



**Friends of Hamworthy Park  
Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts  
for year ended  
31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

**Reference and Administration Details**

**CIO's name:**

Friends of Hamworthy Park

**CIO's principal address:**

Friends of Hamworthy Park  
33 Hinchliffe Road  
Poole  
BH15 4ED

**Trustees:**

Patricia Bullock (Chair)  
Stanley Chatterton (Treasurer)  
Ann Smeaton (Secretary)  
Royston Norman (Engineering Advisor)\*\*\*  
David Harris (Community Engagement and Comms)  
Renee Clarke (new Trustee)

\*\*\* Sadly, Roy Norman passed away, suddenly, on 13th December 2019

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**Structure, Governance and Management**

Friends of Hamworthy Park is a Charitable incorporated Organisation (CIO) which was created and registered with the Charity Commission on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and approved by the members on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 when membership and assets were transferred to the new CIO.

Friends of Hamworthy Park is a membership-based organisation. Membership of the CIO is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes.

**The objective of the CIO is**

For the benefit of the inhabitants of Hamworthy and the surrounding area ('the area of benefit') to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit in particular but not exclusively by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Hamworthy Park and other local open spaces.

The charity trustees of the CIO are:

Patricia Bullock

Stanley Chatterton

David Harris

Renee Clarke – joined October 2019

Royston Norman (deceased —December 2019)

At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire.

The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment.

Note: At the AGM held in April 2019, Ann Smeaton and Stanley Chatterton stood down. Both were reappointed.

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing objectives and when planning future activities. The trustees are satisfied that the charity meets the Charity Commission's public benefit test.

**Achievements and Performance**

Friends of Hamworthy Park has continued in its quest to raise funds and to work with Poole Council {from May 2019 - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP)} in order to completely refurbish the paddling pool, whilst at the same time undertaking to keep the park and other areas in Hamworthy clean and tidy.

The Trustees meet regularly. The AGM took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and a Members' Meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

### Padding Pool

Assurances given by Council Officers that the pool would be refurbished in 2019 were totally dashed when, on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019, at a meeting called by Council Officers, FOHP was informed that there was a funding shortfall of £83,000.

The Friends were asked to seek additional funding. If the total amount could not be found within a very short deadline, the project would not go ahead. A huge public outcry ensued. The community was angry. FOHP forwarded £6,000 to the Council - in addition to the £25,000 already agreed - to help fill the funding gap.

Shortly thereafter, it was announced in the local paper that the full £83,000 would be provided by the Council and that a breakdown in communication at the Council led FOHP to being unaware of the Council's funding position.

Given that the Council had announced they were covering the funding gap in full, FOHP requested the additional £6,000 be returned. This request was denied.

Subsequently, council officers have told us that the information in the article was not correct; they claim the Council had contributed an additional £77,000, with FOHPs £6,000 making up the remainder. The trustees will continue to pursue this matter.

So, with funding in place, hope was high that the padding pool would be refurbished to an acceptable standard.

Despite FOHP offering the support of a trustee who had a lifetime's experience of civil engineering projects throughout the world, there was little contact – other than an odd set-piece meeting and site visit.

Initially all seemed to be going well. Huge concrete piles were driven down and concrete was laid. Then FOHP began to sense that serious issues had occurred when a number of top brass 'on sight' meetings were observed. Yet trustees working in the park were ignored.

Our fears became reality when FOHP was officially advised of a number of problems – including water circulation.

However, FOHP understands the Council is arranging for the contractor to carry out the necessary remedial work prior to the start of the summer season.

### Wednesday volunteers

Litter picking is an ongoing task and we have a great team of willing volunteers. As well as maintaining a number of flower and shrub beds, this year we began to establish a wildflower area (behind the bund on the western side).

A start was made on pressure washing and painting the fence around the play area. This has proved to be both challenging and expensive. There is no doubt that the section that has been completed looks very colourful and adds to the appearance of the park.

All manner of maintenance is undertaken. Currently, all necessary equipment has to be transported from homes to the park – so we are looking to establish a permanent base to house the wheelbarrow, etc.

### Community Engagement around the area

During autumn and winter, we have continued with our popular Saturday litter picks in the wider Hamworthy area. Many of these have been team efforts, working together with the Scouts, local churches, nurseries and various other community groups.

#### *Areas litter picked:*

- Tucker's Field
- Blandford Road
- Hamworthy Recreation Ground
- Bluebell Woods and Cobbs Lane
- Dawkins Road play area
- Turlin Moor Greenspace

#### *Blandford Road Planters:*

Volunteers have continued to maintain the planters along Blandford Road, keeping them planted, weeded, watered and painted - this has been noticed and commented on by the community.

#### *Volunteer events:*

We have continued working with nurseries, scout groups and local schools at a range of volunteer events in the park including litter picks, bulb planting and creating a wildflower area.

In addition, two community fence painting events were well attended with over 50 adults and children at each one.

#### *Plastic Free Poole:*

FOHP has teamed up with Plastic Free Poole to help local community groups and businesses reduce the amount of single-use plastics they use. We hope this will reduce the amount of litter in the local area.

### Fundraising Events

21 <sup>st</sup> April 2019	Easter Egg Hunt
19 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Plant Sale
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Annual Fete
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019	Produce Sale
30 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Christmas Fayre

These events are not only important to raise funds, but also enable interaction with a large cross section of members, park users and members of the public.

FOHP's large Facebook group and active website provide up-to-date information for the community. An email newsletter goes out to members to keep them informed in between meetings.

The Friends have regularly had a presence in the foyer of the local Co-op where park matters can be discussed and small items sold. Again, this provides an opportunity for two-way communication with park users and local residents. FOHP has been included in the

Coop Local Community Fund within which shoppers choose a local cause to benefit via the purchase of Coop brand products. This year FOHP received £3,614.13 from the Coop.

Members have also attended a number of other events in the local area where additional funds were raised, including:

- Great Dorset Steam Fair
- A30 Classic Car Rally
- St Edward's School Christmas Fair

Future plans/concerns

- Shelters in the park
- New picnic tables and benches
- Refurbishment of wall around paddling pool
- Erosion at the eastern end
- Damage to bridge supports
- Planters around Hamworthy
- Working with other groups to enhance the area.

FOHP Trustees wish to thank all members for their continued support. Membership is circa 275. The support and generosity of members is both overwhelming and humbling.

We look forward to a successful year when the paddling pool is fully functioning.

**Financial Review**

Over the past four years, all efforts have been channelled into raising funds for the paddling pool which initially was £25,000, but then an additional £6,000 was provided.

FOHP has a Santander Business Account and a Savings Account for its Main Account and a Santander Business Account and a Savings Account for the Paddling Pool project. Funds in the Paddling Pool Account are restricted.

The charity's incoming receipts for the period: £12,215.16  
Raised from events and donations.

Expenditure: During the period, payments made by the charity totalled: £32,857.50

Declaration:

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees.



Signed Patricia Bullock  
Chairman of Trustees

4<sup>th</sup> March 2020



CIO Charity No 1175089

**FRIENDS OF HAMWORTHY PARK ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Business Accounts (unrestricted Funds)**

Financial statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Balance carried forward from previous year: **£15,286.72**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Fundraising	4,552.04	Activity costs	6,786.78
Collection Tins	2,055.18	Fundraising costs	<u>1,070.72</u>
Other Donations	4,833.19		
Bank interest	<u>64.01</u>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>11,504.42</u></b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>7,857.50</u></b>

Income over expenditure: £3,646.92

Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019: £18,933.64

Funds held as follows:	Reserve Account	17,422.40
	Current Account	1,361.82
	Cash	<u>149.42</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£18,933.64</u></b>



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**FRIENDS OF HAMWORTHY PARK ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
Paddling Pool Accounts (Restricted Funds)**

Financial statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

Balance carried forward from previous year **£26,281.99**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
Collection Tins	41.48	Contribution towards	
Other Donations	647.37	paddling pool refurb	<u>25,000</u>
Bank interest	<u>21.89</u>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£710.74</u></b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£25,000</u></b>

Expenditure over income: £24,289.26

Balance at 31 December 2019 £1,992.73

Funds held as follows:	Reserve Account	1,701.08
	Current Account	2,623.67
	Cash	<u>27.98</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£1,992.7</u></b>

## **Friends of Hamworthy Park**

### **Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

The following notes provide additional analysis to assist with the understanding of the accounts.

#### **1. Basis of preparation**

As a CIO, the charity is required to follow accounting and reporting requirements set out by charity law. As the charity's annual income is below £250,000, it is permitted to prepare the accounts on a receipts and payments basis. The charity has therefore chosen to present receipts and payments accounts with a statement of assets and liabilities.

#### **2. Independent examination of accounts**

An audit or independent examination is only required if the charity's gross income is over £25,000. The trustees have therefore decided not to have an independent examination performed in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance set out in 'Independent examination of charity accounts: examiners (CC32)'.

#### **3. Notes specific to the Financial Statement 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

- a) Fundraising income includes all income from the sale of publicity items (cards, calendars, coasters, key rings, etc) and that raised from Easter Fayre, Fete, Produce Sale, Plant Sale and Christmas Fayre. It also includes calendar sponsorship.
- b) 'Collecting tin' income includes that from tins placed with local businesses; those put out at FOHP events; Co-op publicity days and tins placed on the bonnet of the paddling pool van on volunteer working party days.
- c) Other donations include all income received from individual donors, grants from the Co-op Community Fund, money received from residents' groups, Amazon Smile and My Donate.
- d) Activity Costs includes expenditure incurred on plants and bulbs for the park flower beds and Blandford Road planters. Timber for fence repairs, wild flower turf and providing funding for the paddling pool.
- e) Fundraising costs are those incurred in purchasing cards, calendars, key rings, coasters, etc for resale on our publicity table at our events.