



# Friends of Huntingtree Park

*A pleasant environment for all to enjoy*

## Annual Report April 2019 – March 2020

Registered Charity number 1172700

### Trustees

- Alan Hackett (Chair)
- Christine Matthews (Vice-Chair)
- Jane Matthews (Secretary)
- Margaret Bond (Treasurer)
- Susan Kirk
- Susan Terry Cutler
- Linda McLennaghan
- Carol Matthews

### Object of the charity

For the benefit of the inhabitants of Halesowen and the surrounding areas, to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Huntingtree Park.

### Activities for the year

- Managing the Bowling green under lease from the local authority to ensure it's continuation as a public amenity.
- Working with local Schools wherever practical to enhance the Park amenities.
- Facilitating a weekly Exercise & Socialise group for socially isolated local residents.

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- Storytelling sessions for young children as a means of encouraging use of the Park facilities.
- Craft fairs to bring the community together and allow us to connect with local people who are not normally Park users.
- Support health activators by promoting Health & Well-being activities on the Park.

When planning our activities for the year we kept in mind at our trustee meetings, the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## Achievements

- Managed the Bowling Green and improved it's condition for the benefit of local players.
- Ran a weekly group for local residents to use craft skills to make craft items for donation to UK and overseas charities.
- Fund-raised for the first Bench to create a Picnic Area for families on the Park



- Worked with Parks Development department at DMBC over the course of Autumn 2019 to update the 10 year plan for Huntingtree Park for it's continued maintenance and enhancement. A plan was agreed and approved by DMBC in February 2020.

# Finances

## Income

	£	£
Fundraising/ Donations	1569	
Bowling Subscriptions	1152	
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		2721

## Expenses

Bowling Green rent	250	
Bowling Green maintenance	2996	
Events	195	
Printing, stationery & advertising	129	
Insurance	112	
Sundries	188	
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		3870

Deficit for the year - 1149

Balance brought forward 5594

Balance at 31 March 2020 

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