



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 07 2022	To	30 06 2023

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

30 Hamble Walk

Goldsworth Park

Woking Surrey

Postcode

GU21 3PR

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	George Binyon	Chair	From 01.12.22	
2	Celia Young	Secretary		
3	Tina Hartley	Treasurer		
4	Robert Challoner	Project Manager - NGP	To 19.10.22	
5	Robert Cowell	Community Officer		
6	Dueyna Chinere	Social Secretary	From 18.03.2023	
7	Steve Davies		From 20.03.2023	
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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)

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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.

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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 for the public benefit that are charitable according to the laws of England and Wales 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, website, Facebook and X 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 GPCA website.
2. Holding a minimum of two public meetings each year, of which one shall be the Annual General Meeting.
3. Liaising with local authorities and campaigning on issues affecting the 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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

1. Three editions of the Goldsworth News magazine were published during the year, in December 2022, and March and June 2023. Copies were delivered by volunteers to most properties in Goldsworth Park and are available on the website.

The range of topics covered in the magazine included:

- “Retirement Views” from our recently retired Chair
- “Introductory Greetings” from the new vicar at our local church
- Reports on the activities of the Natural Goldsworth Park Project and articles about the wildlife on the lake
- Articles about the Dragon Boat races on the lake, which support the local hospice
- An informative article about the Basingstoke Canal, which runs alongside Goldsworth Park

The Facebook Group has over 1,600 members. It is a valuable method of reaching a wider audience in a timely manner and is well used by residents.

2. The Trustees of GPCA met seven times between 01.07.22 and 30.06 23, and there were three public meetings, including the AGM. Attendance of residents of Goldsworth Park at public meetings remains disappointingly low, but we are loyally supported by our local councillors and county councillors.

Topics raised at meetings include:

- Better lighting on the lake footpath
- Use of the newly created BMX track
- The illegal use of e-scooters on roads and footpaths
- The removal of charity clothing-bins and Tetrapack bins from the supermarket car park
- Poor parking and yellow lines

- Proposed use of the site of the local youth facility, which burned down some years ago
- 3. Trustees have good working relationships with the local councillors and council officers, who are invited to attend all public meetings. Many of the issues raised at meetings involve the Borough and County Councils, so the good relationships are invaluable in resolving problems. Councillors value GPCA as a channel of communication with residents and as a way of finding out what residents want from the councils.
- 4. The GPCA also has good relationships with a number of other local organisations, including the local church and Uniformed Groups and with commercial organisations such as the local shops (for donations for the Christmas tree) and the managing agents of the shopping centre over issues to do with safety of the playground equipment and cleanliness of the paving.
- 5. To enhance the community spirit:

Representatives of the GPCA attended the Remembrance Sunday Service and laid a Poppy Wreath.

As in previous years, the GPCA organised the siting of a Christmas tree in the shopping centre. The tree was sourced, free of charge, from a local area of common land, where volunteers work to clear the unwanted fir trees to restore the native heathland. Members of the Goldsworth Park Angling Club helped in the transportation and siting of the tree. Carols were led by members of the Goldsworth Park church, with the local supermarket providing the batteries for the lights.

For the second year running, the GPCA Calendar was produced, but, sadly, the sales did not cover the costs, and we were unable to make any donation from this venture to local charities.

Three Litter Picks were organised by the GPCA, and a significant amount of rubbish was collected.

- 6. The GPCA continues to help residents with problems relating to parking, overgrown trees and hedges, planning and other issues.
- 7. The GPCA continues to publicise the activities of other voluntary groups in the magazine, the Facebook Group and on the community notice board.
GPCA supported the hospice's annual Dragon Boat Race by managing an indoor tea and cakes stall.
- 8. During the period in question, the GPCA has continued to discuss the management of the Meadow and the woodland with Woking Council and with Thames Water, and we were instrumental in arranging a volunteers' workday with an environmental officer from Thames Water to clear invasive cherry laurel from an area in the woodland that had been cleared to make a woodland path. This event was supported by a good number of local residents. We are still waiting to hear the outcome of the nomination for the Meadow and woodland to gain Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) status.
The Natural Goldsworth Park (NGP) Facebook Group has a current membership of about 185.

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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.

As at 30th June 2023, The GPCA held reserves of £26,364. 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

Irene Watson retired as Chair at the AGM on 19/10/2022.

George Binyon was elected as Chair on 01/12/2022.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Celia Young</i>	<i>George Binyon</i>
Full name(s)	Celia Young	George Binyon
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair
Date	03.10.2023	

Goldsworth Park Community Association CIO
Receipts & Payments
1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Last Year £
RECEIPTS		
Magazine advertising	3,483	6,063
Calendar sales	410	993
Community events	-	136
Christmas tree donations	20	212
Natural Goldsworth Park donations	-	1,100
Other donations	80	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	3,993	8,503
PAYMENTS		
Magazine costs	3,865	5,153
Calendar costs	478	571
Community events	1,085	66
Christmas tree	57	258
Natural Goldsworth Park	-	602
Maintenance of community facilities	352	-
Donations made	50	800
Insurance	696	639
Administration	478	345
TOTAL PAYMENTS	7,060	8,434
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(3,067)	69
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Cash funds last year end	29,431	29,362
Net receipts/(payments)	(3,067)	69
Cash funds this year end	26,364	29,431

Charity no: 1185628

Goldsworth Park Community Association CIO
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
30 June 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Last Year £
CASH FUNDS		
Bank account	26,263	28,730
Cash	101	701
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>26,364</u>	<u>29,431</u>

NOTES

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.

Signed on behalf of all the trustees by:

Tina Hartley (Treasurer)

Date

George Binyon (Chairman)

Date

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