

Registered Charity No: 802905

FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK
REPORT
and
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

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FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

Legal and Administrative Details

The Committee of the Friends of Battersea Park are the Trustees of the Charity. The officers (starred below) are initially elected for a term of three years; they are eligible for re-election thereafter.

Fenella Barber	Trustee (co-opted)
Michael Bates (resigned 9/9/2019)	Trustee (Archive)
Russ Coffey	Trustee (Website)
Inge Darling	Trustee
Christopher Davies	Trustee
Claire Elliot	Trustee
Adrian Flook	Trustee (Treasurer)*
Karen Horan	Trustee
Michèle Marriott	Trustee
Peta-May Law	Trustee
Juliet Lyon-Smith	Trustee (Acting Secretary)
Angela McDonald (resigned autumn 30/9/2019)	Trustee (Secretary)*
Andrew McKay (resigned 2/7/2019)	Trustee
Alan Meneghetti (resigned 12/6/2020)	Trustee
Sally Orman	Trustee
Frances Radcliffe OBE	Trustee
Annabel Stein	Trustee (Membership Secretary)
Garon Watkins	Trustee (Chairman)*

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Legal and Administrative Details (continued)

TSB, Clapham

CAF

Shawbrook

Bankers

Bankers

Bankers

Virginia Darbyshire

Independent Examiner

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THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

The objectives of the Friends of Battersea Park shall be for the public benefit to secure the preservation, protection and improvement of Battersea Park (hereinafter called “the 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 of the Park and, in particular, its retention as a semi-natural habitat for wildlife; and to educate the public in the history, natural history and other aspects of the Park.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020.

During the year ending 31 March 2020, there were 6 meetings of the Committee and 68 new members joined the Friends.

On 9 June, the Friends hosted a guided walk through the Park, led by Frances Radcliffe and Mike Bates, as part of the Wandsworth Heritage Festival

On 11 June, the Friends held their 14th annual fund-raising BBQ at the Children's Zoo by kind permission of the owners, the Heap Family. Despite grey clouds it remained rain free until the later stages of the evening. By any standard, it was a tremendous success with £6,656 raised and a record 450 tickets sold. Our thanks to Peta May Law and her BBQ Committee for an excellent event and to all those companies and individuals who made generous donations to support the work of the Friends to benefit the Park.

As usual, the Friends had a stand at 'Music at the Bandstand' on 15 June organized by Enable, which manages the Park under contract to Wandsworth Council. We promoted our work, garnered new members and sold copies of Jennifer Ullman's *Battersea Park*.

The Battersea Park Dog Show organised by the Wandsworth Council Parks and Events Police Service took place on 23 June and enjoyed record attendance with the Friends once again being the grateful recipients of a cheque, on this occasion for £831 representing all the profits. Again, as usual, the Friends had a stand at this event.

The Friends also took a stand at the Chelsea Bridge Wharf Summer Party on 30 June. This provided a valuable opportunity to engage with the community in that rapidly developing residential area east of the Park

The Friends' Annual General Meeting was held at All Saints Church on 2 July and, after formal business which included the election of the new Chairman, Garon Watkins and two new Trustees, Alan Meneghetti and Juliet Lyon-Smith, there was a question and answer session with Simon Ingyon, Executive Director, Parks and Leisure from Enable, Neil Blackley, Head of Parks for Enable and Inspector Steve Biggs of the Council's Police Service. An audience of some 45 Friends asked questions on a variety of issues including: monitoring of cyclists in the Park, wheelchair access from Albert Bridge Road, the rose beds in the Russell Page Garden, tree health, idling vehicles, areas of the Park where dogs should be on leads and the laws governing controls on dogs, and the proposal to increase the height of the Evolution Building on the British Genius Site.

Our popular lunchtime lecture series continued, the autumn topic being *Fish in London Lakes* by Dave Webb and Kat Tye of the Environment Agency on 21 October. The lecture on fungi by Geoffrey Kibby scheduled for March unfortunately had to be postponed following the imposition of restrictions on gatherings due to the coronavirus. This lecture has been rescheduled for 2021.

The Chairman continued to represent the Friends during the year when the combined Management Advisory Committees (MACs) of commons and Friends of various open spaces in Wandsworth met officers of Wandsworth Council to discuss the new contract for the running of open spaces in the Borough. The contract was tendered in the summer of 2019 with a commencement date of 1 April 2020. MACs and Friends groups were keen to ensure the contractual stipulations would be sufficiently rigorous and their delivery appropriately monitored. The Chairman also represented the Friends at a new group, the Wandsworth Green Spaces Forum, which was established in 2019 to enhance communication between the Council, its contractor, Enable, and MACs and Friends groups within the Borough.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

The Friends continued to monitor planning matters related to the Park and made a formal and robust objection, albeit unsuccessful, to the proposed increased height of the Evolution Building on the British Genius Site.

Dan Pearson's annual review of the Winter Garden took place on 9 January. He made various recommendations to address bare patches and help with weed control.

During the winter, the Friends lobbied successfully for the return, after many years, of drinking water fountains in the Park, which we believe will significantly reduce both the need for environmentally damaging single-use plastic bottles and the cost of removing them. The Friends had worked with Enable and the Council to agree workable locations and obtain finance before the coronavirus lockdown disrupted the installation.

Karen Horan produced three editions of our *Review* magazine which allows Friends to keep abreast of matters relating to the Park and Friends' activities. Our thanks as always to her, the Editor, Frances Radcliffe and the contributors and distributors who give of their time to enable us to produce the magazine at minimal cost. Our thanks also to Virginia Darbyshire, the independent examiner of our accounts, and to Angela McDonald who stepped down as Secretary during the year to be replaced by Juliet Lyon-Smith.

During the last weeks of the year, the coronavirus took hold in the UK resulting in Government restrictions that had a far reaching impact on the 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 13th August 2020 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by

Garon Watkins
Chairman

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2020, which are set out on pages 9 to 13.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with 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 41 of the 1993 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act;

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.

Virginia Darbyshire
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Signature

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	this year	last year
	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources				
Voluntary income				
Subscriptions	8,007	0	8,007	7,250
Gift Aid HMRC refund	2,199	0	2,199	0
Miscellaneous donations and Rattle Boxes	870	0	870	815
Activities for generating funds				
Barbecue, and other events	12,800	0	12,800	12,661
Advertising	3,790	0	3,790	1,335
Book Sales & Revenue from book launch	350	0	350	715
Stock Sales	90		90	389
Investment income				
Bank interest	294	0	294	350
Total incoming resources	28,400	28,400	23,514	
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income				
Subscriptions paid	734	0	734	1,233
Review Magazine costs	2,318	0	2,318	2,690
Event expenditure	4,457	0	4,457	4,880
Charitable activities				
Winter Garden	640	0	640	640
Investment in FoBP				
Refurbishment of the rose beds in Russell Page Garden	0		0	19,037
Governance Costs				
Postage, Photocopy & Stationery	1,132	0	1,132	333
Insurance	344	0	344	344
Total resources expended	9,625	0	9,625	29,157
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	18,775	0	18,775	(5,643)
Total bank balances carried forward	67,699	0	67,699	48,923

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Deposits & Cash at bank	67,699	0	67,699	48,923
Capital and Reserves				
<i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</i>	18,775	0	18,775	(5,643)
Total funds brought forward	48,924	0	48,924	54,567
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>	67,699	0	67,699	48,923

Approved by the Trustees of the Friends of Battersea Park on 13th August 2020 and signed on their behalf by:

Garon Watkins
Chairman

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1. Basis of Preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.

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 or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

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 and gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA in 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.

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.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

2. Accounting policies (continued) INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

Investment gains and losses The charity does not have any investments other than two interest bearing bank accounts.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition Liabilities are recognised on a cash accounting basis meaning we recognise liabilities when we pay them

Governance costs Include, when applicable, the costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the cost of trustees' meetings and 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. **Analysis of incoming resources**
The analysis of incoming resources is given in the SoFA.

4. **Analysis of resources expended**
The analysis of resources expended is given in the SoFA.

5. Details of certain items of expenditure

5.1 Trustee expenses	This year £	Last year £
Number of trustees paid expenses (Postage, photocopying, stationery, AGM expenses, and other events)	6 1,678	5 1,450

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

7. **Grant making**
No grants have been made by the charity.

8. Debtors and prepayments	This year £	Last year £
	0	0

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

9 Creditors and accruals

9.1 Analysis of creditors	This year	Last year
Printing of Review 115 Payable to Wandsworth Borough	£579	0
Printing of Review 112 Payable to Wandsworth Borough	0	£561
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	£579	£561
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2. 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 outstanding loans with any trustees or related parties 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.