

The Bedford Park Society CIO

Trustees' Annual Report for 2023

This Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared by the Bedford Park Society CIO to fulfil its reporting obligations as a charity under the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, 2008.

1. Administrative information

The Bedford Park Society CIO was registered with the Charity Commission on 29 April, 2022. Its registration number is 1198788.

This report covers the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

In the future the Society's financial and reporting period will correspond to the calendar year.

The office of the Society is 15 Blenheim Road, London W4 1UB.

The trustees who served during the 2023 calendar year were as follows.

Chair: Helen Jameson
Hon. Treasurer: Elisabeth Bassett
Hon. Secretary: Nicholas Bueno de Mesquita
David Blackburn
Catherine Bowes
Simon Hillyard
Carol Woolner Dip.Arch. RIBA (retired)

The President of the Society is Nigel Woolner, MBE. The President does not act as a trustee of the Society.

Anya Nikoulina replaced Nicholas Bueno de Mesquita as Hon. Secretary on 24th of July 2024.

2. Structure, governance and management

The CIO has been created as part of a programme to convert the Bedford Park Society (Charity Commission Number 288204) from operating as an Unincorporated Charity to operating as a CIO. This envisages that at a date to be determined all the activities together with all assets and liabilities of the Unincorporated Charity will be transferred to the CIO. Until this time the CIO will have no activities.

The structure, governance and management of the Bedford Park Society CIO is governed by its constitution as approved by the trustees on 29 April 2022.

The Bedford Park Society CIO is managed by the committee of its trustees, known as the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee appoints officers as follows as well as appointing to all other posts in the Society.

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer.

The role of Vice-Chair is currently vacant, no candidates having presented themselves for this role.

During the year the members of the Executive Committee were reminded that their responsibilities are laid down in Charity Commission documents 'The Essential Trustee' and The Essential Trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do'.

The functioning of the Executive Committee and the specialist committees is regulated by sections 12-21 of the constitution.

3. Financial Review

During the reporting period the CIO had no activities. It had no receipts or expenses and no assets or liabilities.

Receipts and Payments for the period 01 January 2023 to December 31 2023

Receipts	£0
Payments	£0
Net income	£0
Opening reserves at 29 April 2022	£0
Closing reserves at 31 December 2022	£0

Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the period 01 January 2023 to December 31 2023

Assets	£0
Liabilities	£0
Net Assets	£0

4. Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objectives of the Society set out in its governing document.

The Society is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in respect of the locality known as Bedford Park, in Chiswick, London W4, (which is bounded by Abinger Road, Woodstock Road, Whellock Road, Speldhurst Road, St Albans Avenue, Kingscote Road, South Parade, Bath Road, Flanders Road and Gainsborough Road and includes the two conservation areas designated by the London Boroughs of Ealing and Hounslow) (the "Bedford Park area"):

- (a) to promote and endeavour to secure the preservation and protection of the buildings in the Bedford Park area that are now or ought to be listed on the statutory list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest or designated as an asset of community value and other buildings and features of historic, architectural, environmental or public interest and importance in the conservation areas or that significantly contribute to the general character and ambience of the Bedford Park area; and/or
- (b) to promote and endeavour to secure high standards of design, architecture, construction and planning for buildings, additions and developments in or affecting the Bedford Park area; and/or
- (c) to promote and endeavour to secure high standards of maintenance and improvement of the buildings, trees, fabric, infrastructure, public amenities, streetscape and environment in or affecting the Bedford Park area; and/or
- (d) to promote the advancement of education of the public concerning the special architectural and historic interest and character of the Bedford Park area; and/or

- (e) to promote the advancement of culture, heritage and civic pride, concerning the Bedford Park area; and/or
- (f) such other charitable purposes consistent with the above as the Executive Committee in their absolute discretion determine from time to time.

Summary of the main activities of the Society which will be undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives

The following is a description of the current activities of the existing Bedford Park Society Unincorporated Charity which will be taken over by the CIO.

Considered the world's first garden suburb, Bedford Park continues to retain its identity, community spirit and unique character bequeathed by the inspiration and genius of its original founder and architects

In addition to our core role of preserving the character of Bedford Park, the Society works on behalf of the local community to improve the amenities of the area and the environment, representing residents' views and interests.

The Bedford Park Society aims to protect the amenities of the conservation area, the buildings and their setting, and to ensure any development is in keeping with the original character of the garden suburb

The Society informs and supports its members on issues affecting the Bedford Park street scene, the quality of the environment and the services provided to the community by the local authorities, police and other agencies.

The Executive Committee of the Society ensures that the Society meets the requirement of carrying out the charity's purposes for the public benefit through ensuring that its decisions reflect its charitable purposes and its understanding of the way in which these purposes benefit the public, both its members and the public in general.

6. Summary of the main achievements of the Society during the year 2023.

There were no activities in 2023.

7. Summary of the main activities of the Society undertaken for the public benefit in relation to its objectives

There were no activities in 2023.


See Report of the Bedford Park Society (No 288204) for details of the continuing activities of the Unincorporated Charity.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name. Helen Jameson

Position Chair

Date 30/10/2024

Signature



Full name Anya Nikoulina

Position Hon. Secretary

Date 30/10/2024