REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

FOR

FRIENDS OF BROOK GREEN

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CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Finance

Our financial resources continued to strengthen over the year, reflecting strong rental income from the Tennis Courts, comparable to (and slightly above) the previous year. We were also able to continue our fundraising efforts and organized our annual inter-street quiz again in Spring of 2024, for the third time running since the pandemic. Once again, we were very pleased to see so many people from the local community in attendance supporting FBG's fundraising efforts, alongside generous local business sponsorships. We are pleased to confirm that we have already started preparations for the 2025 quiz.

During the year, we have also continued to support the council with the (part) financing of a much-needed refurbishment of the playground (our contributions were made in both the previous year and current reporting year ending 31 March 2024) and we are currently funding the ongoing maintenance of the playground.

Our financial resources remain in good health. As we have noted in our previous accounts, our financial reserves, combined with ongoing income, are expected to support the future need to fully refurbish the tennis courts, as well as ongoing maintenance costs of the courts and related facilities such as lights and the pavilion. The lifespan of tennis court playing surfaces is estimated by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) at approximately 8 years and the courts were (re-)built in the 2014/15 financial year. Due to regular maintenance and cleaning of the courts, we are hopeful that the courts will have a longer lifespan than per LTA guidance and that a full refurbishment (which may also involve an upgrading of the current lights) may not be required until 2027. We will keep this under regular review. In the meantime, we remain confident that we have sufficient reserves to finance such maintenance and/or refurbishment costs and retain flexibility for ongoing support to the council for maintenance of the playground and for selective charitable donations for local good causes.

Tennis Venue Update

Brook Green continues to stand out as an exceptional LTA registered venue. Usage was high - especially around peak periods. The Planning permission obtained in the prior year means users have been able to play tennis under floodlights at 7am during the dark winter mornings.

Tennis revenues remain strong, and as noted above, this revenue is a major component of the funding necessary for FBG to be able to meet its obligations and aims across the whole of the Brook Green site, including setting aside funds for repairs and improvements. FBG continues to liaise with Idverde to regularly clean the courts in accordance with their contract. With regular deep cleaning the courts have a few more years of useful life before replacement playing surfaces are needed. We continue to monitor whether pricing is in line with other tennis courts in this part of London, particularly the charge for the use of the floodlights during a time of continued high energy prices.

Coaching

Working with the LTA and our licensed coaches from CourtFit, we have established a comprehensive coaching programme catering to all abilities, while maintaining peak and off-peak access for playing members. Our free membership scheme continues to enable all members of the public to book and enjoy the court facilities, ensuring accessibility for everyone.

CourtFit's coaching programme sees strong engagement each term, with approximately 120 juniors and 60 adults participating weekly in their courses. During school holidays, they run popular children's holiday camps; at the most recent half-term, 80 children aged 4 to 15 took part.

The mix of block-booked courses and "drop-in" sessions has been carefully tailored to meet demand, with significant efforts made to balance court time between group coaching, one-to-one sessions, and casual play by the public. Our outreach tennis programmes with three local schools remain a cornerstone of our community impact, made possible by the generosity of CourtFit coaches, who donate their time to organise and run these sessions.

The coaching licence granted to CourtFit has been extended until 31 March 2026, ensuring continuity in delivering high-quality coaching and community engagement. We will review the licence when it expires to ensure it continues to deliver value for money for FBG and meets the needs of both regular court users and those new to tennis.

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Playground

As noted in last year's report, the council organized a complete refurbishment of the playground in the course of 2023. The second phase of these works were funded out of the 2023-24 council budget by the council with a significant contribution from FBG in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years (slightly over £20,000 for the reporting year). Works included surfaces that had subsided being repaired and resurfaced, new gates installed for disabled access and for servicing the playground, all remaining play equipment refurbished or renewed plus additional play equipment including that for disabled children. FBG have agreed to contribute to the ongoing maintenance of the playground which we hope will also extend the life of the new equipment that is being installed.

Pavilion

The kiosk operator, Bears, continues to be an integral part of the community, offering seasonal delights for all ages to enjoy. In the aftermath of Covid and the inflationary environment, they have struggled to make a profit, and our ongoing support is critical to maintain this important service in Brook Green.

We continue to experience serious issues with community care for the public services in the kiosk. These occurrences where the toilets are not well cared for by the public are costly and time-consuming to resolve. More recently we have had some cases of serious abuse of the toilets and had to close them temporarily. The staff at Bears have tried their best to manage this issue and increased signage to encourage better care. We are currently considering further measures that might be unwelcome but necessary, such as introducing paid-for access and/or CCTV coverage around the kiosk.

We would like to encourage local residents and users of the pavilion to show their verbal support to the Bears staff and of course by making use of their great food & beverage options.

Outreach and community initiatives

FBG outreach activities focus on: the elderly; the disadvantaged; the young and the vulnerable in our community and this year we have given financial support to the following groups: Masbro Elders; West London Welcome; West London Action for Children; Age UK (Hammersmith); LBHF Christmas lunch; Hammersmith Food banks.

The litter pickers group was set up following a suggestion made at the mid-year meeting by local resident Anna Gardiner. There are now 13 members of the FBG litter pickers who meet at 11.30 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month at the Pavilion. Attendance varies due to other commitments, but there are normally 5 or 6 at each session.

Events

The 2024 FBG Quiz - now an annual feature in the Brook Green calendar - was held on Wednesday 13th March, hosted as ever by Susannah Frieze at Bute House School and sponsored by Finlay Brewer. An enjoyable evening was attended by approximately 100 residents generating just over £6,000 (net of costs) for FBG. In an exciting contest the winners were Bute Gardens. The date for the 2025 quiz has been confirmed as 6 March 2025.

Communication

The Friends of Brook Green (FBG) newsletter has a circulation of approximately 850 local residents and businesses. It is sent out quarterly and at other times of the year if there is something special to communicate to the community. It provides updates on local issues and notices of local events focusing mostly, but not exclusively, on Brook Green. Whilst the majority receive the newsletter via email, a few newsletters are still delivered by hand. A copy of the newsletter is always placed on the notice board at the side of the Pavilion. This is now in large print following comments by members of the community.

The FBG website provides useful information including the history and vision of FBG and details of the board members and which sub-groups they are involved in. The Friends of Brook Green Instagram provides a visual overview of what's happening in and around Brook Green. Following the community meeting hosted by FBG at Holy Trinity in June 2024 (i.e. shortly after the financial year), it was agreed that Catherine Ashworth, would take over running the FBG Instagram account (our thanks to Sam Cohen who set this up initially and to Catherine for taking this on). It has been noted that the number of followers is increasing weekly.

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Brook Green Management

Horticulture

During the reporting period we have continued the work on Brook Green, substituting some of the perimetral plants that have died and taking care of the ones that had been infested by bugs. Some other more permanent plants have been added in the raised beds in the quiet garden through propagation by division of existing plants. Additional bulbs were also planted in Autumn with the support of some local volunteers that also helped doing weeding and rubbish collection and occasionally mowing the grass in the quiet garden. We are currently also reviewing planting options for the mound area next to the tennis courts.

Trees

The trees on Brook Green are managed by Hammersmith & Fulham Council and are inspected every three years. Works are recommended when required by a Council Arboriculturist. In last year's report we reported on the need for pollarding of some of the trees based on findings of the August 2021 review (with implementation delayed due to Covid). The next survey was undertaken in August 2024, i.e. after the financial year covered in this report and we will report on survey findings and any measures to be taken by the council in our next annual report.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charitable objectives are:

- 1. To protect and enhance the character, maintenance, safety, facilities and accessibility of Brook Green as an amenity.
- 2. To benefit the residents of the London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, particularly those living in the area surrounding Brook Green, by associating together said residents in a common effort to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation, with the objective of improving conditions of life for the residents, and
- 3. To carry out such other charitable activities as the directors in their absolute discretion see fit.

The Charity's objectives are for the benefit of the public, in particular residents of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07189080 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1135762

Registered office

424 Margate Road Ramsgate Kent CT12 6SJ

Trustees

Mr C D Boyd Lloyds Underwriter
Ms J A Duff International Business
Mr N C London TV Producer
Ms A Clarke Retired
Mr C I J Sanderson Surveyor
Ms L H Higgins Director (resigned 29/2/2024)
Mr R J A Collins Director
Ms I Rosazza Bertina Director
Mr J Brouwer Financial Advisory

Company Secretary

Mr C D Boyd

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FRIENDS OF BROOK GREEN

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends Of Brook Green ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Richard Phillpott

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6 December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	2		-	-	5,555
Charitable activities Protection and enhancement of Brook Green		76,808	-	76,808	74,257
Other trading activities Investment income	3 4	7,825 4,223		7,825 4,223	8,221 2,107
Total		88,856		88,856	90,140
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds		1,639	-	1,639	1,746
Charitable activities Protection and enhancement of Brook Green		46,140		46,140	51,220
Total		47,779		47,779	52,966
Net gains/(losses) on investments		9,966		9,966	(3,245)
NET INCOME		51,043	-	51,043	33,929
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		291,498	-	291,498	257,569
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		342,541	-	342,541	291,498

BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS Investments	7	83,860	-	83,860	73,894
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank	8	12,054 287,207	-	12,054	14,308
Cash at bank		299,261		287,207 299,261	246,040 260,348
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	9	(40,580)	_	(40,580)	(42,744)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		258,681		258,681	217,604
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		342,541		342,541	291,498
NET ASSETS		342,541		342,541	291,498
FUNDS Unrestricted funds	10			342,541	291,498
TOTAL FUNDS				342,541	291,498

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the	e Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
6 December 2024	and were signed on its behalf by:

C Boyd

Mr C D Boyd - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2.	DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2024 £	2023 £
	Donations	<u>—</u>	5,555
3.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	2024	2023
	Quiz income	£ 7,825	£ 8,221

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

Other fixed asset inv - UnFII Interest receivable - trading	2024 £ 2,103 2,120	2023 £ 2,103
	4,223	2,107

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
TALCONNE AND ENDONYMENTED EDON	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	5,555	-	5,555
Charitable activities			
Protection and enhancement of Brook Green	74,257	-	74,257
Other trading activities	8,221	_	8,221
Investment income	2,107		2,107
Total	90,140		90,140
EVENDATION ON			
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds	1,746	_	1,746
Charitable activities			
Protection and enhancement of Brook Green	_51,220		51,220
Total	52,966		52,966
	(2.245)		(2.045)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(3,245)		(3,245)
NET INCOME	33,929	_	33,929
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	257,569	-	257,569
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	291,498		<u>291,498</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7.	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS		Unlisted investments £
	MARKET VALUE At 1 April 2023 Revaluations		73,894 9,966
	At 31 March 2024		83,860
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 March 2024		83,860
	At 31 March 2023		73,894
	There were no investment assets outside the UK.		
	Cost or valuation at 31 March 2024 is represented by:		
	Valuation in 2024		Unlisted investments £ 83,860
8.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2024	2023
	Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	£ 3,450 8,604	£ 2,490 11,818
		12,054	14,308
9.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2024 £	2023 £
	Trade creditors Accrued expenses	40,580	31 42,713
		40,580	42,744

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/24 £
General fund Unrestricted Pavilion Fund	291,498 	53,765 (2,722)	(2,722) 2,722	342,541
	291,498	51,043		342,541
TOTAL FUNDS	291,498	51,043	-	342,541
Net movement in funds, included in the above	are as follows:			
	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund Unrestricted Pavilion Fund	88,856	(45,057) (2,722)	9,966 	53,765 (2,722)
	88,856	<u>(47,779</u>)	9,966	51,043
TOTAL FUNDS	88,856	<u>(47,779</u>)	9,966	<u>51,043</u>
Comparatives for movement in funds				
	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Comparatives for movement in funds Unrestricted funds General fund Unrestricted Pavilion Fund		movement in funds	between funds	31/3/23
Unrestricted funds General fund	£	movement in funds £ 35,501	between funds £ (1,572)	31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	£ 257,569	movement in funds £ 35,501 (1,572)	between funds £ (1,572)	31/3/23 £ 291,498
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Unrestricted funds General fund Unrestricted Pavilion Fund TOTAL FUNDS Comparative net movement in funds, included	£ 257,569 257,569	movement in funds £ 35,501 (1,572) 33,929 33,929	between funds £ (1,572)	31/3/23 £ 291,498
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Unrestricted funds General fund Unrestricted Pavilion Fund TOTAL FUNDS Comparative net movement in funds, included Unrestricted funds General fund	£ 257,569	movement in funds £ 35,501 (1,572) 33,929 33,929 s follows: Resources expended £ (51,394)	between funds £ (1,572)	31/3/23 £ 291,498

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds General fund Unrestricted Pavilion Fund	257,569 	89,266 (4,294)	(4,294) 4,294	342,541
	257,569	84,972		342,541
TOTAL FUNDS	257,569	84,972		342,541

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund Unrestricted Pavilion Fund	178,996 	(96,451) (4,294)	6,721	89,266 (4,294)
	178,996	(100,745)	6,721	84,972
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>178,996</u>	(<u>100,745</u>)	6,721	84,972

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

12. DONATIONS

The charity has made the following donations through the period:

£1,000 - Pensioners Christmas lunch

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024		
		2024	2023
		£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT	S		
Donations and legacies			
Donations			5,555
Donations		_	3,333
Other trading activities			
Other trading activities			
Quiz income		7,825	8,221
Investment income			
Other fixed asset inv - UnFII		2,103	2,103
Interest receivable - trading	·	2,120	4
_			-
		4,223	2,107
		4,225	2,107
Charitable activities			
Tennis court income		73.070	71.026
		72,870	71,236
Sundry income		3,450	2,490
Recharged expenses		488	531
		76,808	74,257
Total incoming resources		88,856	90,140
Total mediang resources		00,050	70,140
EXPENDITURE Raising donations and legacies			
Sundries		13	28
Quiz Evening Expenses		<u> 1,626</u>	1,718
		1,639	1,746
Charitable activities			
Website costs		360	320
Tennis courts		16,130	17,096
Pavillion Running Costs		2,722	2,908
Donations		1,000	3,000
Playground refurbishment		21,312	22,101
Horticulture			266
Xero subscription		343	342
Access control services/wifi		566	521
Access control services/with			
		10 100	46.554
		42,433	46,554
Support costs			
Management			
Insurance		557	802
Finance			
Bank charges		-	24
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Finance Governance costs		~
Accountancy and legal fees	3,150	3,840
Total resources expended	47,779	52,966
Net income	41,077	37,174

