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Community Interest Company Report

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**Company Name in
full**

Friends of Parkinson's Park CIC

Company Number

10044868

Year Ending

March 2018

PART 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT

In the space provided below, please insert a general account of the company's activities in the financial year to which the report relates, including a description of how they have benefited the community.

The focus of FOPP in 2017/2018 was to create more community awareness and use of the Park, as well as continue to make landscape improvements to enhance the different ecological habitats. To this end we:

1. Held the following programme of events to generate community spirit and knowledge of the local area.

- A Community Easter Tree with people encouraged to come and add decorations themselves
- A Bird Walk with a local expert to help inform about the wide range of bird life in the Park
- A Forest School – the Park is a perfect location for children to learn woodland activities – this event was a focus for setting up the Little Friends of Parkinson's Park., and has been carried on by other groups.
- We hosted events for the Tales Told Festival 2017 run by Codswallop CIC, including an awareness walk around the Park based on our research of the Park's history, and their fireworks finale.
- The Annual FOPP Children's Gala with the theme of 'Go Wild' supported by community groups
- We again took part in the Apple Day Festival with the Orchard Project who help in developing Community Orchards
- The Annual Advent Tree Dressing and Lantern Parade supported by community arts company Codswallop and the local Baptist, CofE, and Methodist Churches.
- We formalised an event application form for groups, and improved the Park Risk Assessment

2. Made improvements to the Park to make it more accessible whilst caring for the varied habitats:

- A grant from Green Leeds and Leeds Horticultural Fund, and labour from Open Country allowed us to put woodchip on some of the key paths that get very muddy in the winter this helps increase park use .
- We worked with Meadfleet on a revised Park management plan, including improvements to wildflower areas, a tree safety survey, and cutting back vegetation causing security and safety issues.
- Work continued on improving the bog garden with the installation of a dipping platform via a grant from Green Leeds; frogspawn was spotted in Spring 2018.
- The size of the Community Orchard and growing skills are being developed with the Orchard Project.
- Planting of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Oak – the original was stolen, so Sandringham provided a replacement. This was grown to 4ft before planting and adds to our collection of 'historic' trees.
- Little FOPP organized for bird and bat boxes donated by Meadfleet to be installed in one of the copses.
- We continue to work on small projects with the charity Open Country, which helps people to access the countryside. Also local volunteer groups such as Otley and Yorkshire Dales Branch of the Dry Stone Walling Association and Litter Free Guiseley
- We try to encourage people to help look after areas of the Park that interest them eg community orchard, through social and digital media.

3. Continued working to make the Park a safe place,

- We joined a dog fouling scheme supported by the Safer Communities Fund.
- In the Summer of 2017 Parkinson's Park was registered under a Public Space Protection Order.
- Directors of FOPP were instrumental in persuading Leeds City Council to improve the surface of Kelcliffe Lane – a key access route. Many local residents were pleased that at long last they could use the lane to walk children to school in the winter months, when the muddy lane became impassable.

Income streams for events and park improvements included

- Community grants from various organizations, private, public sector and third sector.
- Local Councillor community 'mice' money
- Fund raising events such as coffee mornings and the Children's Gala
- Pay What You Can events to recoup costs and raise funds eg Lantern Making Workshops
- Crowd funding and Donations via Local Giving, events and Meadfleet
- Sponsorship at events from local companies

Park maintenance is paid for and organized by Meadfleet the Park's management company.

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS – Please indicate who the company's stakeholders are; how the stakeholders have been consulted and what action, if any, has the company taken in response to feedback from its consultations? If there has been no consultation, this should be made clear.

Friends – have been involved in the development of the Park through events, as well as social and digital media.

Local Community Organizations and Representatives – FOPP is part of the Leeds Parks Forum; we have close liaison with Local Councillors who help with our objectives. Local groups as well as schools are kept informed and involved in activity, many local organizations help with the Children's Gala and the Lantern Parade.

Local Community – have been kept informed and engaged through social and digital media, and also publicity and personal invitations to events. We have a website for information, a Twitter account and local papers for publicity, a Facebook Community for engagement, and the Friends, Little Friends and Park Watch group for involvement

(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").

PART 3 – DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION – if you have provided full details in your accounts you need not reproduce it here. Please clearly identify the information within the accounts and confirm that, "There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for director's loss of office, which require to be disclosed" (See example with full notes). If no remuneration was received you must state that "no remuneration was received" below.

No remuneration has been received by any of the Directors.

PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION – Please insert full details of any transfers of assets other than for full consideration e.g. Donations to outside bodies. If this does not apply you must state that "no transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made" below.

No transfer of assets of any kind has occurred

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PART 5 – SIGNATORY

The original report must be signed by a director or secretary of the company

Signed

Jennifer A Kirkby

Date

27 Sept
2018

Office held - *Director*

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

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