

# **FRIENDS OF REGENT'S PARK & PRIMROSE HILL CHARITY COMMISSION REPORT**

**For the period since inception starting 23 January 2023 and ended at  
31 March 2024 (the "financial period")**

**Charity number 1201666**

## **Aim and purposes**

The objects of the Friends of Regent's Park & Primrose Hill ("the Friends") are:

1. To promote and encourage the conservation, preservation and improvement of Regent's Park and Primrose Hill ("the Park"), to ensure that the Park remains and is enhanced as an area of natural beauty, a woodland habitat for wildlife and an attractive man-made parkland; and
2. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare 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.

## **Achievements and Performance**

During the financial period of 2024, the Friends undertook many activities for the benefit of its members and of the Park. These included:

**Coronation weekend:** On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 we held our Big Lunch on the Broadwalk, when nearly 700 people enjoyed lunch at 126 tables on the decorated Broadwalk. 14 international media organisations gave us huge global coverage as far away as Japan. The London Strollers Band got everyone up dancing, prizes were awarded, and kids and dogs had a great time! On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, at the Bandstand we organised concerts to celebrate the Coronation.

**Events:** During the financial period, our events programme had over 70 events including 45 Bandstand concerts. There were also Walks,

Tours, Opera, Shakespeare, a Musical evening and Zoom lectures. For the first time for many years, we welcomed Opera back to the Nannies Lawn (La Bohème and the Barber of Seville) and in August our wonderful St John's Lodge ("Secret") garden was the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet (Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023) and a "Magical Musical evening" (Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023). Our season ended with a "Bollywood" Party on the Broadwalk on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **Chit Chat**

We have established a regular weekly subsidised meetup called Chit Chat for people to meet and talk in one of the park cafes. It has proven very popular especially among people who are isolated, older and wanting companionship

**Volunteering:** 500 volunteers helped out at the Gazebo visitor centre, at the Bandstand, planting bulbs and litter picking.

**Visitor Centre:** The Royal Parks and their catering contractor kindly donated a food truck to the Friends. After reconditioning, this will be used as a new visitor centre to replace the Gazebo. The cost of refurbishment was to be met out from Friends' funds, but in mid-2024 a donation of £5,000 was secured to help finance the project. The truck will be decorated by the Friends artist and will be operational in spring 2025.

### **Financial review**

For the first period to 31 March 2024 the charity had income of £94,175 and expenditure of £55,776 creating a surplus and funds carried forward of £38,398. These are entirely represented by cash at bank. All income, expenditure and funds carried forward are unrestricted in nature.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The Friends is overseen by 3 Trustees and is managed by a Committee of up to 15 people. The Trustees delegate regular management issues to the Committee ( in which the Trustees are members) as allowed by Constitution and the Rules.

During the financial period, there was between 10 and 12 members but changes in the Committee meant that figure fluctuated somewhat through the year.


During the financial period, the following people served on the Committee:

Patron	Linda Lennon CBE	
Chair	Mark Elliott	
Secretary	Adrian Jackson	left May 2023
Secretary	Helen Stevens	from May 2023
Secretary	Pamela Henry	from March 2024
Treasurer	Joanna Faktor	
Newsletter	Anne-Marie Craven	Left May 2023
Volunteering	Rose Malik	Left September 2023
History	Peter Darley	Left March 2024
Membership	Joanna Faktor	
Publicity	Jo Lynn	
Newsletter	Robin Black	
Events	Vivian Ward	
Various	Mike Baker-Munton	
Art and design	Jesse Brown	
Natural History	Kennedy Cruickshank	
Various	Naji Kassir	

The Committee meets 6 times each year with at least one meeting being online. The average attendance was about 70%. Subcommittees are created to handle specific projects (e.g. the truck, the Big Lunch etc). Committee members often volunteer to help with ongoing projects such as the events (walks, talks etc) or with the Visitor Centre or the Bandstand. Every meeting has an Agenda and Action items are recorded in the minutes. Financial matters are submitted to the Committee for approval. When Committee members leave, the position is advertised to the membership and the best candidate is

invited to join. Additionally, there are the Annual General Meeting and the End of Season review to thank the volunteers. With the exception of these two larger meetings, all meetings are held at Committee members' homes to control costs.

**Approved by the Committee on December 27<sup>th</sup> and signed on their behalf by the Chairman.**

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	R.M. ELLIOTT	27/01/25



**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name

Friends of Regent's Park & Primrose Hill

**On accounts for the  
period ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1201666

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the CIO") for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Tyler Jeffs**

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Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	23-Jan-23	To	31-Mar-24
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Members' subscriptions	24,146	-	-	24,146	-
Sponsorship received	10,500	-	-	10,500	-
Donation received	3,161	-	-	3,161	-
Postcard and map sales	2,218	-	-	2,218	-
Income from events	9,119	-	-	9,119	-
Other income	2,749	-	-	2,749	-
Income from old association	42,282	-	-	42,282	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>94,175</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,175</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
n/a	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>94,175</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,175</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Cost for charitable spending					
- Adapted bike	5,400	-	-	5,400	-
- Bulbs planting	8,189	-	-	8,189	-
Donation paid	5,750	-	-	5,750	-
Cost of events	12,196	-	-	12,196	-
Annual meeting cost	3,003	-	-	3,003	-
Operating expenses		-	-	-	-
- Administration	2,793	-	-	2,793	-
- IT systems and Technology	11,648	-	-	11,648	-
- Printing and Postage	2,047	-	-	2,047	-
- Website and communication	449	-	-	449	-
- Professional fees (insurance and consultant fees)	1,013	-	-	1,013	-
- Other expenses	3,288	-	-	3,288	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>55,776</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,776</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>55,776</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55,776</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>38,398</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,398</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>38,398</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,398</b>	<b>-</b>

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

Categories	Details	funds to nearest £	funds to nearest £	funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Current Account	38,398	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>38,398</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	n/a		-	-
			-	-
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	n/a		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>R. M. Elliott</i>	R. M. ELLIOTT	27/01/25