# Friends of King's Park
# Chair's Annual Report 2025-26

Friends of King's Park has a superb group of volunteers who are absolutely committed to the maintenance and development of King's Park.

Volunteers are active in the park twice weekly: Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Many can also be found working in the park at other times or representing the group in discussions with funders and the Council.

**Key achievements this year**

- King's Park is looking amazing: litter free (mostly!), the Walled Garden is looking at its best for many years, the Rose Garden and Sensory Garden are thriving
- We've added several new regular volunteers to our group and added another Duke of Edinburgh volunteer
- The gazebo is a major new addition to the Walled Garden, complete with golden gravel base, built in benches, guttering & water butts
- Decking for the volunteers area in the Depot has encouraged the social side of meeting up for tea and cake (thanks to Phil!) after each session
- Successful grant applications led to awards including from: Friends of Glasgow Parks Fund, Barclays, Action Earth, Active Glasgow Holiday Fund, Linn Area Partnership.
- All spent on specific projects mainly in the Walled Garden and on our events plus picnic benches and rainbow benches. Thanks to Meredith for her time and energy with many of these projects
- The Friends Members have held steady at just over 20 this year and this number looks to remain this year.
- Our Facebook page now reaches over 3,300 folk with frequent posts and comments from park users and the local community. Thanks to Anne for her always on support with engaging Facebook users
- Corporate volunteers have worked alongside us.They came from British Gas, Barclays, Prysmian, Succession Wealth, Scottish Power, DAC Beachcroft, Regatta plus support from TCV volunteers
- FoKP have awarded the Keep Scotland Beautiful 'It's your neighbourhood' Level 4 'Thriving' award.

- We've extended our volunteering to litter pick and manage the trees in the Old Golf Course
- Our lobbying continues with the council to hasten the refurbishments of the playgrounds
- We've continued to develop a strong relationship developed with local community police to help keep the park a safe place
- Family and public events, led by Anne, included: Christmas carols in the Walled Garden (with Just Sing! King's Park Community Choir), the popular Halloween Parade, the Summer Sports Activity Day and our Easter family event
- Plus we hosted our annual Christmas lunch for volunteers
- We said an emotional farewell to one of our volunteers - Callum Edmunds - who sadly died far too early.
- We've joined Castlemilk Gardening Club as a member and have a strong working relationship with them.
- We've commissioned 'interpretation panels' as a guide to what you can find in the Walled Garden
- We've contributed an enormous number of hours of work: over 2,000
- …and finally we hosted visitors from our namesake: King's Park in Stirling.

*Please see the more comprehensive list of achievements in the the Walled Garden, Sensory Garden & Rose Garden in Kathleen's 2026 Garden report*

**Management Committee October 2025 – September 2026**

David Patrick - Chair/Trustee
Vacant- Secretary
Meredith Muirhead - Treasurer/Trustee
Kathleen Dall - Gardening/volunteer lead
Anne Broderick - Comms & Events
Paul Kidd - Website manager/Trustee

Fiona Taylor
Elspeth Brown
Lynda Kyle
Hua Wang

Thanks to the Committee for all their hard work. We say goodbye and thanks to Elspeth and Meredith for their great support and commitment to the work we do. We do need new committee members to bring new and exciting ideas to the park. Please join us!

David Patrick
*Chair, Friends of King's Park*
*AGM, 31* October 2026