

**FRIENDS OF THE  
GYLE PARK (SCIO)**

**Scottish Charity No SC052465**

**Trustees' Annual Report  
&  
Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31st March 2025**

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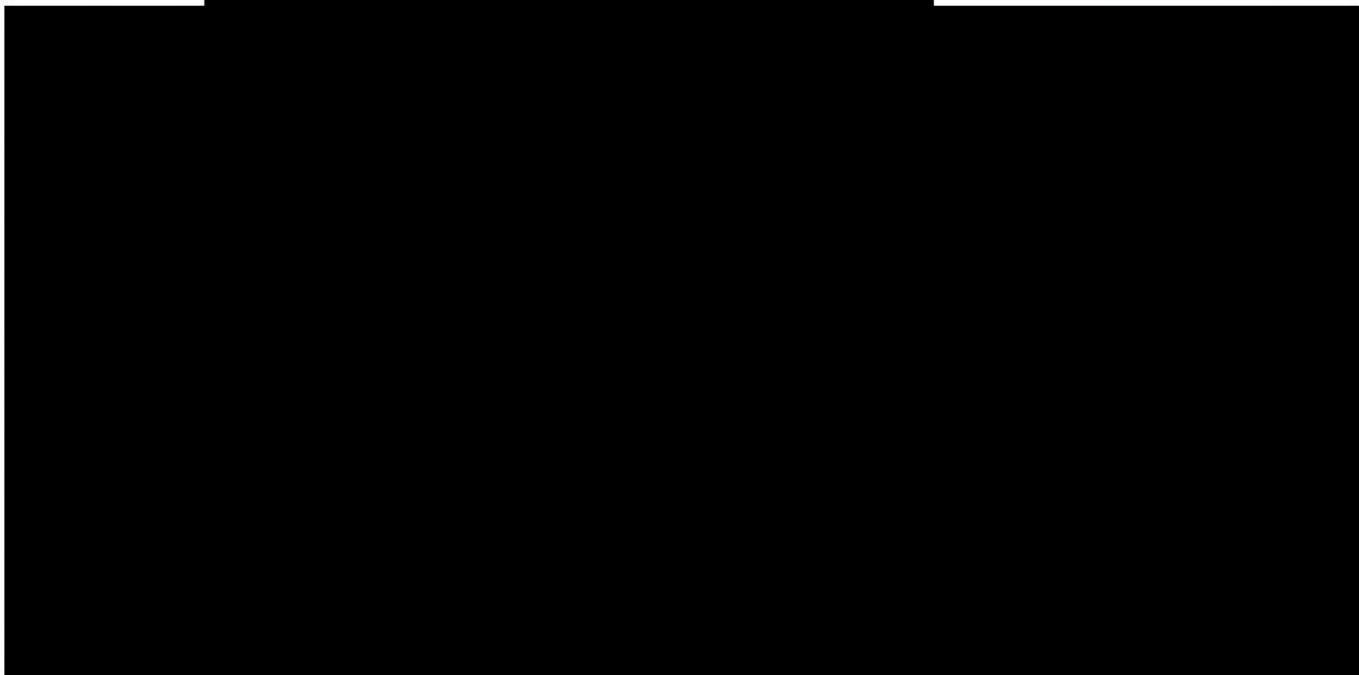
The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

**Reference & Administrative Information**

**Charity Name** Friends of The Gyle Park (SCIO)

**Charity No** SC052465

**Address**



**Governing Document:** the group is a two tier SCIO registered with OSCR since 11/04/2023 with purposes and administration arrangements as set out in our constitution.

**Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our Annual General Meeting each year

**Charitable purposes:** to preserve, conserve, protect and improve the environment of the area known as The Gyle Park for the benefit of the public.

**Activities and achievements:**

The past year has been a busy one for FOGP (SCIO) on a wide range of tasks from developing and improving the governance structure of the new organisation and carrying out tasks to improve the Gyle Park as a local facility.

The committee is working through a programme of developments including increasing membership numbers, policy updates,

The current number of members is 53 and continues to increase steadily.

The FOGP (SCIO) Facebook Page continues to be well used with over 1,000 members and is a main method of communication with group members, park users and the local community.

The group launched a new logo and branding this year with the help and support of a local website business.

The group launched a new website this year which allows people to join as a member of FOGP(SCIO) on line as well as still being able to sign up via paper forms. Sign up for our events can also be done on the website.



Since the launch over 200 unique people have visited the website.

We have also started a regular members newsletter and have plans to continue to develop our on line presence

An ongoing project during the year has been our Community Survey to obtain the views of the park users and the local Community, The first phase which obtained 294 responses plus class responses from the local primary school has now been completed and we have moved onto phase two. A copy of the survey is available on

[https://www.friendsofgylepark.co.uk/files/ugd/c5ad96\\_d8e3c90270334ccfb9d0f1338c1a81cc.pdf](https://www.friendsofgylepark.co.uk/files/ugd/c5ad96_d8e3c90270334ccfb9d0f1338c1a81cc.pdf)

We have also supported other Friends Groups in Edinburgh who have approached us for help in developing their own survey.

The Path Improvement Project was completed during summer 2024 and the improvements have been warmly welcomed by park users.

There have been numerous comments through the survey and other lines of communication saying that the park is now much more accessible for people with mobility issues and for parents using push chairs etc. The increase in the number of benches, including some new memory benches, available has encouraged people to spend more time in the park.

After a considerable period of time the issues with the reinstatement ground works, following the Water Board sewerage pipes project, have been resolved and the landscaping works completed. Hopefully the area will be fully useable in late summer after the new grass is fully established.

Road safety and parking continue to be a major issue with little progress being made since last years report.

The park continues to be well used for a range of purposes including organised sport as well as for physical training by local sports and dance groups for training. The park is also well used as a recreational and walking area.

The park is also an important active travel route and is well used by people on foot or cycling to local amenities, schools and workplaces. This use has increased with the completion of the paths improvement programme including improved lighting provided by City of Edinburgh Council. There was good communication and collaboration between the Council and FOGP(SCIO) on the lighting project. Our involvement ensured that lighting was provided on one of the paths which otherwise would not have been included in the improvement programme.

As an organisation we are lucky to have a team of dedicated volunteers who spend many hours ensuring that the park is kept clean and tidy and help increase the number of natural features in the park. We are very grateful to the team and the other individuals who also carry out regular litter picking and other tasks to keep the park spick and span. Many thanks to you all

In collaboration with the Park Ranger several bulb planting sessions have been organised for interested volunteers planting around 3,000 bulbs which added a range of colour during the spring. This ongoing work by the team of volunteers is providing a colourful spectacle that improves each year. Volunteers also carry out a range of other activities within the park such as gardening, maintenance of the Community Orchard, litter picking and the Big Spring Clean.

The offer by the David Lloyd Centre of the use of a hut in their grounds to store our gardening and litter picking equipment has been a tremendous help in the organisation of this work

The Fun Run is becoming a regular feature on the annual programme of FOGP(SCIO) and numbers participating continues to increase.



Representations continue to be made as before to relevant parties, including the Local Councillors, the Culture & Leisure Department's Community Parks Officer and Edinburgh Leisure. Most of these are at local level and are based on developing a good informal working relationship to develop a collaborative approach to identifying possible developments and resolve any issues that arise.

However there has been, for several years, an ongoing issue with siting of bins within Public Parks which requires a change in Council Policy to resolve this issue. Taking a proactive approach, FOGP(SCIO) took a deputation to the appropriate Council Committee. The deputation was well received and obtained a commitment from the committee to look a possible resolutions.

A collaborative approach to identify and consider possible improvements and developments of Gyle Park. with Council Departments and other statutory and voluntary organisations has proved very beneficial. A working relationship has already been established with the recently formed Corstorphine Gyle Community Council.

#### **Future Plans**

- i. Provision of Information Boards where appropriate e.g. Community Orchard
- ii. We will continue to work preparing a development plan for the park, This is being done through consultation with members, park users and the local community as well as other partner organisations.
- iii. To hold, or participate in, some fundraising events during the year to help fund the planned projects and core costs of the organisation.

**Trustee remuneration and expenses:** as in the constitution document, no remuneration is paid to any member of the group

**Statement on Reserves Policy** – Currently the FOGP(SCIO) have unrestricted reserves of £4,194 and restricted funds of £3,005 for projects within the park.

The current financial position is within the financial reserves policy of the organisation.

Approved by the Trustees on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Chairperson

Secretary



**Friends of The Gyle Park (SCIO)  
Independent Examiners Report  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**SC052465**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of The Gyle Park (SCIO), registered charity number SC052465

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

**Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act "the 2005 Act" and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

**Basis of Independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks explanations from the 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 accounts

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:-  
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and  
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met,  
or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

2025

**FRIENDS OF GYLE PARK (SCIO) - SC052465**  
**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH 2025**

	Note	<b>2024-25</b>		<b>2023-24</b>	
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Transfer balance from FOTGP				3,089.98	1,302.52
Donations		148.75	2,360.00		
Grants		87,203.00			
Fundraising			1,645.00		
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>87,351.75</b>	<b>4,005.00</b>	<b>3,089.98</b>	<b>1,302.52</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Insurance			250.40		244.38
Equipment & materials		233.90			
Services		87,203.00	584.40		
Bank charges			34.00		
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>87,436.90</b>	<b>868.80</b>		<b>244.38</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>(85.15)</b>	<b>3,136.20</b>	<b>3,089.98</b>	<b>1,058.14</b>
			<b>3,051.05</b>		<b>4,148.12</b>



**FRIENDS OF GYLE PARK (SCIO) - SC052465**  
**Statement of Balances for period ended 31st March 2025**

	Note	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Funds reconciliation</b>					
Cash & Bank Balances at start of year		3090	1058	4148	0
<b>Surplus (deficit) for year</b>		<b>-85</b>	<b>3136</b>	<b>3051</b>	<b>4148</b>
at end of year					
Bank Balances at end of year		3005	4194	7199	4148
Cash Balances at end of year		0	0	0	0
<b>Year end balance</b>		<b>3005</b>	<b>4194</b>	<b>7199</b>	<b>4148</b>

**Liabilities**

The notes below form an integral part of these accounts.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees  
on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
and signed on their behalf by

Chair

Treasurer

**Notes**

**1. Donations received during the financial year :**

(i) Paths for all	87203
(ii) Murray Wright Fun Run	5
(iii) Fun Run Fundraiser	1505
(iv) Brenda Fun Run Donation	135
(v) Fun Run Raffle	40
(vi) Donation for Hi-Vis Vests	148.75
(vii) Donation by Committee Member	320
(viii) Scottish Water Donation	2000

**2. Payments made during the financial year:**

(i) Edinburgh and Lothian (Paths)	87203
(ii) St Andrews First Aid Fun Run	103.2
(iii) Hi-Vis Vests Bunzle	144



(iv) Sack Holders for litter picking	89.9
(v) Conservation Volunteers	366
(vi) Wix.com	115.2
(vii) Bank charges December	8.5
(viii) Bank charges January	8.5
(ix) Keegan & Pennykidd Insurance	250.4
(x) Bank charges February	8.5
(xi) Bank charges March	8.5

3. No Fixed Assets are held by the charity.