

Annual Report 2022



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Activities

How the charity spends its money

Love Leeds Parks supports community-led enhancements to public parks and green spaces in Leeds. We raise awareness about the wide-ranging benefits of parks, promote community engagement in urban green spaces and generate donations for park improvement projects. The projects we fund are community focused and add value to public green spaces, as well as prioritising parks in deprived areas.

Charitable Objects

Provide or assist in the provision of publicly accessible green space (parks, gardens, landscaped areas, woodland, recreational spaces, nature reserves and cemeteries) facilities in the interests of social welfare of the inhabitants of Leeds for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.





Trustees

- Casey Morrison (Chair)
- John Preston
- Lucy Chadwick
- Lynda Kitching
- Justin Scully
- Lee Dawson (Treasurer)
- Anna Barker
- Rebecca Nicholson

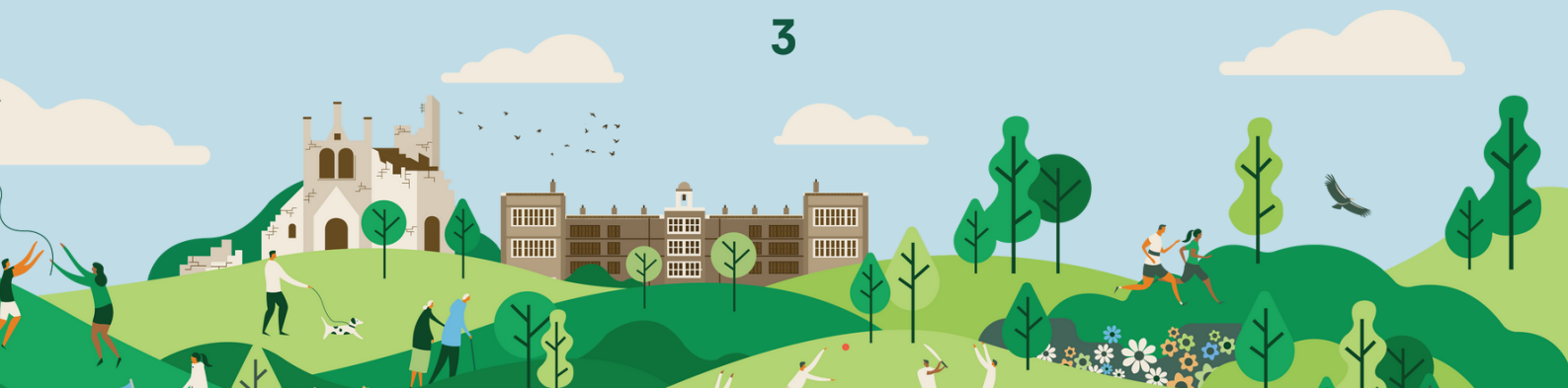
Trustee biographies are available at:

<https://loveleedsparks.org.uk/about-us/meet-the-team-2/>

Office

Love Leeds Parks, C/O Farnley Hall
Farnley Hall Park
Hall Lane
Leeds
LS12 5HA

Love Leeds Parks is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales with the charity number 1193205



Activities

We formally registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on the 22 Jan 2021 and recruited a full board of trustees completed by June 2021.

Below are some of our accomplishments in our second year of operation:

Comms & Marketing:

- We did a review of our comms messaging and agreed the strapline: "Our mission is for everyone to have a green space on their doorstep that they love. We do this via community-led enhancements & fundraising"
- Led by our Marketing Trustee Lucy, we grew our social media presence to over 4000 followers:

<https://twitter.com/loveleedsparks>,
<https://instagram.com/loveleedsparks>,
<https://facebook.com/LoveLeedsParks> &
<https://linkedin.com/company/loveleedsparks>





Impact:

- Our volunteers contributed over 100 hours to the charity
- We realised over £3000 to match our proposed Spacehive campaign which is part of the Heritage Fund programme
- We raised over £3,400 for the Tree Planting campaign

Strategy Development:

- We held a number of strategic planning sessions with trustees and partners to determine the role of the charity within the sector.
- We went to a number of networking meetings, principally with The Leeds Parks & Greenspaces Forum and with Leeds City Council.
- We wrote and publicised a Love Leeds Parks strategy which ultimately informed our fundraising.

Fundraising:

- We partnered with Light Night Leeds as their charity partner for 2021. We fundraised over £250 on the night.
- We knew that greenspaces were more important than ever before, and that the focus had to be to build the organisational capacity to deliver capacity building, project delivery and partnerships.
- We spent the first half of 2022 writing a successful funding bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the Leeds Partnership Parks Project for an award of £249,995
- We recruited our first member of staff CEO Chloe Sykes to start in January 2023 and began our journey to being an organisation with staff.



Leeds Partnership Parks – Everyday Greenspace for Everyone

Applicant: Love Leeds Parks

Project Description: This three year project will undertake activity within six community parks across Leeds. It will provide a range of opportunities for people to better connect with the greenspace heritage in their own local area.

Decision: Award Grant of £249,995 (81.71% of total costs)

Burley Park nets lottery cash for new activities

September 29, 2022



RECENT POSTS



Future of high streets: district centres have 'more potential than ever'
September 8, 2023



Residents' fears over preservation of woodland
September 8, 2023



Pudsey shop issued with closure notice over anti-social behaviour claims
September 8, 2023



Scheme tackles cold calling in Bramley
September 7, 2023

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This document and accompanying accounts were signed off by the trustees on the 18th September 2023 at a full trustees meeting.

Casey Morrison

Chair of Love Leeds Parks

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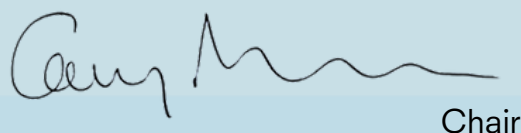
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Addendum A - Accounts

Love Leeds Parks	CASH ACCOUNTING METHOD					
Receipts and payments account for year ended 31 December 2022						
	2022 Unrestricted	2022 Restricted *	2022 Total	2021 Total		
	£	£	£	£		
Receipts						
National Lottery Heritage Fund		0	0			(1)
Tree Planting Appeal		3,451	3,451	1,923		(2)
Leeds Horticultural Society (Greenspace)		3,000	3,000			(3)
Donations, unrestricted	2,435		2,435	10,589		
Total receipts	2,435	6,451	8,886	12,512		
Payments						
Advertising CEO post (NLHF)	(1)	1,612	1,612	0		
Purchase of IT equipment (NLHF)	(1)	1,797	1,797	0		
Legal and Professional Fees		50	50	0		
Insurance		96	96	0		
Total payments	146	3,409	3,555	0		(4)
Net receipts / (payments)	2289	3042	5331	12512		
Cash fund balance brought forward	10589	1923	12512	0		
Cash fund balances carried forward	12878	4965	17843	12512		

Signed



Chair



Interim Treasurer

(1) This grant of £249,995 over three years was accepted in October 2022, but the first payment did not arrive until 2023 Accounting year. The expenditure, recruitment and laptop enabled the CEO to start in early January 2023.

(2) Money raised for trees to be planted by Leeds City Council, cost to be paid out 2023.

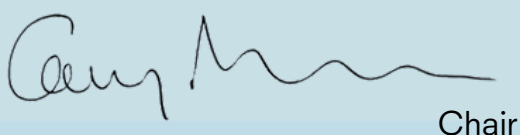
(3) This is for small grants to Greenspace projects to disperse in 2023.

(4) This was Love Leeds Parks' first year of operation and no expenditure incurred.



Love Leeds Parks			CASH ACCOUNTING METHOD				
Summary of fund movements							
for year ended 31 December 2022							
Fund Name	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and Losses	Fund balances carried forward	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
National Lottery Heritage Fund			-3,409	614	-2,795	-2,795	(1)
Tree Planting Appeal	1,923	3,451			3,451	5,374	
Leeds Horticultural Society (Greenspace)		3,000			3,000	3,000	
Unrestricted Funds	10,589	2,435	-146	-614	1,675	12,264	
TOTAL FUNDS	12,512	8,886	-3,555	0	5,331	17,843	

Signed



Chair



Interim Treasurer

(1) NLHF only pays 82% of eligible expenditure. 18% balance covered by unrestricted fund transfers.

