

# FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 802905

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1990-02-22

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO SECURE THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF BATTERSEA PARK AS A PLACE OF HISTORIC AND ECOLOGICAL INTEREST, BEAUTY, REST AND RECREATION; TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF THE NATURAL PLANT, ANIMAL AND BIRD LIFE AT THE PARK AND IN PARTICULAR, ITS RETENTION AS A SEMI-NATURAL HABITANT FOR WILD LIFE; AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY, NATURAL HISTORY AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PARK.

**Activities:** FoBP seeks to act for the public benefit to secure the preservation, protection and improvement of the Park as a place of historic and ecological interest, beauty, rest and recreation; to promote the conservation of the plant, animal and bird life of the Park and the Park as a semi-natural habitat for wildlife; and to inform the public of the history, natural history and other aspects of the Park.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BATTERSEA PARK
- Wandsworth

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£37,489	£30,369	-	-
2024-03-31	£39,254	£17,953	-	-
2023-03-31	£30,926	£29,103	-	-
2022-03-31	£19,166	£13,244	-	-
2021-03-31	£17,928	£15,393	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANNABEL BARHAM STEIN		2011-08-08
Adrian John Flook		2017-11-17
FRANCES RADCLIFFE OBE		
Fenella Barber		2020-04-01
Juliet Lyon-Smith		2019-07-02
Kate Bock		2023-09-12
Kathryn Anne Little Morgan		2025-10-14
Martin James Colin Graham		2024-10-08
Miles Kerstein		2023-09-12
Russell Coffey		2018-07-01
Sara Milne		2022-09-01
Tim Donovan		2025-10-14

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# Accounts

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**REPORT**

**And**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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# FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

## Legal and Administrative Details

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Fenella Barber</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	
<b>Kate Bock</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Acting from 1 April; elected 8 Oct 2024*</b>
<b>Karen Buckle</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	
<b>Russ Coffey</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	
<b>Inge Darling</b>	<b>Trustee (Resigned)</b>	<b>Resigned 31 March 2025</b>
<b>Adrian Flook</b>	<b>Treasurer*</b>	
<b>Martin Graham</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Elected at AGM 8 October</b>
<b>Miles Kerstein</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	
<b>Peta-May Law</b>	<b>Trustee (Resigned)</b>	<b>Resigned 31 March 2025</b>
<b>Juliet Lyon-Smith</b>	<b>Secretary*</b>	
<b>Sara Milne</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	
<b>Briony Newman</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	
<b>Sally Orman</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	
<b>Frances Radcliffe</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	
<b>Annabel Stein</b>	<b>Trustee</b>	
<b>TSB, Clapham</b>	<b>Bankers</b>	
<b>Shawbrook</b>	<b>Bankers</b>	
<b>George Coe</b>	<b>Independent Examiner</b>	

## **FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK**

### **THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK**

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# FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

### **Activities**

The year ending 31 March 2025 marked a period of significant transition and continued engagement for the Friends of Battersea Park. Garon Watkins stood down as Chairman on 31 March 2024 and Kate Bock took over as Acting Chairman on 1 April 2024. Parkrun launched in the Park on 12 October, Wandsworth Council significantly revised its parks and open spaces contract with Enable, Leisure and Culture (the new contract came into effect on 1 April 2025) and the Council agreed a revised ground maintenance contract with the same contractor, Krinkels, previously known as Continental Landscapes, which came into effect in February 2025.

The Annual General Meeting took place on 8 October 2024 at All Saints Church. Kate Bock was elected as Chairman, Martin Graham was elected as a Trustee and George Coe ACCA was reappointed as Independent Financial Examiner. After formal business, Councillor Judi Gasser (Wandsworth's Cabinet Member for Environment), Neil Blackley (Head of Parks, Enable) and Inspector Steve Biggs (Parks & Events Police) responded to questions and comments from some of the 43 Friends present. On 31 March 2025, the Friends had 716 members, including family members.

Kate Bock represented the Friends on the Wandsworth Green Spaces Forum which brings together representatives from Friends groups and Management Advisory Committees, Councillor Gasser, senior Council officers and Enable. The Forum meets to address strategic issues relating to the management, use and preservation of parks and open spaces. It continues to be an important avenue for voicing shared concerns and identifying opportunities for collaboration. Among the most significant topics addressed this year was the implementation of the new park management and ground maintenance contracts. The Friends have maintained regular dialogue with both Enable and Council officers throughout this period of change.

In parallel, the Friends have focused attention on the increased pressures placed on the Park by visitor numbers, particularly as Battersea Power Station continues to grow as a destination. This ongoing concern has informed conversations about wear and tear, litter management, and the adequacy of toilet and visitor facilities.

The Friends formally adopted a neutral stance on Parkrun, encouraging individual members to contribute their views to the Council consultation. We have since provided feedback to the Council, Enable and the organisers of Parkrun on the impact of Parkrun particularly in relation to problems with the overcrowded start at the Bandstand, runners failing to keep to the tarmac or give way to other Park users and the inevitable consequences of the lack of sufficient lavatories in the Park.

In May, the Friends held a third informal evening party in the Old English Garden. Despite the rain, it was thoroughly enjoyable and gave members an opportunity to meet each other and trustees. Thanks go to Sara Milne who organised this event.

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The annual Friends' Summer BBQ was once again a highlight of the calendar and was held in June for a second time at the Bowling Green. In addition to bringing the community together, the event raised over £12,000 which will support FoBP's charitable aims and upcoming project commitments. Thanks go to Peta May Law and Inge Darling who organised the BBQ with their usual skill and enthusiasm. Thanks are also due to the many local residents and businesses who contributed to the silent auction or donated raffle prizes.

The Friends' bi-annual lecture series continued under the stewardship of Annabel Stein, who curated two excellent and well-attended events: a lecture on mosses by Friend Clive Freedman in November and one on birds of prey in March. The Friends contributed to the Wandsworth Heritage Festival with a walk led by Frances Radcliffe and also organised a tree walk for Friends led by Greg Packman. A small group of Friends collected a lot of litter on our first formal Park Litter Picking Day on 22 September.

As usual, the Friends had a stall at 'Summer at the Bandstand' and the Battersea Park Dog Show. These provided a valuable opportunity to recruit new members and engage directly with Park users.

Having funded educational projects for schools in previous years, this year the Friends donated £2,000 to the Katherine Low Settlement to enable their Elders to visit the Park.

The Friends continued their long-standing support of the Winter Garden, funding new plants and designer Dan Pearson's annual visit. Thanks go to the small group of Friends who volunteer in the garden on Wednesday mornings. The Friends also worked with Enable on the redesign of part of the Russell Page Garden.

The Friends remained active in responding to planning and development proposals with potential impact on the Park, including making formal objections to the Glassmill Tower proposal at 1 Battersea Bridge Road. We welcomed the temporary portaloos at the Pear Tree Café but continue to press for new permanent, purpose-built lavatories, as proposed by the café in a planning application submitted in late 2023. This would require funding by Wandsworth Council.

I would particularly like to thank Trustees Peta May Law and Inge Darling who stood down on 31 March; all those who work in the Park for their continued commitment to maintaining and enhancing this much-loved green space under increasingly challenging conditions; and Enable for their continued partnership and generosity in donating proceeds from the Dog Show to the Friends.

We also thank our members whose continued support, enthusiasm, and participation in events and consultations ensure that the Friends remain a strong, independent voice advocating for the long-term health, heritage, and enjoyment of Battersea Park.

This year marked a period of leadership transition, and I would like personally to thank the Trustees for their support and dedication during this time.

# FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

## Responsibilities

### **Financial**

Charity legislation requires the Trustees to prepare the Statement of Financial Activities for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of that period. In preparing Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them on a consistent basis making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records, for the safeguarding of the assets of the Charity and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are required to indicate where the Statement of Financial Activities is prepared other than on the basis that the Charity is a going concern.

### Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 9 September 2025 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by



**Kate Bock**

*Chairman, on behalf of the Trustees of Friends of Battersea Park*

# FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under the 2011 Act
- To 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 Commission. 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 disclosed 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.

**George Coe**

**24<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

**Independent Examiner**

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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total	Total
Incoming resources	Funds	Funds	this year	last year	last year
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Voluntary income</b>					
Subscriptions	7,842	0	7,842	8,891	
Gift Aid HMRC refund			0	0	5,370
Miscellaneous donations and Rattle Boxes			4,953		4,953 1,931
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>					
Events	21,275	0	21,275	18,736	
Advertising	2,525	0	2,525	2,690	
Book Sales	30	0	30	156	
Stock Sales	25	0	25	303	
<b>Investment income</b>					
Bank interest	839	0	839	828	
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>				<b>37,489 0</b>	<b>37,489 39,254</b>

### Resources expended

#### Costs of generating funds

##### Costs of generating voluntary income

Membership Expenses	2,050	0	2,971	1,239	Review Magazine costs	4,746	0
						4,746	
Event expenditure	9,138	0	9,138	7,655			
Re-usable plastic cups	1,225	0	1,225	0			
Book postage	17	0	17	0			

##### Charitable activities

###### Investment by FoBP

Thrive	6,000	0	6,000	0			
Katherine Low Settlement			2,000	0	2,000	0	
Dan Pearson advice	737	0	737	737			
Yew clipping	825	0	825	420			
Merchandise (Mugs)	0	0	0	780			
Winter Garden Planting	586	0	586	2,376			

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Pachyphragma	270	0	270	0		
Daffodils	0	0	0	185		
Spring Plants	895	0	895	0		
Strawberry Tree	655	0	655	0		
Miscellaneous	304	0	304	0		
<b>Governance Costs</b>						
Professional Services & Fees			921	0	921	1,959
Insurance	0	0	0	456		
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<b><i>Total resources expended</i></b>			<b>30,369</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,369</b>	<b>17,953</b>
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<b><i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</i></b>			<b>7,120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,120</b>	<b>21,301</b>
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<b><i>Total bank balances carried forward</i></b>			<b>106,402</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>106,402</b>	<b>99,281</b>
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# FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

## BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total this year	Total last year	
	£	£	£	£	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Deposits & Cash at bank			106,402	0	106,402
					98,833
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>					
<i>Net incoming resources</i>		7,120	0	7,569	21,301
Total funds brought forward			99,282	0	98,833
					77,981
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<i>Total funds carried forward</i>			106,402	0	106,402
					99,282
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Approved by the Trustees of the Friends of Battersea Park on 9 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Kate Bock

Chair

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 1. Basis of Preparation

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – the updated second edition of the SORP (FRS 102) issued in 2019 and with Accounting Standards as detailed in the Charities Act 2011.

#### 1.2 Change in basis of accounting

Until the 2016/17 accounts the charity had chosen to prepare accrual accounts. However, since the Charity has, in recent years, income between £25,000 and £250,000 the Charity can choose whether to prepare accounts using either receipts and payments accounts or accruals accounts.

### 2. Accounting policies

#### INCOMING RESOURCES

##### Recognition of incoming

**resources** These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity has received the resources.

##### Incoming resources

**with related expenditure** Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising income such as the BBQ) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA except for PayPal and Stripe charges which are separately recorded below under bank charges.

**Grants and donations** Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

**Tax reclaims on donations** Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA in **and gifts** the year in which it is received.

**Gifts in kind** Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. There were no gifts in kind in this financial year.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

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### INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

#### Accounting policies (continued)

**Donated services and Facilities** These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

**Volunteer help** The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees annual report.

**Bank Charges** As a charity, the TSB does not charge us any fees for banking with them. Stripe (£495.00) and PayPal (£41.34) charges the charity a variable percentage of what is put through their system, which includes Zettle; in the last year in total these fees amounted to £536.34.

**PayPal and Stripe** Without excess and unjustified effort, it is not possible to allocate payments to the penny received by PayPal or Stripe to their source (eg ticket sales, subscriptions, event sales, books mugs and postcards).

From 2024-25 we have decided that we will not include the small amounts 'sitting' in Paypal or Stripe at the year end date of 31 March as assets to be included in the balance sheet as they were not technically then available to be transferred to our TSB account which happens automatically early in the new financial year.

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In 2024-25, the amount in both Paypal and Stripe combined, and awaiting to be sent to our TSB account, amounted to only £38.

**Gift Aid** There are outstanding applications to HMRC for Gift Aid to be made for this financial year which was made in July 2025.

**Investment gains and losses** The charity does not have any investments. It does have two interest bearing bank accounts at TSB and Shawcross.

## EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

**Liability recognition** Liabilities are recognised on a cash accounting basis meaning the Charity recognise liabilities when it pays them

**Governance costs** Include, when applicable, the costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the cost of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

## ASSETS

**Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity** The Charity has no tangible fixed assets

### 3 Creditors and accruals

3.1 Analysis of creditors	This year	Last year
Invoices dated billed before 31 March 2025 that were outstanding.	£0	£1,498

### 3.2 Analysis of debtors

Advertising	£90	£795
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This amount of £90 was subsequently received in April 2025

## 4. Analysis of incoming resources

The analysis of incoming resources is given in the SoFA

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 5. Analysis of resources expended

The analysis of resources expended is given in the SoFA.

#### 6. Details of certain items of expenditure

##### 6.1 Trustee expenses            This year            Last year

Number of trustees re-imbursed for expenses	7	8
(Postage, photocopying, stationery, AGM expenses and other events)	£7,082	£5,082

#### 7. Paid employees

There are no paid employees of the charity

#### 8. Grant making

There were two grants made to other charitable organizations in 2024-25. These went to Thrive (£6,000) and to the Katherine Low Settlement (£2,000) and as per usual we made *in lieu of payment* contributions for the two lectures of £50 which were paid to the charities of the speakers' choice.

#### 9. Security over assets

There are no outstanding loans, overdrafts or other creditors of the charity.

#### 10. Transactions with related parties

##### 10.1 Remuneration and benefits

The charity paid no remuneration or other benefits to any trustees or related parties.

##### 10.2 Loans

The charity had no loans with any trustees or related parties during the year or at the year end.

##### 10.3 Other transactions with trustees or related parties.

The charity had no other transactions with the trustees or related parties.

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**Kate Bock (elected September 2023)**

**Karen Buckle**

**Julia Camara (resigned November 2023)**

**Russ Coffey**

**Inge Darling**

**Adrian Flook**

**Treasurer\***

**Miles Kerstein**

**Peta-May Law**

**Juliet Lyon-Smith**

**Secretary\***

**Sara Milne**

**Briony Newman**

**Michèle Marriott (resigned September 2023)**

**Sally Orman**

**Frances Radcliffe**

**Annabel Stein**

**Garon Watkins**

**Chairman\***

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**Legal and Administrative Details (continued)**

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**TSB, Clapham  
Shawbrook**

**Bankers  
Bankers**

**George Coe**

**Independent Examiner**

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT

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The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

#### Activities

#### **Trustees Report 2023/24**

The year ending 31 March 2024 was, as ever, eventful for Battersea Park and the Friends' community. Your committee met 10 times, principally via Zoom but also, on occasion in person which we value as an opportunity for better interaction and for newer members to form a stronger connection with colleagues. Our meetings were also attended by Neil Blackley, Head of Parks, at Enable Culture and Leisure who manage Wandsworth open spaces on behalf of the Council, and his colleague Valter Goncalves who fulfils a valuable liaison role for Friends' groups and Management Advisory Committees (MACs) across the Borough. As of year-end, Friends' membership stood at 676.

Your Annual General meeting was held at All Saints Church on 12 September 2023 and was attended by 41 Friends. Following the formal business of approving the Trustees Report and Accounts, there was an open forum session with Neil Blackley and Inspector Steve Biggs of the Parks Police answering Friends' questions.

In terms of governance, Adrian Flook, your Treasurer, and Juliet Lyon Smith, Secretary, were both re-elected for a further three year term and George Coe ACCA was appointed as our Independent Financial Examiner. Miles Kerstein, previously co-opted, and Kate Bock were elected as Trustees, while long standing and valued trustee Michèle Marriot left the committee after her move out of London. Following the committee's announcement of a search for a new chairman in the summer of 2023, Kate Bock has been appointed Acting Chairman from 1 April 2024 pending Friends' approval at the Annual General Meeting.

I continued to represent the Friends on the Wandsworth Greenspaces Forum where Friends' Groups and MACs from across the borough meet with Councillor Judi Gasser, the Executive Cabinet member responsible for greenspaces, Council officers and Enable to address concerns and issues facing our parks. Particular focus this year has been on illegal cycling which is a perennial problem. There is now an initiative, nearing completion, to review and replace signage in open spaces to leave no doubt as to where cycling is prohibited. There are also plans to establish periodic police focus points in key areas to enforce the law.

The Friends' BBQ was again a highlight of the summer and for the first time was held at the Bowling Green. As well as being our main fundraising event, it has always been a lovely opportunity for the Friends' community to enjoy an evening together. My thanks as ever to Peta May Law and Inge Darling and the great team of volunteers and sponsors who made this event possible while also raising over £7,000 for the Friends to invest in the Park.

Following the popularity of the party in the Old English Garden to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, a Friends' team led by Sara Milne organised another party to mark the coronation of King Charles which was also very popular, despite wet weather. Our lunchtime lecture series organised by Annabel Stein delivered two well attended events in November and March on spiders and mosses in the Park. As usual, the Friends contributed to the Wandsworth

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

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Heritage Festival with a walk in the Park led by Frances Radcliffe. We also organised a tree walk led by ex-tree warden Greg Packman.

The Friends had stands in the Park at Summer at the Bandstand and the Police Dog Show: these are valuable opportunities to recruit new members and hear from Park users. We are very grateful to the Parks Police for kindly donating to the Friends the profits of the Dog Show which were over £740.

The Friends continued to support the restoration of the Winter Garden following the damage it suffered during the Covid lockdowns. The Friends covered the costs of Dan Pearson's annual visit to advise on appropriate future planting as well as the cost of the plants themselves. As Friends will be aware, the Garden was temporarily fenced off to allow for unhindered regrowth. The full cost of proper fencing in keeping with other areas of the Park is too much for the Friends alone to bear, but we are prepared to make a significant donation and have been actively seeking further funds from other sources. The temporary plastic fencing, removed at the end of January and the subsequent wet weather have greatly improved matters and it is possible that permanent fencing may not be needed. Outcome awaited.

The Friends have also engaged with the Enable over the poor condition of the roses in the Russell Page Garden and plans are in place to make improvements in the spirit of the original design.

As part of our remit to educate, we contributed £3,600 last year to fund the development of Park-based science lessons for primary schools. This teaching material is now available. We have also agreed to fund visits from more elderly residents through a programme run with the Katherine Low Settlement.

As Friends will have read in *Review*, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Big Dipper tragedy was in 2022 and the families of those involved have been campaigning for a permanent memorial in the form of an environmentally sustainable children's theatre in the Park. The Friends have extended their support in principle to this project, but are awaiting further details before a full endorsement.

Wandsworth Council held a consultation on Parkrun in May and June. Your committee urged all Friends to make individual submissions as views vary within the membership. The committee took a neutral position and wrote to the Council to say that should it take place we would want a trial period, a limitation on the numbers taking part and satisfactory arrangements in place to ensure access during the runs to playgrounds and All Weather Pitches which are popular on Saturday mornings. The committee continues to engage with the Council as we have yet to hear of how these issues are to be managed.

The Friends continue to monitor planning applications that may impact the Park. We supported the proposal to allow the temporary Evolution Building on the British Genius Site to remain for a further four years without being taken down because of the environmental costs involved, but our support was on the understanding that the building would remain defined as temporary and that there will be another planning application in 2027 if it is to be retained. We also supported a proposal to extend the Pear Tree Café to provide additional lavatories. We objected to the

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**

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proposed 38 storey tower next to Battersea Bridge in the context of an application about the scope of the Environment Impact Assessment. This would be visible from large parts of the Park.

The Review team have once again produced and distributed three issues of the magazine which remains popular with Friends. Our thanks go to Frances Radcliffe, the Editor, and her team as well as all those Friends who help to distribute it by hand thus saving on ever increasing postal costs.

Particular thanks this year go to Russ Coffey for all his work on upgrading our website.

The Trustees would like to thank sincerely all those who work to maintain and enhance the Park and also to the Friends' community for their support, particularly the Winter Garden volunteers. May I, as your retiring chairman, also express my thanks to the Trustees for their support, dedication, and passion for our Park during my tenure and offer my heartfelt good wishes for the future.

#### **Responsibilities**

##### **Financial**

Charity legislation requires the Trustees to prepare the Statement of Financial Activities for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of that period. In preparing Financial Statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them on a consistent basis making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records, for the safeguarding of the assets of the Charity and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are required to indicate where the Statement of Financial Activities is prepared other than on the basis that the Charity is a going concern.

#### **Approval**

This report was approved by the Trustees on 5 September 2024 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by

**Garon Watkins**  
Chairman

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### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

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I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

#### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under the 2011 Act
- To 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 Commission. 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 disclosed 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.

**George Coe**  
**10 August 2024**  
**Independent Examiner**

## FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total this year £</b>	<b>Total last year £</b>
<b>Voluntary income</b>				
Subscriptions	8,891	0	8,891	7,860
Gift Aid HMRC refund	5,370	0	5,370	0
Miscellaneous donations and Rattle Boxes	1,931	0	1,931	3,503
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>				
Events	18,736	0	18,736	13,893
Advertising	2,690	0	2,690	4,915
Book Sales	156	0	156	92
Stock Sales	303	0	303	335
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank interest	828	0	828	328
PayPal increase in year end income	349	0	349	
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>39,254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39,254</b>	<b>30,926</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>				
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>				
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>				
Membership Expenses	1,239	0	1,239	1,475
Review Magazine costs	2,146	0	2,146	3,427
Event expenditure	7,655	0	7,655	6,997
Postcards	0	0	0	0
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Investment by FoBP				
Thrive	0	0	0	384
Walter St John Charitable Trust	0	0	0	6,440
Dan Pearson advice	737	0	737	678
Yew clipping	420	0	420	420
Winter Garden Planting 2022	0	0	0	4,058
Winter Garden Planting 2023	0	0	0	4,167
Merchandise (Mugs)	780	0	780	0
Winter Garden Planting (Autumn 2024)	2,376	0	2,376	0
Daffodils	185	0	185	0
<b>Governance Costs</b>				
Professional Services & Fees	1,959	0	1,959	684
Insurance	456	0	456	373
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>17,953</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,953</b>	<b>29,103</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</b>	<b>21,301</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,301</b>	<b>1,823</b>
<b>Total bank balances carried forward</b>	<b>99,282</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>99,282</b>	<b>77,981</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT 31 MARCH 2024**

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>				
PayPal, Deposits & Cash at bank	99,282	0	99,282	77,981
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>				
<i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</i>	21,301	0	21,301	1,826
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>77,981</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77,781</b>	<b>76,155</b>
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<i>Total funds carried forward</i>	<b>99,282</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>99,282</b>	<b>77,981</b>
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Approved by the Trustees of the Friends of Battersea Park on 5 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

**Garon Watkins**  
Chairman  
**FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK**

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## FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### 1. Basis of Preparation

##### 1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - the updated second edition of the SORP (FRS 102) issued in 2019 and with Accounting Standards as detailed in the Charities Act 2011.

##### 1.2 Change in basis of accounting

Until the 2016/17 accounts the charity had chosen to prepare accrual accounts. However, since the Charity has, in recent years, income between £25,000 and £250,000 the Charity can choose whether to prepare accounts using either receipts and payments accounts or accruals accounts.

#### 2. Accounting policies

##### INCOMING RESOURCES

###### Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity has received the resources.

###### Incoming resources

**with related expenditure** Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising income such as the BBQ) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA except for PayPal and Stripe charges which are separately recorded below under bank charges.

**Grants and donations** Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

###### Tax reclaims on donations

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA in **and**  
**gifts** the year in which it is received.

###### Gifts in kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.

Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

There were no gifts in kind in this financial year.

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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

<b>Donated services and Facilities</b>	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
<b>Volunteer help</b>	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees annual report.
<b>Bank Charges</b>	As a charity, the TSB does not charge us any fees for banking with them. Stripe (£481.33) and PayPal (£93.80) charges the charity a variable percentage of what is put through their system, which includes Zettle; in the last year in total these fees amounted to £575.13.
<b>PayPal and Stripe</b>	Without excess and unjustified effort, it is not possible to allocate payments to the penny received by PayPal or Stripe to their source (eg ticket sales, subscriptions, event sales, books mugs and postcards).
<b>Gift Aid</b>	An application for the return of gift aid was made during the 2023-24 financial year which amounted to £5,370 for both 2021-22 and 2022-23.
<b>Investment gains and losses</b>	The charity does not have any investments other than two interest bearing bank accounts at TSB and Shawcross.

## EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

<b>Liability recognition</b>	Liabilities are recognised on a cash accounting basis meaning the Charity recognise liabilities when it pays them
<b>Governance costs</b>	Include, when applicable, the costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the cost of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### ASSETS

**Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity** The  
Charity has no tangible fixed assets

### 3 Creditors and accruals

3.1 Analysis of creditors	This year	Last year
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Invoices dated billed before 31 March 2024 that were outstanding. £0		£1,498
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### 3.2 Analysis of debtors

Advertising £550		£795
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All of the outstanding balance of £550 for 2022-23 was received by 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

The outstanding balance of £795 for 2023-24 was received before the end of June.

### 4. Analysis of incoming resources

The analysis of incoming resources is given in the SoFA

### 5. Analysis of resources expended

The analysis of resources expended is given in the SoFA.

**6. Details of certain items of expenditure**

<b>6.1</b>	<b>Trustee expenses</b>	<b>This year</b>
	Last year	
Number of trustees re-imbursed for expenses 7 (Postage, photocopying, stationery, AGM expenses, and other events)	£7,546	7 £7,082

**7. Paid employees**  
There are no paid employees of the charity

**8. Grant making**  
There were no grants made to other charitable organizations in 2023-24 other than in lieu of payment for the two lectures each year, when contributions of £50 are paid to charities of the speaker's choice.

**9. Security over assets**  
There are no outstanding loans, overdrafts or other creditors of the charity.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**10. Transactions with related parties**

**10.1 Remuneration and benefits**

The charity paid no remuneration or other benefits to any trustees or related parties.

**10.2 Loans**

The charity had no loans with any trustees or related parties during the year or at the year end.

**10.3 Other transactions with trustees or related parties.**

The charity had no other transactions with the trustees or related parties.