



Annual Report for 2019 – 2020

As we are unable to have an Annual General Meeting because of the coronavirus pandemic we have written this report and have produced the audited annual accounts.

VOLUNTEERS

The long- standing partnership we have with Stockdales has been very badly affected by firstly, the very wet weather at the end of 2019/early 2020 and then by the coronavirus restrictions from March onwards.

We did however manage to plant more daffodil, crocus, and tulip bulbs around the car park flower beds with the help of Stockdales and a few newer volunteers. The bulbs were kindly supplied by Dave Rome. The very muddy conditions plus not being able to use the pavilion has meant that we could not host our regular volunteers from Stockdales; the loss of their help has been noticeable

In early January, coffee morning events were trialled by a regular park user, however, they had to be halted due to coronavirus restrictions.

One of the Friends planted a large number of begonias in the beds around the pavilion which provided some summer colour. As well as this they cleaned and re-painted the toilet inside the pavilion. We also did some weeding and tidying of the areas around the benches and bins. The Friends have continued to do litter picks as the increase in park users has meant a lot more litter needs removing.

ONE TRAFFORD PARTNERSHIP

We continue to liaise regularly with Amey and to get practical support and advice from Dave Rome, Green Spaces Development Manager for the south of the borough.

We report dangerous or damaged trees to Trafford's Tree Unit, which always responds very promptly.

Amey prepared the pitch & putt greens and maintained them through the year, however because of coronavirus they decided that the facility would be free as they couldn't risk having an attendant with all the health restrictions that were brought in. There was a big increase in the number of players (using own clubs etc).

Amey have a fulltime operative to open /close and clean the (outside) unisex toilet Monday to Friday.

The park has retained the Green Flag status, being inspected by a 'mystery buyer' (as were other parks in Trafford).

After stressing the safety aspect, we have had the old chestnut palings replaced as they prevent people from inadvertently walking in to the path of flying golf balls! The intention is to plant hedges that encourage birds and insects along sections that are not too overshadowed by trees.

Two new benches have been installed, one a memorial bench to a local resident, and the other by the Friends of Woodheys Park. Both are in compliance with Trafford's specifications and were installed by Amey.

We have also had an inspection, instigated by Trafford, to check how the park and pavilion meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act; still awaiting the results.

Fire equipment (extinguishers etc.) have been inspected and are all compliant.

There have been several (minor) issues regarding the locking/opening of the park which have all been resolved. We have stressed the need for the park to be locked because of historical issues of crime, vandalism and vulnerability of houses backing onto the park.

The Friends are very concerned about the poor drainage along the path from the Link Road gate to the middle gate. We have raised this concern with One Trafford by sending them photos showing the flooding and areas of mud that formed last winter. We have asked for improvements to be included in the maintenance schedule for next year.

ACCOUNTS

Financial Year 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020

We are pleased to report that our finances remain in a healthy state with a closing balance of £4155.97. Over the year we received £100.04 in donations. Expenses covered the purchase of Spring and Summer bulbs, items for Christmas events and other consumables. The balance contains £158.97 defibrillator money which is ring fenced for any expenses that may be incurred, for instance, if the unit is damaged in any way and for replacement pads/battery.

Since the start of the 2020/21 financial year, a total of £1489.98 has been spent on eradicating weeds, a wooden bench and its installation. Going forwards, spend is anticipated to be minimal with the purchase of some new litter pickers.

The statement of accounts is below for information.

FRIENDS OF WOODHEYS PARK
Statement of Affairs as at 30th June 2020

Income Received

NCS Donation	17.10	
Donation	35.73	
Sale of soft drinks from Pitch and Putt Kiosk	37.71	
Donation from Christmas Events	<u>9.50</u>	
 Total Income		<u>100.04</u>

Expenditure Incurred

Toilet Roll Holder	4.99	
Kettle for Pavilion	14.99	
Wilko Cash Book	0.75	
J Parkers Spring Bulbs	19.94	
Wordpress Fee for Website	51.00	
B&M Fruit Juice and Water for Christmas Events	2.68	
The Range 9 Mugs	11.61	
Iceland Mince Pies, Milk, Oranges for Christmas Events	10.67	
Asda Cakes and Biscuits for Christmas Events	9.10	
4 Keys Cut for the Pavilion	12.00	
Homebase Dulux Undercoat	13.40	
J Parkers Wholesale 200 Begonia Bulbs	67.14	
Scionsupply 5 Carriage Bolts for Metal Fence	<u>2.98</u>	
 Total Expenditure		<u>221.25</u>

Deficiency Expenditure over Income

121.21 ✓

Opening Balance at bank as @ 30/6/19

4246.87 ✓

Cash in Hand as @ 30/6/19

30.31

4277.18

Deduct Deficiency for year ended 30th June 2020

121.21 ✓

Closing Balance - Cash at Bank as @ 30/6/20

4114.38 ✓

Cash in Hand as @ 30/6/20

41.59 ✓

4155.97 ✓

23/12/20

Accounts checked and verified

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