

Registered Charity No: 802905

FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK
REPORT
and
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

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.

Frances Radcliffe OBE	Trustee (Chairman)*
Elizabeth Hood (to 10/7/18)	Trustee (Secretary)*
Angela McDonald (co-opted) (Sec from 10/7/18)	Trustee (Secretary)*
Adrian Flook (co-opted)	Trustee (Treasurer)*
Annabel Stein	Trustee (Membership Secretary)
Michael Bates	Trustee (Archive)
Steve Bunn (resigned 10/7/18)	Trustee
Russ Coffey (co-opted)	Trustee (Website)
Inge Darling	Trustee
Christopher Davies	Trustee
Claire Elliot	Trustee
Angela Grant (resigned 10/7/18)	Trustee
Karen Horan	Trustee
Peta-May Law	Trustee
Andrew McKay	Trustee
Michèle Marriott	Trustee
Sally Orman	Trustee

Russ Coffey, Adrian Flook and Angela McDonald were approved as Trustees at the AGM on 10/7/18)

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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 2019.

Activities

During the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, there were seven meetings of the Committee and 64 new members joined the Friends.

On 7 June, as part of the Wandsworth Heritage Festival, the Friends arranged, in collaboration with the Battersea Society, for Jennifer Ullman to give a talk on the history of the Park. On 9 June, the Friends had a stall at 'Live at the Bandstand', a music, arts, crafts, food and drink event organised by Enable. On 17 June, we had a stall at the Chelsea Bridge Wharf Summer Party. At all three events, new members joined the Friends and a good number of copies of Jennifer Ullman's History of the Park were sold.

Our annual fundraising BBQ took place on 12 June at Children's Zoo. Sally Orman and her Committee worked extremely hard to raise a splendid total of £5,655 after expenses. There were some unnerving black clouds late in the afternoon, but the BBQ was rain-free and better than ever. For the first time, children were able to feed the meerkats from within their enclosure. There was the usual relaxed and happy atmosphere with music, dancing, delicious food, a silent auction, a tombola and a raffle. Games for the children were particularly successful. As ever, the Friends benefited enormously from generous donations by individuals and local businesses which were much appreciated.

The Battersea Park Dog Show took place on 24 June. Wandsworth Council's Parks and Events Police Service kindly gave their record profits of £770 to the Friends. We were extremely grateful for this generous donation.

The Annual General Meeting took place on 10 July at All Saints Church, Prince of Wales Drive. It was attended by Simon Ingyon, Executive Director Parks and Leisure from Enable, which manages the Park on contract to Wandsworth Council; Neil Blackley, Enable's recently appointed Head of Parks; Inspector Steve Biggs from the Council's Parks and Events Police Service and over 30 Friends. Issues raised after formal business included the need for an increased police presence in the Park; litter collection and recycling; coaches with engines running; large events in the Park particularly funfairs; the Parks Charter; and dangerous cycling.

The first Monday in September is usually reserved for our annual Sculpture Award. Now that Steve Bunn has retired from the Committee, we need somebody else to make the necessary arrangements, so sadly, there was no award in 2018.

Lunchtime Lectures organised by Annabel Stein continued with illustrated talks by Liz Rawlinson on garden designers, especially focussing on Russell Page, on 29 October and by Margaret Murdin on bees on 25 March 2019. The latter was particularly well attended. These lectures made a profit for the Friends and provided an opportunity for them to meet each other.

Dan Pearson's annual review of the Winter Garden took place on 7 November. The replacement planting that he recommended was completed in early 2019 except for the grasses which were not planted until May 2019.

On 14 February, the Friends finally paid £19,037 for the refurbishment of the Russell Page Garden rose beds. This expenditure was agreed in the last financial year but payment was delayed pending some additional work.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

The Chairman continued to represent the Friends at meetings of the Wandsworth Conservation Area Advisory Committee and the Battersea Power Station Community Forum.

The Friends continued to monitor planning matters related to the Park.

Karen Horan produced three editions of *Review* magazine filled with information about the Park. Thanks go to her, contributors and advertisers and also to Elizabeth Hood and Angela McDonald for their work as Secretary, Adrian Flook for his work as Treasurer and Annabel Stein for her work as Membership Secretary.

We also thank Virginia Darbyshire who has examined this year's accounts.

As ever, we are grateful to those Friends who have continued to deliver *Review* by hand to save substantial postage costs.

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 4 June 2019 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by

Frances Radcliffe OBE
Chairman

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2019, 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
36, Battersea Place
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London
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Signature

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

Incoming resources	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Voluntary income				
Subscriptions	7,250	0	7,250	6,400
Gift Aid HMRC refund	0	0	0	3,222
Miscellaneous donations and Rattle Boxes	815	0	815	602
Donation by Paul Albrecht for Russell Page Garden roses	0	0	0	500
Activities for generating funds				
Barbecue, and other events	12,661	0	12,661	11,784
Advertising	1,335	0	1,335	1,980
Book Sales & Revenue from book launch	715	0	715	1,500
Stock Sales	389	0	389	91
Investment income				
Bank interest	350	0	350	471
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Total incoming resources	23,514	0	23,514	26,750
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Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income				
Subscriptions paid	1,233	0	1,233	540
Review Magazine costs	2,690	0	2,690	2,339
Event expenditure	4,880	0	4,880	4,367
Charitable activities				
Winter Garden	640	0	640	576
Sculpture Award	0	0	0	2,500
Investment in FoBP	0	0	0	2,200
Park Benches and other park investment	0	0	0	30,264
Promontory Garden	0	0	0	0
Refurbishment of the rose beds in Russell Page Garden	19,037	0	19,037	0
Governance Costs				
Postage, Photocopy & Stationery	333	0	333	134
Insurance	344	0	344	417
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Total resources expended	29,157	0	29,157	43,337
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	(5,643)	0	(5,643)	(16,588)
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Total bank balances carried forward	48,924	0	48,924	54,567

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2019

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Deposits & Cash at bank	48,923	0	48,923	54,566
Capital and Reserves				
<i>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</i>	(5,643)	0	(5,643)	(16,588)
Total funds brought forward	54,567	0	54,567	71,155
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>	48,924	0	48,924	54,567

Approved by the Trustees of the Friends of Battersea Park on 4 June 2019 and signed on their behalf by:

Frances Radcliffe OBE
Chairman

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

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 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 2018/19 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 2019

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)	5 £1,450	6 619

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 2019

9 Creditors and accruals

9.1 Analysis of creditors	This year £	Last year £
Printing of Review 112 payable to Wandsworth Borough	561	0
Hire of Audio equipment	0	84
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	561	84
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9.2 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.