**Friends of Platt Fields Park**
**Financial Statements for the 12 months ending 31st December 2025**

**Receipts and Payments Account**

| | Notes | | Total 2025 | Total 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | £ | £ |
| **Receipts** | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | | | 166 | 167 |
| Donations | | | 62 | 70 |
| Grants | 1 | | 3420 | 4074 |
| Events and Fundraising | 2 | | 2676 | 4418 |
| Interest | | | 101 | |
| Other | | | 39 | |
| ***Total incoming resources*** | | | **£6464** | **£8729** |
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| **Payments** | | | | |
| Project expenditure | | £ | | |
| Shakespearean Garden | | 2922 | | 1163 |
| Tree planting | | 2032 | | 748 |
| Platt Hall Garden | | 467 | | - |
| *Projects Total* | | | 5421 | 1911 |
| Events | | | 1202 | 394 |
| Other fundraising | | | 20 | |
| Archive | | | | 10 |
| Annual Meeting catering | | | | 360 |
| Insurance | | | 196 | 196 |
| Other administrative expenses | | | 44 | 24 |
| ***Total outgoing resources*** | | | **£6883** | **£2895** |
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| ***Net change in funds*** | | | **-£419** | **£5834** |

**Statement of Funds at 31st December 2025**

| | | 2025 | 2024 |
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| | | £ | £ |
| *Opening funds* | | 12101 | 6267 |
| Net change as above | | -419 | 5834 |
| ***Total closing funds*** | | **£11682** | **£12101** |

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| *Comprising* (Note 3) | |
| Friends of Platt Fields General Fund | 4810 |
| Designated funds | 4857 |
| Restricted funds | 2015 |
| Total Funds | £11682 |

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| *Represented by* | | |
| Bank Current Account | 3439 | 4017 |
| Bank Deposit Account | 8101 | 8000 |
| Cash in hand | 142 | 84 |
| ***Total resources*** | **£11682** | **£12101** |

**Notes:**

1. Grants were received in connection with the following projects:

| | 2025£ | 2024£ |
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| Platt Hall Garden | 500 | - |
| Tree planting | 800 | 1000 |
| Shakespearean Garden | 2120 | 3074 |
| *Total* | £3420 | £4114 |

2. Fundraising activities comprised the following:

| | 2025£ | 2024£ |
|---|---|---|
| Shakespearean Garden events | 2596 | 1950 |
| Rare Trees for Platt Fields Crowd-funding appeal | - | 2284 |
| Filming | - | 150 |
| Craft and book sales | 80 | 34 |
| *Total* | £2676 | £4418 |

3. Movements on Funds

| | Unrestricted funds | | | Restricted funds | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Designated funds | | | | | |
| | General Fund £ | Archive £ | Shakes-pearean Garden £ | Shakes-pearean Garden £ | Tree Planting £ | Platt Hall Garden £ | Total Funds £ |
| Opening 1st Jan | 4622 | 400 | 2684 | 1911 | 2484 | 0 | 12101 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Additions | 448 | 0 | 2896 | 1820 | 800 | 500 | 6464 |
| Expenditure | -260 | 0 | -1123 | -3001 | -2032 | -467 | -6883 |
| Net change | 188 | 0 | 1773 | -1181 | -1232 | 33 | -419 |
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| Closing 31st Dec | £4810 | £400 | £4457 | £730 | £1252 | £33 | £11682 |

**Treasurers Report**

1. The overall financial result of activities in 2025 was a decrease in resources of £419, (2024: £5834 increase). The majority of transactions are connected to a small number of projects where the pattern of receipts and payments fluctuates significantly, due to the timing of grants or events and related expenditure. At the end of the year, total funds amounted to £11,682 (2024: £12,101).

2. The activities with the most significant impact on the Friends' financial activities were the Shakespearean Garden, tree planting and Platt Hall Garden. The first two of these have accumulated resources to fund work into 2026 and potentially beyond. Funds were received through grants from Manchester City Council (Neighbourhood Investment Fund and Old Moat Hub) and work with Manchester Metropolitan University. The other principal fundraising activities were the summer and Christmas events organised by the Shakespearean Garden project.

3. At the end of 2025, the General Fund of monies that are neither restricted nor designated for specific purposes totalled £4,810 (2024: £4622). As the underlying level of non-project expenditure is low, the general business of the Friends is financially sustainable, although it should be noted that membership subscriptions alone (£166) did not meet that expenditure (£260). Growth in membership would be very beneficial for strengthening the basic resources available for the day-to-day business of the Friends.

Stuart Turley
26th March 2025

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 1st January 2025 To st December 2025**

**Charity name: Friends of Platt Fields**

**Charity registration number: 1182191**

## Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | **To promote the preservation, restoration, maintenance, and improvement of Platt Fields Park, and to encourage both a greater use by the public of the facilities available and high standards in the provision of such facilities.** |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | **Activities to further the objectives of the charity. This includes campaigning, fundraising, working with partners including the local authority, and spending on events, gardening, and encouraging volunteer activity.** |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | **The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.** |

## Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | At the time of our 2025 AGM We had 9 elected individual Trustees. and it was intended to add a further Trustee from an organisation, (MUD). As noted in last year's report, we have moved to a Quarterly meeting of Trustees with an 'executive hub' of five elected to take care of day-to-day business.<br><br>This year the Friends has again been most active in:<br><br>• The Ongoing renovation and development of the **Shakespearean Garden** under the leadership of Kattie Kincaid,<br><br>• the continued partnership with Manchester Council in the Platt Hall:<br><br>• Approx twice yearly tree planting in partnership with Manchester Metropolitan University and Creative Rusholme.<br><br>• Continued Regular litter picks in the park and a focus on clearing long accumulated rubbish in the fenced off areas of the park adjacent to the Environment Agency managed waterways and in the Nico Ditch.<br><br>• Through our Our **Archivist** Jean Griffin work has continued with the Manchester Library with the transfer of the Friends' store of paper documents and photographs to the Library where they will be stored in a digital format. |

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## Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | **Funds available at year end - £1682** |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | **At present, the charity has no policy on holding reserves.** |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | **N/A** |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | **The charity governing document does not require reserves to be held.** |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | **N/A** |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | **N/A.** |

## Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document<br><br>(trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | **Constitution** |
| How is the charity constituted?<br><br>(e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | **Association Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)** |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | **(a) At every annual general meeting of the members of FoPF, 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.**<br><br>**(b) The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.**<br><br>**(c) The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (e) of this clause.**<br><br>**(d) The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause 15 (Retirement and Removal of Charity** |

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| | | **Trustees), or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause 12(3) on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded.**<br><br>**(e) A person so appointed by the members of FoPF shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses (b) and (c) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.** |

## Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Friends of Platt Fields |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1182191 |
| Charity's principal address | C/O The Lakeside Centre,<br>Platt Fields Park<br>Fallowfield<br>Manchester<br>M14 6LA |
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| | | Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity | | | |
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| | | **Trustee name** | **Office (if any)** | **Dates acted if not for whole year** | **Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)** |
| | 1 | Allan Challenger | Chair<br>Litter Picking Group coordinator | | |
| | 2 | Dan Thomson | Secretary | | |
| | 3 | Stuart Turley | Treasurer | | |
| | 4 | Kattie Kincaid | SG Project Manager Shakespearean Garden | | |
| | 5 | David Neesham | Trustee | | |
| | 6 | Anne Tucker | Trustee & President | | |
| | 7 | Jean Griffin | Archivist | | |
| | 8 | George Sanders | | | |
| | 9 | Rashid Mhar | | | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| **Director name** | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | None |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | N/A |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | |

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

**n/a**

## Other optional information

## Declarations

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

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| **Signature(s)** | | |
| **Full name(s)** | Allan Challenger | |
| **Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)** | Chair | |
| **Date** | 06.11.2026 | |











