

Friends of Fenton Park

Annual Report 2024

I am delighted to write the introduction to our first annual report. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Secretary Sharon Ridge for her tireless efforts and the treasurer for managing the purse strings.

I would also like to thank the general committee members who have also given us support, guidance and direction when needed. A final thanks to the army of volunteers who turn up what every whether to help make our various activities a success and always making new volunteers welcome.

On inspection of our annual statement, you will see that donations for the year have been low. The reason behind this is that our focus was to secure charity status and get costings for our various projects. During the last 12 months, we have managed to secure our targets and gone beyond them.

Addition activities have included reestablishment of the flower beds in the Garden of Reflection. The secretary and I worked along a team of volunteer Union representatives from Michelin tyres and Unitas who also planted £1200.00 worth of sensory, bee friendly plants. We also had 3 sessions weeding and edging the historical rockery. I am proud to report our monthly litter picks which have managed to capture the larger members of our community including primary school children, people with disabilities and people with mobility issues.

We have also had the first picnic bench of its type in the city to be installed that is accessible to wheel chair users and abled bodied. The cost of this was from a kind donation made by Unite the Unions Community Branch made in 2022. Unfortunately, we did incorporate an additional charge removing a bench from it old site to a new area in the park as the City Council were not prepared to pay for it.

For 2025 the secretary and I have already started to process various applications for funding including, Sports England, National Lottery, Postcode Lottery, Cadbury Trust & Heritage fund. We will report the progress of these applications at our quarterly meetings throughout the year.

Thank you for your support.



Robert Taylor

Financial Statement 2024

Income

Description Amount

Balance from
2023 £6,775.00

21/05/2024 Ward
donation £300.00

Amount
Total Income **£7,075.00**

Assets Sold

Description Amount

(eg stock, inventory, materials sold to customers or used to manufacture goods sold to customers)

Amount
**Total Cost of
Sales** **£0.00**

Amount
Gross Income **£7,075.00**
(Total Income less Cost of
Sales)

Expenses

Description Amount

(example - Advertising, Stationery, Postage, Fuel)

07/05/2024 Thursfields £1,200.00

10/06/2024 Picnic Bench £1,680.00

24/07/2024 Park bench £240.00

Amount
**Total
Expenses** **£3,120.00**

Amount
Balance **£3,955.00**

(Balance less Expenses)

Treasurer:

Brian Bennett

27/1/25

Secretary:

Sharon Ridge

27/1/25

Independent Auditor:

Robert Hewitt FCIPD

27/1/25