

Annual Report for 2023-24

The name of the organisation is *The Friends of Inverleith Park (SCIO)*

Purposes

The main purpose of organisation is:

to protect, improve and manage the physical and natural environment of Inverleith Park for the benefit, education and enjoyment of the public

This to be achieved by:

1.4.1 promoting the provision of facilities in the Park and the well-being, health and welfare of the public regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, belief or political affiliation

2.4.2 engaging with and involving the local community and others in the work of the organisation, through the exchange of information and practical activities

The AGM minutes below gives details of the activities of the year 2023 – 24 and it is clear from reading it that the purposes of the charity have been well fulfilled. Members are sent two Newsletters each year amongst other communications.

The Friends of Inverleith Park (SCIO)

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MINUTES

Tanfield Bowling Club on Thursday 28th November at 6.30

1. Welcome.
2. Presentation by Guest speakers [REDACTED] (Openspace and Visitor Development Manager, City of Edinburgh Council CEC) and [REDACTED] (Green Space Development Officer, CEC).

[REDACTED] gave a powerpoint presentation (attached) on the Toilet Block which is due to be installed in the park in 2025. Aspects of the design were explained: for example, brown fire-retardant walls, green roof, 3 toilet cubicles with own sink and baby changing pull down table, one toilet with disabled access and one Changing Place room ('Changing Places toilets are specially designed for people with complex

and multiple disabilities who require the help of one or two assistants'.
Pamis.org.uk). [REDACTED] fielded many questions on the design from the audience.

The toilet block will be positioned to the North of the Sundial Garden boundary and on the west side of the Milk coffee stall. It will have a green roof and there could be an opportunity for a mural to be painted on the walls.

A small storage area (1mx2m) with a sink will be available as a gardening storage unit. CCTV will be installed.

The temporary toilets currently located in the park near the East gate will be in position until...?

Key dates for the toilet block construction:

Landscape design – January 2025

Groundwork – February 2025

Completion – March to April 2025

[REDACTED] presentation discussed another possible development that will affect the park which is the removal within in the next 12 months of council departments from the depot site which will allow the site to be incorporated back into the park as a whole.

There was no update on the Ferranti site.

[REDACTED] mentioned that consultants were being asked to advise on the problems of excess plant and algae growth on the surface of the pond which prevents the model boat club from racing their boats. [REDACTED] said that the Friends had already applied for funding to put floating islands on the pond – these would be planted with water plants whose roots would take up the excess nutrients in the pond which were part of the causes of the proliferation of pond weed. She asked [REDACTED] to pass the application to the consultants – Atmos Realis – for consideration. The Friends think the application is unlikely to be funded as there are many applications for limited funds.

The Masterplan will be updated at some stage in the future

3. **Update on Biodiversity in the park by [REDACTED]**

The areas of recent tree planting and wildflower seeds sowing continue to flourish, increasing the biodiversity in the park (Cammasia, snakehead fritillaries, snowdrops planted).

The fruit trees in the NW corner of the park are growing fast and bearing fruit. Wildflowers such as Cornflowers and Poppies continue to flower in the grass around the trees during the summer. Yellow rattle has been sown to weaken the grass and give wildflowers more of a chance. Trees were mulched, daffodil and snowdrop bulbs planted, all with the help of the park wardens.

In October, a local cub group came to measure the trees and plot a map with the names and locations of all the 15 fruit trees. They have also made an aluminium name labels for each tree.

The native tree saplings donated by the Fringe in the SW corner continue to grow well. Some blackthorn and silver birch saplings which had died were replaced. Wildflowers such as Buttercups, Clover and Yarrow have colonised the grassy area around the saplings which has been left to grow long. A Marsh Orchid* (*Dactylorhiza majalis*) was also spotted in this part of the park!

Going forward

Meetings with staff at Broughton High School are ongoing to get pupils engaged with the plants and wildlife in the park. Health and Safety risk assessments needed.

Tufted duck nested on the island!! First year. An application for funding for more islands in the pond is underway.

The green roof on the toilet block will be a useful addition to the diversity of plants and insects.

It is proposed that a Wildflower meadow is created in NE corner – corner of Inverleith Place and Arboretum Place. We need to investigate this option further – which organisations can we get help from/which local groups could get involved in actually preparing the ground, sowing it, maintaining it and monitoring its progress.

The cubs are making Bird boxes to install on the park trees.



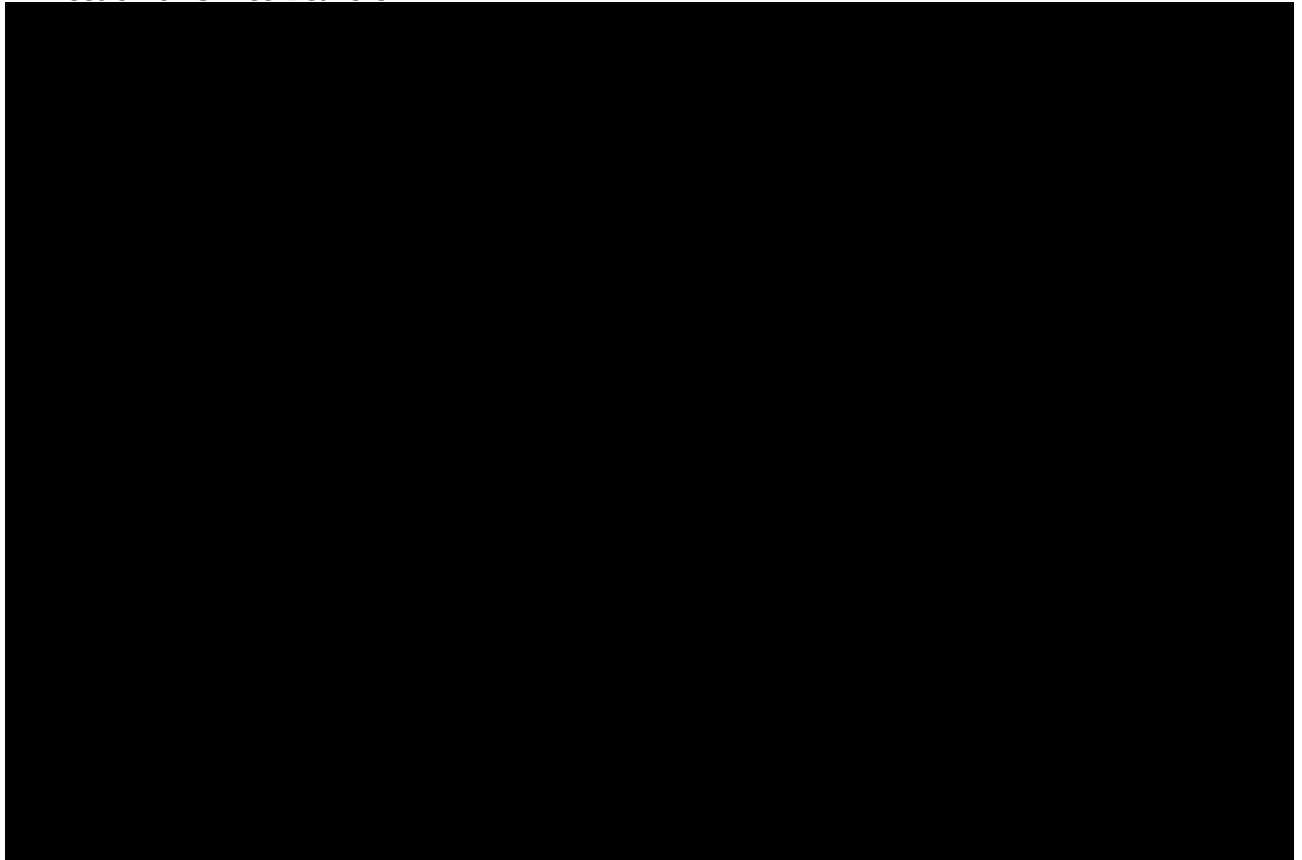
*From Maria: another orchid, the broad-leaved helleborine, *Epipactis helleborine*, was found growing under the hedge on Arboretum Road.

Sundial Garden

Thanks were given to the volunteers who meet every Wednesday morning at 10am in the Sundial Garden and to the Community Payback people who help them. The garden continues to improve year by year.

4. Board member election

Election of Office Bearers



5. Accounts

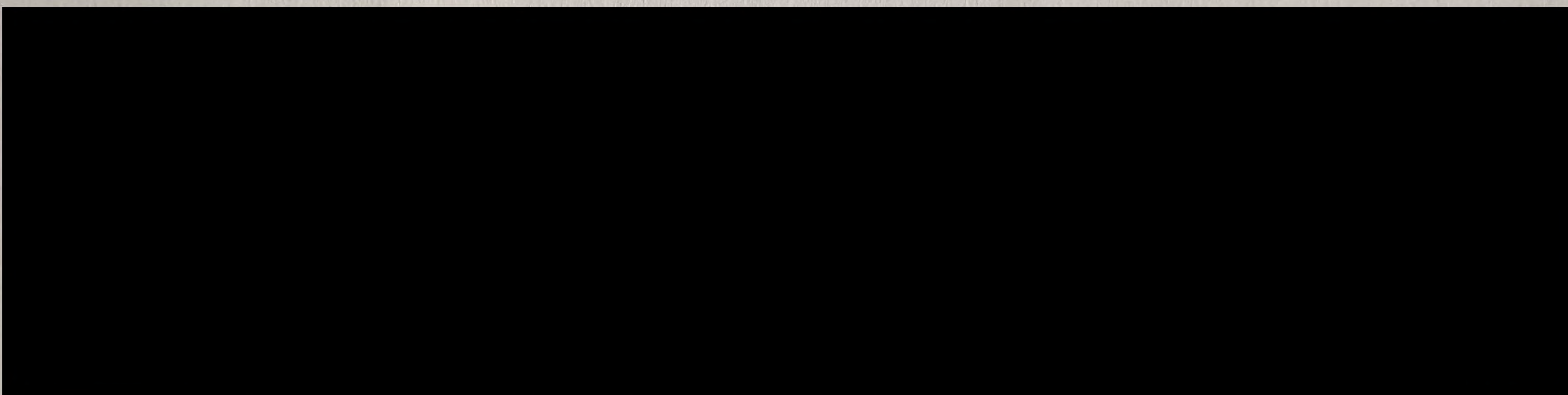
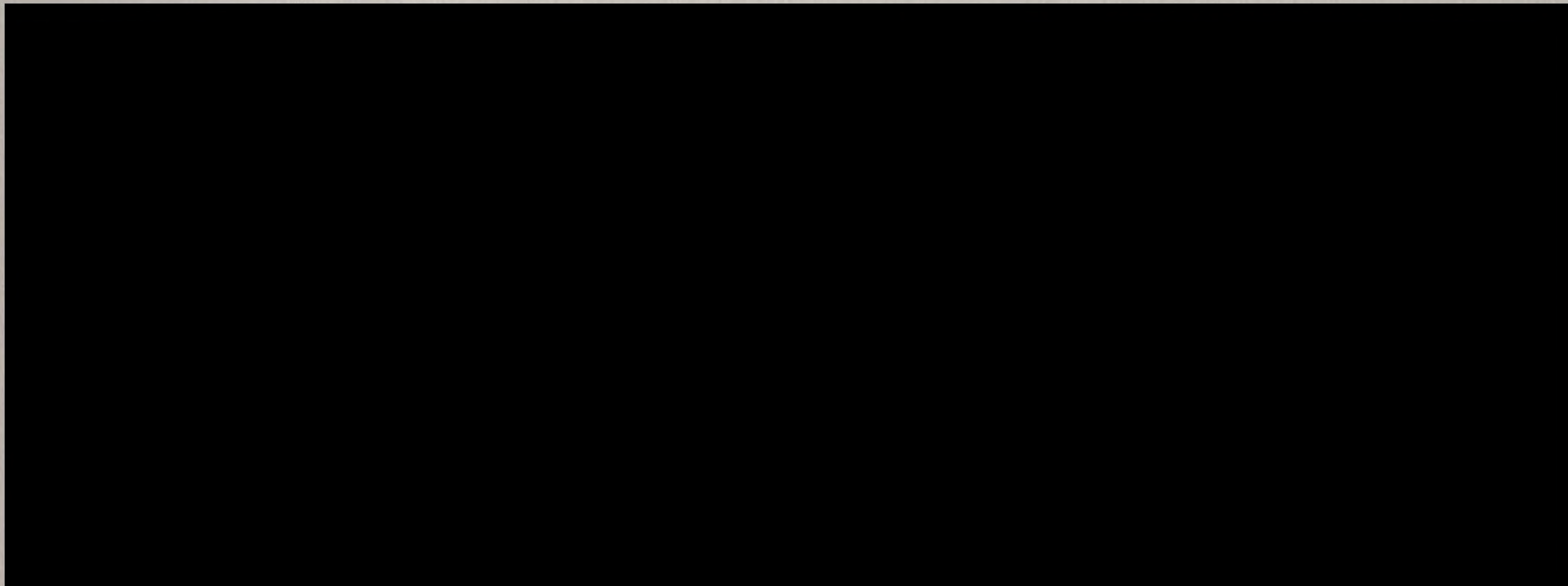
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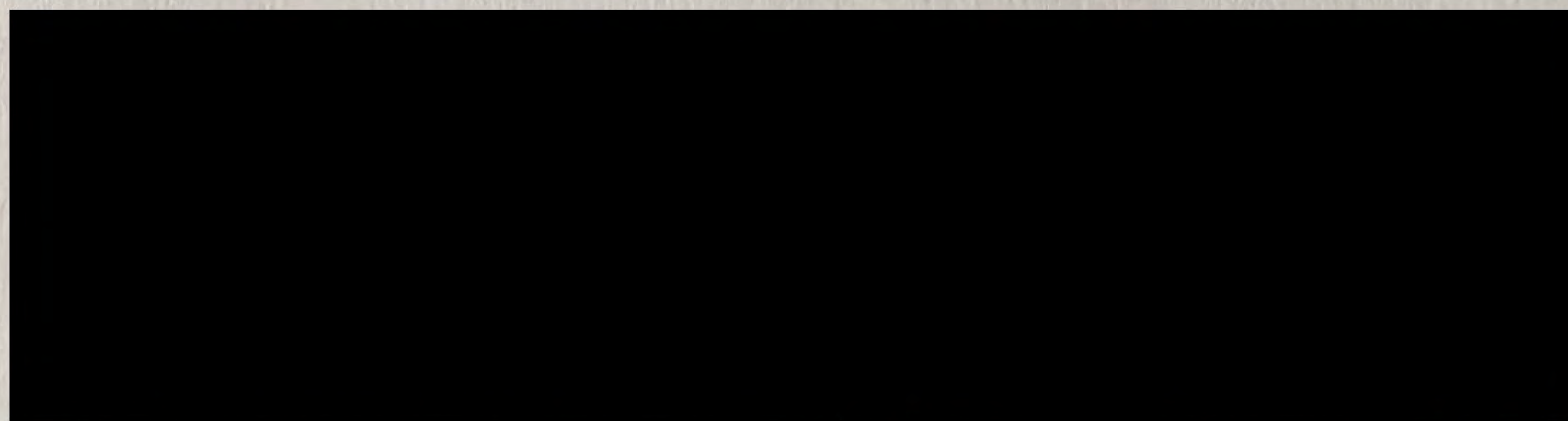
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Signed:



The Friends of Inverlath Park
29th June 2025.

The Friends of Inverleith Park (SCIO)

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Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from				to		
1	October	2023		30	Sept/ber	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts					1894	
Donations	1,981	1,083			3,064	390
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,071				1,071	1,081
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	697				697	330
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	-				-	1,145
					-	
A1 Sub total	3,749	1,083	-	-	4,832	2,946
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	-				-	
Proceeds from sale of investments	-				-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,749	1,083	-	-	4,832	2,946
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities	638				638	710
Gross trading payments	93				93	81
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	726				726	757
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
A3 Sub total	1,457	-	-	-	1,457	1,548
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	-	-			-	
Purchase of investments	-	-			-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,457	-	-	-	1,457	1,548
Net receipts / (payments)	2,292	1,083	-	-	3,375	1,398
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	2,292	1,083	-	-	3,375	1,398

Treasurer of the Friends of Inverleith Park (SCIO)

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THE FRIENDS OF INVERLEITH PARK (SCIO)

Scottish Charity SCO51255

Receipts and Payments For the year to 30th September 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
	Receipts	Receipts
Subscriptions	1169.94	1144.72
Sale of Calendars	1071.00	1081.00
Donations	810.97	317.33
Interest	696.64	329.71
Playpark donation	1083.44	72.90
Total	£4831.99	£2945.66
Payments		
Postage:	3.30	8.37
Cost of Printing calendars/news- Letters photocopying, stationary:	698.23	785.65
Computer & web costs	0.00	0.00
Hire of hall and speaker/ Technical support costs/thank-you	53.00	46.25
Sundial Garden:	703.39	464.40
Playpark:	0.00	0.00
Total expenses	£1457.92	£1304.67
Surplus (Deficit) for year	£3374.07	£1640.99
Surplus b/f from 30 th Sept 2023	£64196.73	£62555.74
Surplus Carried forward at 30.9.2024	£67570.80	£64196.73
Totals		
Represented by:		
Cash in Bank current account	£11540.13	£8862.70
Cash in Savings account	56030.67	£55334.03
Cheques not yet cashed	0.00	0.00
Totals	£67570.80	£64196.73

Notes: These accounts have been prepared on a cash receipts and payment basis

Treasurer F.O.I.P (SCIO)

26.10.24

THE FRIENDS OF INVERLEITH PARK(SCIO)
Scottish Charity SC051255

Independent Examiners Report to the Board Members of The Friends of Inverleith Park (SCIO)
For the year to 30th September 2024

I report on the accounts of The Friends of Inverleith Park(SCIO) for the year ended 30th September 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Friends of Inverleith Park (SCIO) board members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity board members consider that the audit requirements of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 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 of 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 view given by 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 requirement: to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) or 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.



26/10/2024

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*Treasurer of The Friends of
Inverleith Park (SCIO)*