REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024 FOR WIMBLEDON PARK COMMUNITY TRUST

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR TO 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 to 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

### INCORPORATION

The charitable company was incorporated on 10 October 2013.

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number 08727642 (England and Wales)

#### Registered Charity number

1156930

#### Registered office

56 Home Park Road Wimbledon Park London SW19 7HN

#### Trustees

## **Company Secretary**

Mr I R Scott

# Independent examiner Philip Sadler FCCA, AICE

Ledgeland 17 St Margaret's Road St Margaret's Bay Kent CT15 6EQ

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

## **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and is constituted as a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

## Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

## Objectives and aims

The objective of the charity is the provision of facilities in Wimbledon Park and the neighbouring area in the interests of social welfare, for recreation and leisure time occupation.

#### Significant activities

The charity currently holds the lease of the ground floor of 170 Arthur Road which comprises the Wimbledon Park Hall and café. The hall is available for use by local organisations and individuals. The café opened on 27th October 2014 as Arthur's Café.

The hall and café are managed as a self-sustaining community facility with the objective of serving the wide-ranging needs of the local community.

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Public benefit**

In planning the activities of the charity the trustees have referred to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the charity.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Reserves policy

The charitable company's regular income from hall and café rental needs to at least cover the normal annual expenditure. The trustees consider it prudent to maintain in reserve, from income surpluses, an amount equivalent to one year's operating income against any interruption to the continued operation. In addition, in order to meet any extraordinary expenditure relating to the property, together with any repairs, renovations of a cyclical nature and any improvements, a further amount should be kept in reserve. Any funds which are considered to exceed this level of reserves can be expended in accordance with the aims of the charity.

#### Investment policy

Under the Articles of Association, the charity has the power to invest in any way the trustees think fit, in conjunction with its reserve policies. The trustees have invested an appropriate proportion of retained funds in longer term investments. These are CCLA COIF Charities Investment Fund, accumulation units and Blackrock Charishare Common Investment Fund Accumulation units. The balance of funds is maintained in bank current or deposit accounts.

## Conflicts of interest and conflicts of loyalty

A charity trustee must:

- declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Trust or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the Trust which has not previously been declared; and
- b) absent themselves from any discussions of the charity trustees in which it is possible that a conflict of interest will arise between their duty to act solely in the interests of the Trust and any personal interest (including but not limited to any financial interest).
- c) Any charity trustee absenting himself or herself from any discussions in accordance with this clause must not vote or be counted as part of the quorum in any decision of the charity trustees on the matter.

### **Risk Management policy**

The UK Corporate Governance Code states that "the board is responsible for determining the nature and extent of significant risks it is willing to take in delivering its strategic objectives." The risk management policy of the Trust is to exercise its judgement through the board to maximise the income generated by the activities whilst at the same time controlling the inherent risks by ensuring the health and safety of all those who use the hall facilities on a daily basis. This is managed by a range of embedded procedures undertaken by trustees and progress reviews at regular meetings of the Trust. The Trust endeavours to ensure that all legal and compliance regulations are up to date and regular servicing of fire protection and security devices is undertaken to protect those involved in those activities. In addition, insurance is in place for normal contingencies. Whilst the trustees consider they have identified the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed, in particular to the fabric of the leasehold premises, and are satisfied that systems are in place to lessen these risks, they continue to consider ways in which the identification, assessment, management and monitoring of risks can be improved.

# Principal funding sources

It is the intention that the hall and café should be self-funding, with any surplus funds generated to be applied in accordance with the charitable objects of the company.

#### **Trading and Improvements**

Hall bookings this year were much improved from the previous year, which was still affected by the after effects of COVID. There has been a similar gradual improvement with the café trading. Therefore overall income was more in line with pre Covid trading.

In the opinion of the trustees, the remaining reserves, including easily accessible investments, are sufficient for the Trust to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future and certainly for well in excess of the next twelve months.

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024

#### **Grants**

During the year a number of grants/donations were approved, by the trustees, totalling £7,000. They included the following: The Wimbledon Museum, London Air Ambulance and the Merton Music Foundation. The Trustees continue to actively seek possible recipients of grants within the Charity's objects

The trustees believe that the activities of the Trust significantly benefit the physical and mental well-being of the local community

## Governance and succession

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance about Trustees serving more than eight consecutive years. Although this relates to several Trustees, it is considered that the Charity benefits hugely from their services and from their corporate memory. Nevertheless, further Trustees are being sought.

#### Data Protection

Under the Data Protection Act 1998 and the GDPR Regulations effective from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, we are required to explain how we deal with any personal data that we collect in the process of operating the Trust. A Privacy Statement explaining this can be found on the website of the Wimbledon Park Residents' Association under the details of the Trust.

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Wimbledon Park Community Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently:
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company 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 charitable company's website.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....18th December 2024......and signed on its behalf by:

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# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WIMBLEDON PARK COMMUNITY TRUST

I report on the accounts for the year to 31 March 2024 set out on pages four to seven.

# Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently 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 statements 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 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

Date: 18 Sherizbel 2024

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted fund	Unrestricted fund
	Notes	31/3/24 £	31/3/23 £
INCOMING RESOURCES Incoming resources from generated for	unds		,
Activities for generating funds	2	56,104	54,209
Grants and Donations			250
		56,104	54,459
Unrealised appreciation of investments	3	6,650	422
Total incoming resources		62,754	54,881
RESOURCES EXPENDED Charitable activities Direct charitable activities	4		
Operations Grants		36,343 7,000	37,082 17,450
Total resources expended		43,343	54,532
NET INCOMING RESOURCES Fund at 31 March 2024		19,411	349 186.999
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		206,759	187.348
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## **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities

#### BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2024

		Unrestricted fund 31/3/23	Unrestricted fund 31/3/22
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	AV equipment @ cost £8,510	B/fwd	0
	Depreciation @ 20% (straight line)		0
	CARRIED FORWARD		
	Investments	75,772	69,122
CURRENT ASSETS Cash at bank		149,710	139,963
CREDITORS and acc Amounts falling due w		(20,660)	(24,960)
CURRENT DEBTORS Payments in Advanc		1,937	3,233
NET CURRENT ASSI	ETS	130,987	118,226
TOTAL ASSETS LES	S CURRENT LIABILITIES	206,759	187,348
NET ASSETS		206,759 =====	187,348 =====
FUNDS Unrestricted funds		206,759	187,348
TOTAL FUNDS		206,759	187,348

The members have not required the charitable 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 special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on [S] (L) Wand were signed on its behalf by:

The notes form part of these financial statements

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

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

#### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

#### Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs 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. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

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				31/3/24 £	31/3/23 £
	Hall rental income Café rental income Café other income Deposit interest			41,021 8,700 4,970 1413	40,133 8,700 4,921 455
				56,104	54,209
	Grants and Donations				250
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				56,104	54,459
3	Unrealised app/depreciation of inve	estments		6,650	422
				62,754 =====	54,881
		Cost 25,000 25,000	At 31/03/2024 33,299 42,473		

#### 4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Administration of the charity has been, and continues to be, on a purely voluntary basis.

50,000

## 5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No trustees received remuneration for their services as trustee or other benefits during the period of these accounts.

75,772

## Trustees' expenses

One trustee was reimbursed £10 travelling expenses in connection with their role as trustee in the period ended 31 March 2024.

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

6.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE	YEAR		
			31/3/24 £	31/3/23 £
	Deposits held: Café £4,250 Hall £8498 General Creditors		12,748 7,912	11,892 13,068
			20,660 =====	24,960 =====
7.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
		Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £	At 31/3/2 <b>3</b> £
	Unrestricted funds			
	General fund	19,411	206,759	187,348
	TOTAL FUNDS	19,411	206,759 =====	18 <b>7</b> ,348
	Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:	ows:		
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds
	Unrestricted funds			
	General fund	62,754	43,343	19,411
	TOTAL FUNDS	62,754	43,343	19,411
		=====	=====	=====