FRIENDS OF KELLY AVENUE PARK (CHARITY NO. 1181726)

TRUSTEE REPORT 2024 – 2025

‘Friends of Kelly Avenue Park is a community organisation located in Peckham, South East London. Our broad aim is to ensure that Kelly Avenue Park and the surrounding area provide a safe, clean and welcoming environment for the local community.

Our roots lie in the Peckham branch of Citizens UK and the successful campaigning of children in two local primary schools. This campaign earned us our first funding award back in January 2016. It enabled us to organise and host a community fun day to raise awareness of the many negative issues facing the park, the community building within it and the immediate surrounding area.

Since then we have gone from strength to strength, winning further funding awards that have enabled us to make the community fun day an annual event, to extend a tarmacked path right through the park, improving access and increasing footfall, and to set up both gardening and art/craft workshops for local children. We host monthly ‘garden gatherings’ when we gather to clean up the park and work on the garden to enhance the environment while meeting with other local like-minded park-users. We have also since become an accredited ‘Be Well’ organisation, holding weekly drop-in sessions to which anyone may come, for company, for hot drink and a snack, to play games, or for signposting support if needed.

Friends of Kelly Avenue Park was registered as a charity (No. 1181726) in January 2019, under our constitution, originally adopted on 03.12.16, which sets out its mission and regulations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

New Trustees are recruited and appointed from within the membership, principally those engaged in volunteer activities. As part of their induction, they receive a copy of the Constitution and Rules. The Friends is run voluntarily and has no paid member of staff.

Names of the Trustees, all of whom have served throughout the year 2024 – 2025 set out below:

Tracy Brook

Victor Bayfield

Joanna Ruth Brinton

Sagal Guleed

with Sagal Guleed due to stand down at our AGM in December.

The principal address of Friends of Kelly Avenue Park is:

c/o Little Rabbit Day Nursery, Kelly Avenue, Peckham SE15 5GL

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the Friends of Kelly Avenue Park, in summary, are to:

- Bring local residents together to maintain Kelly Avenue Park and the surrounding area as a clean, safe and welcoming place for local residents and their families.

- Empower ourselves and other local people to make positive change to our community, working with the local Council to create the safe, attractive and welcoming environment that local people want, to work and play in together.

To achieve these objectives, Friends of Kelly Avenue Park host monthly garden gatherings when volunteers undertake practical work such as litter-picking and gardening while socialising with their neighbours. Having become one of South London's accredited 'Be Well' organisations, we now hold weekly community evenings, welcoming anyone who is seeking company for games or just a chat, a hot drink and snack, or signposting advice to additional services. We have also provided an outdoor learning environment for local schoolchildren and held creative summer holiday workshops.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR

2025 has been a year of celebration, as we reached a significant anniversary. Our activities began in 2015 and, after ten years we are now, at the end of 2025, in a strong position, as a registered charity, an accredited 'Be Well' organisation and an acknowledged force for good in the community.

We have continued throughout the year with our monthly garden gatherings and our weekly 'Be Well' sessions which has cemented our presence and facilitated ever-wider conversations with increasing numbers of local residents and park-users.

In the summer, we held our Tenth Anniversary Fun Day, which was attended by Southwark's Mayor and to which we welcomed back, among others, children from St. James the Great Primary School – one of the two schools whose speaking out lead to our coming into being.

Major works are currently under way, in repairing the erosion to the roofing of this building, which has necessitated the slide being out of action, temporarily we have been assured. And if we are successful with our application for Cleaner, Greener, Safer funding, next year will see significant improvements to the children's play area.

We remain a very small team of local volunteers but we are learning and growing all the time and, when you consider all that we've managed to achieve over the last ten years, I hope it demonstrates that, when ordinary people come together with enthusiasm, commitment and perseverance, they CAN bring about real change for good in their

community. We are grateful to all our Friends, our Trustees and to our supporters, especially our ward councillors, who have all contributed to our achievements over the past ten years.

Tracy Brook – Chair of Trustees

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 DEC 2025

SUMMARY		
TOTAL INCOME		2149.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		3959.38
NET EXPENDITURE		1810.38
INCOME FOR THE YEAR		
Southwark Neighbourhood Fund grant	2000.00	
Raffle Ticket Sales/Donations	99.00	
Volunteer Expenses	50.00	
	2149.00	
EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR		
Insurance	190.59	
Gardening and Maintenance	511.69	
Workshops (payment to SLUG)	160.00	
Refreshments at activities/sessions	182.18	
BE WELL		
Room Hire (payment to Praetorium)	700.00	
Equipment	260.40	
FUN DAY		
Food and Drink	1400.00	

Sound equipment hire (payment to Solo)	212.40
South London Samba	250.00
Raffle Prizes	34.72
Event Application	57.40
	3959.38

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
Bank	£7418.47
Cash-in-hand	0
TOTAL	£7418.47

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0
NET ASSET	**£7418.47**