

THE FRIENDS OF HOLLAND PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 281348

Details

Other names	FRIENDS OF HOLLAND PARK
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1980-11-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE FRIENDS ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT;-(1) TO SECURE THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF HOLLAND PARK ('THE PARK') AS A PLACE OF HISTORIC AND ECOLOGICAL INTEREST AND BEAUTY (2) TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF THE NATURAL PLANT, ANIMAL AND BIRD LIFE OF THE PARK AND, IN PARTICULAR, ITS RETENTION AS A NATURAL WOODLAND HABITAT FOR WILD LIFE; (3) TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY, NATURAL HISTORY AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PARK.

Activities: To secure the preservation, protection and improvement of Holland Park as a place of historic and ecological interest and beauty.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HOLLAND PARK
- Kensington And Chelsea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£91,515	£76,728	-	-
2024-12-31	£67,018	£72,396	-	-
2023-12-31	£71,086	£59,373	-	-
2022-12-31	£59,554	£95,170	-	-
2021-12-31	£98,964	£44,944	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JENNIFER ANNE KETTLEWELL	Chair	2011-10-04
FEI PHILIP HOU		2024-06-12
GRAHAM GEORGE RAYMOND FRANKLIN		2015-04-22
Isabelle Beaumont		2025-03-04
NICHOLAS HOPKINS		
NIGEL JOHN WILLIAM BROCKMANN		
RHODDY WOOD		
SILVI SPASSOV		2017-08-31

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Report and Accounts – Year to 31 December 2025

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Legal Structure

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The trustees who held office since 1 January 2025 were:

NJW Brockmann

GGR Franklin

SA French – died on 19 December 2025.

RDN Hopkins

PF Hou

JA Kettlewell, Chairman

JE Puritz Resigned on 21 May 2025

SP Spassov, Treasurer

RM Wood, Secretary

AI Beaumont was co-opted as a trustee on 4 March 2025 and elected at the AGM on 9 April 2025.

Objects and Policies

The objects of the Charity are for the public benefit to secure the preservation, protection and improvement of Holland Park as a place of historical and ecological interest and beauty; to promote the conservation of the natural plant, animal and bird life of the park, in particular, its retention as a natural woodland habitat for wildlife; and to educate the public in the history, natural history and other aspects of the park.

Management and Organisation

The officers of the Charity are the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers and committee are elected by members at the AGM. The trustees do not receive any remuneration or benefits from the organisation and no staff are employed by the Charity.

Around 50 volunteers, who are members of the Charity, help to distribute the newsletter, steward at the annual art exhibition and represent The Friends at our pop-up events in Holland Park. They receive no payment other than expenses.

Review of Activities and Achievements during the Year 2025

Work to carry out The Friends’ charitable purposes for the public benefit is in four main areas:

- Monitoring the condition of the historic assets of the park and working with the council to create and implement acceptable conservation solutions
- Donations and sponsorship for park projects in accordance with our charitable objects
- Raising funds through events and sale of merchandise
- Education of the local community on the history and natural history of the park.

Conservation of historic assets:

The Friends worked with RBKC Project Management to continue conservation of the old Holland Estate Dairy. Listed Building Consent was obtained in spring 2025, and specialist consultants, some of which were recommended by our trustees, were engaged through the Council's stringent procurement process. Having funded £20,000 for the early stages of scoping in 2024, The Friends funded a further £20,000 in 2025. In addition, The Friends secured £40,000 of funding from the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL).

Donations and sponsorship to fund Holland Park projects:

Having worked closely with RBKC on a ten-year Management Plan for Holland Park, The Friends regularly discussed progress on implementation of the plan with Park Management. Priorities for 2025 were agreed and provided a focus for grants and sponsorship during the year:

- The Friends funded £6,999 for hazel circles to be used for ecology teaching
- Proactive tree healthcare work continued with grants totalling £5,825.
- Repairs to the drinking fountain in the Café Yard, including installation of a bottle filler. £2,347.
- A programme of wildlife talks to the local community, organised by the Ecology Centre, was funded by The Friends, so that there was no charge to participants. Cost £1,725.
- Directional signage was needed in the north of the park. The Friends paid £640 for design and artwork, with production costs due in 2026.

Fundraising through events and sale of merchandise:

The 2024 art exhibition was the most successful ever, but we were even more successful in 2025 both in terms of income (£20,488) and surplus

(£6,608). The summer members' party was well attended (ticket sales £1,800) and the Christmas Concert attracted ticket sales of £2,322. Sale of guides to the park and other merchandise produced an income of £3,209.

Education:

The programme of Blue Badge tours was run throughout the year, including one tour for a group who had difficulty walking. Three guided walks on the identification of the birds in Holland Park, and two tree identification walks took place. Regular Friends' pop-up stalls in Holland Park served to inform visitors about the park, generate funds through sales of merchandise and sign-up new members, culminating in a highly popular Festive Event on 29 November which was attended by the Borough Mayor and the Metropolitan Mounted Police. Quarterly issues of the 16-page, full-colour newsletter were produced and distributed to all members and to stakeholders in Holland Park, all funded by a donation from RBKC City Living, Local Life. The Friends' two notice boards in the park were kept updated.

Building relationships:

The Friends continue to work closely with council officers, the Parks Police and elected councillors, all of whom involve The Friends in decisions concerning Holland Park. The Friends also maintain productive contact with Opera Holland Park and other stakeholders in the park.

Gift Aid:

Repayments from HMRC Charities received in 2025 were:

- £1,936.61 for Membership Subscriptions
- £997.67 for Donations.

The number of members continued to increase and stood at 1,187 paid-up members on 10 November 2025 v 1,143 members on 18 November 2024.

The AGM was held in the Holland Park Orangery on 9 April 2025 with a quorum of over 30 members being present. All trustees were re-elected.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance of public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

2026 – achievements to date and outlook for the remainder of the year

Donations and sponsorship to fund Holland Park projects:

The Friends are working with RBKC officers to deliver the actions set out in the ten-year Holland Park Management Plan.

- The Friends initiated the project to conserve the exquisite historic tiles in the Old Dairy building that served the Holland Park estate. The work on the viewing window, shutters, lighting, security door and conservation was put out to tender and contractors selected but, due to a Cyber-attack on the Council's website, on-site work was delayed. It is now due to start in March 2026, with completion anticipated in Autumn 2026. The Friends have agreed to fund a further £10,000 to cover increased cost of lighting and to ensure there is a contingency fund.
- The Friends continue to work with Parks Management to find a solution to areas suffering from heavy foot traffic, causing grass erosion and soil compaction. The 2026 priority is to create a permeable hedged path in place of the worn desire-line path across grass to the SW of The Orangery. Cost is awaited from RBKC and The Friends have agreed to contribute to the funding.
- The RBKC Ecology Service aims to increase the population of solitary bees (as well as other pollinators) in the park and intends to build a bee bank in Arboretum 1. Cost is awaited from RBKC and The Friends have agreed to contribute to the funding.
- The compacted ground around the Walking Man statue has been fenced off for 18 months to let the aerated ground recover. A low permanent fence has been agreed and The Friends are seeking NCIL funds to pay the cost of around £15,000. There will be two openings in the fence to allow park visitors to access the popular statue.
- Action plans for the woodland enclosures are being implemented with input from The Friends.
- Once again, The Friends have committed to funding the proactive tree health programme, starting with treatment of Horse Chestnuts suffering from canker or leaf miner.
- The Friends have committed to funding a further year of the Ecology Service educational walks and talks for the community, so that they can be free to attend.
- After much lobbying of the Council, work has still not been carried out to prevent water ingress above the Holland Park wall paintings donated by The Friends in 1991. The Friends continue to press for this work to be done so that the paintings are safe from water damage.

Fundraising and ticketed events:

The Art Exhibition will run from 11-19 April 2026, the members' summer party will be on 13 July and the Christmas Concert will be on 6 December. Digital ticketing will be added to our website.

Education:

- A full schedule of Blue Badge guided tours is planned, including two new tour subjects. Two guided tree identification walks are planned. One bird walk took place in February and two more are scheduled. Regular pop-up stalls in the park will provide information to all, at which activities for children will encourage their interest in the park. A sensory tree walk will be funded for people with little or no sight, working with the Ecology Service and Age UK.
- The Friends give talks on Holland Park and undertake general guided tours of the park when the opportunity arises.
- The Friends's website will be updated in 2026, with new technology and a new design to future proof functionality and improve customer experience.

The Trustees consider that the present resources of the Charity are adequate to meet its obligations.

Risk Management

The trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, reviewed and revised the Risk Register and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks. Specifically, insurance cover for Cyber-attacks has been added. The trustees will continue to monitor risks and to carry out an annual review. The charity has a Privacy Statement on its website and manages data in line with its Privacy Policy and the General Data Protection Regulation.

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider that the Charity should hold a minimum reserve equivalent to 50% of annual expenditure, to ensure that the quarterly newsletter can continue and other necessary expenditure can be paid if, due to unforeseen circumstances, the projected income is not received. Any reserves in excess of this are held pending expenditure on, or donations towards, projects related to the park in accordance with the Charity's objects.

Currently, we have more capital than intended. This is due to shortage of Council officers to approve and commission projects, which they must do as owners of Holland Park. A major Cyber-attack on the Council's website in early December impacted on Council processes such as invoicing and purchase orders.

Environmental and Social Issues

By the very nature and purpose of the charity, we are focused on environmental issues in Holland Park. One of the four priority themes in the Park Strategy is Sustainability and we work with the Council to ensure best practice. Tree, shrub and annual planting take into account climate change and best choices for the urban heat island status of the park. We work to protect and enhance habitats for wildlife and pollinators and fund many habitat-related projects. We have no premises and our quarterly newsletters are hand-delivered to local members. Our approach to social issues is to work with specialists so that we can encourage those who feel excluded, have difficulty walking or little sight, to visit the park with ease. We have maintained our annual subscription at the low level of £12 p.a. (including quarterly 16-page newsletters and discounts from 17 local businesses) and only £9 for seniors, so that all can afford to benefit from membership.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) and applicable accounting standards.

The Friends of Holland Park

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 £		2024 £
Income from:			
Donations & legacies:			
Donations	48,571		12,298
Legacies	-	48,571	10,000
Charitable activities:			
Subscriptions		12,963	14,124
Other trading income:			
Events	21,483		21,265
Sale of merchandise	3,209		3,139
Advertising	1,655	26,347	1,975
Interest		3,634	4,217
Total incoming resources		<u>91,515</u>	<u>67,018</u>
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds:			
Fundraising	2,344		2,439
Event expenses	17,866		18,555
Cost of merchandise	5,479	25,689	2,013
Charitable activities:			
Newsletter	9,385		9,498
Grants & aims expenditure	39,779		38,188
Governance	1,875	51,039	1,703
Total resources expended		<u>76,728</u>	<u>72,396</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		14,787	(5,378)
Total funds brought forward		178,152	183,530
Total funds carried forward		<u>192,939</u>	<u>178,152</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	£		£
Current assets:			
Debtors & prepayments	988		1,012
Deposit & current accounts	192,416	193,404	177,590
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year		465	450
Net assets		<u>192,939</u>	<u>178,152</u>

Notes to 2025 accounts

1. Donations increased in 2025 over 2024, due to many generous donations from members, including one of £25,000 and two of £1,000 each. Ilchester Estates donated £3,000 towards the cost of the art exhibition.
2. Subscriptions, at £12,963, were marginally down compared to 2024 (£14,124).
3. Cost of merchandise increased to £5,479 in 2025 v £2,013. This was due to a reprint of the green guide to Holland Park, production of the Snakes & Ladders game and of post card sets depicting the marouflage paintings. Snakes & Ladders and the post card costs were offset by donations of £650 from Daisy Green Food and £1,000 from The Ludlow Trust.
4. The cost of newsletters (£9,385) was offset by donations of £8,062 from RBKC's community fund City Living, Local Life.
5. Surplus on events increased from £2,710 in 2024 to £3,617 in 2025.
6. Grants to fund park projects reached a satisfactory £39,779 in 2025. It was a challenging year for the Council in many respects and we were fortunate to be able to agree a number of significant projects.

Jennie Kettlewell (Chairman)

3 March 2026

Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. They consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 act; have not been met; or

b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

R Foreman
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Chelmsford, CM1 7RF

Date: 4 March 2026

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RDN Hopkins

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JE Puritz

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RM Wood, Secretary

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Objects and Policies

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Conservation of historic assets:

The Friends worked with RBKC Project Management to plan conservation of the old Holland Estate Dairy, sourced specialists with appropriate skills, and funded £20,000 to cover the early stages of the scoping and costing work.

Donations and sponsorship to fund Holland Park projects:

Having worked closely with RBKC on a ten-year Management Plan for Holland Park, The Friends regularly discussed progress on implementation of the plan with Park Management. Priorities for 2024 were agreed and provided a focus for grants and sponsorship during the year:

- The Friends funded the installation of bird nest boxes (£1,080), to help maintain a healthy wild bird population in the park.
- Proactive tree healthcare work continued with grants totalling £5,675.
- Whips were planted round the margins of the woodland enclosures, being native species with nuts or berries as food for wildlife. The Friends paid the cost of £3,145.
- The Friends paid £6,165 for replacement picnic benches on the south side of the sports field.
- A programme of wildlife talks to the local community, organised by the Ecology Centre, was funded by The Friends, so that there was no charge to participants. Cost £1,100.

Fundraising through events and sale of merchandise:

The annual art exhibition was the most successful ever, both in terms of income (£20,011) and surplus (£6,247). The summer members' party was well attended (ticket sales £1,550) and the Christmas Concert attracted ticket sales of £2,133. Sale of guides to the park and other merchandise produced an income of £3,139.

Education:

The Guide to the Butterflies of Holland Park was completed (£1,490). The Friends commissioned information panels on the history of Holland House which were installed inside the Holland Park Café. The programme of Blue Badge tours was run throughout the year, including two tours for groups who had difficulty walking. Three guided walks on the identification of the birds in Holland Park, and two tree identification walks took place. Regular Friends' pop-up stalls in Holland Park served to inform visitors about the park, generate funds through sales of merchandise and sign-up new members, culminating in a highly popular Festive Event on 30 November. Quarterly issues of the 16-page, full-colour newsletter were produced and distributed to all members and to stakeholders in Holland Park. The Friends' two notice boards in the park were kept updated.

Building relationships: The Friends continue to work closely with council officers, the Parks Police and elected councillors, all of whom involve The Friends in decisions concerning Holland Park. The Friends also maintain productive contact with Opera Holland Park and other stakeholders in the park.

Gift Aid: Repayments from HMRC Charities received in 2024 were:

- £1,718.62 for Membership Subscriptions
- £892.07 for Donations.

The number of members continued to increase and stood at 1,143 paid-up members at the start of November 2024. This was in part due to new members and in part to the concerted effort to encourage members to renew at the start of 2024.

The AGM was held in the Holland Park Orangery on 10 April 2024 with a quorum of over 30 members being present. All trustees were re-elected.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance of public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

2025 – achievements to date and outlook for the remainder of the year

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- Action plans for the woodland enclosures and pathways are being implemented with input from The Friends. Woven hazel teaching circles have been funded by The Friends (£7,000).
- The Friends continue to work with Parks Management to find a solution to areas suffering from heavy foot traffic, causing grass erosion and soil compaction.
- The Friends continue to work with the council flood prevention officer and the Ecology Service to plan interventions that will encourage retention of rainwater in the park and prevent damaging run-off. The work has been delayed due to slim council officer resource, but is planned for 2025.
- After much lobbying of the Council, work has still not been carried out to prevent water ingress above the wall paintings. The Friends continue to press for this work to be done so that the paintings are safe from water damage.
- Once again, The Friends have committed to funding the proactive tree health programme, starting with treatment of Horse Chestnuts suffering from canker or leaf miner.
- The Friends have committed to funding a further year of the Ecology Service educational walks and talks for the community.

Fundraising and ticketed events:

The Art Exhibition will run from 5-13 April 2025, the members' summer party will be on 21 July, and the Christmas Concert is scheduled to take place in The Orangery on 7 December.

Education:

- A full schedule of Blue Badge guided tours is planned, including two tours for people with walking difficulties. Two guided tree identification walks are planned. One bird walk took place in February and two more are scheduled. Regular pop-up stalls in the park will provide information to all, at which activities for children will encourage their interest in the park. A sensory tree walk will be funded for people with little or no sight, working with the Ecology Service and Age UK.
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Risk Management

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £		2023 £	
Income from:				
Donations & legacies:				
Donations	12,298		32,023	
Legacies	<u>10,000</u>	22,298	<u>-</u>	32,023
Charitable activities:				
Subscriptions		14,124		13,625
Other trading income:				
Events	21,265		17,397	
Sale of merchandise	3,139		3,589	
Advertising	<u>1,975</u>	26,379	<u>1,655</u>	22,641
Interest		<u>4,217</u>		<u>2,797</u>
Total incoming resources		<u>67,018</u>		<u>71,086</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds:				
Fundraising	2,439		2,924	
Event expenses	18,555		14,667	
Cost of merchandise	<u>2,013</u>	23,007	<u>1,540</u>	19,131
Charitable activities:				
Newsletter	9,498		8,538	
Grants & aims expenditure	38,188		30,314	
Governance	<u>1,703</u>	49,389	<u>1,390</u>	40,242
Total resources expended		<u>72,396</u>		<u>59,373</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		-5,378		11,713
Total funds brought forward		183,530		171,817
Total funds carried forward		<u>178,152</u>		<u>183,530</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	£		£	
Current assets:				
Debtors & prepayments	1,012		808	
Deposit & current accounts	<u>177,590</u>	178,602	<u>183,097</u>	183,905
Creditors:				
Amounts falling due within one year		450		375
Net assets		<u>178,152</u>		<u>183,530</u>

Notes to accounts for 2024

1. Donations decreased in 2024 over 2023, due to an exceptional £25,000 donation in 2023.
2. A legacy of £10k, increased subscriptions and event income, resulted in the total income being only £4,068 less than in 2023.
3. An increase in the cost of newsletters was due to the rise in paper costs.
4. Event costs increased over 2023, largely due to a successful art exhibition. The more artworks sold, the more income we receive, but it means a higher total sum is paid to artists. Surplus on events in 2024 was £2,710, against £2,730 in 2023.
5. Grants to fund park projects increased satisfactorily from £30,314 in 2023 to £38,188 in 2024.
6. Unlike most organisations, the fact that costs exceeded income (by £5,378) is an achievement and is in line with our aim to increase spending on grants for park projects

Jennie Kettlewell (Chairman)

14 March 2025

Report of the Independent Examiner

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Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. They consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 act; have not been met; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 5 April 2025

THE FRIENDS OF HOLLAND PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 281348

Accounts

The Friends of Holland Park

Report and Accounts – Year to 31 December 2023

Charity number 281348

The Friends of Holland Park
Accounts for the Year to 31 December 2023
Report of the Trustees

Legal Structure

The Friends of Holland Park ("The Friends") is a registered Charity (registration number 281348), governed by its constitution and rules. The constitution (with the exception of the clauses relating to Objects, Dissolution and Amendments) can only be amended in relation to the Charity's name and application of income and property by the assent of not less than two thirds of the members present at a general meeting and in relation to the remainder of the constitution by the assent of a majority of members present at a general meeting.

The trustees who held office since 1 January 2023 were:

NJW Brockmann
GGR Franklin
SA French
RDN Hopkins
JA Kettlewell, Chairman
JE Puritz
SP Spassov, Treasurer
RM Wood, Secretary

Objects and Policies

The objects of the Charity are for the public benefit to secure the preservation, protection and improvement of Holland Park as a place of historical and ecological interest and beauty; to promote the conservation of the natural plant, animal and bird life of the park, in particular, its retention as a natural woodland habitat for wildlife; and to educate the public in the history, natural history and other aspects of the park.

Management and Organisation

The officers of the Charity are the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers and committee are elected by members at the AGM. The trustees do not receive any remuneration or benefits from the organisation and no staff are employed by the Charity.

Review of Activities and Achievements during the Year 2023

Work to carry out The Friends' charitable purposes for the public benefit is in four main areas:

- Monitoring the condition of the historic assets of the park and working with the council to create and implement acceptable conservation solutions
- Donations and sponsorship for park projects in accordance with our charitable objects
- Raising funds through events and sale of merchandise
- Education of the local community on the history and natural history of the park.

Conservation of historic assets:

The Friends planned and funded £13,680 for conservation of the mid-19th century terra cotta bricks, installed around Holland House, which had been damaged by vandalism.

Donations and sponsorship to fund Holland Park projects:

Having worked closely with RBKC on a ten-year Management Plan for Holland Park, The Friends regularly discuss progress on implementation of the plan with Park Management. Priorities for 2023 were agreed and provided a focus for grants and sponsorship during the year:

- The Sensory Garden, a quiet space for those who find busy areas of the park challenging, was completed in 2022. Further improvements were made, at a cost of £469, for the enjoyment of the special needs children who use the garden..
- The Friends funded the installation of bird nest boxes (£1,080), to help maintain a healthy wild bird population in the park.
- Proactive tree healthcare work continued. with grants totalling £8,830.
- A programme of wildlife talks to the local community, organised by the Ecology Centre, was funded by The Friends, so that there was no charge to participants. Cost £1,050.
- The 'murals', depicting historic scenes of the park and donated by The Friends in 1991, were retouched by the original artist at a cost of £4,000 paid by The Friends.

Fundraising through events and sale of merchandise:

The annual art exhibition was successful, both in terms of income (£14,700) and surplus, once artists and expenses had been paid (£4,862). The summer members' party was well attended (ticket sales £1,725) and the Christmas Concert attracted ticket sales of £1,620. Sale of guides to the park and other merchandise produced an income of £3,589

Education:

The programme of Blue Badge tours was run throughout the year, including to groups who had difficulty walking. Two guided walks on the identification of the birds in Holland Park, and two tree identification walks took place. Regular Friends' pop-up stalls in Holland Park served to inform visitors about the park, generate funds through sales of merchandise and sign-up new members, culminating in a highly popular Festive Event on 2 December.

Building relationships: The Friends continue to work closely with council officers, the Parks Police and elected councillors, all of whom involve The Friends in decisions concerning Holland Park. The Friends also maintain productive contact with Opera Holland Park and other stakeholders in the park.

Gift Aid: Repayments from HMRC Charities received in 2023 were:

- £1,860.75 for Membership Subscriptions
- £768.26 for Donations.

The number of members increased, as it has in each of the past 10 years (with the exception of 2020, due to Covid) and stood at 1,086 paid-up members at the start of November 2023.

The AGM was held in the Holand Park Orangery on 19 April 2023 with a quorum of over 30 members being present. All trustees were re-elected.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance of public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

2024 – achievements to date and plans for the remainder of the year

The Friends have asked the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to act to prevent water ingress above and behind the 11 large murals that depict life in Holland Park in bygone times. The murals, donated by The Friends, are suffering water damage and the council has commissioned an investigation by a conservation expert, to establish what action must be taken for the paintings to survive.

Donations and sponsorship to fund Holland Park projects:

The Friends are working with RBKC officers to deliver the actions set out in the ten-year Holland Park Management Plan. The borough's Biodiversity Action Plan has been approved by the council and the action plans for the woodland enclosures and pathways have been written, with input from The Friends.

- The Friends paid £3,145 for circa 500 hedging whips for the woodland areas. The species were chosen for biodiversity.
- The Friends have worked with Parks Management to find a solution to two areas suffering from heavy traffic, causing grass erosion and soil compaction.
- The Friends are working with the council flood prevention officer and the Ecology Service to plan interventions that will encourage retention of rainwater in the park and prevent damaging run-off.
- The Friends are working with Park Management to prevent water ingress above the 'murals'. This has involved removing two paintings so that the canvas itself can be conserved.
- Once again, The Friends have committed to funding the proactive tree health programme, and are working with Parks Management on a plan for tree planting.
- The Friends have committed to funding a further year of the Ecology Service educational programme.
- The Friends are leading the project to conserve the exquisite historic tiles in the 1812 old dairy building that served the Holland Park estate. The anticipated cost of circa £65,000 will be part-funded by The Friends and by private donors in the community.

Fundraising and ticketed events:

The Art Exhibition will run from 6-14 April 2024, the members' summer party will be on 3 July, and the Christmas Concert is scheduled to take place in The Orangery on 8 December.

Education:

- The Friends have produced a guide to Holland Park's butterflies for sale to park visitors.
- A full schedule of Blue Badge guided tours is planned, including two tours for people with walking difficulties. Two guided tree identification walks are planned. One bird walk took place in February and two more are scheduled. Regular pop-up stalls in the park will provide information to all, at which activities for children will encourage their interest in the park.
- The Friends give talks on Holland Park and general guided tours of the park when the opportunity arises.

The Trustees consider that the present resources of the Charity are adequate to meet its obligations.

Risk Management

The trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, reviewed and revised the Risk Register and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks. The trustees will continue to monitor risks and to carry out an annual review. The charity has a Privacy Statement on its website and manages data in line with its Privacy Policy and the General Data Protection Regulation.

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider that the Charity should hold a minimum reserve equivalent to 50% of annual expenditure, to ensure that the quarterly newsletter can continue and other necessary expenditure can be paid if, due to unforeseen circumstances, the projected income is not received. Any reserves in excess of this are held pending expenditure on, or donations towards, projects related to the park in accordance with the Charity's objects.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) and applicable accounting standards.

Cost of generating funds represents expenditure on membership, events and merchandise for sale.

Charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises grants paid, the production of the newsletter and the cost of administration.

Governance costs represent expenditure incurred in the organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £		2022 £
Income from:			
Donations & legacies:			
Donations	32,023		16,938
Legacies	-	32,023	-
Charitable activities:			
Subscriptions		13,625	13,268
Other trading income:			
Events	17,397		20,391
Sale of merchandise	3,589		6,675
Advertising	1,655	22,641	1,566
Interest		2,797	716
Total incoming resources		71,086	59,554
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds:			
Fundraising	2,924		2,490
Event expenses	14,667		16,983
Cost of merchandise	1,540	19,131	3,831
Charitable activities:			
Newsletter	8,538		8,225
Grants & aims expenditure	30,314		62,244
Governance	1,390	40,242	1,397
Total resources expended		59,373	95,170
Net income/(expenditure)		11,713	(35,616)
Total funds brought forward		171,817	207,433
Total funds carried forward		183,530	171,817

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	£		£
Current assets:			
Debtors & prepayments	808		433
Deposit & current accounts	183,097	183,905	171,972
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year		375	588
Net assets		183,530	171,817

Notes to the accounts for 2023

- The 2023 accounts have been independently examined.
- Income for 2023 was higher than in 2022 (£71,086 v. £59,554) due to the generous and much-appreciated donations received.

- Event income, at £17,397 was slightly lower than in 2022 (£20,391), but event expenses were also lower, producing a profit on events of £2,730.
- Sale of merchandise decreased from £6,675 in 2022 to £3,589. This is likely to be because there was no honey for sale.
- Newsletter costs increased, largely as a result of the rising cost of paper.
- Grants to the park, were £30,314. The higher figure of £62,244 in 2022 was due to 2021 donated money being spent on the Quiet Garden.
- Total funds carried forward stood at £183,530, a slight increase on £171,817 in 2022. The challenge has been delays in approval of projects.

Jennie Kettlewell (Chairman)

7 March 2023

Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. They consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 act; have not been met; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 12 March 2024

THE FRIENDS OF HOLLAND PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 281348

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On 1 October 2022 Sir Angus Stirling retired as President and Eric Ellul was appointed to take on the role.

The trustees who held office since 1 January 2022 were:

NJW Brockmann

GGR Franklin

SA French

RDN Hopkins

JA Kettlewell, Chairman

JE Puritz

SP Spassov, Treasurer

AM Walker – Resigned on 24 January 2023

RM Wood, Secretary

Objects and Policies

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Management and Organisation

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Review of Activities and Achievements during the Year 2022

Work to carry out The Friends’ charitable purposes for the public benefit is in four main areas:

- Monitoring the condition of the historic assets of the park and working with the council to create and implement acceptable conservation solutions
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- Raising funds through events and sale of merchandise
- Education of the local community on the history and natural history of the park.

Lifting of Covid-19 restrictions allowed The Friends to run events again, including the Art Exhibition. This resulted in increased income from ticket sales, from sales of merchandise at those events and from members joining as a result of attending events.

Conservation of historic assets:

Phase 2 of the conservation of Grade 1-listed Holland House was completed, prior to Opera Holland Park taking over the site on 7 March 2022. The work, supervised by conservation architects, Allies & Morrison, and implemented by Borrás, was carried out to a high standard, such that the case history will be included in an architects' guidebook on brick conservation. The work was finished on time and within budget. The Friends were consulted throughout.

Donations and sponsorship to fund Holland Park projects:

Having worked closely with RBKC on a ten-year Management Plan for Holland Park, The Friends regularly discuss progress on implementation of the plan with Park Management. Priorities were agreed and provided a focus for grants and sponsorship during the year:

- Completion of the sensory garden, a quiet space for those who find busy areas of the park challenging. Leaders of SEND groups visited to check the safety of the garden, and the first group of children with autism enjoyed a sensory experience. The garden was fully funded by private donors, with the funds being donated to The Friends for payment of each stage of the project when satisfactorily completed. The Friends produced a leaflet for distribution to SEND leaders in the local community.
- Proactive tree care work continued with two grants of £5,000 and £7,250. The Friends organised demonstrations of a fluorometer which analyses the underlying health of trees, so that the effect of treatments can be assessed and tests can be used to establish which trees should be selected for treatment each year.
- A wildflower survey was carried out (£350) as a precursor to planning the management of two pollinator meadows, in the context of the Biodiversity Action Plan, approved by the council.
- Two information boards were created and installed at the front and rear of Grade 1-listed Holland House (£2,175).
- Funding of on-line wildlife talks, organised by the Ecology Centre, so that there was no charge to participants (£850).

Fundraising through events and sale of merchandise:

The first post-Covid art exhibition was successful, both in terms of income (£18,782) and surplus, once artists and expenses had been paid (£6,627). A ticketed concert in April was well attended, as were the summer members' party and the Christmas concert. Sale of merchandise increased from £3,437 in 2021 to £6,675 in 2022, due to new merchandise and increased opportunities for sales.

Education:

The programme of Blue Badge guided History and Decorative Art tours was run throughout the year, two guided walks on the identification of the birds in Holland Park, and one on tree identification took place. Regular Friends' pop-up stalls in Holland Park served to inform visitors about the park, generate funds through sales of merchandise and sign up new members, culminating in a highly popular Festive Event on 17 December. Three telephone talks were given to Open Age housebound groups and two talks were given to members of the Kensington and Chelsea Forum.

Building relationships: The Friends continue to work closely with council officers, the Parks Police and elected councillors, who all involve The Friends in decisions concerning Holland Park. The Friends also maintain productive contact with Opera Holland Park and other stakeholders in the park.

Gift Aid: Repayments from HMRC Charities received in 2022 were:

- £1,631.56 for Membership Subscriptions
- £789.15 for Donations.

The number of members increased over 2021.

The AGM was held in person on 6 April 2022 with a quorum of over 30 members being present. All trustees were re-elected.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance of public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

2023 – achievements to date and plans for the remainder of the year

The Friends continue to work with Opera Holland Park to ensure commitment to reduce the build and remove time for the temporary opera buildings, so that the re-landscaped Holland House terrace can be open to the public for a longer period each year. Opera Holland Park sought input to their planning application for 2022-24.

The Friends have asked the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to act to prevent water ingress above and behind the 11 large murals that depict life in Holland Park in bygone times. The murals, donated by The Friends, are suffering water damage and the council has commissioned an investigation by a conservation expert, to establish what action must be taken for the paintings to survive.

The Friends are working with the council to conserve the mid-19th century terra cotta bricks, installed around Holland House, which have been damaged by vandalism.

Donations and sponsorship to fund Holland Park projects:

The Friends are working with RBKC officers to deliver the actions set out in the ten-year Holland Park Management Plan. The borough's Biodiversity Action Plan has been approved by the council and the action plans for the woodland enclosures and pathways are currently being written. The Friends are being consulted, with the possibility of funding further species surveys. The Friends have committed to funding the proactive tree health programme, and funding of many of the Ecology Service events for the public.

Fundraising and ticketed events:

A talk, 'Design Matters' was given by the director of the neighbouring Design Museum, on 22 February with 76 tickets sold. The Art Exhibition will run from 15-23 April 2023, the members' summer party will be on 18 July, and the Christmas Concert is scheduled to take place in The Orangery in December.

Education:

A full schedule of Blue Badge guided History and Decorative Art tours is planned, including two tours for people with walking difficulties and a new subject of the history of the gardens. Two guided tree identification walks are planned. One bird walk took place in February and two more are scheduled. Regular pop-up stalls in the park will provide information to all, at which activities for children will encourage their interest in the park. The Friends are commissioning a permanent display on the history of Holland House, to be installed inside the café. Once the

butterfly survey has been completed, The Friends will produce a guide to the butterflies of Holland Park.

The Trustees consider that the present resources of the Charity are adequate to meet its obligations.

Risk Management

The trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, reviewed and revised the Risk Register and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks. The trustees will continue to monitor risks and to carry out an annual review. The charity has a Privacy Statement on its website and manages data in line with its Privacy Policy and the General Data Protection Regulation.

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider that the Charity should hold a minimum reserve equivalent to 50% of annual expenditure, to ensure that the quarterly newsletter can continue and other necessary expenditure can be paid if, due to unforeseen circumstances, the projected income is not received. Any reserves in excess of this are held pending expenditure on, or donations towards, projects related to the park in accordance with the Charity's objects.

The Friends made donations of £62,244 to the park in 2022, an increase from £30,535 in 2021. This increase was made possible due to generous donations from private donors, facilitated by the Kensington and Chelsea Foundation, and tied to the project of a quiet, sensory garden for those who find the noise and bustle of the main park too challenging. This was gratifying after several years during which project implementation was limited, due to the pandemic. The Charity continues to have substantial reserves and hopes to achieve a high level of project funding in 2023.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Friends of Holland Park

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 £		2021 £
Income from:			
Donations & legacies:			
Donations	16,938		78,770
Legacies	-	16,938	-
Charitable activities:			
Subscriptions		13,268	12,546
Other trading income:			
Events	20,391		2,313
Sale of merchandise	6,675		3,437
Advertising	1,566	28,632	1,810
Interest		716	88
Total incoming resources		59,554	98,964
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds:			
Fundraising	2,490		1,660
Event expenses	16,983		2,775
Cost of merchandise	3,831	23,304	1,765
Charitable activities:			
Newsletter	8,225		6,934
Grants & aims expenditure	62,244		30,535
Governance	1,397	71,866	1,275
Total resources expended		95,170	44,944
Net income/(expenditure)		(35,616)	54,020
Total funds brought forward		207,433	153,413
Total funds carried forward		171,817	207,433

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	£		£
Current assets:			
Debtors & prepayments	433		2,156
Deposit & current accounts	171,972	172,405	206,350
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year		588	1,073
Net assets		171,817	207,433

Notes to the accounts for 2022

- The 2022 accounts have been independently examined.
- Income for 2022 was lower than in 2021 (£59,554 v. £98,964) as, in 2021, the charity received substantial and much-appreciated one-off donations, to be spent on specific projects, as well as many other donations from generous members.
- Subscriptions have increased from £12,546 in 2021, to £13,268 in 2022.
- Event income, at £20,391, returned to pre-Covid levels, with profit on events at £3,408.
- Sale of merchandise increased from £3,437 to £6,675..
- Grants to the park, at £62,244, were up significantly from £30,535 in 2021. This was the result of the high income from donations in 2021.
- The Gift Aid refund for 2022 was £2,420.71.
- Net income was -£35,616 v. £54,020 in 2021. This is due to donations being received in 2021 but not being spent on grants until 2022.
- Total funds carried forward stood at £171,817. This is a decrease on £207,433 in 2021 but shows money is being spent according to our charitable objects.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) and applicable accounting standards.

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Charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises grants paid, the production of the newsletter and the cost of administration.

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Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. They consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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Date: 14 March 2023

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The president is Sir Angus Stirling.

The trustees who held office since 1 January 2021 were:

NJW Brockmann
GGR Franklin
SA French
RDN Hopkins
JA Kettlewell, Chairman
RJ Kulczycki - Resigned 7 November 2021
JE Puritz
SP Spassov, Treasurer
AM Walker
RM Wood, Secretary

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Review of Activities and Achievements during the Year 2021

Work to carry out The Friends' charitable purposes for the public benefit is in four main areas:

- Monitoring the condition of the historic assets of the park and working with the council to create and implement acceptable conservation solutions

- Donations and sponsorship for park projects in accordance with our objects
- Raising funds through events and sale of merchandise, though this was limited in 2021, due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- Education of the local community on the history and natural history of the park.

2021 was a second atypical year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Live events inside, were again cancelled, including the annual art exhibition, but lifting of restrictions allowed us to hold our Christmas Concert. Lack of face-to-face events meant fewer opportunities to sell merchandise and to recruit new members. Projects for improvement of the park continued, though were more complex and slower to complete, and it was still possible for The Friends to contribute a sizeable sum in grants to Holland Park.

Conservation of historic assets:

Phase 1 of the conservation of Grade 1 listed Holland House was completed, prior to Opera Holland Park taking over the site in March 2021. The work on the East Wing, supervised by conservation architects, Allies & Morrison, was on time and on budget. The Friends were consulted throughout. Phase 2 started in October 2021.

Donations and sponsorship to fund Holland Park projects:

Having worked closely with RBKC on a ten-year Management Plan for Holland Park, The Friends regularly discuss progress on implementation of the plan with Park Management. Priorities were agreed and provided a focus for donations and sponsorship during the year:

- Development of a new garden as a quiet area for those that find busy areas of the park challenging. The Friends sought private donors for this project and a sum of £45,000 was paid into The Friends bank account, ring-fenced for this purpose. £17,162 was paid out of this sum for costs of the project in 2021.
- Proactive tree care work continued with a grant of £380. The Friends achieved agreement to plant a row of mature trees along the north fence of the sports field and the long-term relationship with Bartletts resulted in the tree experts generously planting the trees at no cost.
- Base habitat surveys were carried out (£6,371) as a precursor to starting the Woodland Management Plan.
- New signage was created and installed at the entrance to the Kyoto Garden (£665)
- Funding of on-line wildlife talks, organised by the Ecology Centre, so that there was no charge to participants (£1,615).

Education: The Kyoto Garden and Notable Trees guides were updated and reprinted (£3,708). The programme of History and Decorative Art tours, led by Blue Badge Guides, was re-started and a guided walk on the identification of the birds in Holland Park took place in September 2021. The Friends engaged with the Dalgarno Trust and Nova charities to encourage people from the north of the borough to visit Holland Park and make them welcome. Regular Friends' pop-up stalls in Holland Park served to inform visitors about the park, generate funds through sales of merchandise and sign up new members.

Building relationships: The Friends continue to work closely with council officers, the Parks Police and elected councillors, who all involve The Friends in decisions concerning Holland Park. The Friends also maintain productive contact with Opera Holland Park and other stakeholders in the park.

Gift Aid: Repayments from HMRC Charities received in 2020 were:

- £1,694 for Membership Subscriptions
- £1,038 for Donations.

The number of members was marginally fewer than in pre-Covid years, due to lack of opportunities to meet in person and to artists not joining for the Art Exhibition.

The AGM was held by Zoom on 13 October 2021. Voting was carried out electronically at the meeting, all trustees being re-elected.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance of public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

2022 - achievements to date and plans for the remainder of the year

Stage 2 of the conservation work on grade 1 listed Holland House, and some of the listed structures under its curtilage, finished on 7 March 2022. The work has been carried out to a very high standard, on time and on budget. The Friends have been invited to inspect throughout the work. It is expected that Holland House will be removed from Historic England's Heritage At Risk Register.

The Friends continue to work with Opera Holland Park to ensure commitment to reduce the build and remove time for the temporary opera buildings, so that the re-landscaped Holland House terrace can be open to the public for a longer period each year. Opera Holland Park sought input to their planning application for 2022-24.

Donations and sponsorship to fund Holland Park projects:

Decompaction and aeration of the Trumpet Sculpture Lawn was completed in January for the health of the trees and for the regeneration of grass. The Friends contributed £5,000 to the cost.

Work on the new quiet garden has been progressed, with completion due in mid-April. Plants and custom-made benches have been ordered. A further £42,605 will be due when benches and posts are delivered, the major part being funded by a generous donor.

The Friends are working with RBKC officers to deliver the actions set out in the ten-year Holland Park Management Plan. We have committed to funding further habitat and species surveys as the first stage of the

Woodland Management Plan, continuation of the proactive tree health programme, and funding of the 2021 Ecology Service events for the public. We provided input to the borough Biodiversity Action Plan and the RBKC Local Plan.

Fundraising and Members' social events: The Art Exhibition will run for the first time in three years, during which time a ticketed concert is booked. The Christmas Concert is scheduled to take place in The Orangery in December.

Education: There is a full schedule of Blue Badge guided History and Decorative Art tours in Holland Park, a guided tree walk and bird walks are planned. Regular pop-up stalls in the park will provide information to all, and activities for children will encourage their interest in the park. Further visits are planned for the Dalgarno Trust. The Friends are working with the Butterfly Conservation Trust to produce a guide to the butterflies of Holland Park. Information installations are planned to explain the history of Holland House and the families that lived in it.

The Trustees consider that the present resources of the Charity are adequate to meet its obligations.

Risk Management

The trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, reviewed and revised the Risk Register and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks. The trustees will continue to monitor risks and to carry out an annual review. The charity has a Privacy Statement on its website and manages data in line with its Privacy Policy and the General Data Protection Regulation.

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider that the Charity should hold a minimum reserve equivalent to 50% of annual expenditure, to ensure that the quarterly newsletter can continue and other necessary expenditure can be paid if, due to unforeseen circumstances, the projected income is not received. Any reserves in excess of this are held pending expenditure on, or donations towards, projects related to the park in accordance with the Charity's objects.

The Friends made donations £30,535 to the park in 2021, an increase from £21,378 in 2020, which is gratifying considering the limitations imposed by the pandemic. It is expected that funding in line with our charitable objects will again increase in 2022, due to the quiet garden project for which generous donations have been received. The Charity continues to have substantial reserves due to many very generous donations from members.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Jennie Kettlewell (Chairman)

28 February 2022

The Friends of Holland Park

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £		2020 £
Income from:			
Donations & legacies:			
Donations	78,770		39,495
Legacies	-	78,770	-
Charitable activities:			
Subscriptions		12,546	12,856
Other trading income:			
Events	2,313		1,258
Sale of merchandise	3,437		2,038
Advertising	1,810	7,560	1,811
Interest		88	173
Total incoming resources		98,964	57,631
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds:			
Fundraising	1,660		2,611
Event expenses	2,775		1,344
Cost of merchandise	1,765	6,200	516
Charitable activities:			
Newsletter	6,934		7,378
Grants & aims expenditure	30,535		21,378
Governance	1,275	38,744	3024
Total resources expended		44,944	36,251
Net income		54,020	21,380
Total funds brought forward		153,413	132,033
Total funds carried forward		207,433	153,413

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	£		£
Current assets:			
Debtors & prepayments	2,156		262
Deposit & current accounts	206,350	208,506	153,232
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year		1,073	81
Net assets		207,433	153,413

Notes to the accounts for 2021

2021 was the second of two atypical years, due to Covid. However, the comparison between 2021 and 2020 are like for like.

- The 2021 accounts have been independently examined.
- Income increased from £57,631 in 2020, to £98,964 in 2021, due to much-appreciated donations. This included amounts of £25,000, £35,000 and £10,000, with a wish for the money to be spent on specific projects or types of improvement, as well as many other donations from generous members.
- Event income and costs increased, year on year, although low compared to pre-Covid years. We were unable to run most of our Orangery events, but did run tours and pop-up stalls with associated income and costs.
- Cost of merchandise, at £1,765, increased due to payment for Holland Park honey, which we re-sold at a profit.
- Grants to the park, at £30,535, were up from £21,378 which was pleasing given the restrictions of Covid.
- Governance costs were lower than in 2020, as a decision was made not to use an external voting service for the AGM.
- The Gift Aid refund for 2021 was £2,732.11. Many of the larger donations were from trusts and not eligible for Gift Aid.
- Net income was £54,020, v £21,380 in 2020. This is due to grant spend delayed until the first quarter of 2022.
- Total funds carried forward stood at £207,433.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) and applicable accounting standards.

Cost of generating funds represents expenditure on membership, events and merchandise for sale.

Charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charity and comprises grants paid, the production of the newsletter and the cost of administration.

Governance costs represent expenditure incurred in the organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. They consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commis-
- sioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the require-
- ments:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 act; have not been met; or
- b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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2022

Date: 4 March