

Trustees Annual Report For Year ended 31 March 2016

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statement for the period from 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2016

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name: Friends of Barshaw Park
Charity Number: SCO 45247

Address:

Current Trustees

Patrick Kelly	Treasurer
Irene McDonald	Secretary
Allan Wallace	Committee member
Robert Rooney	Committee member

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) It was registered in its current legal form on 1st October 2015

It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are members of the charity

Appointment of Trustees

The Management Committee which normally meets on the second Monday of each month, appoints the Trustees from its members.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting which is held in April. There must be a minimum of four and a maximum of eight trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

The purpose of the charity is to protect and improve the environment of Barshaw Park, provide recreational facilities, and activities within the park and advance the education of future generations of park users for the benefit of the community as a whole.

Activities

The charity promotes membership of the organisation and takes the views and opinions of park users on the current state of the park and their visions for its future. We work with the local authority to ensure future investment and maintenance of the park.

We organise activities within the park for volunteers to work in the walled garden. We liaise with other park users, such as Paisley Model Yacht Club, Paisley Society of Model Engineers and Active Communities to promote and facilitate their activities in the park.

We have a presence at local events such as Barshaw Gala Day and Ralston Community Games, to promote membership and awareness of Friends of Barshaw Park.

We have obtained funding from the Local Area Committee.

Achievements and Performance

We have established a good working relationship with the Local Authority, Community Groups, Volunteer Groups and Community Payback Team.

We have contributed on Consultation on the future of Barshaw Park and our interaction with the Local Authority has helped secure substantial financial investment in the infrastructure and improvements in Barshaw Park. The infrastructure work will commence in January 2017.

Financial Review

Our main source of income has been grants from the Local Area Committee, although applications have been made to other funding bodies.

Reserves Policy

Our running costs are low as we do not have any premises and have no paid employees. Our only regular outgoings are insurance premiums for liability insurance. We therefore need only maintain reserves of £200 for these costs.

Plans for Future Period.

We intend to promote membership of Friends of Barshaw park and recruit more volunteers. We will advertise in local publications and online. Regular gardening events will be planned for the walled garden, as well as family events, such as scavenger hunts and fun days.

We have obtained permission from the Local authority to hold a Park Run for children every week, and we have made applications for funding from local and national businesses.

We will continue to consult with park users on their wishes for the future of their park, and seek funding for small projects in the Park.

The Friends of Barshaw Park

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year period from 1st October 2014 to 31st March 2016

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Receipts		
Donations	1,389	
Grants	4,080	
Fundraising		
Bank Interest		
Receipts from Charitable activities		
Membership Fees		
Total Receipts	5,469	
Payments		
Fundraising costs		
Costs of Charitable activities	1,430	
Insurance		
Web Hosting		
Professional Fees		
Total Payments	1,430	
Surplus/Deficit for Yr	4,039	
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Statement of Balances

As at 31st March 2016

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
Opening cash at bank	0	
Surplus/deficit for year	4,039	
Closing cash at Bank and in hand	4,039	

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank current account	4,039
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Notes to the Accounts - for the period from 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2016

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2. Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds are those which may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity. The Trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day to day running of the Charity.

Restricted funds may be only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During the accounting period 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2016, Friends of Barshaw Park had no restricted funds.

3. Related Party Transactions

No remuneration was paid to Trustees or any connected person during this accounting period.

4. Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Period 1/10/14 to 31/3/16
Transfer from Friends of Barshaw Park Community Group	1337.	
Trinity Mirror (local newspaper)	52	1337

5. Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Period 1/10/14 to 31/3/16
Renfrewshire District Council		

Local Area Committee	4080	4080
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<u>6. Cost of Charitable Activities</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Total Period 1/10/14 to 31/3/16
Insurance	85	85
Cost of hiring premises	150	150
Cost of setting up & maintaining website	650	650
First Aid Cover for events	69	69
Printing & Stationery	40	40
Promotional Materials	436	436
	1430	1430
