

Friends of Brunswick Park

Charity Number: 1194103
{For Charitable Incorporated Organisation}

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

23rd December 2023

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: Friends of Brunswick Park

Charity number **1194103**

Charity's operating address: 148 Hydes Road
Wednesbury
WS100DR

Previously:

N/a

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity (Add extra rows as required)

Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Appointed	Retired
Terance Ian McDermott	Chair	15 April 2021	
Deborah Jane Hopkins	Trustee	01 May 2023	
Stephen Neil Robinson	Trustee	12 August 2022	
Karen Irene Jerrison	Trustee	04 May 2022	
Jill Turner	Trustee	15 April 2021	
Lindsey Jane Taylor	Trustee	15 April 2021	

Names & Addresses of Advisors

Name

Address & Postcode

Bank: Lloyds Bank, Box 1, BX1 1LT

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document: Constitution

How the Charity is Constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee Selection Methods: Trustees are elected on an ad hoc basis. Local people who regularly attend Park Events are considered and invited

How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained: Prospective trustees are asked to attend a meeting before they commit. They meet with the Chair who explains the history and the role of the charity.

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document

To provide and assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in the interest of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of Wednesbury and the surrounding district without distinction of sex, or of political, religious or other opinion by the promotion support assistance and improvement of Brunswick Park.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects

What the charity does: Education/training Environment/conservation/heritage.

Who the charity helps: The General Public/mankind.

How the charity helps: Provides Advocacy/advice/information.

Where the charity operates: Sandwell

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year - Chair's Report

Chair's Report (FoBP) 2022-23

Since the first inception of the friends the group has continued to grow in both size and influence. The Friends of Brunswick Park has grown in volunteer numbers and activities and in 2021 we decided to become a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The purpose of the FoBP is to support the running of the park and promote its positive use and position within the community, and we do this in several ways:

- by training volunteers to look after their local trees and their environment, especially the park, at free sessions held occasionally throughout the year.
- The continued development of the arboretum.
- Working with SMBC to bolster the park management plan
- To work towards maintaining Green flag status
- Delivering a large “community day” event in the park
- By organising corporate volunteer days to support the work of the parks department
- By providing a Santa singalong event for the health walk members
- Maintaining the notice boards
- By initiating the development of a “Parkrun”
- By holding open trustee meetings to engage consultation.

The last year saw an increase in our work as trees and arboreta became more prominent in national and local government agendas as part of the climate crisis response. We have been well placed with a strong and skilled committee to make the most of these opportunities and we have shown that we are able to deliver services using volunteers.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The charity does not intend to build up reserves as there are no employees and no capital assets to maintain.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

None

Financial Year

We are currently setting up a new bank account, after changing from charity number 111379 (non-incorporated) to the new charity number 1194103 (CIO incorporated).

The bank account against 1194103 has not been finalised, once finalised we will transfer all monies from our old bank account to the new account, this will be viewable in our 2023-2024 return.

New Bank Account for Charity Number: 1194103

Money In: £0.00

Money Out: £0.00

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the CIO

None

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

None

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): Ian McDermott

Lindsey Taylor

Position(s): Chair

Treasurer

Date: