

# FRIENDS OF RUSKIN PARK

# ANNUAL REPORT

Credit: Tim Thompson

# 2017/18

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





# WELCOME

The Friends of Ruskin Park (FoRP) has been operating as a community group since 1996. This is our second annual report since establishing a new charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) in 2016.

This annual report relates to the new charity's second accounting year, from 1st September 2017 to 31st August 2018.

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# OUR OBJECTIVES AND AIMS

Every registered charity has charitable objectives. **What do FoRP's say?**

"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."

To put these into practice, the FoRP trustees have stated the following **aims**:

- 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.
- 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.
- To run, sponsor or support specific desired events and activities for and with park users, and capital projects for improvement of physical assets, that would not otherwise happen.
- To ensure we have the resources to achieve the above aims – financial, people, communications and governance.

# ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

When we set our priorities a year ago, the Friends of Ruskin Park was in transition following changes in key people. Our focus therefore was on continuing our core activities while rebuilding our capacity to take advantage of new opportunities. We set ourselves 11 objectives and made good progress with most, which would not have been possible without our committed volunteers and many partnerships. The following are some of the highlights:

## Capacity & Leadership

**Objective:** Aim to recruit two or three more trustees and/or lead volunteers, in particular to cover areas such as events, horticulture, sports and fitness, and communications

The team of trustees stabilised after summer of 2017 and we appointed two new trustees in November 2017 and one in May 2018. Trustees share corporate responsibility for all that FoRP does and also make individual contributions, both strategic and hands-on. We were able to progress the priorities we agreed, having sufficient capacity from trustees, or from volunteers willing to take on leadership of projects, is an ongoing challenge when they are all busy people. Considering our limited capacity, we are happy with our achievements.

**Objective:** Develop financial and stakeholder engagement plans

Some progress has been made in improving how we manage our finances, for example in preparing a Gift Aid claim for the first time. As we grow our activities, developing our financial planning processes will be a priority for the coming year. We will also need to develop our stakeholder engagement plans in the coming year, as we take a more strategic approach.

**Objective:** Continue to enhance our communications, and processes for membership and volunteer management

As of 1st October 2018 FoRP has 326 recorded members. In the past year we have moved to a new membership database and undertaken a significant exercise to organise and 'clean' our membership data in line with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which came into force on 25th May 2018. We took a proactive approach to this and therefore have been able to maintain a healthy number of members, plus a further 155 email subscribers. We have introduced a new Privacy Policy as well as GDPR-compliant 'Stay Updated' cards to register members and subscribers at our events.



# Park management and improvements

## **Objective: Monitor Lambeth Landscapes' operational and repairs plan and delivery in Ruskin Park, and Lambeth Council's management of sports activities**

We have continued to develop effective working relationships with Lambeth Landscapes officers - none of whom are solely dedicated to working at Ruskin Park - but this has not been easy.

Litter management was a particular challenge, particularly at the beginning of the summer. However, more large bins were delivered, including some for recycling and an unreliable collection vehicle replaced.

The Council has been undertaking a further staff reorganisation this year, and we hope to see at least some improvements in the coming months. This should include proactive management of sports facilities in the park, which has been lacking.

We were pleased to see the park retain its Green Flag, though it is a concern that basic grounds maintenance tasks such as weeding and pruning are not taking place consistently in line with Lambeth's agreed standards.

Our volunteers made a significant difference in responding to the above challenges, with litter-picking sessions every Wednesday morning and a new monthly gardening volunteer session on a Saturday morning.

However, volunteering should never be seen as an alternative to the dedicated staff resource that Ruskin Park clearly needs. A good illustration of this is the wisteria growing across the pergola next to the old bowling green. This has only been maintained this year because of help from a volunteer with the appropriate expertise - but important features such as this need to be included in a properly resourced schedule of grounds maintenance and gardening.

Sports have continued to be under-managed and large unofficial sports events have continued unchallenged, disturbing other park users. We have been trying to get Lambeth to enforce its byelaws on anti-social behaviour.

## **Objective: To work with Lambeth and UK Power Networks to minimise disruption during major electricity cable renewal across the park, and implement a gate renewal project on Denmark Hill**

The work being undertaken by UK Power Networks caused significant disruption to the park, and required regular dialogue with Lambeth Council. There remain areas of the park that have not been restored to our expectations.

We still plan to deliver the gate replacement at the Denmark Hill, and have recently begun exploring if the scope can be expanded to cover further improvements, to landscaping and signage given the importance of this busy entrance close to the hospitals and Denmark Hill station.

**Objective:** Find the best ways to implement park users' priority projects to maintain and improve the park.

Our stated list of areas to eventually address included bandstand repairs, skatepark repairs, horticultural areas, creating a tree plan, gates, noticeboards, exercise stations, benches, fencing and toilets.

Improvements has been made in some areas, but we have been frustrated by difficulties in finding ways to prioritise and implement as much on this list as we had hoped, even with the use of FoRP's resources.



Using 'Section 106' funding (contribution from local property developments) the Council commissioned renovations to the bandstand in time for the summer's activities. It looks splendid and is an important asset to the park. At the same time, some FoRP funds were used to pay for improvements to the storage underneath the bandstand in order to make our concerts easier to manage.



Portico resto pic

The restoration of the Grade II listed Portico nearly completed. Lambeth Council attracted funding from Historic England and Heritage of London Trust. The restored portico is an impressive and historic focal point for the park. We look forward to seeing the final works completed, including landscaping and signage. The work could not have been completed without some final work to replace the upper mouldings for the columns. This was generously undertaken by local residents, art expert Rupert Maas, and his skilled craftsmen colleague, Steve Smith.



The volunteer Tree Group created an excellent online map of trees in the park, and attached labels to many key trees. This vital information will not only inform park users about 'the arboretum of Lambeth' but will provide the basis to attract funding for future planting and maintenance. Work is underway by local illustrator Rebecca Lea Williams on an illustrated tree map.



# Events and activities

**Objective:** Ensure delivery of a successful 2018 summer events programme – the Summer Fete and Bandstand concerts at a minimum .

The good summer weather was a blessing all round. The Summer Fete in June is a popular and important annual fixture for FoRP. It has a unique community vibe, thanks to Julie Simpson’s creative oversight. It was very successful with more attending than ever. The Bandstand Concerts programme also gave a series of relaxed Sunday afternoons thanks to funding from Lambeth Council, with a variety of talented bands and musical styles, which were much appreciated.

**Objective:** To continue to implement a range of health, wellbeing and volunteering activities, including existing commitments in our grant from the Lambeth Community Fund

We successfully delivered the activities funded in our first grant from the Lambeth Community Fund, and secured a second grant of £10,000 which runs until June 2019. This allows us to engage Charlotte O’Connor as a freelance community development worker. Charlotte has supported our litter-picking and gardening volunteer sessions, as well as other activities that promote wellbeing such as a series of winter ‘mindful walks’ and our wheat growing project.

A new trustee Tobias Hardy has been developing ideas to encourage more informal exercise in the park. The first initiative planned will be a trail with markers to encourage walking and running.

**Objective:** Keep the Paddling Pool open safely next summer

We remain determined to support this much-loved facility for local families. This year we ran our second crowdfunding campaign, raising more than £7,500 including Gift Aid.

The hot weather and poor servicing of cleaning equipment made this a particularly challenging year for our team of volunteers, but they pulled together to keep the pool open.



## **Objective: To plan to bring successful activities funded from grants into 'core business' so they will be sustainable**

This is an ongoing priority. We have taken an approach of developing groups to become more self-sustaining, with volunteers taking on responsibility so that activities can continue when grant funding ends. In our second application to the Lambeth Community Fund, we committed some resources from FoRP's fundraising so that we are not so dependent on the grant.



Credit: Richard Baker

## **Other activities**

We held an event in February where two shire horses (from charity Operation Centaur) ploughed the park's wheat field. Supported by our partner Brockwell Bake Association, the wheat beans were then sown, later harvested in August by a group of volunteers. The wheat from this project will ultimately be milled at Brixton Windmill, who were represented at our Harvest Community Day in September.



In addition, there have been more applications to Events Lambeth from others for permission to hold external events in Ruskin Park. We have been consulted and been active in commenting on their suitability. The residency of the TLCC Trapeze School in the park over the summer was such an event, which proved popular with many local people.



Winner: "Reflections at sunset" by Joe Salem

Our annual Photography Competition once again produced a series of beautiful entries, which were displayed again at Camberwell Library as part of Camberwell Arts.

Bat Walks continue to be an extremely popular event for both enthusiasts and families, and this year we have worked with the Friends of Carnegie Library so a walk is held in the spring and another in the autumn. We also hosted other guided walks, one on birds and another on plant folklore in association with South London Cares. The walks were led by Iain Boulton from Lambeth Council, and expert volunteers Fin Kemp and Roy Vickery respectively.



## Strategy and development

### **Objective:** Progress the Stable Block project, working closely with Lambeth Council

This has been an important year for this project, as we completed feasibility work funded through a grant from Power to Change. For at least five years we have been making the case this important part of the park's heritage to be brought back into use for community benefit.

In July 2018, we published a blog outlining our vision for the building to become a hub for wellbeing activities and a flexible space for events and community use.

Any decisions about the Stable Block will ultimately be taken by Lambeth Council who own the building, with our role being to influence them to bring the building back to life for community benefit, as soon as possible. We are encouraged by ongoing discussions with the South London and Maudsley NHS Trust need space to deliver workshops and courses promoting mental health and wellbeing through their Recovery College, as we believe this activity could fit well with our vision.

### **Other activities**

In addition to the achievements described above, we believe we have been able to make some progress towards developing a longer-term strategy for improvements to Ruskin Park.

In 2014, Lambeth published a 4-year parks capital investment plan, which gave hope then for collaborative working with parks' friends groups and external funders. Sadly for FoRP, this plan was not implemented, so any improvements have been piecemeal. FoRP has long made the case for a more strategic approach to the future of Ruskin Park, both supporting individual projects and calling for an overarching masterplan. We believe it does not receive the overall level of investment it merits for its historical importance, size and visitor numbers.



Last year, in the absence of a lead from Lambeth, we were fortunate to work with local residents and architects Andrew Cadey and Ruth Campbell, who carried out a 'strategic audit' of the park with input from Friends of Ruskin Park trustees and key volunteers, and from Lambeth Council's parks staff. The audit highlighted the following themes:

- **Arrival and way-finding**
- **Play and sports strategy**
- **Hub, focal points and routes**
- **General maintenance.**

We are awaiting Lambeth's formal response to our work and hope that, following the reorganisation in Lambeth it will be possible to achieve more effective partnership working. We also created survey to capture the views of parks visitors and have collected approximately 150 responses so far, with results to be shared.

# 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. Since June 2017 the membership fee has been set at zero. As of 1st October 2018 FoRP had 326 recorded members.

## Trustees

We have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 11 trustees. They are elected at our AGM for 3 year terms, with a third of trustees standing down each year. At other times the existing trustees may appoint further trustees until the date of the next AGM.

The following people were trustees for all or some of the period from 1st September 2017 to 31st August 2018:

FORMER	CURRENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Whyte (Chair until October 2017, retired at the AGM in November 2017)</li> <li>• Bridget Stutt (Treasurer until October 2017, retired at the AGM in November 2017)</li> <li>• Vicki Badham (Retired at the AGM in November 2017)</li> <li>• Jon Bennett (Retired at the AGM in November 2017)</li> <li>• Nicola Bacon (Resigned in August 2018)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucy Hadfield (Chair since October 2017)</li> <li>• Chris Norris (Vice Chair since October 2017)</li> <li>• David Benson (Treasurer since October 2017)</li> <li>• Nicholas Edwards</li> <li>• Julie Simpson (Appointed November 2017)</li> <li>• Tobias Hardy (Appointed November 2017)</li> <li>• Erica Walker (Appointed May 2018)</li> </ul>

## 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 at [www.friendsofruskinpark.org.uk](http://www.friendsofruskinpark.org.uk)

# THANK YOU TO OUR TRUSTEES AND VOLUNTEERS



In addition to our trustees, more than 200 members are registered as potential volunteers, and approximately 75 actively give their time each year. These are just some examples of the committed volunteers who give their time to support Ruskin Park:

**Nicola Bacon** recently stepped down as a trustee. She has been instrumental in developing our vision for the Stable Block and will remain involved in that project.

**Suzanne Vincent** who has acted as 'responsible person' and a lead volunteer for the Paddling Pool. She is supported by **Erica Walker** and a fantastic team of volunteers who stepped up in a challenging year. The team is also grateful for the continued support of **Magda** and **Gaia** at the Ruskin Park Cafe.

**Julie Simpson**, who has led the Summer Fete from strength to strength, supported by volunteers including **Jessica Owen**, **Sarah Salter**, **Natalie Redston**, **Andrew Makower** and **Bridget Stutt**. This year's event was bigger and better than ever.

**Natalie Redston**, who acts as an additional committee member and minute taker for trustee meetings.

**Sharon Maloney**, who arranges the programme for the Concerts each year. This year FoRP Chair **Lucy Hadfield** took on responsibility for organising the concerts, supported by regular volunteers **Andrew Makower**, **Toni Seed**, **Frances Lamb**, **Chris Hardley**, **Barney Grainger**, **Jess Donners** and others who acted as stewards and helped at the refreshments stall.

**David Whyte** and **Arthur Byng Nelson** for organising the annual Photography Competition, including the exhibition at Camberwell Library.

**Russell Wilson** for his invaluable and regular pro bono graphic design services.

**Chris Norris** for ensuring high quality communications through notices, email newsletters, our website and social media.

**Iain Boulton**, **Roy Vickery** and **Fin Kemp**, who led free walks on Bats, Plant Folklore and Birds respectively.

The tree group - **David Whyte**, **Stephen Lamb**, **Oliver Stutter** and **Paul Millington** - who have created an online map of more than 800 trees in the park, and attached labels to many of them - and **Rebecca Lea Williams** who is creating an illustrated tree map.

Everyone who attended our Wednesday morning litter-picking and Saturday morning gardening sessions.

Any many more, whether they are events volunteers, cake bakers, paddling pool painters and cleaners, community gardeners, or just lending a hand informally.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

This was the second year where FoRP operated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") and it has been another successful year. You will have read about a lot of the great working happening throughout this report and this is possible because we have a strong financial footing.

## Highlights

	2017/18			2016/17	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds			
	General fund	Grants fund	Paddling Pool fund	Total	Total
Income	20,840	12,625	7,574	<b>41,039</b>	36,698
Expenses	(7,743)	(19,216)	(4,116)	<b>(31,075)</b>	(17,969)
Retained profit (loss)	13,097	(6,591)	3,458	<b>9,964</b>	18,729
Reserves	28,162	11,319	7,761	<b>47,242</b>	37,278

In the year the FoRP has received new funding from two of the grants from last year, one from the London Community Foundation and one from Lambeth Council to fund the Bandstand Concerts. We have also continued to spend the fund brought forward from last year's restricted funds as we continue to spend the Power to Change grant.

The Paddling Pool fund continues to be our other restricted fund, with all money being raised for this facility being spent on the pool. There was a highly successfully fundraising campaign organised for the paddling pool this year which means that the paddling pool funds closed the year with strong reserves.

The General fund is unrestricted and is used for all the other projects that FoRP runs throughout the year. The main income comes from the summer fete and donations from members. This year we received a significant bequest from a user of the park and this explains the large increase in donations for the year.

Overall FoRP goes into the 2018/2019 year in a strong position to be able to take forward the priorities outlined earlier in this report.

The full financial statements can be found at the end of this report.

# THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS AND DONORS

Credit: Tim Thompson

We were grateful for a bequest of £10,000 which was made in May 2018 by a former patient at King's College Hospital. The trustees are considering how to use this funding to support our priorities.

We were also supported by a number of donations, grants or sponsorship from other organisations including:

- London Community Foundation
- Power to Change
- Lambeth Council
- Field Day Community Fund
- Ecclesiastical Insurance
- Herne Hill Society
- Lambeth Film Office
- Urban Village
- Petermans
- Hunters

The full Financial Statements can be found at the end of this report.



# TRUSTEES' PRIORITIES FOR 2018/19

We have reflected on what worked and what didn't work so well last year. We have considered what we know about members views on priorities and resources. We propose that we focus on these priorities next year (subject to item 3):

## 1. To deliver a successful community events and activities programme for Ruskin Park, to include:

- The Summer Fete
- Summer Music at the Bandstand
- A programme to mark John Ruskin's bi-centenary, subject to funding and resources
- Heritage wheat growing
- Additional events and activities led by others, with our endorsement and/or support.

## 2. To establish an effective 5-year strategic partnership with Lambeth Council, aiming to deliver agreed joint master and operating plans, ways of working and actions, with progress on:

### Park maintenance including:

- Paddling pool
- Wildlife area and main pond
- Bowling green flower garden and beds in other focal points
- Benches
- Litter management
- Tree management

### Plans for capital improvements, including:

- Sports, fitness and play facilities
- The former stable block
- The Denmark Hill entrance
- The listed Mendelsohn Sundial
- Signage and wayfinding

### A health and wellbeing pilot

### An events strategy

## 3. Recruit and retain more volunteers in a variety of roles to deliver our objectives

## 4. Strengthen our governance, management capacity and income sources to ensure organisational sustainability.

There may be unforeseen opportunities or threats that present in the year ahead. Our response to these will depend on the resources we have at the time.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Trustee's 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

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For period year ended 31 August 2018

	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds		Total	31/08/2017 £
		General fund 31/08/2018 £	Grants funds* 31/08/2018 £	Paddling pool funds 31/08/2018 £	31/08/2018 £		
<b>Income</b>							
Donations/grants	3	14,506	12,625	7,574	34,705	31,751	
Events	3	5,974	-	-	5,974	4,297	
Other income		360	-	-	360	650	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>20,840</b>	<b>12,625</b>	<b>7,574</b>	<b>41,039</b>	<b>36,698</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Charitable activities	4	(7,061)	(18,716)	(4,116)	(29,893)	(16,442)	
Other costs	4	(682)	(500)	-	(1,182)	(1,527)	
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>(7,743)</b>	<b>(19,216)</b>	<b>(4,116)</b>	<b>(31,075)</b>	<b>(17,969)</b>	
<b>Net income/(expense) for the year/period</b>		<b>13,097</b>	<b>(6,591)</b>	<b>3,458</b>	<b>9,964</b>	<b>18,729</b>	
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>							
Balance brought forward		15,065	17,910	4,303	37,278	18,549	
Net income/ (expense) for the year/period		13,097	(6,591)	3,458	9,964	18,729	
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>28,162</b>	<b>11,319</b>	<b>7,761</b>	<b>47,242</b>	<b>37,278</b>	

\* - the Grant funds is made up of grants from the London Community Foundation and Lambeth Council for the bandstand concerts.

# BALANCE SHEET

at 31 August 2018

	Note	2018	2017
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		43,069	39,182
Debtors	7	6,300	2,555
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>49,369</b>	<b>41,737</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<b>(2,127)</b>	<b>(4,459)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b><u>47,242</u></b>	<b><u>37,278</u></b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
<i>Unrestricted income funds</i>			
General fund		28,162	15,605
<i>Restricted income funds</i>			
Grant funds		11,319	17,910
Paddling pool fund		7,761	4,303
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<b><u>47,242</u></b>	<b><u>37,818</u></b>

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.

# NOTES

(forming part of the financial statements)

## 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 Trustee's 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.

## 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

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## 3. Income

	General 31/08/2018 £	Grant funds 31/08/2018 £	Paddling pool funds 31/08/2018 £	Total 31/08/2018 £	Total 31/08/2017 £
<b>Income</b>					
<i>Grants</i>					
London Community Foundation grant	-	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Power to change grant	-	-	-	-	14,160
Bandstand concerts grants	-	2,625	-	2,625	1,750
<i>Donations</i>					
Paddling pool donations	-	-	7,574	7,574	3,786
Other donations and subscriptions*	14,506	-	-	14,506	2,055
<i>Events</i>					
Fete	5,211	-	-	5,211	4,297
Other events	763	-	-	763	-
Other income	360	-	-	360	650
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,840</b>	<b>12,625</b>	<b>7,574</b>	<b>41,039</b>	<b>36,698</b>

\* - this amount was significantly higher than last year due to one bequest for £10,000.

## 4. Expenses

	General 31/08/2018 £	Grant funds 31/08/2018 £	Paddling pool funds 31/08/2018 £	Total 31/08/2018 £	Total 31/08/2017 £
<b>Expenses</b>					
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>					
Fete expenses	(3,365)	-	-	(3,365)	(2,663)
Pool expenses	-	-	(4,116)	(4,116)	(3,685)
Stable block expenses	-	(6,075)	-	(6,075)	(2,475)
Bandstand concerts	(2,189)	(1,988)	-	(4,177)	(2,250)
Freelance worker	-	(8,702)	-	(8,702)	(3,225)
Other event expenses	(900)	-	-	(900)	-
Gardening sessions	-	(505)	-	(505)	-
Tree project	-	(356)	-	(356)	-
Wheat growing project	(223)	(96)	-	(319)	(70)
Communications	(384)	(594)	-	(978)	-
Community activities	-	(400)	-	(400)	(24)
Photography	-	-	-	-	(52)
New storage facility	-	-	-	-	(1,998)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(7,061)</b>	<b>(18,716)</b>	<b>(4,116)</b>	<b>(29,893)</b>	<b>(16,442)</b>
<i>Other costs</i>					
Insurance	(309)	-	-	(309)	(253)
AGM	(55)	-	-	(55)	(179)
Masterplan	(102)	(500)	-	(602)	-
Sundries	(216)	-	-	(216)	(1,095)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(682)</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(1,182)</b>	<b>(1,527)</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>(7,743)</b>	<b>(19,216)</b>	<b>(4,116)</b>	<b>(31,075)</b>	<b>(17,969)</b>

# NOTES

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## 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.

## 6. 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.

## 7. Debtors

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

## 8. Creditors

All creditors relate to accrued expenses.

	2018	2017
Trade creditors	780	-
Accruals	722	4,459
Deferred income	625	-
Total	<u>2,127</u>	<u>4,459</u>

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Ruskin Park**

I report on the accounts of Friends of Ruskin Park for the period ending 31st August 2018.

### **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:**

- 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.

Michael Boyd  
ACA

