

**BOWES PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2016**

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: Joanna Burke: Chair
Elizabeth Bell : Company Secretary
Doris Quinn: Treasurer

Bankers: The Co-operative Bank plc, Delf House, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT

Independently scrutinised by: Graham Levere

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: Elizabeth Bell Dee Kushlick-Williams
Caroline Simpson Catharine Perry Doris Quinn

Committee members:

Joanna Burke
Ann Summerhayes
Lorna Roach (*from January 2016*)

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 2016 was 175.

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 up to end-March 2016

Objective - Conserving the physical and natural environment of the area

Myddleton Road Strategy Group

The BPCA has continued to contribute to the work of this group alongside Councillors, representatives of We Love Myddleton Road and representatives of the Traders Association. Officers have attended the meetings where appropriate to update the group on issues of concern. The group continues to monitor all unauthorised planning developments on the street and receives regular updates on enforcement issues. It has been good to see new businesses open on the street and note how much more vibrant it has become. Poor housing, parking and issues around rubbish collection continue to cause concern. Thanks go to Dee Kushlick-Williams who attends this meeting on behalf of the BPCA, and to Caroline Simpson for all her sterling work on reviewing and commenting on planning applications in the area.

We Love Myddleton Road

The BPCA continues to work with the community campaign group We Love Myddleton Road group (formed in 2014), and members of this group also attend Committee meetings of the BPCA. During 2015-16, the group organised two very successful street festivals, closing Myddleton Road to traffic, and filling the street with food stalls, children's games and a music stage. The group also completed a successful survey of residents about their attitude to the street, receiving over 550 responses. They work to regenerate the street through engaging local traders and the Council, and encourage local residents to shop on the road, for example, organising a 'Cash Mob' of residents to go shopping.

Bowes Park Station and Myddleton Road planters

Following their installation in the autumn of 2013, the herb planters at Bowes Park station continue to be well-used, with commuters and other members of the community encouraged to pick the herbs regularly. The foxes have at last been deterred by some netting which stops them digging holes. Thank you to Judith who was responsible for looking after the Myddleton Road planters during this year.

Myddleton Road Market

Myddleton Road market has continued on a quarterly basis running in March, June, September and December during 2015/6. For the summer and winter market, the



organiser Lucy Whitehead has been working alongside the members of the We Love Myddleton Road group to hold two large "street festivals" per year. These have included fun fair rides, many more market stalls, games, live music and activities and have been very successful.

New River Path rubbish rota

The New River Path is one of the loveliest things about our area, but some people abuse it by leaving rubbish and mountains of cans, especially at the top of the tunnel. It all became a bit much for the single volunteer who was clearing it (thanks go to Caroline Simpson for her valiant work). We are delighted and grateful to Emma Killick for organising a rota of volunteers who now regularly clean up the mess here and also in the Community Garden and the Gym, and lots of thanks also to the volunteers who do the hard work.

Objective – Improve facilities for recreation

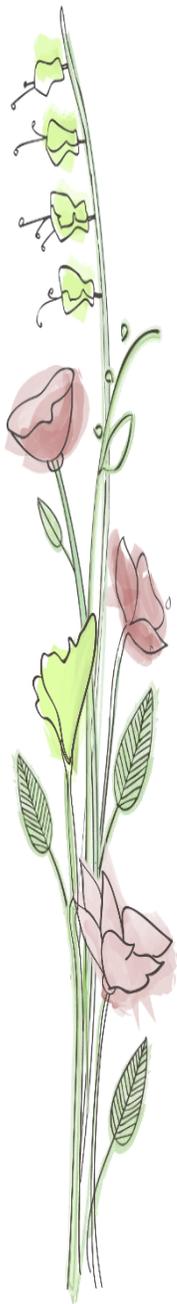
Finsbury Gardens

After a year's absence, Finsbury Gardens Festival was run once again and we were lucky to have a hot sunny day and large numbers of young people and their families came and enjoyed the games, drumming, singing and bouncy castle. Volunteers helped organise this and it was a highly successful event. A small group of Finsbury Diggers continue to help with the upkeep of the Gardens and the flower beds at either end of the garden but our number diminishes every year, and the age of the volunteers increase this makes tending the bed, an increasingly mammoth task. We are very keen to encourage new and keen gardeners to help in future years.

The Saturday before Christmas has become a fixture for local residents to mark the beginning of the Festive Season, and a large group gathered in the gardens to sing carols, eat mince-pies and share a glass of mulled wine. They were led by Chris Turner who romped through the Christmas music and kept everyone together. Many thanks go to those who donated food and drink for this event, and to Chris who has become a regular entertainer at this event.

Community Garden Myddleton Road

The garden continues to be an asset to the local community and is well used by local residents and families. In 2015, Sarah Harris stepped down as Administrator for the garden (many thanks for all your years of commitment to the garden, Sarah). This role was subsequently split between Ann Summerhayes and Kari Koonin. A number of events were held to raise money for the garden including the



Spring Plant and Cake Sale, an Autumn apple themed cake sale and the annual Christmas Carols on Bowes Park Railway Bridge. All events raised a healthy amount of money for the garden. The garden is managed and cared for by a handful of volunteers who give their time willingly to keep the garden spick and span and ensure it is something that local people can continue to love and enjoy.

There are future plans to organise a Big Garden Clean-Up twice a year. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in - no experience needed and tools, refreshments and cake is provided.

Russell Road Open Space

After two years of planning and negotiating, work started in February 2016 to turn this small scruffy space into a pleasant play and seating area. Things have not gone quite 'according to plan' but it is a much nicer area now. Local residents will continue to liaise with Enfield but do not have responsibility for any maintenance matters. Thanks go to local residents and officers.

Noticeboards

For some years now we have had a Community Noticeboard on the city-bound platform at Bowes Park station. Thank you to Bill Hamilton, the new station master for a new notice board for the BPCA at the start of the bridge, and a large one for small local businesses. These two locked BPCA ones are looked after by a committee member, but there are two 'open' ones on Myddleton Road, outside the Garden and outside the Gym, where anyone can put local posters or information. We also have one in Finsbury Gardens and one at the start of the Hidden River Path.

Objective - Provide a range of leisure activities

The outdoor gym on Myddleton Road

The Gym continues to be popular, particularly the table tennis table. Thank you to Sue Baylik for organising a very popular Table Tennis Tournament. Thanks are also due to staff at The Red Sea, a local grocery store, for locking and unlocking the gym each day, and to the New River Path Rubbish Rota volunteers for keeping it clean.





Bowes Park Community Choir

The choir continues to go from strength to strength. It meets on Thursday evenings from 7 – 9.15 pm at Bounds Green School and we are always pleased to welcome new people to join us. We currently have 80 singers and we are delighted to have recruited more men among our new members. In the summer of 2015, we enjoyed sharing a workshop with the South Oxhey Community Choir in Hertfordshire and performed in their concert. Our summer concert at the Alexandra Park School in July was a great success and the choir also sang at Fins Feste. We had a very successful concert in December with the North London Hospice as our sponsored charity. The proceeds from the concert were added to with a bucket collection outside Bounds Green station whilst the choir sang carols.

Bowes Park Folk Club

This club is now three years old, meeting on the first Thursday of the month at Mum's Bistro, with a core of regular attenders and local performers (including a harpist) and c20–30 people at each session. Guest performers during the year included Perkelt, Tom Lewis, and Stanley Accrington. Club members performed at Enfield Council's 'Come A-Maying' event at Forty Hall in May, and from the bandstand in Broomfield Park on a Sunday in July.

Bowes Park Walking Group

The walking group is now 9 years old. Monthly weekend walks are organised, regular summer evening walks (including a local mystery walk in Alexandra Palace) 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 visit galleries and museums with occasional day trips by train out of London. During this year these included trips to Margate and Peterborough. The group is informal and has no plans to grow in size. Places to visit are suggested by participants with a view to providing interesting opportunities for those who enjoy drawing and sketching, while non-drawers are welcome to come along.

Communications

Newsletter

The newsletter continues to be published twice a year, in spring and in the autumn. 4,000 copies are distributed to all households in the Bowes Park area and keep residents up-to-date with developments and activities in the area. It is produced and delivered by a team of 27 volunteers and thanks are due to everyone involved. We are very grateful to Hobarts Estate Agency for their continuing sponsorship of this newsletter. Our website is attracting more visitors and our regular email communication is now well established.

Bowes and Bounds website

We continue to work closely with Richard McKeever. There are now more than 1,900 people signed up to the site. We are particularly grateful to Richard for his ideas and active promotion of our work via social media.

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 continue to contribute to the work of 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;
- To continue to comment on planning applications to ensure adherence to the local development plan.

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 encourage others to organise fund-raising social events, and identify other activities which can be enjoyed by local residents.

Communications

- To continue to produce two newsletters a year to keep the local community informed about the work of the Association.
- To continue to send emails about local activities and issues to the mailing list of c330 people.

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:

Joanna Burke



Chair

15th November 2016

Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 March 2016

	<i>Notes</i>	Total funds	
		2016 £	2015 £
Incoming resources			
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>			
Voluntary income	4	4,993	2,785
Activities for generating funds	5	1,707	1,660
Investment income	6	6	21
Total incoming resources		6,706	4,466
Resources expended			
Cost of generating voluntary income	7	-	1,593
Costs of charitable activities	8	6,135	5,906
Total resources expended		6,135	7,500
Net incoming/outgoing resources		571	-3,033
Net movement in funds		571	-3,033
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>		11,482	14,516
Total funds carried forward	10	12,053	11,482

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2016

	<i>Notes</i>	2016 £	2015 £
Current assets			
Debtors		80	-
Cash at bank and in hand		11,973	11,482
Total current assets		12,053	11,482
Creditors: amounts due within one year	9	-	-
Net current assets		12,053	11,482
Total assets less current liabilities		12,053	11,482
Net assets	10	12,053	11,482
The funds of the charity :			
Unrestricted funds		10,610	5,656
Restricted funds		1,443	5,825
Total charity funds		12,053	11,482

The accounts were approved by the board of directors on 15 November 2016 and signed on their behalf

By: 

Chair
Joanna Burke

Treasurer
Doris Quinn

Company number 07483426

The notes on pages 13-17 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016

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.

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.

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016

4 Voluntary income	31/03/2016	31/03/2015	31/03/2014
	£	£	£
Others (admin)	736.50	31.16	
Other donations	545.96	607.00	1,345.94
Membership	1,500.45	1,187.00	1,805.95
Sponsorship	760.00	760.00	690.00
Grants	1,450.00	200.00	15,353.35
 Total voluntary income	 4,992.91	 2,785.16	 19,195.24
 5 Activities for generating funds	 31/03/2016	 31/03/2015	 31/03/2014
	£	£	£
Fundraising	1,706.84	1,660.19	3,319.70
 Total income for activities for generating funds	 1,706.84	 1,660.19	 3,319.70
 6 Investment income	 31/03/2016	 31/03/2015	 31/03/2014
Bank deposit interest received	5.72	21.37	19.06
Total investment income	5.72	21.37	19.06

7 Cost of generating voluntary income	31/03/2016	31/03/2015	31/03/2014
	£	£	£
Fundraising costs	-	605.51	-
8 Cost of charitable activities	31/03/2016	31/03/2015	31/03/2014
	£	£	£
<i>Direct charitable activities</i>			
Fins Feste event costs	2,620.45	-	2,516.99
Project work	226.97	289.60	2,316.89
Garden opening and regeneration	805.84	507.93	625.00
Sculpture	-	-	75.00
Interpretation Panel Fins Garden	-	1,790.40	
Community Gym	74.60	338.74	4,693.89
Sustainable Bowes Park	-	-	127.89
Picnic	585.92	486.60	295.00
Myddleton Road Rejuvenation Strategy	-	1,887.93	1,210.45
Street Markets	-	-	6,093.86
Total direct charitable activities	4,313.78	5,301.20	17,954.97

	31/03/2016	31/03/2015	31/03/2014
<i>Support costs</i>			
Admin (printing and photocopying etc)	66.09	36.00	464.49
Insurance	547.57	419.23	414.46
Hall hire	64.50	260.00	380.00
Stationery & groceries	161.11	-	333.00
Website costs	-	-	72.00
Equipment	40.00	-	-
Paypal (& Eventbrite fees)	22.12	35.95	-
Newsletter	760.00	760.00	
Postage	12.95	8.48	37.14
Other	146.62	74.24	170.79
Total support costs	1,820.96	1,593.90	1,871.88
Total expended on charitable activities	6,134.74	6,895.10	19,826.85
Total cost of charitable activities	4,313.78	5,906.71	17,954.97

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31/03/2016	31/03/2015	31/03/2014
	£	£	£
Trade creditors	0	0	100

10 Particulars of individual funds and analysis of assets and liabilities representing funds

At 31 March 2016

	Unrestricted funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-
Current assets	12,053.01
Current liabilities	-
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At 31 March 2015

	Unrestricted funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-
Current assets	11,482.28
Current liabilities	-
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	11,482.28

At 31 March 2014

	Unrestricted funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-
Current assets	14,616.17
Current liabilities	-100
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	14,516

11 Split of funds by sub-group	31/03/2016	31/03/2015	31/03/2014
	£	£	£
Friends of Finsbury Gardens/FinsFeste	2,930.69	3,786.59	3,569.59
Myddleton Road Garden Group	1,173.09	866.55	818.68
Bowes Park Community Association	7,949.23	6,829.14	10,127.90
Total	12,053.01	11,482.28	14,516.17