



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

A review of our activities  
and achievements, and  
our priorities for the year  
ahead

The Friends of Ruskin Park (FoRP) has been operating as a community group since 1996. We established a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) in 2016.

This annual report relates to the charity's accounting year from 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022.

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*"The Friends of Ruskin Park is established to protect and promote the enjoyment of Ruskin Park (a public park situated on Denmark Hill in Camberwell, London) for the benefit, now and in the future, of all park users."*

# OUR OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

1. To **work collaboratively with the park's landlord**, Lambeth Council, and its tenants, to help their management to **maximise all aspects of the quality of Ruskin Park**, as desired by park users and within available resources.
2. To **engage park users and the wider community** in maintaining and improving the park for their own health and wellbeing, for now and in the future, and balancing their different interests.
3. To run, sponsor or support (a) specific desired **events and activities for and with park users** and (b) capital projects for **improvement of physical assets**, that would not otherwise happen.
4. To **ensure we have the resources to achieve the above aims** – financial, people, communications and governance.



*"The Trustees would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the work and wellbeing of Ruskin Park this year"*

# REVIEW OF 2021-22

After a challenging preceding year for everyone in the community, this year has seen important improvements in the park, bolstered by our growing volunteer base.

We have welcomed new committee members and trustees to the Friends, and expanded some of our long-term programmes, thanks to new funding streams, new enthusiastic volunteers and commitment from our trustees.

The dedicated senior parks attendant Tim Daniels, part of Lambeth Landscapes operations team in Lambeth Council, has continued to do an excellent job in maintaining and supporting the park in many different ways. With our volunteers, this makes the park feel cared for and loved. This has been particularly important throughout the exceptionally hot, dry spring and summer months, where we have had to prioritise ecological resilience.

The park has continued to be enjoyed and appreciated by the surrounding community, including reaching new users through different events and activities that have taken place in the park. Income from events and donations means our general fund remains very healthy, and we are considering the best ways to reinvest this back into the park.





# REVIEW OF 2021-22 (cont.)

Volunteering in particular has gone from strength to strength: The Labyrinth Garden and the Community Garden now have a more diverse group of regular volunteers. Supported by Urban Canopy and Lambeth's parks team and funded through successful funding bids, they have transformed areas of the park. Work has also continued on improving the Hut, including the reinstatement of the accessible toilet which is enabling the building and garden to be used more for community activities.

The sense of care for these park spaces and the wider park is supported by our volunteer litter pickers, who are vital to the enhancement of the park environment. We are particularly proud that as a result of Lambeth's parks team, our volunteers and partner organisations working together, Ruskin Park was awarded a London in Bloom Gold, building on our Silver and Silver Gilt awards in previous years. These areas can now be increasingly enjoyed thanks to increased momentum on our memorial bench scheme, which has seen several new benches installed throughout the park.



At our last AGM, Kevin Crook, Assistant Director Neighbourhoods, confirmed that £950,000 had been allocated to a capital programme for Ruskin Park. A Capital Programme Steering Group was started, priority projects were agreed, guided by our joint strategic masterplan. Improvements were made to the paddling pool so it could open in the summer of 2022 and planning for a playground refurbishment started. The first year of working with Lambeth to deliver the programme has been challenging at times and we hope momentum will increase in 2022-3.





# REVIEW OF 2021-22 (cont.)

We have been pleased to be back in face to face contact with park users throughout this year, both within the park and at other community events. We look forward to doing more of this in the year to come, focusing more heavily on activity in the park and outreach to improve diversity and inclusion. We want this to build on our online and digital communications, where we continue to have significant reach and impact. Our online presence continues to expand with over 5,800 followers across our social media platforms, representing more than 30% audience growth over the past year.

We have made progress against many of the objectives we set out for FoRP in the last annual report, but there is always more to do. Please see from page 10 the areas on which we intend to focus in the year ahead, depending as always on volunteer skills and capacity. As ever, we will also be open to new opportunities if they arise.

Lucy Hadfield  
Chair







# Thank-you to our contributors

## Volunteers

- Trustees
- Committee members
- Paddling pool group
- Events teams and performers
- Litter pickers
- Gardeners
- GoodGym volunteers
- Lambeth Council staff volunteers

*“The work of Friends of Ruskin Park would not be possible without the commitment and passion of our trustees, volunteers and partners.”*

## Funders, partners and donors

- Camberwell Society
- GoodGym
- Franey Foundation
- Harkness Roses
- Herne Hill Forum
- Herne Hill Society
- Lambeth Council
- Lambeth Parks Forum
- London Community Foundation
- London Friends of Green Spaces Network
- Member donors
- Myatt's Fields Park Project
- National Grid
- National Lottery Community Fund
- Paddling pool donors
- Postcode Society Trust
- South London and Maudsley NHS Trust
- Steel Warriors
- Urban Canopy
- Urban Village



# Treasurer's Report

As you will have seen throughout the annual report, FoRP has been very active this year and this is reflected in our financial results, with both income and expenditure significantly higher than the previous period. As ever, we are very grateful for the generous donations we receive from the users of the park and other supporters as well as to the bodies that have provided us with grants in the past year.

	2021/22				2020/21
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds		Total	Total
	General fund	Grants fund	Paddling pool fund		
Income	25,706	15,915	47,758	89,379	30,536
Expenses	(29,468)	(14,766)	(43,080)	(87,314)	(22,017)
Retained	(3,762)	1,149	4,678	2,065	8,519
Reserves	42,737	4,990	13,802	61,529	59,464

In the year we had new grants from Lambeth Council for gardening, performance and dance (e.g. bandstand concerts), and the paddling pool refurbishment, as well as from the National Lottery Community Fund for gardening.

In addition to this we received a grant from the Postcode Society Trust (which was awarded during 2021-22 but will not be used until 2022-23 so has been held as deferred income) for gardening including the new Wellbeing Garden.



*"Our healthy financial position means that we will be able to fund more improvements in the park in coming years."*

# Treasurer's Report (cont.)

The refurbishment of the paddling pool was a significant project. We had a strong fundraising campaign through donations and grants, which led to nearly in £50,000 being raised for the refurbishment and running costs. The refurbishment has now been completed. We incurred slightly higher than expected running costs as due to hot weather conditions we paid for professional cleaning costs for the pool which was not anticipated.

The general fund is unrestricted and is used to run events and other projects throughout the park over the year. The income and expenses relating to our normal programme of events were back after many of our usual events were interrupted in 2020-21 due to COVID. There was an increase in donations largely due to donations made in memory of two individual park users.

We have spent money from this fund in the year in a variety of ways, the largest being our contribution to the paddling pool refurbishment project (funded from paddling pool fund as well as a contribution from the general fund). Regular park users will hopefully have noticed the new memorial benches which come from donations and the new planting by volunteers paid for from our general fund as well as grant funding.



# Achievements and priorities (1)

**Working in Partnership with Lambeth Landscapes and others**

## Achievements last year

## Future Priorities

### **Green volunteering programme + Community Garden**

Saturday  
gardening  
sessions and  
projects.  
Wednesday  
litter-picking.

Thanks to grants from the London Community Foundation and National Lottery Community Fund, we ran a year's programme of gardening sessions and gardening workshops with Urban Canopy. We have also seen the Community Garden thrive, with more and more volunteers and greater diversity.

The Community Garden is supported through our links with Myatt's Fields Park. We have also secured funding for a new Wellbeing Garden.

Gardening volunteers, working with Urban Canopy and TCV, have made major improvements to the Rose Garden.

FoRP is very proud to have played a part in Ruskin Park's Gold Award from London in Bloom.

We gained access to the Hut, with some improvements. Volunteers have started repainting it inside and Lambeth Council has reinstated an adjacent disabled access toilet for users of the building. This has supported volunteering and enabled more workshops to take place in the area.

A series of five free workshops on subjects from pruning to winter greens were run by Fabrice Boltho, from Myatt's Field Community Garden.

To maintain energy around the Community Garden, improve communication, and build an even stronger community. We'd also like to repair the bee keeping area and add signage for this and other features within the gardens.

We will deliver the new Wellbeing Garden funded by the Postcode Society Trust, including sensory beds to promote health and wellbeing, and growing spaces for groups including from SLAM NHS Trust.

We hope to be awarded further funding to continue to support the Saturday gardening sessions with Urban Canopy.

To continue the work on the hut, including repainting and purchasing new furniture.

Increase the use of the Hut for community workshops and by partnership organisations, and further clarify how the building is managed with Lambeth Council.

**Workshops,  
Activities and  
the Hut**  
Affordable  
workshops and  
activities in the  
park for adults,  
children and  
patients from  
the hospitals.



# Achievements and priorities (2)

## Working in Partnership with Lambeth Landscapes and others

### Achievements last year

### Future Priorities

#### Summer Fete and seasonal events

Our big summer community fete.

Other ad hoc seasonal/themed events.

The Summer Fete was a success again in June, despite poor weather on the day. We also held the park's first ever dog show in May.

We also facilitated a Petanque tournament in the park that was well-enjoyed and attended.

We have firm intentions to deliver the fete and to create a more sustainable approach to doing so with a stronger volunteer team.

To consider how and whether we can continue to host the Petanque tournament.

#### Bandstand Concerts

Programme of summer music at the bandstand

We were delighted to host a full and successful bandstand programme through the summer.

To hold another bandstand programme in 2023, with a focus on a diversified range of performers, to reflect more of the local demography and attract new users to the park.

#### Other Heritage Items

Engaging park users with the varied heritage of the park looking at the past and the future.

We extended and increased accessibility of the park's heritage, most notably through supporting Lambeth's completion of the Mendelssohn sundial restoration.

We also worked with The Camberwell Society on the Ruskin Tree Walk, which guides you to selected trees with a collection of essays by leading John Ruskin experts. A film of the walk and readings by local people was also made.

To install educational signage for the sundial and the Portico.

To continue to look for opportunities to further bolster access to heritage in the park, including through working with other local organisations.

Our memorial bench programme has had renewed momentum, with many more bench donations being installed.

# Achievements and priorities (3)

## Working in Partnership with Lambeth Landscapes and others

### Achievements last year

### Future Priorities

#### Park improvements

Improvements sponsored or managed by FoRP, additional to larger improvements funded by Lambeth.

We have continued to invest the general fund and work to deliver modest improvements such as new planting and restoration of the rose garden, while holding Lambeth Council to account for delivery of projects they lead.

We must continue this work, and to hold Lambeth Council to account for delivery, e.g. of new picnic tables.

We will consider what small improvements can be delivered through the charity directly, including bench donations and other improvements such as new noticeboards.

#### Paddling pool

Fundraising to enable Lambeth to refurbish the pool and volunteering to keep the paddling pool operational. Partnership with Lambeth.

We successfully secured funding, with Lambeth appointing a contractor to refurbish the paddling pool prior to summer 2022, and it was joyful to see so much use of the paddling pool over the summer. However there are some concerns about the operation of the new systems problems emerged at the end of the season.

To work with Lambeth to ensure that any issues in works to the paddling pool are rectified, and ensure arrangements with contractors are in place, ready for a full summer of use in 2023.

#### Stable Block

Restore to bring the heritage stable block back into use, with clear community benefits.

We continued to work with Lambeth Council to take forward the short-term repairs to the building, but these have not yet been made.

We hope to hear from Lambeth Council about money available to refurbish the stable block in February 2023.

We will continue to hold Lambeth Council to account for the much needed repair and protection of this important building.

#### Old Depot Area

This area is unused after the lease with Trees for Cities ended. A potential long term plan for its use is for a cafe.

We continued to work with Lambeth Council on 'meanwhile' use of this area. The longer term plans are not changed. The depot area has been cleared and the outer fencing is soon to be removed so part of the space will be opened up.

To continue to work with Lambeth Council to bring the depot area back into the park.



# Achievements and priorities (3)

## Working in Partnership with Lambeth Landscapes and others

### Achievements last year

### Future Priorities

#### Partnership Board

Liaising regularly with Lambeth through the Partnership Board

We regularly attended Lambeth Council's Park Partnership Board and Lambeth Parks Forum.

The development officer for Ruskin Park changed in early 2022 and the Partnership Board met less often.

Lambeth's Capital Studio was charged with running the capital programme for Ruskin Park.

To continue engagement with Lambeth Parks Forum, focused on opportunities for Ruskin Park, e.g. managing climate change, ecological resilience and diversity and inclusion.

To ensure good partnership governance with Lambeth that effective project management, funding and communications are in place for successful delivery of the capital works.

#### Communications, and User Engagement

Engaging the diverse range of park users and members, particularly to understand their needs and to connect with Lambeth Council.

We delivered regular communications about our and other significant park activities, online in several modes, and with posters.

We have had greater engagement with other local parks such as Myatt's Fields and Loughborough Park. This has led to increased events and diversity of park users.

To secure skills and capacity from our supporters to continue regular and effective communications and user engagement.

To rethink and action the ways we engage users, particularly those that are hard to reach yet could benefit from access to the park. This is with the aim of increasing and diversifying our membership (see below).

#### Governance and Membership

Holding good governance as a membership organisation, and complying with the Charity Commission.

Our Committee has grown in numbers this year, which is very positive. This has enabled us to consider more defined roles and responsibilities, to support succession planning.

We reviewed and agreed a revised Safeguarding policy for children and at-risk adults to underpin our growing work.

To continue to ensure committee members have the skills and capacity to review and share the responsibilities for effective governance.

To encourage volunteers to be members and to fill any skills gaps that arise on the Committee.

# Structure, Governance and Management

## Membership

FoRP membership is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, though the trustees are able to set a reasonable fee for membership. The membership fee is currently zero. As of 15th November 2022, FoRP had 444 recorded members, including 58 lapsed members who will receive invitations to renew.

## Governance

FoRP is governed by a CIO constitution adopted in March 2016 and approved by the Charity Commission in April 2016. This can be viewed on our website.



## Committee

Additional committee members are appointed by the trustees to assist with the management of our activities. This year they included Kathy Erasmus, Alex Penn, Rosie Kinchen, Claire Vinycomb, Jo Henderson, Abi Oke, Andrea Woodside, Charles Murphy and Jemima Ashdown. After retiring as a trustee, Julie Simpson remains on the Committee.

## Trustees

We have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 11 trustees. They are appointed at our AGM, with a third standing down or being re-appointed each year. At other times the existing trustees may appoint trustees until the next AGM.

The following people were trustees during 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021:

- Lucy Hadfield (Chair)
- Jared Cotton (Treasurer)
- Chris Norris
- Julie Simpson (stepped down 25 May 2022)
- Kate Malleson
- Mandy Millward
- Deepak Sardiwal (stepped down 31st October 2022)
- Michelle Warbis
- Celine Gilbert (appointed by trustees 25th May 2022)
- Andrew Ruck (appointed by trustees 1st July 2022)





# Financial Statements

## Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Charities Act (2011) and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved on behalf of the Trustees by

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Lucy Hadfield, Chair

.....  
Jared Cotton, Treasurer

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Date

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Date

*"The charity trustees prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the Charity"*

# Statement of Financial Activities

For period year ended 31 August 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds			
		General	Grant funds *	Paddling pool funds	Total	Total
	Note	31/8/2022	31/8/2022	31/8/2022	31/8/2022	31/8/2021
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>						
Donations/grants	3	16,503	15,915	47,758	80,176	29,887
Events	3	8,843	0	0	8,843	289
Other income		360	0	0	360	360
<b>Total Income</b>		25,706	15,915	47,758	89,379	30,536
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Charitable activities	4	(29,004)	(14,766)	(43,080)	(86,850)	(21,663)
Other costs	4	(464)	0	0	(464)	(354)
Total expenditure		(29,468)	(14,766)	(43,080)	(87,314)	(22,017)
<b>Net (expense)/income for the year</b>		(3,762)	1,149	4,678	2,065	8,520
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Balance brought forward		45,013	5,327	9,124	59,464	50,944
Net (expenditure)/income		(3,762)	1,149	4,678	2,065	8,520
Transfers**		1,486	(1,486)	0	0	0
<b>Balance carried forward</b>		42,737	4,990	13,802	61,529	59,464

\* The Grants funds are made up of grants from the London Community Foundation, National Lottery Community Fund and Lambeth Council.

\*\* Residual restricted funds from grants are released to unrestricted funds where any unspent grant is below the threshold for requiring repayment.





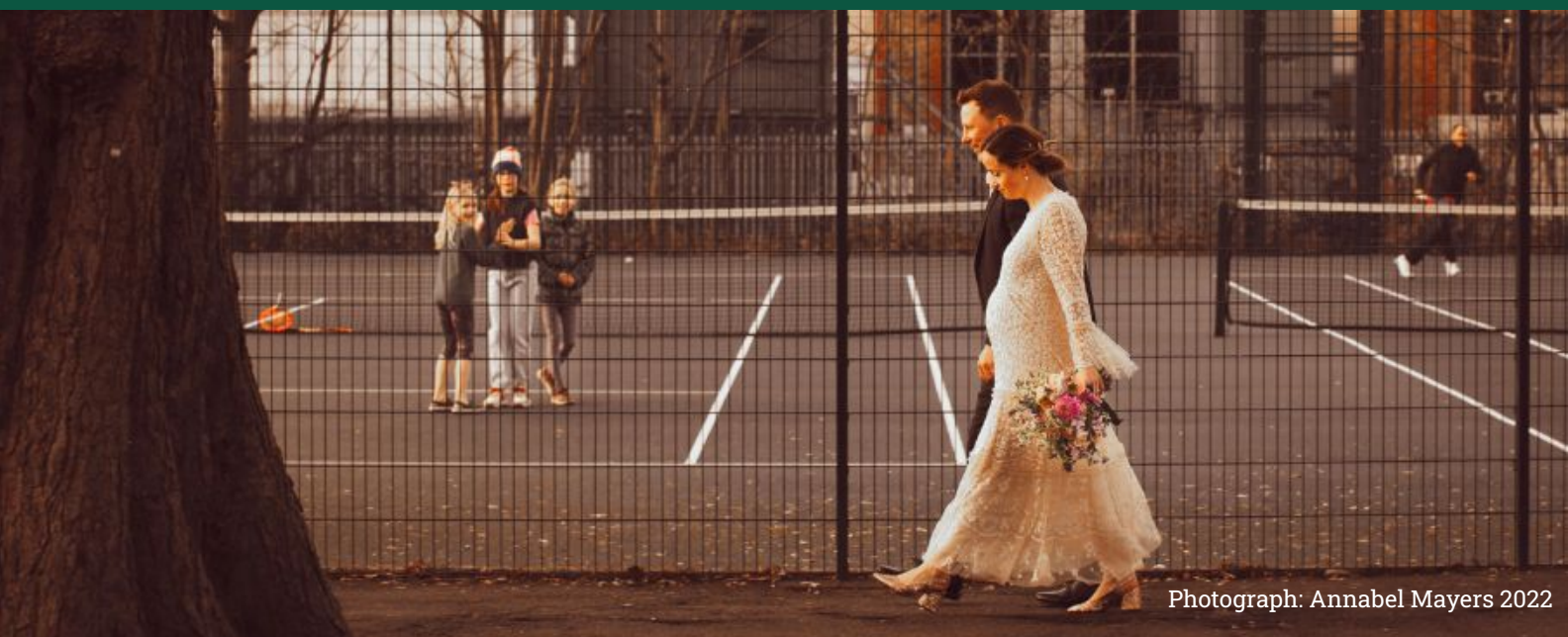
# Balance Sheet

at 31 August 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash		79,489	66,925
Debtors		6,192	-
Total current assets		85,681	66,925
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due in one year	7	(24,152)	(7,462)
<b>Net assets</b>		61,529	59,463
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
<i>Unrestricted income fund</i>			
General fund		42,737	45,012
<i>Restricted income funds</i>			
Grant funds		4,990	5,327
Paddling pool fund		13,802	9,124
Total charity funds		61,529	59,463

Note: Debtors relates to Lambeth Council Performance and Dance Grant which was awarded based on expenditure in FY22 but not paid until FY23.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under the Charities Act 2011. The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with the Act. The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.





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# Notes

## 1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) and in accordance with the FRS 102 itself and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions permitted by SORP (FRS 102) and have not included a statement of cash flows for the year.

### Income policy

Items of income are recognised and include in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- The charity has entitlement to the funds;
- Any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity;
- There is sufficient certainty that the receipt of the income is considered probable; and the amount can be reliably measured.

Donations, voluntary income and grants are recognised in the period they are received where the above conditions have been met (except for grants that specify that they can only be used in a future accounting period).

### Volunteers

SORP (FRS 102) specifically excludes the inclusion of the value of the contributions of volunteers to the charity on the basis that there is no reliable method of measurement of their activities. As a result the value of services provided by volunteers is not included in the financial statements. The valuable contribution provided by the volunteers is discussed in more detail in the Trustees Report.





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# Notes (cont.)

## Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charities operations.

## Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following headings:

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the operation of the Charity. These include both the direct and support costs relating to these activities.

Other costs include those incurred in the governance of the Charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

VAT suffered is included within the relative expenses or asset and is not shown separately.

## 2. Legal status

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and has no share capital. If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for setting its debts and liabilities.

The Charity was registered on 5 April 2016 under registration number 1166358. Accordingly the Charity is exempt from the Corporation Tax in respect to its charitable activities and any investment income receivable.

# Notes (cont.)

## 3. Income

	General 31/8/2022 £	Grant funds 31/8/2022 £	Paddling pool funds 31/8/2022 £	Total 31/8/2022 £	Total 31/8/2021 £
<b>Income</b>					
<i>Grants</i>					
London Community Foundation	-	-	-	-	9,820
Neighbourly	-	-	-	-	1,000
Summer Fete (Lambeth Council)	-	-	-	-	1,390
Groundwork - Power to Change grant*	-	(727)	-	(727)	-
Bandstand concerts (Lambeth Council)	-	6,192	-	6,192	-
Gardening Grant (Lambeth Council)	-	750	-	750	-
Social Value Fund (Lambeth Council)	-	-	20,000	20,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	9,700	-	9,700	-
<i>Donations</i>					
Paddling pool donations	-	-	27,758	27,758	520
Other donations and subscriptions	16,503	-	-	16,503	13,481
Gift Aid claims	-	-	-	-	3,676
<i>Events</i>					
Fete	5,712	-	-	5,712	235
Other events	3,131	-	-	3,131	54
Other income	360	-	-	360	360
<b>Total income</b>	<b>25,706</b>	<b>15,915</b>	<b>47,758</b>	<b>89,379</b>	<b>30,536</b>

**Note:** \*Groundwork - Power to Change grant relates to unspent funding that was repaid to the grant provider.

## 4. Expenses

	General 31/8/2022 £	Grant funds 31/8/2022 £	Paddling pool funds 31/8/2022 £	Total 31/8/2022 £	Total 31/8/2021 £
<b>Expenses</b>					
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>					
Fete expense	(4,496)	(3,109)	-	(7,605)	(394)
Pool expenses	(12,000)	-	(43,080)	(55,080)	(1,212)
Other event expense	(1,136)	-	-	(1,136)	-
Bandstand concerts	(94)	(2,000)	-	(2,094)	(1,700)
Freelance worker expenses	-	(680)	-	(680)	(3,891)
Gardening/volunteering programme	(631)	(8,562)	-	(9,193)	(5,152)
Communications	(144)	(115)	-	(259)	(484)
Community activities	(566)	-	-	(566)	(740)
Bench replacement programme	(8,732)	-	-	(8,732)	(2,031)
Community garden	(891)	(300)	-	(1,191)	(6,060)
Other expenses	(314)	-	-	(314)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(29,004)</b>	<b>(14,766)</b>	<b>(43,080)</b>	<b>(86,850)</b>	<b>(21,663)</b>
<i>Other costs</i>					
Insurance	(345)	-	-	(345)	(325)
AGM	(80)	-	-	(80)	-
Sundries	(39)	-	-	(39)	(29)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(464)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(464)</b>	<b>(354)</b>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>(29,468)</b>	<b>(14,766)</b>	<b>(43,080)</b>	<b>(87,314)</b>	<b>(22,017)</b>

**Note:** As the 2021 Fete was delayed and held in September 2021, there were two Fetes held within FY22.

Pool expenses include a £54,000 contribution to the Paddling Pool refurbishment project undertaken in partnership with Lambeth Council and £1,080 in pool cleaning costs.





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# Notes (cont.)

## 5. Staff Costs

The Charity had no staff costs in the year and none of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits in kind for their work on the Charity.

## 5. Tax

The Charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

## 5. Debtors

All amounts are accounts receivable and are expected to be recoverable.

## 8. Creditors

	2022	2021
Accruals	693	3,212
Deferred income	23,459	4,250
Total	<u>24,152</u>	<u>7,462</u>

Deferred income relates to a Postcode Society Grant for £21,759 which was received during FY22 but will be used during FY23 and 2x benches which we have received donations for during FY22 but had not been built by Lambeth by the end of the FY22 period.

Accrued expenditure relates to payments for the Summer Fete in June 2022 and a bandstand concert in August 2022 which had not been paid by the end of FY22.

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of Friends of Ruskin Park for the period ending 31st August 2021.

## 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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 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 or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## 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 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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Sue McDonald  
Independent Examiner

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Date



