

Registered Charity No: 802905

**FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK**  
**REPORT**  
**and**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

# FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

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## **FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK**

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### Legal and Administrative Details

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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 (elected July 2021, previously co-opted)**

**Karen Buckle (elected July 2021)**

**Russ Coffey**

**Inge Darling**

**Christopher Davies**

**Claire Elliot**

**Adrian Flook**

**Treasurer\***

**Karen Horan (resigned July 2021)**

**Peta-May Law**

**Sara Milne (co-opted September 2021)**

**Briony Newman (elected July 2021)**

**Juliet Lyon-Smith**

**Secretary\***

**Michèle Marriott**

**Sally Orman**

**Frances Radcliffe**

**Annabel Stein**

**Garon Watkins**

**Chairman\***

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**Legal and Administrative Details (continued)**

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**TSB, Clapham**  
**CAF**  
**Shawbrook**

**Bankers**  
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**John Marsh**

**Independent Examiner**

## **FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK**

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

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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

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The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022

#### Activities

The year ending March 2022 saw a gradual return of something approaching normality for the Friends as Covid-19 related restrictions were incrementally lifted although not in time for our annual BBQ. Your committee held nine meetings as well as the Annual General Meeting on 6 July which was conducted by Zoom. Most committee meetings were also attended by Neil Blackley, Head of Parks at Enable Leisure and Culture, who run Battersea Park on behalf of Wandsworth Council. At the AGM we were also joined by Acting Inspector Laurie Black of the Council's Parks and Events Police Service. Membership at the end of March 2022 stood at 624 (including family and corporate members).

In terms of governance, a number of new Trustees were elected at the AGM. These were: Fenella Barber (previously co-opted), Karen Buckle and Briony Newman. In addition, since the AGM, Sara Milne has been co-opted to the committee and will be put forward for election in September at the next AGM. Karen Horan left the committee with our sincere thanks having been the highly proficient and gracious producer of *Review* since 2015. Virginia Darbyshire stepped down as our independent financial examiner and John Marsh was elected to that role.

The negative effects of the Covid restrictions prompted the Friends to make a variety of financial contributions in line with our charitable objectives. The two most significant in terms of funds committed were a continuation of volunteer days run by Thrive to assist with the restoration of the Winter Garden which had become severely damaged. Following visits by Dan Pearson, the original designer of the Garden, the Friends also committed to funding new plants to assist in its restoration. Secondly, the Friends funded five local state primary schools to develop programmes to take pupils on Park visits of an educational nature. This programme was run on our behalf by the Sir Walter St John Educational Charity. The results of the programme were very encouraging and were published in *Review*. The Friends are now working on a secondary school project with St John Bosco College.

The Friends were pleased to be able to resume our popular lunchtime lecture series during the year with well attended lectures on small mammals and fungi in November and March respectively. The Friends also conducted a guided walk as part of the Wandsworth Heritage Festival in June. As we have in pre-Covid years, the Friends had stands at 'Summer in the Park' events organised by Enable which have always proved useful in attracting new Friends. We are, as ever, grateful to the Parks Police who donated £900 from the proceeds of their Dog Show to the Friends.

The Friends represented by your Chairman continued to engage with the Council, Park Management and other Friends' groups and Management Advisory Groups (MACs) across the borough via the Wandsworth Green Spaces Forum and other ad hoc engagements. We were pleased to learn of the good progress of the new contractors for Trees and Grounds Maintenance which began in 2021. All Friends' groups in the borough continued to press the Council for further detail on how the new contracts would be monitored and enforced by Enable, as this was a grey area under the previous arrangements. Wandsworth Council had committed to sharing non-commercially sensitive details but these remained outstanding at 31 March 2022.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

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The Friends continued to monitor planning applications in the Park and the surrounding areas and made objections to two proposals to increase the height of buildings in the vicinity because of the impact on views from the Park: our objections were unsuccessful.

The *Review* team produced and distributed three issues of this magazine which remains very popular with Friends. Our thanks go to Frances Radcliffe, the editor, and the team as well as all the Friends who distribute it by hand thus saving substantial postal costs.

The Trustees would like to express their thanks to all who work in the Park and to Friends for their support during the year, particularly those volunteering in the restoration and maintenance of the Winter Garden. May I, as chairman, also extend my thanks to and to John Marsh who has examined this year's accounts and to the committee for their dedication and support.

#### **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 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 2022, 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**

The report appears to be mainly consistent with the records presented to me. However, the records presented are incomplete with respect to debtors and to takings at events and the records presented for advertising revenue collected and bank interest earned are not consistent with the reported amounts for those items. The Chair and the Treasurer of the Charity have agreed to take the necessary steps to improve the comprehensiveness of records to be presented for examination covering the current 2022/23 financial year.

John Marsh  
Groveside Court  
4 Lombard Road  
London  
SW11 3RQ

Signature

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	this year	last year
	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
<b>Voluntary income</b>				
Subscriptions	8,279	0	8,279	7,954
Gift Aid HMRC refund	4,172	0	4,172	0
Miscellaneous donations and Rattle Boxes	1,948	0	1,948	7,087
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>				
Events	1,983	0	1,983	0
Advertising	2,085	0	2,085	2,475
Book Sales	320	0	320	147
Stock Sales	101	0	101	6
Paypal at year end	92	0	92	0
<b>Investment income</b>				
Bank interest	184	0	184	259
<b><i>Total incoming resources</i></b>	<b>19,166</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,166</b>	<b>17,928</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>				
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>				
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>				
Membership Expenses	999	0	999	0
Review Magazine costs	2,783	0	2,783	2,163
Event expenditure	681	0	681	277
Postcards	527	0	527	0
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Investment by FoBP				
Thrive	5,376	0	5,376	1,920
Walter St John Charitable Trust	0	0	0	10,001
Dan Pearson advice	1,295		1,295	0
Yew clipping	420		420	0
<b>Governance Costs</b>				
Professional Services & Fees	800	0	800	463
Insurance	363	0	363	363
<b><i>Total resources expended</i></b>	<b>13,244</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,244</b>	<b>15,187</b>
<b><i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</i></b>	<b>5,922</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,922</b>	<b>2,741</b>
<b><i>Total bank balances carried forward</i></b>	<b>76,155</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76,155</b>	<b>70,233</b>

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### BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2022

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	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>				
Paypal, Deposits & Cash at bank	76,155	0	76,155	70,233
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>				
<i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</i>	5,922	0	5,922	2,534
Total funds brought forward	70,233	0	70,233	67,699
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<i>Total funds carried forward</i>	76,155	0	76,155	70,233
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Approved by the Trustees of the Friends of Battersea Park on 5 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

**Garon Watkins**  
Chairman

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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

#### 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 – Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005 and with Accounting Standards and with the Charities Act 1993.

##### 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.

Given that the charity has minimal debtors and creditors, for simplification purposes, the charity chose to move to receipts and payments accounts during 2016/17 and so the 2021/22 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 except for PayPal 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 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.

##### Bank Charges

As a charity, TSB does not charge us any fees for banking with them. Paypal charges the charity a percentage of what is put through their system, which includes Zettle; in the last year this amounted to £63.74

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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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#### 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 Last year	This year £
Number of trustees re-imbursed for expenses (Postage, photocopying, stationery, AGM expenses, and other events)	6 2242	6 1,029
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6. **Paid employees**  
There are no paid employees of the charity

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

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### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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**8 Security over assets**

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

**9 Transactions with related parties**

**9.1 Remuneration and benefits**

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

**9.2 Loans**

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

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

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