on the GPCA website and the NGP Facebook page. Building relationships with wildlife and nature conservation organisations will inform future surveys and ensure that they are carried out in a professional manner. It is becoming clear that Goldsworth Park is home to a number of rare and at-risk species deserving of conservation and preservation.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees have a policy of maintaining reserves at a level which ensures that the GPCA's core activities can continue in the long term. The level of reserves held takes into account expected future income levels and planned activities.

At 30th June 2021, the GPCA held reserves of £29,362 of which £486 is intended for the Natural Goldsworth Park Project and the remainder for general use. The GPCA may be facing a shortfall in income over the next 12 months and it is expected that a portion of the reserves will be needed to cover its core expenditure.

The trustees review the level of reserves regularly and consider how these can be best utilised in order to meet the GPCA's charitable objectives.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

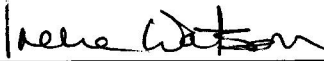
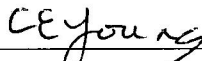
Two Trustees, George Binyon and Gerald Smeesters, retired at the AGM on 21.10.2020 in accordance with the Constitution. George Binyon stood for re-election and was duly re-elected. Gerald Smeesters chose not to stand for re-election and retired.

Robert Challoner agreed to become a Trustee of the CIO and was formally appointed on 01.04.2021.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Irene Watson	Celia Young
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	25.09.2021	

Goldsworth Park Community Association CIO
Receipts & Payments
1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021

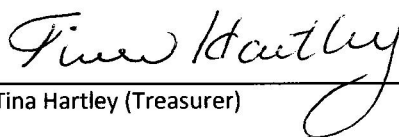
	Unrestricted Funds £	Last Year £
RECEIPTS		
Transfer of funds from GPCA	1,044	28,589
Magazine advertising	1,864	680
Christmas tree donations	115	-
Natural Goldsworth Park donations	60	-
Other donations	2,020	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,102	29,269
PAYMENTS		
Community events	25	122
Magazine costs	2,402	1,272
Christmas tree	172	-
Natural Goldsworth Park	117	-
Donations made	250	-
Insurance	606	-
Administration	44	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	3,616	1,394
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	1,487	27,875
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Cash funds last year end	27,875	-
Net receipts/(payments)	1,487	27,875
Cash funds this year end	29,362	27,875

Charity no: 1185628

Goldsworth Park Community Association CIO
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
30 June 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Last Year £
CASH FUNDS		
Bank account	28,661	27,174
Cash	701	701
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u><u>29,362</u></u>	<u><u>27,875</u></u>

Signed on behalf of all the trustees by:


Tina Hartley (Treasurer)

25-09-2021
Date


Irene Watson (Chairman)

25-09-2021
Date

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Goldsworth Park Community Association
Notes to Accounts
30 June 2021

1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

2 Nature and purpose of funds

The unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's objectives.

3 Donations received

Two annual donations of £1,000 each were received from Dianthus Trading CIC and these are included in 'Other donations'.

4 Transfer of funds

The following assets were transferred from the Goldsworth Park Community Association (charity number: 287684) which was closed on 30/09/2020:

03/09/2020	Cash in bank	£ 1,044
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