

Lancaster Green Spaces

Registered UK charity, no. 1046701

Annual Report for the Financial Year ending 31st August 2022

Trustees

We were pleased to welcome Zoe Munby and Tim Newton as new trustees of the charity during the year, joining Abi Mills and Simon Gershon. Both are active members of community open space projects.

Greenspace Groups Forums

With the easing of Covid restrictions, we were able to convene these popular meetings once more for the many Friends Groups in the district. Most groups had taken a cautious approach and not undertaken voluntary activities during the pandemic period.

- Our first meeting for over two years was held at Lancaster University Eco Hub in September 2021 and was an opportunity to catch up on events.
- At our next meeting in November, staff from City Council Environmental services explained their innovative Grassland Management Strategy.
- Our March 2022 meeting was preceded by a tour of Greaves Park, and the subsequent tree-themed meeting explained the re-launch of the Tree Warden Scheme for the district and the City Council's Tree Policy and their aspiration to plant a million trees
- In May 2022 we were joined by Mark Cassidy, head of Planning and Place. We gained a better idea of how the planning system works, and were able to raise questions on specific areas of concern to us.

Fund Holding

As a regulated charity, we were approached by funders asking us to act as fund-holder for grants they wanted to make to other voluntary groups, whose activities fell within the scope of our own charitable objectives.

- We agreed to act as fund-holder for the Bailrigg Residents' Association, for Lancaster University Wind Turbine Community Benefits Fund
- We continue to act as fund-holder for the Bridge Road Triangle project, in Greaves, Lancaster. Abi Mills has undertaken further community consultation for this and convened site meetings to move the project forward. A topographical survey was commissioned and we anticipate making some improvements during the coming year.
- Similarly, the Switzerland-based Oak Foundation has given us a grant to administer for the Fork to Fork project over three years.

Fund Raising

We registered with the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) as a donor partner, and through their service are now able to automatically reclaim Gift Aid on eligible donations.

- We raised just over £1,000 towards the creation and awarding of 'Covid Hero Medals' for volunteers in Lancaster district.
- Through the same CAF facility, we have been the principal fundraising conduit for the community buy-out of Freeman's Woods. This 27-acre woodland is close to the Lune estuary and is owned by a property development company. However, concerted efforts of local residents over many years have resulted in the land now being designated a Town Green and therefore protected in perpetuity. The owners agreed to sell the land to the North Lancashire Community Land Trust and the

Friends of Freeman's Wood group has coordinated the necessary fundraising and intends to manage and enhance the land once purchased. This has been a very successful fundraising campaign, with over 800 individuals (and some businesses and charitable trusts) donating over £70,000 to date. This amount will enable surveys and management plans to be developed, as well as covering the purchase costs

- We are currently acting as a fundraising conduit for the Friends of Greaves park, to enable them to renew the playground area, installing a wider range of play equipment that will be more inclusive.

De Vitre Community Gardens

We continue to be responsible for the management of this community orchard. The garden was well used and appreciated during COVID restrictions, and the fruit trees are doing well during their third growth season. Tim Newton has continued to do most of the grass cutting, and there are no significant problems to report.

Planning matters

Lancaster District is currently reviewing its adopted Local Plan, to take account the Climate Change Emergency. Additional draft Supplementary Planning Documents have been produced and we are contributing to the review process. We commented on the draft 'Green & Blue Infrastructure Strategy' and others. Trustees are also taking an interest in the Bailrigg Garden Village plan as it is developed.

Tree walks

This calendar year we have organised monthly 2-hr walks visiting different parks and woodlands in Lancaster. These typically attract 20 or more attendees and we look at the landscape as well as individual trees. Places we have visited include Lancaster Cemetery, Newton Beck woods and the University of Cumbria Campus. Donations from the walks have covered our publicity printing costs.

Equipment loan facility

Due primarily to COVID, there has been a reduced demand for loan equipment. However, our event tent has been popular this Summer, and a consultation session by the Friends of Freeman's Wood made good use of our Burco boiler.

Finances

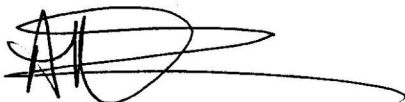
With our fund-raising and fund-holding activities, our turnover as an organisation is the highest it has ever been. Regarding our own unrestricted funds, we started the year with just £63.91 but ended with a healthy £1,116.72 of our own money in the bank.

Acknowledgements

In addition to the time that my co-trustees have put into the activities of the charity this year, I would also like to thank for their contributions:

Lucy Brookfield, Steve Bullen, Steve Dealler, Jennifer Lauruol, Nicky Sharkey, Hilary Smith, Joanna Young, and committee members of the Friends of Freeman's Woods.

Abi Mills, chair of Trustees



Dated: 9.11.22

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lancaster Green Spaces

I report on the accounts of Lancaster Green Spaces for the year ended 31st August 2022, which are set out on pages 1 and 2 of the attached Charity Commission form CC16a.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Lancaster Green Spaces you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustees' accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all of the applicable 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act, or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Neil Martin Slater FCCA

Dated: 18/11/2022

Director

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Chartered Certified Accountants
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Lancaster Green Spaces

No (if any)
1046701

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from **1st September 2021** To **31st August 2022**

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations from Tree Walks	221	-	-	221	-
Oak Foundation Donation	1,000	14,000	-	15,000	-
Covid Hero Donation	-	1,085	-	1,085	-
Freemans Wood Donations	-	63,394	-	63,394	-
Other Donations	28	-	-	28	2,750
Greavs Park Donations	-	1,190	-	1,190	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,249	79,669	-	80,918	2,750
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,249	79,669	-	80,918	2,750
A3 Payments					
General Expenses	193	600	-	793	727
Covid Hero Medals	-	1,085	-	1,085	-
Freemans Wood Donations	-	58,225	-	58,225	-
Donations made	41	-	-	41	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	234	59,910	-	60,144	727
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	234	59,910	-	60,144	727
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,015	19,759	-	20,774	2,023
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	64	2,708	-	2,772	749
Cash funds this year end	1,079	22,467	-	23,546	2,772

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	1,079	22,467	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,079	22,467	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK Unrestricted funds to nearest £ OK Restricted funds to nearest £ OK Endowment funds to nearest £

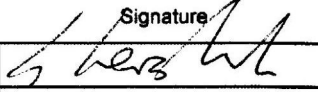
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Hand and Power Tools	Unrestricted	-	760
	Event Equipment	Unrestricted	-	79
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Print Name S. GERSTMAN	Date of approval 9-11-22