



# Friends of Huntingtree Park

*A pleasant environment for all to enjoy*

## Annual Report April 2021 to March 2022

Charity number 1172700

### Aims and Purposes

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time activity in the interests of the social welfare and for the benefit of the inhabitants of Halesowen and the surrounding locality

The Trustees are also responsible for the maintenance and management of the Bowling Green under lease from Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council.

### Objective

To improve the well-being of the residents of the area by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Huntingtree Park.

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

### Activities

At the start of the year under review the country was still living with legal restrictions on social contact as a result of the pandemic. This meant we were unable to plan any events. Most of these restrictions were lifted in July 2021 and so our first event for over a year was the Trophy Bowling Competition in September 2021.



This was followed in October by a storytelling event enjoyed by sixteen toddlers with a theme of the fall of Autumn leaves.



In December, our Green Flag status was renewed for 2022 thanks to the unstinting efforts of our voluntary litter-pickers who are on the park early every morning making the park tidy and reporting any problem areas. Coincidentally Jean Wythes our senior litter-picker received a certificate recognising her unstinting contribution to the Park at a Borough-wide kindness award ceremony.



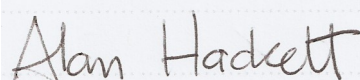
The weekly Exercise and Socialise group organised by the *Friends of Huntingtree Park* for local residents who use craft skills to make items for donation to UK and overseas charities could not meet for a significant part of the year, as the Park Hub building was closed to allow the Health Activators to be redeployed to support the COVID vaccination scheme

## Financial Summary

	2022	2021
Income	£	£
Fundraising / Donations	560	
Bowling subscriptions	<u>2308</u>	
	2868	3293
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Bowling Green lease	250	
Bowling green maintenance	2476	
Printing ,stationery & advertising	65	
Events	97	
Insurance	112	
Sundries	<u>50</u>	
	<u>3050</u>	<u>3036</u>
Deficit/Surplus for the year	- 182	257
Brought forward at 31 Mar 2021	<u>4702</u>	<u>4445</u>
Balance at 31 March	<b>4520</b>	4702
Represented by:		
Bowling Green Fund (restricted)	£2758	
General fund (unrestricted)	£1762	

### Reserves Policy

We managed to complete the year under consideration with fewer events taking place because of pandemic restrictions but with overall finances still achieving our target of a reserve sufficient to cover 12 months typical expenditure.

 Chairman