



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

20/11/2023 To

19/11/24

Charity name: Friends of Bournville Park

Charity registration number: 1192446

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Friends of Bournville Park exists for the benefit of the inhabitants of Bournville 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 the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Bournville 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	Main activities: 1. Support for leisure activities Tennis for Free (weekly between March and December). Tai Chi (weekly throughout the year). The charity ran a one-week Summer Event with mixed activities for young people. 2. Education Forest School (11 community sessions in 2023/24). Detached youth work (15 sessions in 2023/24). 3. Park improvement Refurbishment of the Tennis Courts funded primarily by the Lawn Tennis Association. Planting of a Memory Tree funded by the family of a Trustee. 4. Promotion Social media presence maintained and regular newsletter for members.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In planning and undertaking all of these activities the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and all have been undertaken to further the public benefit objectives of the charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grants are not made by the charity
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	None
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Although the Trustees are very active, the charity is also supported by volunteers, for example in litter picking, removing Himalayan Balsam from the banks of the brook, bulb planting, and supporting the Summer Event. Also, Park users report their concerns to Friends of Bournville Park and Birmingham City Council. Tennis for Free sessions have been supported by volunteers throughout the year. Volunteering is always encouraged.
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	1. Support for leisure activities From March to November 2024, we ran Sunday morning sessions under the Tennis for Free Programme, supported by coaches from Weoley Hill Tennis Club (one a Trustee), another LTA-trained Trustee, and our volunteers. Over the whole period, we had approximately 600 people attend these sessions. Weekly Tai Chi sessions take place in the Park, with a total of 588 attendees over the year. The charity ran a one-week Summer Event in August with activities including cycling training, multi-sports including football, extra tennis coaching sessions, storytelling and a duck race. 2. Education Using existing funding, Forest School sessions continue. There were 11 community sessions funded by the charity. These complement the sessions organised and paid for by Bournville Village Primary School. To secure the future of Forest School, 24 sessions were purchased for 2025.

		Grants from Awards for All and Heart of England were used for detached youth work and the Summer Event. 3. Park improvement The heavily used Tennis Courts were refurbished, primarily funded by the Lawn Tennis Association. Two kind donations meant that a 'memory' tree could be placed in the Park. 4. Promotion Social media presence has been maintained and is heavily used. A newsletter is issued to members of the charity after each Trustees' meeting. It describes recent actions and decisions, and provides insights into the thinking of the Trustees. These activities meet the objectives of the charity.
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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 against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity continues to have a healthy financial position, primarily due to successful awards of grant from other charities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Friends of Bournville Park funds will be held in its bank account until needed. Funds awarded through grants and awards for designated purposes ("restricted funds") will be held to be used for those purposes only. General funds will be held in the bank account until the Trustees or designated CIO officer(s) agree on any expenditure. The Treasurer will provide detailed monthly accounts showing which funds are available to spend under each heading, with one heading for each grant or award and one for general funds. Other than ring-fenced restricted funds, the charity does not decide on an appropriate level of reserves, as activities are undertaken only as can be afforded within remaining unrestricted funds.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Other than ring-fenced restricted funds, the charity does not decide on an appropriate level of reserves
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity relies on external funding to support major activities in the Park. Costs of Forest School for 2025 and Tai Chi for 2025 and 2026 have already been paid.

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	The charity's principal sources of funds are grants and awards. Regular financial support is provided by Birmingham Open Spaces Forum. Expenditure on each grant is always in support of the objects of the charity. Payments are not made to trustees or volunteers. In this financial year, a major grant was awarded by the 28th May 1961 Charity to support free Tai Chi in the Park for two years. Unrestricted funding was granted by the William A Cadbury charity. Residual funds from grants awarded to the charity by Awards for All and Heart of England were used to fund the Summer Event. Funds were donated by the family of a Trustee towards a 'memory' tree. This was recently planted in the Park.
Investment policy and objectives including any		None

social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Failure to obtain new awards of grants would curtail larger-scale activities (except for Forest School and Tai Chi, already funded). However, the charity would continue to act to preserve, promote, support, assist and improve Bournville Park
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution, last amended 17 th August 2020, charity registered 20 th November 2020
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	The first Trustees were designated in the Constitution. At least one third of the Trustees resign at the Annual General Meeting. If less than three Trustees resign during the year, these will be the longest in office, Members elect or re-elect at least three Trustees. The maximum number of elected Trustees is twelve. Trustees can co-opt up to three more Trustees.

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	There is no formal induction for trustees but all are invited to meetings of trustees and are provided with monthly accounts and copies of policy documents.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity has a Chair of the Board of Trustees and a Treasurer. Other tasks are led by the remaining Trustees.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The charity works within a wider network: Birmingham Open Spaces Forum, which has linked us to professional fundraisers such as GetGrants. The Headteacher of the adjacent Bournville Village Primary School is a member and we maintain close links with the School.

		Detached youth work has been delivered by Youth Work Europe. Tennis coaching is provided by Tennis for Free and is led by one of our trustees.
Other		Appropriate policies concerning major risks such as Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Finance are in place. These are reviewed annually by the Trustees

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Bournville Park
Other name the charity uses	FOBP
Registered charity number	1192446
Charity's principal address	8 Beech Road Bournville Birmingham B30 1LJ

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	Joan Hosfield	Chair		
2	Professor Colin Richard Thomas	Treasurer		
3	Dr Stuart Tyldesley Hosfield	Trustee		
4	Councillor Elizabeth Ann Clements	Trustee		
5	Samuel Philip Huw Wright	Trustee		
6	Penelope Catherine Thomas	Trustee		
7	Dr Andrew Hardie	Trustee		
8	Peter Chong	Trustee		
9	Dr Cliff Allum	Trustee		
10	Rachael Manamley	Trustee		
11	Megan Caine	Trustee	11/03/24 to 19/11/24	
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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
Auditor	Alan William Johnson	43 Cartland Road Birmingham B30 2SD

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

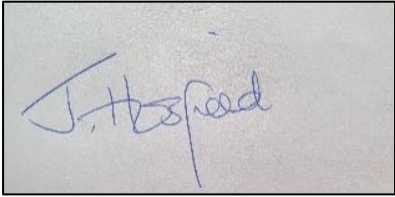
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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)		
Full name(s)	Joan Hosfield	Colin Richard Thomas
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 14/03/2024



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Charity Name Friends of Bournville Park	No (if any) 1192446
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 20/11/2023	To	Period end date 19/11/2024
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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					
Donations	109	-	-	109	546
Awards from charities	560	4,750	-	5,310	15,992
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	669	4,750	-	5,419	16,538
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	669	4,750	-	5,419	16,538

A3 Payments

Minor purchases	202	-	-	202	164
LTA Training	-	275	-	275	-
Forest School	742	4,588	-	5,330	2,160
Youth Work	-	1,800	-	1,800	5,334
Summer Event	-	3,329	-	3,329	3,182
Tai Chi	-	1,785	-	1,785	1,785

Memory Tree	750	-	-	750	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,694	11,777	-	13,471	12,625

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

Total payments

1,694	11,777	-	13,471	12,625
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Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
1,025	7,027	-	8,052	3,913	
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,419	10,970	-	14,389	
Cash funds this year end	2,394	3,943	-	6,337	

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endow ment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
		2,393	3,943	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,393	3,943	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endow ment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Tools	Unrestricted	180	-
	Tennis equipment	Unrestricted	2,120	-
	Gazebos, tables, lighting	Unrestricted	911	-
	Other sports	Unrestricted	812	-
	Safety equipment	Unrestricted	145	-
	Office equipment	Unrestricted	120	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C.R. Thomas	14/03/2025
Treasurer		