24 September 2026

Annual General Meeting — Tuesday 13 October 2026

Dear Friend,

I am pleased to invite you to the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Battersea Park, which will take place on Tuesday 13 October 2026 at All Saints Church, 100 Prince of Wales Drive, London SW11 4BD.

Doors will open at 6.30pm for refreshments, and the meeting will begin promptly at 7.00pm. To help with arrangements, please let us know whether you plan to attend.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026, together with the minutes of the 2025 AGM, will be available on our website from 22 September. The Trustees' Report was also included in the summer issue of *Review*.

Unfortunately, our Treasurer will be unable to attend the AGM this year. If you have a specific question concerning the accounts, please submit it to the Secretary by 6 October, where possible, so that it can be considered in advance. Members will, of course, also be welcome to raise questions on the evening. Any questions requiring the Treasurer's input will be recorded and answered following the meeting.

Questions and confirmations of attendance may be sent to:

secretary@friendsofbatterseapark.org

Please find enclosed the agenda for this year's AGM, together with the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts and the minutes of our 2025 AGM.

Thank you, as always, for your continued membership and support of the Friends. I very much hope that you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Bock

Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Tuesday 13th October 6.30pm for 7pm - 8.30pm
All Saints Church, 100 Prince of Wales Drive SW11 4BD

1. Welcome: Chairman's opening remarks and apologies for absence
2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 14th October 2025*
3. Trustees' Report for 2025/26 (see summer issue of *Review*) given by the Chairman*
4. Presentation of the Financial Statement for 2025/26 given by the Treasurer*
5. Approval of Trustees Report and Financial Statement
6. Election of Arabella Slinger as Independent Financial Examiner for 2025/26 and 2026/27 accounts
7. Election of Juliet Lyon-Smith as Secretary for a further three year term.
8. Retirement of trustees Tim Donovan and Briony Newman and election of new trustees John Bonomo and Sarah-Jane Heany
9. Any other Business

SHORT BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS
OPEN FORUM

The Open Forum follows the formal meeting. It's an opportunity to discuss any matters relating to Battersea Park with the Committee, Valerie Selby Head of Parks at Enable, Leisure and Culture who manage Battersea Park on behalf of Wandsworth Council, Inspector Steve Biggs of the Parks Police Service and a representative from Krinkels (horticulture and ground maintenance contractor).

Juliet Lyon-Smith
Secretary
secretary@friendsofbatterseapark.org

** these documents can be read on the Friends of Battersea Park website.*

FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

REPORT

and

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Registered Charity No: 802905

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Legal and Administrative Details

The Committee of the Friends of Battersea Park are the Trustees of the Charity. The officers (starred and in bold below) are initially elected for a term of three years; they are eligible for re-election thereafter.

Fenella Barber	
Kate Bock*	**Chair**
Russ Coffey	
Inge Darling	*Resigned April 2026*
Tim Donovan	*Resigned April 2026*
Adrian Flook*	**Treasurer**
Miles Kerstein	
Peta-May Law	*Resigned April 2026*
Juliet Lyon-Smith*	**Secretary**
Sara Milne	
Briony Newman	*Resigned March 2026*
Sally Orman	*Resigned October 2025*
Frances Radcliffe	
Annabel Stein	

Legal and Administrative Details (continued)

TSB, Clapham	Bankers
Shawbrook	Bankers
Arabella Slinger	Independent Examiner

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FRIENDS OF BATTERSEA PARK

The objectives of the Friends of Battersea Park shall be for the public benefit to secure the preservation, protection and improvement of Battersea Park (hereinafter called “the Park”) as a place of historic and ecological interest, beauty, rest and recreation; to promote the conservation of the natural plant, animal and bird life of the Park and, in particular, its retention as a semi-natural habitat for wildlife; and to educate the public in the history, natural history and other aspects of the Park.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026

This report is subject to approval at the AGM on 13 October 2026

The year ending 31 March 2026 marked a number of changes for the Friends of Battersea Park. Wandsworth Council significantly revised its parks and open spaces contract with Enable Leisure and Culture, with the new contract coming into effect on 1 April 2025. Enable ceased to manage the grounds maintenance and arboriculture contracts. A number of Enable staff were transferred to the Council to take on this work, together with responsibility for Wandsworth's biodiversity and sports strategies. The Friends continued to work closely with Enable and the Council.

On 31 March 2026, the Friends had 653 individual, family and corporate members.

The Annual General Meeting, chaired by Kate Bock, took place on 14 October 2025 at All Saints Church. George Coe ACCA was reappointed as Independent Financial Examiner. Tim Donovan and Kayt Little were elected as Trustees. Karen Buckle stood down as a Trustee in August, while Sally Orman retired at the AGM after 17 years. Russ Coffey has been on hiatus since December 2025. Peta May Law and Inge Darling retired in April 2026.

Following the formal business, Neil Blackley (Head of Parks, Enable) gave a slide presentation summarising Wandsworth Council's new contracts with Enable and Krinkels UK. He explained who was responsible for different issues in the Park. He and his colleague Catie Ferguson, together with Inspector Steve Biggs (Parks & Events Police), then responded to questions and comments from some of the 45 Friends present. Niko Mardushaj, Operations Director of Krinkels UK, was also present.

Kate Bock represented the Friends on the Wandsworth Green Spaces Forum, which brought together representatives from Friends groups and Management Advisory Committees, Councillor Gasser, senior Council officers and Enable. The Forum ceased to meet when Councillor Gasser was replaced as Cabinet Member for Environment by Councillor Paul White in May.

The Friends continued to focus attention on the increased pressures placed on the Park by visitor numbers, particularly as Battersea Power Station continues to grow as a destination. This ongoing concern has informed conversations about wear and tear, litter management, the adequacy of lavatory facilities and the number of organised runs, particularly at weekends.

The Friends contributed to a formal review of Parkrun, drawing attention to its impact, particularly in relation to problems with the overcrowded start at the Bandstand, runners failing to keep to the tarmac or give way to other Park users, and the inevitable consequences of insufficient lavatory facilities.

Wandsworth was London's Borough of Culture in 2025/26. The Friends made two contributions: Martin Graham organised the long-overdue cleaning of the War Memorial and Henry Moore's *Three Standing Figures* (£5,200); and Sara Milne organised a new joint Friends and Royal College of Art Biennial Sculpture Prize (£17,500), which was unveiled outside the Millennium Arena on 7 February.

In May, the Friends held their now-annual informal party in the Old English Garden, organised by Sara Milne, on a wonderfully sunny evening.

The Friends' 18th Summer BBQ was threatened by rain and, with thanks to Enable and Smart, the venue was moved at a day's notice to the British Genius Site, under the canopy in front of the Evolution Building. Against the odds, it was a great success. In addition to bringing the community together, the event raised over £10,000

to support the Friends' charitable aims and projects. Thanks go to Peta May Law, Inge Darling and Urska Grasic for their exceptional organisational skills, and to the many local residents and businesses who contributed silent auction and wishing tree prizes.

As usual, the Friends had a stall at 'Summer at the Bandstand' in June. The Dog Show was cancelled due to hot weather.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

The Friends contributed to the Wandsworth Heritage Festival with a walk led by Frances Radcliffe. A tree walk led by Greg Packman took place in April.

Inspired by her seven-year-old daughter, Friend Alexandra Costello organised a major litter collection on 20 September, World Clean Up Day. An enormous amount of litter was collected by her team of children, their parents and energetic Friends.

The Friends' bi-annual lecture series continued under the stewardship of Annabel Stein, with two well-attended events: a lecture on herbs and spices by Alex Laird, and a lecture on sculptures in the Park by Joanna Barnes.

The Friends continued their long-standing support of the Winter Garden, funding new plants, designer Dan Pearson's annual visit, and rope-and-post fencing (£16,600). Thanks go to the small group of Friends who volunteer in the garden on Wednesday mornings.

The Friends continued to comment on planning applications affecting the Park. In March, the Battersea Society represented the Friends and other local groups at the Public Inquiry into the Council's refusal to permit a 29-storey tower to replace the Glassmill building on Battersea Bridge Road. The appeal was dismissed in May.

This year, the Friends have benefited from three exceptionally generous contributions: a legacy from David Pearson of £11,900, a bequest from Mary Strong of £1,000 and a donation from Citadel of £10,000.

We thank all our members, especially those who deliver *Review*, whose continued support, enthusiasm and participation in events and consultations ensure that the Friends remain a strong, independent voice advocating for the long-term health, heritage and enjoyment of Battersea Park.

Kate Bock
Chairman, on behalf of the Trustees of Friends of Battersea Park

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charity are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items disclosed in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Arabella Slinger
23 September 2026
Independent Examiner

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

Incoming resources	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Voluntary income				
Subscriptions	7,958	0	7,958	7,842
Gift Aid HMRC refund	4,084	0	4,084	0
Miscellaneous donations and Rattle Boxes	23,767		23,767	4,953
RCA income for Sculpture Prize	2,000		2,000	0
Activities for generating funds				
Events	19,246	0	19,246	21,275
Advertising	2,220	0	2,220	2,525
Book Sales	0	0	0	30
Stock Sales	0	0	0	25
Investment income				
Bank interest	1,883	0	1,883	839
Total incoming resources	**61,158**	**0**	**61,158**	**37,489**
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income				
Membership Expenses	1,416	0	1,416	2,050
Review Magazine costs	3,514	0	3,514	4,746
Event expenditure	9,652	0	9,652	9,138
Re-usable plastic cups	0	0	0	1,225
Book postage	0	0	0	17
Purchase of branded caps	2,194	0	2,194	0
Charitable activities				
Investment by FoBP				
Thrive	0	0	0	6,000
Katherine Low Settlement	0	0	0	2,000
Dan Pearson advice	737	0	737	737
Yew clipping	825	0	825	825
Winter Garden Planting	0	0	0	586
Pachyphragma	0	0	0	270
Spring plants	0	0	0	895
Strawberry Tree	0	0	0	655
Winter Garden rope fencing	16,598	0	16,598	0
Sculpture Award 2026	17,484		17,484	0
Statues Cleaning	5,232		5,232	0
Miscelleaneous	257	0	257	304
Governance Costs				
Professional Services & Fees	881	0	881	921
Insurance	217	0	217	0
Total resources expended	**59,007**	**0**	**59,007**	**30,369**
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	**2,151**	**0**	**2,151**	**7,120**
Total bank balances carried forward	**108,553**	**0**	**108,553**	**106,402**

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Current assets				
Deposits & Cash at bank	108,553	0	108,553	106,402
Capital and Reserves				
Net incoming resources	2,151	0	2,151	7,120
Total funds brought forward	106,402	0	106,401	99,282
Total funds carried forward	**108,553**	**0**	**108,553**	**106,402**

Approved by the Trustees of the Friends of Battersea Park on 14 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Kate Bock
Chair, Board of Trustees

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1. Basis of Preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – the updated second edition of the SORP (FRS 102) issued in 2019 and with Accounting Standards as detailed in the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

Until the 2016/17 accounts the Charity had chosen to prepare accrual accounts. However, since the Charity has, in recent years, income between £25,000 and £250,000 the Charity can choose whether to prepare accounts using either receipts and payments accounts or accruals accounts.

2. Accounting policies

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the Charity has received the resources.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising income such as the BBQ) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA except for PayPal and Stripe charges which are separately recorded below under bank charges.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA in the year in which they are received.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the Charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the Charity. Gifts in kind for use by the Charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable. There were no gifts in kind in this financial year.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

2. Accounting policies (continued)

INCOMING RESOURCES (continued)

Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the Charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' annual report.
Bank Charges	As a charity, the TSB does not charge us any fees for banking with them. Stripe (£456.00) and PayPal (£38) charges the Charity a variable percentage of what is put through their system which includes Zettle; in the last year these fees amounted to £494 (£536 in 2024-25).
PayPal and Stripe	Without excess and unjustified effort, it is not possible to allocate payments to the penny received by PayPal or Stripe to their source (eg ticket sales, subscriptions, event sales, books mugs and postcards). From 2024-25 we have decided that we will not include the relatively small amounts 'sitting' in Paypal or Stripe at the year end date of 31 March as assets to be included in the balance sheet as they were not technically then available to be transferred to our TSB account, which happens automatically early in the new financial year. In 2025-26, the amount in both Paypal and Stripe combined, and awaiting to be sent to our TSB account, amounted to £1,136 (Stripe £53 and Paypal £1,083) (£38 in total in 2024-25).
Gift Aid	There are outstanding applications to HMRC for Gift Aid to be made for this financial year which were made in July 2025.
Investment gains and losses	The Charity does not have any investments. It does have two interest bearing bank accounts at TSB and Shawcross.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition Liabilities are recognised on a cash accounting basis meaning the Charity recognises liabilities when it pays them.

Governance costs These include, when applicable, the costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the cost of Trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to Trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Charity
The Charity has no tangible fixed assets.

3 Creditors and accruals

3.1 Analysis of creditors

	This year	Last year
Invoices outstanding at the relevant financial year end	£0	£0

3.2 Analysis of debtors

	This year	Last year
Advertising	£1,140	£90

This amount of £1,140 was subsequently received in April 2026.

4. Analysis of incoming resources

The analysis of incoming resources is given in the SoFA.

5. Analysis of resources expended

The analysis of resources expended is given in the SoFA.

6. Details of certain items of expenditure

6.1 Trustee expenses

	This year	Last year
Number of trustees re-imbursed for expenses	11	7
(Postage, photocopying, stationery, AGM expenses and other events)	£2,827	£7,082

7. Paid employees

There are no paid employees of the Charity.

8. Grant making

No grants (2024-25: 2) were made to other charitable organizations in 2025-26. As per usual, we made in lieu of payment contributions for the two lectures of £50 which were paid to the charities of the speakers' choice.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

9. Security over assets

There are no outstanding loans, overdrafts or other creditors of the Charity.

10. Transactions with related parties

10.1 Remuneration and benefits

The Charity paid no remuneration or other benefits to any Trustees or related parties.

10.2 Loans

The Charity had no loans with any Trustees or related parties during the year or at the year end.

10.3 Other transactions with trustees or related parties.

The Charity had no other transactions with the Trustees or related parties.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2025

held on Tuesday 14th October 6.30pm for 7pm - 8.30pm

All Saints Church, 100 Prince of Wales Drive SW11 4BD

1. **Welcome: Chairman's opening remarks**

Kate Bock, Chairman, opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Chair and thanked the Trustees and Friends for their support during the past year. Kate noted that Enable's presentation slides were displayed on screens and could be circulated after the meeting on request.

Kate introduced Neil Blackley, Head of Parks and Catie Ferguson Parks Stakeholder and Community Development Lead at Enable, Leisure & Culture and Inspector Steve Biggs and Sergeant Sunnee Arhagba of the Parks Police Service who would join the Open Forum following the formal business. She also introduced Niko Mardushaj and Steve Morris from Krinkels UK,

2. **Apologies for absence** were received from 10 Friends and 1 Trustee.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held onTuesday 8th October 2024*

- **Proposed:** Kate Bock
- **Seconded:** Fenella Barber
- The minutes were unanimously approved

4. Trustees' Report for 2023/24*

Kate Bock presented highlights from the Trustees' Report (published in *Review*, Summer Issue, and on the website). She noted:

- A successful year of community events including the summer BBQ (raising £12,000), volunteer litter pick, and the popular lectures..
- Continued attention to park maintenance, pressures from rising visitor numbers, and dialogue with Enable, Wandsworth Council, and contractors (Krinkels).
- A neutral stance on Parkrun, but with continued engagement regarding its impact.
- Funding for planting in the Winter Garden, and collaboration on the Russell Page Garden redesign.

- Active involvement in local planning matters, including submitting comments on planning applications affecting the Park.
- The Friends ended the year with **716 members**.

5. Presentation of the Financial Statement for 2024/25 by the Treasurer*

Adrian Flook, Treasurer, presented the annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025, highlighting:

- Income of £37,489 and expenditure of £30,369, resulting in a surplus of £7,120.
- Total reserves of £106,402, with further growth to £124,000 at time of AGM.
- Continued strong income from events, donations, and Review advertising.
- Charitable disbursements included plants for Thrive's new sensory garden (£6,000), Katherine Low Settlement elders' programme (£2,000) and planting projects.

He noted administrative costs remained stable, but urged ideas for impactful spending without substituting for Council services.

6. **Approval of the Trustees Report and Accounts 2024/25**

- **Proposed:** Kate Bock
- **Seconded:** Fenella Barber
- The Trustees Report and Accounts 2024/25 were unanimously approved.

6. **Election of Independent Examiner for 2025/26 - George Coe**
Proposed: Kate Bock Seconded: Fenella Barber - George Coe was elected unanimously.

7. Retirement of Trustees Kate confirmed the retirement of Karen Buckle, Inge Darling, Peta May Law and Sally Orman offering thanks on behalf of the Committee and membership for their service.

8. Election of new Trustees (both currently co-opted)

- Kayt Little was proposed by Kate Bock and seconded by Fenella Barber.
- Tim Donovan was proposed by Kate Bock and seconded by Annabel Stein.

Both nominees introduced themselves and were elected unanimously. The Chair welcomed them to the Committee. (Maggie Thornton had withdrawn from consideration.)

9. Any other Business - No further items were raised.

The Chairman declared the formal business of the AGM closed. The meeting then broke for refreshments, after which the Open Forum was chaired by Kate Bock joined by Neil Blackley and Catie Ferguson from Enable and Steve Biggs and Sunnee Arhagba from the Parks Police Service.

** these documents were available on the Friends' website in advance of the meeting.*

Formal Meeting closed at approx. 7.16pm