FRIENDS OF THE GYLE PARK (SCIO)

Scottish Charity No SC052465

Trustees' Annual Report
&
Financial Statements

For financial year ending 31st March 2026

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Trustees Annual Report
For the Year Ended 31st March 2026

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31st March 2026

Reference & Administrative Information
Charity Name Friends of The Gyle Park (SCIO)
Charity No SC052465
Address 31 Wester Broom Place Edinburgh EH12 7RS

Current Trustees
Tommy McLean – Chairperson from 12th April 2023
Janis Ross Williamson, from 12th April 2023, Vice Chairperson from 14th February 2024
Ania Sepiol – from 12th April 2023
Emma Struthers – from 12th April 2023 - Resigned 31st March 2026
Karen Shaughnessy from 12th April 2023
Sheena Linn – from 10th October 2023
Esther Stevenson – from 10th October 2023 – Resigned 28th October 2025
Brian Finnie – Treasurer – from 14th February 2024
Diana Laing - from 14th February 2024 – Resigned 10th March 2026
Jade Thomas Hamilton – from 11th June 2024 – Resigned 31st August 2025
Sophia Ashley – from 11th June 2024 - Resigned 23rd June 2025
Fiona Nicolson – from 11th June 2024 – Resigned 2nd September 2025
Sheila Robertson – from 11th June 2024
Henry Collin – Secretary from 2nd September 25
Simon Stone – from 2nd September 25
Keith Walker – from 2nd September 25

Governing Document: the group is a two-tier SCIO registered with OSCR since 11/04/2023 with purposes and administration arrangements as set out in our constitution.

Appointment of Trustees
Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our Annual General Meeting each year

Charitable purposes: to preserve, conserve, protect and improve the environment of the area known as The Gyle Park for the benefit of the public.

Activities and achievements:
The past year has once again been a busy one for FOGP (SCIO, including, fundraising for the provision of natural play equipment, community events, upkeep of the park and representing the interests of park users and the local community.

The committee is working through a programme of developments including increasing membership numbers, policy updates and seeking to recruit trustees to support further activity. The current number of members is 79 and continues to increase.
The FOGP (SCIO) Facebook Page continues to be well used with over 1,500 members and is a main method of communication with group members, park users and the local community.

The group launched its website last year. Unfortunately, there have been several operational issues this year which have resulted in the website not operating effectively. Hopefully these issues will be resolved soon.

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A few editions of a helpful members newsletter were produced at the start of the year, unfortunately the newsletter is not currently being published. Anyone willing to take on this task would be welcomed.
Last year we carried out a Community Survey to obtain the views of the park users and the local Community,
Work has been done to carry forward some of the items identified. Accessibility is one of the items we have continued to progress.

Road safety and parking continue to be a major issue with little progress being made over the last few years despite the efforts of FOGP(SCIO) to encourage the City Council to act and introduce measures to improve the health and safety position for park users and David Lloyd members. Hopefully progress will be made on this next year

The Park continues to be well used for a range of purposes including organised sport as well as for physical training by local sports and dance groups for training. The park is also well used as a recreational and walking area.
The park is also an important active travel route and is well used by people on foot or cycling to local amenities, schools and workplaces.

Following the completion of the sewer pipes installation by Scottish Water it was good to have use of the whole park. It should be noted that in the new financial year a new construction project has commenced on another major sewer and flood prevention project being carried out by Taylor Wimpey.
Unfortunately, there have been several major issues with this project including lack of communication from the contractor prior to the commencement of the work with FOGP or the local community.
The work is currently on hold due to problems with the condition of the ground which appears not to have been identified during the pre-work commencement survey. Hopefully the work will restart in the very near future. If the growing period for the grass is missed this will extend the period the area is unable to be used.

The third Gyle Park Fun Run was held in June 25. This year the emphasis was on a Community Event rather than as a major fundraiser. The event was enjoyed by everyone who participated, and we were lucky once again with the weather.

We are very lucky to have a team of dedicated volunteers who support the work of Friends of Gyle Park and ensure that the park is kept clean and tidy and help increase the number of natural features within the park, including maintenance of the young orchard.
We are very grateful to the team and the other individuals who also carry out regular litter picking and other tasks to keep the park spick and span. Many thanks to you all

As an organisation we work with our volunteers and various organisations and agencies, such as The Conservation Volunteers, Edinburgh and Lothian Greenspace Trust, Payback Team and Local Schools, to carry out a large range of projects within the park.
These include;

- Discussions are ongoing with CEC Parks Playground Manager to purchase and install the natural Play equipment partially funded by the grant received from Tesco Community Grant (thanks to everyone who used their blue tokens to vote for FOGP.

- Installation of some bird boxes in the park during the year, hopefully this will be the start of an ongoing project and will result in more birds nesting in the park.
- The Community Orchard continues to develop and is much appreciated by park users. The maintenance of the orchard is carried out by a small team of volunteers; additional help is always appreciated. There was a small crop of fruit last year which was used by park users. Hopefully there will be a larger crop this year, park users are encouraged to make use of the produce,
- A few, mainly, native, saplings have been planted in several locations within the park
- In collaboration with the Park Ranger several bulb planting sessions were organised for interested volunteers planting around 5,000 bulbs which added a range of colour during the spring. This ongoing work by the team of volunteers is providing a colourful spectacle that improves each year.
- There have been a number of projects carried out as part of our programme of corporate volunteering days including painting of the wooden boards around the Basketball Court.
- An application was made to Scottish Water to provide a drinking water tap within the park as part of their Top Up Project. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful with this application and Scottish Water no longer offer this support.
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We always try to develop collaborative approach to identify and consider possible improvements and developments of Gyle Park with Council Departments and other statutory and voluntary organisations. This approach has proved very beneficial.

Representations continue to be made as before to relevant partners, including the Local Councillors, the Culture & Leisure Department's Community Parks Officer and Edinburgh Leisure. Most of these are at local level and are based on developing a good informal working relationship to develop a collaborative approach to identifying possible developments and resolve any issues that arise.

For several years there has been an ongoing issue with siting of bins within Public Parks which requires a change in Council Policy to resolve this issue. Following our deputation to the City Council last year we continued discussions with the Waste Department and were successful in having some additional litter bins provided within the park.

Future Plans

i. We will continue to work preparing a development plan for the park, this is being done through consultation with members, park users and the local community as well as other partner organisations.
ii. We have been approached by a group of people who are interested in working with FOGP(SCIO) to investigate taking on a project to upgrade the Wheels Area within the park. This will require investigation and the agreement of FOGP(SCIO) members before proceeding.
iii.

Trustee remuneration and expenses: as in the constitution document, no remuneration is paid to any member of the group

Statement on Reserves Policy – Currently the FOGP(SCIO) have unrestricted reserves of £3,331 for general expenditure and restricted funds of £4,130 for projects within the park. The current financial position is within the financial reserves policy of the organisation.

Approved by the Trustees on 21st July 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

T McLean
Chairperson

Henry Collin
Secretary

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Independent Examiners Report
For the year ended 31st March 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of The Gyle Park (SCIO), registered charity number SC052465
I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026 which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act "the 2005 Act" and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement
My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts

Independent examiner's statement
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:-
   to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
   to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met,
   or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed ---------- John B. Gorrie ---------- 2026

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH 2026

		2025-26		2024-25	
RECEIPTS	Note	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
Balance as at 31st March 2025				3,004.83	4,194.34
Donations		1,125.00	137.00		
Grants		-			
Fundraising		-	-		
Services			7.99		
Total Receipts		**1,125.00**	**144.99**	**3,004.83**	**4,194.34**
EXPENDITURE					
Insurance			130.80		
Publicity			26.21		
Services		-	145.39		
Bank charges			70.27		
Equipment & Materials			635.21		
Total Payments		**-**	**1,007.88**	**-**	**-**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		**1,125.00**	**(862.89)**	**3,004.83**	**4,194.34**
			262.11		**7,199.17**

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2025-26
FOR PERIOD ENDING 31st MARCH 2026

RECEIPTS	Note	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	1	1125.00	144.99	1269.99	91356.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**1125.00**	**144.99**	**1269.99**	**91356.75**

EXPENDITURE		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2	0.00	1007.88	1007.88	88305.7
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**0.00**	**1007.88**	**1007.88**	**88305.7**
Surplus/Deficit for the year		1,125.00	(862.89)	262.11	3051.05

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Statement of Balances

For period ended 31st March 2026

Funds reconciliation	Note	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
Cash & Bank Balances at start of year		3004.83	4194.34	7199.17	4148.12
Surplus (deficit) for year		1,125.00	(862.89)	262.11	3051.05
at end of year					
Bank Balances at end of year		4129.83	3331.45	7461.28	7199.17
Cash Balances at end of year		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Year end balance		**4129.83**	**3331.45**	**7461.28**	**7199.17**

Liabilities

The notes below form an integral part of these accounts.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 1/8/2026

and signed on their behalf by

T W McLean

Tommy McLean
Chair

B. Finnie

Brian Finnie
Treasurer

Notes

1. Donations received during the financial year;

Audible refund Janis (i)	7.99
Louise Innes - Fun Run (ii)	30.00
Beveridge SJ - Fun Run (iii)	12.00
Fun Run donation (iv)	95.00
Tesco donation (v)	1,125.00

2. Payments made during the financial year;

Paint for basketball court (Jade). (i)	357.47
Audible (Error). (Janis) (ii)	7.99
Bank charges (iii)	8.50
Wipes for graffiti (Diana) (iv)	13.49
Posters for fun run (Jade) (v)	26.21
Bank Charges (vi)	8.50
Bank Charges (vii)	8.50
Bank Charges (viii)	8.50
Wheelbarrow for park (ix)	56.00
Bank Charges (x)	10.77
Printing Ink (xi)	25.25
Paint for basketball court (xii)	93.09
Plants for park (xiii)	49.95
Bank Charges (xiv)	8.50
Wix.com website charge (xv)	17.40
Lights for toilets (xiv)	39.96
Bank Charges (xvii)	8.50
Bank charges (xviii)	8.50
Hire of St Thomas Church Hall (xix)	40.00
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Keegan and Pennykidd Insurance (xxi)	130.80
Hire of St Thomas Church Hall	40.00

3. No Fixed Assets are held by the charity