

THE GROSVENOR PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 509212

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1979-12-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PURPOSES OF A PARK, EXERCISE OR PLAY-GROUND FOR THE USE, ENJOYMENT AND RECREATION OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF CHESTER.

Activities: For the purposes of a park, exercise or playground for the use, enjoyment and recreation of the inhabitants and visitors of the city and borough of Chester

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** CITY AND BOROUGH OF CHESTER
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£14,015	£14,015	-	-
2024-03-31	£12,586	£12,586	-	-
2023-03-31	£15,780	£15,780	-	-
2022-03-31	£14,878	£14,878	-	-
2021-03-31	£54,064	£54,064	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHESHIREWEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL		

THE GROSVENOR PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 509212

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2020		31	March	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Grosvenor Park		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	509212		
Charity's principal address	58 Nicholas Street		
	Chester		
	Postcode	CH1 2NP	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1				Cheshire West and Chester Council
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

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How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

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Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the purposes of a park, exercise or play-ground for the use, enjoyment and recreation of the inhabitants of the city and borough of Chester.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

What;

- General Charitable Purposes
- Education / Training
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How;

- Provides Buildings / Facilities / Open Space

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

As part of the activity plan, the parks team has undertaken the following:

- Meetings with the Archaeological Team at the Museum Services to continue with the setup of a dig at Grosvenor Park in 2020 and 2021. The dig is a training dig exercise for Students at Chester

University as part of their second-year degree course. Full use of the Activity Zone was provided during 2021

- The Park has retained its Green Flag award.

Some of the events that took place include.

- The Archaeological Dig 2020 – Due to Covid restrictions, the dig team ran a limited number of excavations during the two weeks beginning 21st September 2020, for 13 full time archaeology students and up to 7 joint honours students. They did not think it would be feasible or appropriate to open up the area they had proposed to excavate during May 2020. The excavation work was accompanied by similar public engagement as run in previous years but finds washing took place at the Museum in November as the activity zone pavilion was too cold, although they used the pavilion as a base for the excavation. In 2021, the dig ran from April – May.
- The Open-Air Theatre ran a scaled back number of performances in August 2020 and then ran performances from May to September in 2021
- Hospice of the Good Shepherd Sparkle Walk Event 2020 & 2021
- Deva Triathlon was cancelled in 2020 due to Covid but took place in June 2021
- Macmillan Wellbeing Walks
- In 2021, Chester Marathon used the park as their finishing location and used a number of the park's facilities including the pavilion.
- Big Green Week 2021 - The event had a range of stalls, activities and speakers with environmental groups attending to highlight 'Green' awareness.
- Prior to the March 2020 lockdown, Environmental Commissioning's Greenspace Team joined forces with a number of volunteer groups, Streetcare and Grosvenor Park Operations team to embark on both a planting programme to install vibrant and pollinator friendly plants to some areas around the park and a sculpture project to commemorate WW2 soldiers. The Greenspaces Team coordinated volunteer work between, The Friends of Grosvenor Park and The Groves, Vivo Care Choices, Chester Special Needs Care, Chester Humanist Society, The Women's Institute and the parks operations team which has made a huge difference to the park. In addition to the fantastic planting that took place, the team developed an art project to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The team commissioned artist, Sarah Gallaher-Hayes to create a wicker sculpture that depicted a solitary WW2 soldier standing deep in thought backed by giant sized 'VE' lettering. Miniature plane sculptures were also hidden in trees around the park for children to enjoy 'plane spotting'. The sculptures were accompanied by

Section D

Achievements and performance

displays of red, white and blue flowers, which were planted by StreetCare. We have found that the display encouraged people to visit and enjoy their local park whilst getting fresh air and exercise. The project created a happy vibe and a happy, safe space to for members of the community to exercise throughout what has been a difficult time for many.

The park had volunteer groups; The Chester Humanists, The Handbridge WI, VIVO and individual volunteers manage and maintain several flower beds

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

None

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

None

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
for
The Grosvenor Park

Johnstone Howell & Co
104 Whitby Road
Ellesmere Port
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The Grosvenor Park

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity has no free reserves. Consequently, the trustees do not consider it necessary to publish a policy on reserves.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

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Grosvenor Park was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in 1979. Cheshire West and Chester Council is the sole trustee of the charity and its governing document is the 1867 conveyance. If the Council wishes to do something at the park that is not authorised by the 1867 conveyance then it may need a "scheme" from the Charity Commission. A Scheme is the legal mechanism by which the Charity Commission can permit the alteration of the charity's constitution in certain circumstances.

Related parties

Local authority, Cheshire West and Chester, are responsible for the running costs of the park comprising of estate management, street lighting, public conveniences, staffing and other expenditure.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

509212

Principal address

Grosvenor Park Lodge
Grosvenor Park Road
Chester
Cheshire
CH1 1QQ

Trustees

Cheshire West and Chester

The Grosvenor Park

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Johnstone Howell & Co
104 Whitby Road
Ellesmere Port
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Cheshire West and Chester - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Grosvenor Park

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Grosvenor Park

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Grosvenor Park (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Mr A M Bagnall

Johnstone Howell & Co
104 Whitby Road
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16 November 2023

The Grosvenor Park

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Charitable activities						
Provision of an open space to the general public		-	49,064	-	49,064	2,610
Other trading activities	2	5,000	-	-	5,000	16,210
Total		<u>5,000</u>	<u>49,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,064</u>	<u>18,820</u>
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities						
Provision of an open space to the general public		5,000	49,064	-	54,064	18,820
NET INCOME		-	-	-	-	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		-	-	3,172,260	3,172,260	3,172,260
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,172,260</u>	<u>3,172,260</u>	<u>3,172,260</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Grosvenor Park

Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	6	-	-	3,172,260	3,172,260	3,172,260
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	7	-	213,748	-	213,748	182,611
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	-	(213,748)	-	(213,748)	(182,611)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		-	-	-	-	-
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	-	3,172,260	3,172,260	3,172,260
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NET ASSETS		-	-	3,172,260	3,172,260	3,172,260
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FUNDS	9					
Endowment funds					3,172,260	3,172,260
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TOTAL FUNDS					3,172,260	3,172,260
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Cheshire West and Chester - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Local authority, Cheshire West and Chester, are responsible for the running costs of the park comprising of estate management, street lighting, public conveniences, staffing and other expenditure. Any surpluses generated by the charity, of incoming resources over resources expended, are retained by Cheshire West and Chester as a contribution towards their budget for parks and open spaces. Net running costs always far exceed any surplus resources generated from charitable activities. Consequently the charity has no retained funds.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at their historical cost.

The land was gifted to Cheshire West and Chester's predecessor under the terms of an indenture dated 4 November 1867. The local authority paid for the construction of the building structures. Consequently the charity has no historical cost.

The local authority's contribution towards the capital cost of the "Parks for People Programme" (funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Community Fund) for the renovation of Grosvenor Park was transferred to the charity during the year ended 31 March 2019. The donated value representing a permanent endowment of the charity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

The Grosvenor Park

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Miniature railway rental	5,000	5,000
The Lodge café rental	-	11,210
	5,000	16,210
	5,000	16,210

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

4. STAFF COSTS

No persons are directly employed by the charity. The staffing requirements of the park are met by Cheshire West and Chester.

Average staff numbers for the period under review, expressed as average full-time equivalent staff numbers, are 3.45 (comprising of Environment Commissioning 1.00, Streetcare/Cleansing and Maintenance 2.40 and Finance 0.05).

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Charitable activities				
Provision of an open space to the general public	-	2,610	-	2,610
Other trading activities	16,210	-	-	16,210
Total	16,210	2,610	-	18,820
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Provision of an open space to the general public	16,210	2,610	-	18,820
NET INCOME	-	-	-	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	-	-	3,172,260	3,172,260
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	-	-	3,172,260	3,172,260

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The land was gifted to Cheshire West and Chester's predecessor under the terms of an indenture dated 4 November 1867. The local authority paid for the construction of the building structures. Consequently the charity has no historical cost.

Cheshire West and Chester are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the buildings and for meeting the ongoing costs of insurance.

During the year ended 31 March 2019 the local authority's contribution towards the capital cost of the "Parks for People Programme" (funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Community Fund) for the renovation of Grosvenor Park was transferred to the charity.

In the opinion of the trustee the market value of the park itself is at least equal to the value carried in the financial statements.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts receivable from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Community Fund grant	213,748	182,611
	<u>213,748</u>	<u>182,611</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	213,748	182,611
	<u>213,748</u>	<u>182,611</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Endowment funds			
Capital expenditure met by CWAC	3,172,260	-	3,172,260
	<u>3,172,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,172,260</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,172,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,172,260</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,000	(5,000)	-
Restricted funds			
The Grosvenor Park restoration project	49,064	(49,064)	-
	<u>54,064</u>	<u>(54,064)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,064</u>	<u>(54,064)</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Local authority, Cheshire West and Chester, are responsible for the running costs of the park comprising of estate management, street lighting, public conveniences, staffing and other expenditure. The general surplus for the year of £5,000 (2020 - £16,210) generated by the charity, of incoming resources over resources expended, has been retained by Cheshire West and Chester as a contribution towards their budget for parks and open spaces.

In August 2011 Cheshire West and Chester made a successful application for funding to the "Parks for People Programme" (funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Community Fund) for the renovation of Grosvenor Park. The project is estimated to cost £3.6 million in total. Cheshire West and Chester recognise their contribution to the project as having a capital cost of £3,172,260. During the year ended 31 March 2019 this "Community Asset Valuation" was transferred from the local authority to the charity.

During the year under review £31,137, was claimed from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Community Fund and a further £17,927 was granted by the local authority in order to undertake repair and conservation works associated with the project, amounting to £49,064 as set out in note 9 to the accounts.

The Grosvenor Park

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Other trading activities		
Miniature railway rental	5,000	5,000
The Lodge café rental	-	11,210
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>16,210</u>
Charitable activities		
Grants	49,064	2,610
	<u>54,064</u>	<u>18,820</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>54,064</u>	<u>18,820</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Contribution towards Cheshire West and Chester staffing and other costs	5,000	16,210
Activity costs	44,069	2,610
Other project costs	4,995	-
	<u>54,064</u>	<u>18,820</u>
Total resources expended	<u>54,064</u>	<u>18,820</u>
Net income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Trustees

Cheshire West and Chester

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Cheshire West and Chester - Trustee

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16 November 2023

The Grosvenor Park

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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Total		<u>5,000</u>	<u>49,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,064</u>	<u>18,820</u>
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities						
Provision of an open space to the general public		<u>5,000</u>	<u>49,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,064</u>	<u>18,820</u>
NET INCOME		-	-	-	-	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		-	-	3,172,260	3,172,260	3,172,260
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,172,260</u>	<u>3,172,260</u>	<u>3,172,260</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	6	-	-	3,172,260	3,172,260	3,172,260
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	7	-	213,748	-	213,748	182,611
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	-	(213,748)	-	(213,748)	(182,611)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	-	3,172,260	3,172,260	3,172,260
NET ASSETS		-	-	3,172,260	3,172,260	3,172,260
FUNDS	9					
Endowment funds					3,172,260	3,172,260
TOTAL FUNDS					3,172,260	3,172,260

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Cheshire West and Chester - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Local authority, Cheshire West and Chester, are responsible for the running costs of the park comprising of estate management, street lighting, public conveniences, staffing and other expenditure. Any surpluses generated by the charity, of incoming resources over resources expended, are retained by Cheshire West and Chester as a contribution towards their budget for parks and open spaces. Net running costs always far exceed any surplus resources generated from charitable activities. Consequently the charity has no retained funds.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at their historical cost.

The land was gifted to Cheshire West and Chester's predecessor under the terms of an indenture dated 4 November 1867. The local authority paid for the construction of the building structures. Consequently the charity has no historical cost.

The local authority's contribution towards the capital cost of the "Parks for People Programme" (funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Community Fund) for the renovation of Grosvenor Park was transferred to the charity during the year ended 31 March 2019. The donated value representing a permanent endowment of the charity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Miniature railway rental	5,000	5,000
The Lodge café rental	-	11,210
	5,000	16,210
	5,000	16,210

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

4. STAFF COSTS

No persons are directly employed by the charity. The staffing requirements of the park are met by Cheshire West and Chester.

Average staff numbers for the period under review, expressed as average full-time equivalent staff numbers, are 3.45 (comprising of Environment Commissioning 1.00, Streetcare/Cleansing and Maintenance 2.40 and Finance 0.05).

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Charitable activities				
Provision of an open space to the general public	-	2,610	-	2,610
Other trading activities	16,210	-	-	16,210
Total	16,210	2,610	-	18,820
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Provision of an open space to the general public	16,210	2,610	-	18,820
NET INCOME	-	-	-	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	-	-	3,172,260	3,172,260
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	-	-	3,172,260	3,172,260

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The land was gifted to Cheshire West and Chester's predecessor under the terms of an indenture dated 4 November 1867. The local authority paid for the construction of the building structures. Consequently the charity has no historical cost.

Cheshire West and Chester are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the buildings and for meeting the ongoing costs of insurance.

During the year ended 31 March 2019 the local authority's contribution towards the capital cost of the "Parks for People Programme" (funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Community Fund) for the renovation of Grosvenor Park was transferred to the charity.

In the opinion of the trustee the market value of the park itself is at least equal to the value carried in the financial statements.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts receivable from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Community Fund grant	213,748	182,611
	<u>213,748</u>	<u>182,611</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	213,748	182,611
	<u>213,748</u>	<u>182,611</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Endowment funds			
Capital expenditure met by CWAC	3,172,260	-	3,172,260
	<u>3,172,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,172,260</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,172,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,172,260</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	5,000	(5,000)	-
Restricted funds			
The Grosvenor Park restoration project	49,064	(49,064)	-
	<u>54,064</u>	<u>(54,064)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>54,064</u>	<u>(54,064)</u>	<u>-</u>

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10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Local authority, Cheshire West and Chester, are responsible for the running costs of the park comprising of estate management, street lighting, public conveniences, staffing and other expenditure. The general surplus for the year of £5,000 (2020 - £16,210) generated by the charity, of incoming resources over resources expended, has been retained by Cheshire West and Chester as a contribution towards their budget for parks and open spaces.

In August 2011 Cheshire West and Chester made a successful application for funding to the "Parks for People Programme" (funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Community Fund) for the renovation of Grosvenor Park. The project is estimated to cost £3.6 million in total. Cheshire West and Chester recognise their contribution to the project as having a capital cost of £3,172,260. During the year ended 31 March 2019 this "Community Asset Valuation" was transferred from the local authority to the charity.

During the year under review £31,137, was claimed from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Community Fund and a further £17,927 was granted by the local authority in order to undertake repair and conservation works associated with the project, amounting to £49,064 as set out in note 9 to the accounts.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Other trading activities		
Miniature railway rental	5,000	5,000
The Lodge café rental	-	11,210
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>16,210</u>
Charitable activities		
Grants	49,064	2,610
	<u>54,064</u>	<u>18,820</u>
Total incoming resources	54,064	18,820
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Contribution towards Cheshire West and Chester staffing and other costs	5,000	16,210
Activity costs	44,069	2,610
Other project costs	4,995	-
	<u>54,064</u>	<u>18,820</u>
Total resources expended	<u>54,064</u>	<u>18,820</u>
Net income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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