

BOWES PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2014

Status

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5 January 2011 and registered as a charity on 15 February 2011.

Governing document

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Company number: 07483426

Charity number: 1140433

Registered Address: 38 Thorold Road, Bowes Park, London N22 8YE

Honorary officers: Dee Kushlick-Williams - Chair
Elizabeth Bell - Company Secretary
Doris Quinn - Treasurer

Bankers: The Co-operative Bank plc, PO Box 250, Delf House, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT.

Independently scrutinised by: Shirley Bell

Members of the Executive Committee

The following people served as members of the Executive Committee and charity trustees during the year and up to the date of the report:

Trustees/ Directors

Dee Kushlick-Williams	Caroline Simpson	Doris Quinn
Susan Elizabeth Baylik	Elizabeth Bell	Catharine Perry (Membership Secretary)

Committee members

Joanna Burke
Les Roberts
Betty Smith (until Dec 13)

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Governance

The Association is governed by an elected Executive Committee elected by members at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee may at any time appoint any members of the charitable company as a member of the Executive Committee either to fill a casual vacancy or by way of addition to the Executive Committee. The trustees were members of the executive committee elected by the final Annual General meeting of the previous unincorporated Bowes Park Community Association.

All members of the company guarantee to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up such amounts as may be required not exceeding £1. The number of guarantors at 31 March 2014 was 101.

Prior to becoming a charitable company in 2011 the Bowes Park Community Association was an established unincorporated charity which for the previous ten years had been successfully working in collaboration with Haringey Council, Thames Water and British Rail to improve the local environment and provide better amenities for local people.

Public Benefit statement

The Trustees consider that they have complied with Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission. The paragraphs below demonstrate the public benefit arising from the charity's activities.

Values and objectives

The Bowes Park Community Association works to promote activities for the benefit of the people who live, work or have an interest in Bowes Park and the surrounding area without distinction as regards gender, sexual orientation, disability (mental or physical), race or political, religious or other opinions. It aims to protect and conserve the physical and natural environment of the area; improve facilities for recreation and provide a range of opportunities for people to meet participate in a range of leisure activities.

The Charity shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion.

Activities and achievements this year

Objective - Conserving the physical and natural environment of the area

BPCA Haringey and Enfield areas

The BPCA continues to monitor all planning applications and unauthorised planning developments in the area that contravene the local planning policies. The shortage of housing is creating pressures for conversions from houses to flats, and for loft conversions and extra floors. Parts of the Haringey area have over 40% house-to-flat conversions, and there are now new restrictions on this in some of our areas. The council won an encouraging number of Planning Appeals over conversions and use, which we hope will discourage some future applications. A number of shop fronts were replaced without permission in the Conservation Area on Myddleton Road and we look forward to action being taken. The Samaritans had a radical change of heart and in 2013 proposed to rebuild Shaftesbury Hall as a similar building for Samaritan and community use. Permission was granted in December, and we look forward to working with them to create a new much-needed community facility.

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Myddleton Road Strategy Group

The BPCA has continued to contribute to the work of this group, alongside councillors and officers of Haringey council, local residents and local traders. The project to restore four buildings on the street is in the planning stage, and work will be completed by the autumn 2014.

We Love Myddleton Road

A group of residents and traders came together for a public meeting organised by one of the traders. As a result a new group was formed, We Love Myddleton Road, and the chairman of this group has joined the Committee of the BPCA .

Sustainable Bowes Park

After consultation with Network Rail, three herb planters have been placed on the platform of Bowes Park station. The planters were funded through the Enfield Residents' Priority Fund. Commuters and other members of the community are encouraged to pick the herbs to use in their cooking.

Myddleton Road market

This has been a very successful initiative developed by Lucy Whitehead with the support of the MRSNG and a grant from Haringey Council. The Association provided public liability cover. The first market was held in June and attracted people from around the area with its festival feel and opportunity to buy and eat local foods. A second market was held in September, with a Christmas market in December. Lucy is working with support from Haringey to develop a business plan to enable the market to become a sustainable feature of the community, and the plans are in place for there to be four markets a year themed according to the time of year. In March there was an indoor market also organised by Lucy, located in the Tabernacle of David church on Myddleton Road.

Objective – Improve facilities for recreation

Finsbury Gardens

The Finsbury Diggers continued to meet regularly to help with the upkeep of the gardens and the flower beds at either end of the garden. There was a very successful Bowes Park festival held in the gardens in July, with a wide range of entertainment, including the Bowes Park choir.

Community Garden Myddleton Road

The garden continued to bloom and be very well used by local residents. The sun shone for the Community Picnic in June, when entertainment was provided by a guitar player, magician and Morris dancers. This garden is also maintained by volunteer gardeners who meet on the first Saturday of the month.

Russell Road Green Space

Enfield councillors proposed the creation of a small, attractive public space on another piece of 'dead' Thames Water land where the New River goes under the North Circular. Local residents were consulted by the Association, and a grant has been obtained from the Resident Priority Fund. Residents and the BPCA are working with Enfield to get the project realised. We look forward to seeing it used by children and families late this year.

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Objective - Provide a range of leisure activities

The outdoor gym on Myddleton Road

Discussions and planning for a new facility on Thames Water land overlooking the New River started in summer 2011. The outdoor gym opened in April 2013, with many thanks to Thames Water, Haringey Council and councillors, Barhale and Ping! The permanent exhibition about the history of the tunnel and a small new exhibit of historic bottles was made possible by a grant from Thames Water and help from Barhale. The Gym is well used with the table tennis table being particularly popular. Our thanks to The Red Sea, a local grocery store and Derek, a local resident, for their support in locking and unlocking the gym each day.

Bowes Park Community Choir

The choir has celebrated another successful year. In addition to its summer and winter concerts, the choir performed at the 150 Year celebrations in Alexandra Park and the Bowes Park Festival in July. In December it performed on the South Bank and at the Christmas Market in Myddleton Road. At its summer concert, a collection taken to support The Teenage Cancer Fund raised £700, and at its winter concert the collection for the Marie Curie Cancer Care also raised about £700. The choir meets on Thursday evenings 7.15 – 9.15 at St Michael's Church Hall, Bounds Green Road and new members are welcome without auditions.

Bowes Park Walking Group

The walking group is now seven years old. It continues to organise monthly weekend walks, four summer evening walks and some additional guided walks. There are 6-8 regular volunteers who act as the walk leaders. The group has continued the pattern of biannual meetings/socials to plan the next six months.

Bowes Park Art Group

The art group continues to thrive and meets monthly on a Sunday. Places to visit are suggested by participants with a view to providing interesting opportunities for those who enjoy drawing and sketching. This is not a requirement, and some of the group prefer to explore and enjoy the company. Trips are organised to museums, parks and cemeteries in the London area. Sometimes day trips are organised to historic places further afield. New members are welcome and the group meets at Bounds Green tube station at 1.30.

Social activities

This year the BPCA held a successful barn dance at the Bounds Green Bowls and Tennis Club in March. There was also a very successful Quiz night. As well as raising funds both events provided a very enjoyable evening. Our thanks to Sarah Harris and her team for organising the barn dance and to Sue Baylik and her team for organising the quiz.

The Myddleton Road street party

This year the Myddleton Road street party was resurrected as part of the 400-year celebrations of the New River, funded by Thames Water and the BPCA. The street between Marlborough Road and Whittington Road was closed for the day and residents came out to enjoy music and food with games being organised for the children. Our thanks to Caroline Simpson and Sue Baylik for taking on the organisation of this event.

New River 400th Anniversary

Thames Water gave the BPCA a grant to celebrate the 400th birthday of The New River. Large posters and paintings of the river in history were displayed during the summer in the shop windows in Myddleton Road.

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A booklet of local children's 'Water Poems' was reprinted and is for sale. The 2009 temporary exhibition to mark the 150th birthday of the tunnel was recreated and updated as a permanent one and is now in the Gym together with a display of bottles found during dredging of the tunnel. The Myddleton Road street party was our final event.

Communications

Newsletter Report

The newsletter continues to be published and distributed twice a year, in spring and in the autumn. This is distributed to all households in the Bowes Park area and keeps residents up-to-date with developments and activities in the area. It is produced and delivered by volunteers and thanks are due to everyone involved, particularly organiser Joanna Burke. A big plus for the continued existence of the newsletter is the continuing sponsorship by Hobarts estate agency.

A new, more user friendly website has been developed and a new style email communication system established.

Plans for the future

Conserving the physical and natural environment of the area

- To continue to maintain the Community Garden in Myddleton Road and the area around Finsbury Gardens;
- To support work for Sustainable Bowes Park;
- To continue to work with the Myddleton Road strategy group and We Love Myddleton Road to improve the physical environment of the area;
- To support the organisers of the Myddleton Road market as one strand of the work to revitalise Myddleton Road.

Provide a range of leisure activities

- To maintain the outdoor gym for use by the community and provide opportunities for residents to participate in table tennis competitions.
- To continue to support the activities of a range of groups providing leisure activities to local residents.
- To organise fund-raising social events, building on the success of the barn dance by holding another barn dance in the winter, and organising quiz evenings.

Communications

To continue to produce two newsletters a year to keep the local community informed about the work of the Association.

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also directors of Bowes Park Community Association Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

The Charities Act and the Companies Act require the board of directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the board is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are also responsible for the contents of the directors' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the directors' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

RISK MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

The directors have examined the major governance, operational and financial risks which the company faces and confirm that systems and controls have been established to mitigate these risks, including controls to safeguard the administration and use of grant funding and other income received. The potential risks and management of them are regularly reviewed by the directors.

METHOD OF PREPARING ACCOUNTS

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Dee Kushlick-Williams
Chair

24 September 2014

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 March 2014

		Total funds	
	Notes	2014	2013
		£	£
Incoming resources			
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>			
Voluntary income	4	19,202	15,770
Activities for generating funds	5	3,318	1,243
Investment Income	6	21	24
Total incoming resources		22,541	17,037
Resources expended			
Cost of generating voluntary income	7	350	315
Costs of charitable activities	8	19,491	20,277
Total resources expended		19,841	20,592
Net movement in funds		2,701	-3,555
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>		11,815	15,370
Total funds carried forward	9	14,516	11,815

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014

	Notes	31/03/2014	2013	2012
		£	£	£
Current assets				
Cash: Paypal		67	-	-
Cash: Co-op		14,450	11,816	15,390
Total current assets		14,516	11,816	15,390
Creditors:-				
amounts due within one year		-	-	20
Net current assets		14,516	11,816	15,370
Net assets	9	14,516	11,816	15,370
The funds of the charity :				
Unrestricted funds	9	11,656	11,816	15,370
Restricted funds	9	2,860		
Total charity funds		14,516	11,816	15,370

The accounts were approved by the board of directors on 24 September 2014 and signed on their behalf

by:- Chair
Dee Kushlick-Williams

..... Treasurer
Doris Quinn

Company number 07483426

The notes on pages 9 – 11 form part of these accounts.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the accounts

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) effective April 2008, and all other applicable accounting standards, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, effective April 2005, (revised June 2008) (The SORP). The accounts have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Companies Acts, and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Directors' Report, all of which are continuing.

Insofar as the SORP requires compliance with specific Financial Reporting Standards other than the FRSSE then the specific Financial Reporting Standards have been followed where their requirements differ from those of the FRSSE.

Advantage has been taken of Section 396(5) of the Charities Act 2006 to allow the format of the financial statements to be adapted to reflect the special nature of the charities operation and in order to comply with the requirements of the SORP.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in the FRSSE from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds it qualifies as a small company.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receivable basis.

Resources Expended

Charitable expenditure

This comprises all expenditure directly relating to the objectives of the charity.

Taxation

As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income and corporation tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the company, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objectives to the charity.

3 Remuneration paid to directors

No expenses or remuneration was paid to the directors of the company.

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4	Voluntary income	31/03/2014	2013
		£	£
	Donation from unincorporated community association	-	-
	Donations	1,935	822
	Membership	1,223	1,153
	Sponsorship	690	
	Grants	15,353	13,796
	Total voluntary income	19,202	15770
5	Activities for generating funds	31/03/2014	2013
			£
	Fundraising	3,318	1,243
	Booking income	0	0
	Other	0	0
	Total income for activities for generating funds	3,318	1,243
6	Investment income	31/03/2014	2013
		£	£
	Bank deposit interest received	21	24
	Total investment income	21	24
7	Cost of generating voluntary income	31/03/2014	2013
		£	£
	Fundraising costs	350	315
8	Cost of charitable activities	31/03/2014	2013
		£	£
	<i>Direct charitable activities</i>		
	Fins Fest event costs	2,577	-
	Garden opening and regeneration	625	468
	Sculpture	-	2,300
	Mosaic	75	-
	Community Gym	4,694	10,305
	Sustainable Bowes Park	128	323
	Picnic	295	373
	Myddleton Road Rejuvenation Strategy	1,210	-
	Street Markets	6,094	-
	Satellite dish removal	-	4,674
	New River Bottle Display	1,404	-
	New River Street Party	779	-
	Total direct charitable activities	17,881	18,443

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Support costs

Printing and photocopying	464	705
Insurance	414	414
Hall hire	30	-
Stationery & groceries	333	243
Website costs	-	83
Equipment	-	41
Bank fees (inc. Paypal)	14	22
Postage	37	60
Other	296	266
Licenses	21	-
Total support costs	1,610	1,835
Total expended on charitable activities	19,491	20,277

9 Particulars of individual funds

At 31 March 2014

	Total funds
	£
Unrestricted funds	11,656
Restricted funds: Myddleton Road Strategy	2,790
Restricted funds: Myddleton Road Street Party	71
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	14,516
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At 31 March 2013

	Total funds
	£
Unrestricted funds	11,816
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	11,816
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10 Split of funds by sub-group

	31/03/2014	2013
	£	£
Friends of Finsbury Gardens	3,570	4,285
Finsbury Festival	-	832
Garden Group	819	914
Bowes Park Community Association	10,128	5,785
Total	14,516	11,816