



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2023                      Period start date  
To 31 March 2024                      Period end date

**Charity name: Friends of Morden Recreation Ground**

**Charity registration number: 1204348**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PRESERVATION, PROMOTION, SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF MORDEN RECREATION GROUND, MERTON.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The main activity has been to maintain a Facebook community of people who use the Rec, The page has been used to publicise local events and services, including consultations by the Council and the police, find lost pets and children's toys, connect with others to play tennis and football.</p> <p>Volunteers also took part in litter picking on four occasions, removing over two skips of rubbish and 3,000 aluminium cans. Planting activities included 3 traditional trees, 450 mixed bulbs, ornamental grasses and flowering plants.</p> <p>The other activity for the year was securing £80,000 from the Civic Pride fund to improve the footpath on one side of the Rec, making a better surface for pushchairs and bicycles, and to make a new path from Green Lane through the copse into the Rec.</p>

		<p>The Friends have also started consulting with park users about the development of the old putting green area into a community garden.</p> <p>Advocacy with the Council and contractors resulted in the restoration of a hedge for local residents next to the park, and the installation of a new rubbish bin, as well as the removal of approximately 15 skips of fly tipping from The Spinney.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees have followed the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.</b>

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>A bank account has been set up in preparation for fundraising, but has not been used as yet. The Civic Pride funding was managed by the Green Spaces team at the Council</b>
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## Declarations

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>	A Harper	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Andrea Harper	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>	23/01/2025	