



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	20	11	2024		31	12

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Friends of Bournville Park	
Other names charity is known by		
Registered charity number (if any)	1192446	
Charity's principal address	8 Beech Road	
	Bournville	
	Birmingham	
	Postcode	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	Rachael Manamley	Chair		
2	Samuel Philip Huw Wright	Treasurer		
3	Dr Cliff Allum	Trustee		
4	Matt Rogers	Trustee		Co opted as trustee in full trustee meeting
5	Peter Chong	Trustee		
6	Joan Hosfield	Trustee		
7	Andrew Hardie	Trustee		
8	Dr Stuart Tyldesley Hosfield	Trustee		
9	Prof Colin Thomas	Trustee		
10	Benn Schofield	Trustee		
11	Rob Mainwaring	Trustee		
12	Andrew Evans	Trustee		Co opted as trustee in full trustee meeting
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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
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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution, last amended 17th August 2020, charity registered 20th November 2020

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

First trustees designated in the Constitution. At least one third of the trustees, longest in office, resign at the Annual General Meeting. 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 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.

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 has a Chair of the Board of Trustees and a Treasurer. Other tasks are led by the remaining Trustees.

The charity works within a wider network: Birmingham Open Spaces Forum, which has linked us to professional fundraisers such as Get Grants. The Charity has close links with the adjacent Bournville Village Primary School and parents volunteer for many activities.

Tennis coaching is provided by Tennis for Free and is led by one of our Trustees. The Summer Event (see Section C) was delivered in part by ecoBirmingham, CentreSport and Windswept Workshops.

Appropriate policies concerning major risks such as Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Finance are in place. These are reviewed annually by the Trustees. Additional policies, covering social media and political policy have been added this year.

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

Friends of Bournville Park exists for the benefit of the inhabitants of Bournville and the surrounding area ("the area of benefit"). It aims to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure activities. We make all our events free in order to make them accessible to all members of the community. By providing activities and equipment to help users design their own activities, we aim to improve the fitness and wellbeing, both for local residents and the wider community. The preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Bournville Park is at the heart of everything we do.

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)

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 (9 community sessions in 2024/25 due to weather constraints)

Working with local schools to facilitate outdoor sports, work towards citizenship and Duke of Edinburgh awards

3. Park improvement

Repairs to tennis court after damage from storm damage which rendered the court unusable.

Planting of a second Memory Tree funded by the family of a man who lived near the park

4. Promotion

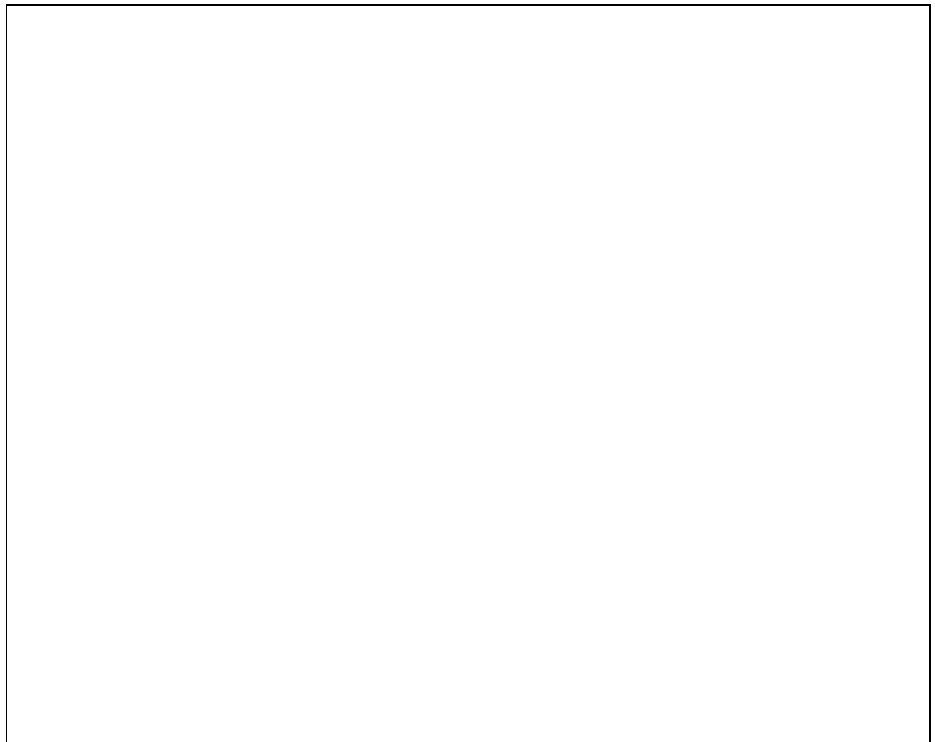
Social media presence maintained and regular newsletter for members

Noticeboard at one entrance updated regularly. Two new noticeboards.

Regular entries in school newsletters with events promoted.

Local homes leafleted with information about our summer picnic.

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 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.

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 FOBP and the Council e.g. about Himalayan Balsam.

Tennis for Free sessions have been supported by volunteers throughout the year.

Volunteering is always encouraged.

In consultation with park users, we decide what events we would like to run in the coming year and find the most appropriate source of funding with places such as Get Grants and Birmingham Open Spaces Forum

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. Support for leisure activities

From March to December 2025 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 650 people attend these sessions.

Weekly Tai Chi sessions take place in the Park, with a total of 450 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.

A summer 'picnic' was very successful, helped by the weather being much better than last year, with 296 ducks taking part in our centrepiece duck race. We had tennis tournaments, a variety of other sports to try, and treasure hunts and word searches. Over £300 was raised for the charity which has been reinvested in buying more outdoor play equipment

2. Education

Using existing funding, Forest School sessions continue. There were 9 community sessions funded by the charity.

We have applied for funding to allow these To secure the future of Forest School we have applied for funding to last for the next 2 years,.

Grants from Awards for All and Heart of England were used for Tai Chi, multisports during the school holidays and the Summer

Event.

3. Park improvement

The Friends had to push the council to repair the damaged tennis court and also make an old building safe which was vandalised. The tennis courts continue to be well used.

The donation of the memory tree in 2024 had led to 2 more being financed. One was planted in November 2025 and one due to be planted in 2026. We are promoting these further with the hope that more people will consider donating trees as a way of remembering a loved one.

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,

Both of the trustees coopted during the year are well known within the Bournville community and are able to use their presence to promote our causes. One works at the local school, the other owns a nearby shop.

These activities meet the objectives of the charity.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

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.

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.

Donations from various sources (Cash donations at the picnic, JustGiving, Easyfundraising and a one off donation by a local company) amount to c£1000 and have been used to buy new equipment and are reserved for spending on an Easter event being run as a result of the popularity of last summer's picnic.

Section F Other optional information

The charity has a small amount of non-financial assets such as gazebos for events, lighting for the hut, litter pickers, and gardening equipment. Also football goals bought in 2023 have proved so popular (both by children playing in their own time but also school groups) that we have invested in some sturdier ones which will be put up in 2026.

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)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date		1



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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 20/11/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restrict ed funds to the nearest £	Endowme nt funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	1037	500		1537	109
Awards from funders	110	7525		7635	5310
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1147	8025		9172	5419

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	--
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts	1147	8025	-	9172	5419
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A3 Payments					
Minor purchases	70	-		70	-
Sports programme	-	4324		4324	-
Garden Club	-	57		57	-
Tai Chi	-	1,925		1925	
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Sub total	70	6306	-	6376	13471

**A4 Asset and investment
purchases, (see table)**

Sub total					
Total payments	70	6306	-	6376	13471
Net of receipts/(payments)	1077	(1719)		2796	8052
A5 Transfers between funds	-	=	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2394	3943	-	6337	-
Cash funds this year end	3471	5662		9133	6337

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	General	3470	-	-
	Garden Fund	-	443	-
	Sport England	-	1499	-
	Tai Chi	-	3720	-
	Total cash funds	3470	5662	
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Samuel Wright	
	Rachael Manamley	