

# **The Friends of Cannizaro Park Trustees' Report & Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 March 2026**



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***Renewing Cannizaro's Landscape and  
Enhancing Visitors' Enjoyment of the Park***

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# 1. Introduction from the Chair

As The Friends of Cannizaro Park (FoCP) approaches its 30th birthday in 2027, we are looking back with pride and looking forward with purpose and redoubled commitment.

Pride, because of the scale of impact the FoCP’s volunteer team has delivered in the past five years. Against our key strategic priorities - renewing the park’s landscape and engaging with park visitors - the charity has a significant record of successful landscaping, horticultural and community projects. Working from multi-year plans, the FoCP has sought to prioritise and then tackle key issues identified in both landscape, infrastructure and visitor experience.

The table below shows how much has been achieved over this period: a testimony to the hard work and dedication of FoCP trustees and volunteers, strong partnerships with park partners and Merton Council, and the generosity and goodwill of FoCP Friends and the local community. The achievements of this extended FoCP community have also been externally recognised. Since 2023, the FoCP has won three continuous Green Flag awards (a national benchmark for good park management), individual and team volunteer awards from the London Borough of Merton, and prizes from Royal Horticultural Society shows for camellia and rhododendron blooms.

## FoCP Impact: Key Projects 2020-26

YEAR	PROJECT	TYPE
<b>2020-21</b>	Front Entrance renovation	Landscape
	Toilet Block renovation & re-opening	Landscape/Community
	First visitor survey	Community
	Launch of e-newsletter & new communications programme (continued to date)	Community
<b>2021-22</b>	Rose Garden renovation	Landscape
	Creation of early Bog Garden	Landscape
	First Art in the Park festival	Community
	First programme of nature events, included guided tree walks (run annually from this year)	Community
<b>2022-23</b>	Creation of Jubilee Cherry Walk	Landscape
	Commissioning of drainage report to identify water management options to address flooding	Landscape

<b>2023-24</b>	Valley Path drainage renewal and re-surfacing*	Landscape
	Hotel Bed re-design & re-planting	Landscape
	New native hedge planted on rear park boundary*	Landscape
	Upgraded waste management bin system	Landscape/Community
	New noticeboards, front & rear entrances	Landscape/Community
	New circuit of estate fencing to protect veteran rhododendrons	Landscape
	Second Art in the Park festival	Community
	First Community Art in the Aviary programme (run continuously from this year)	Community
<b>2024-25</b>	Replacement of 200 metre Pond to Cascade drainage pipework*	Landscape
	New rear gates	Landscape
	Grant awarded by Environment Agency; preparatory work for Pond Area Natural Flood Management (NFM) Re-development*	Landscape
	Establishment of Cannizaro Canine Code, and Dog Champion team to promote and secure good behaviours	Community
<b>2025-26</b>	Delivery of main works for NFM Re-development of Pond Area, Bog Garden and seasonal basins, and installation of new Pond outlet chamber*	Landscape
	Clearance and replanting of Pond wall bed	Landscape
	Re-design of Sunken Garden wall bed	Landscape
	Refurbishment of the Millennium Fountain	Landscape
	Restoration of Diana and the Fawn statue	Landscape
	Third Art in the Park festival	Community

\* Funded by successful grant applications

The FoCP is heralding its 30th birthday with an important and demanding set of projects. The Cedar Space is envisioned as a major new area close to the park's entrance, which will excite visitors of all ages about one of Cannizaro's unique features: its top-quality tree collection. Cannizaro has one of the most distinguished tree collections in Greater London - effectively a free arboretum - and the Cedar Space

initiative seeks to bring this world of trees to life for park visitors. The proposed Sunken Garden Re-Design will see not only a more sustainable planting scheme but also one which returns this landscape feature to the planting style of its famous creator, George Dillistone. Finally, thanks to some incredibly generous donors, a comprehensive renovation of the Toilet Block is scheduled, to enable visitors to enjoy the park in comfort. All these major projects are led by the FoCP, on top of our ongoing events and communications programmes and the extensive and essential work of volunteers' garden maintenance.

One final new initiative is also planned for 2026-27. FoCP trustees have determined that the increased scope and financial value of our activities require some changes in governance and administration. As a result, the FoCP will - subject to the agreement of its members - update its charitable purposes and move to become an incorporated charity, providing a more robust legal framework that offers professional reassurance to partner organisations and legal protection for trustees. At the same time, new donation systems will mean an easier experience for Friends and improved integration with other digital FoCP systems, including the website.

On behalf of the trustee board, I send thanks to the many volunteer and community supporters who have enabled us to achieve so much in this special landscape. We hope you will join us in making the 30th birthday projects a triumphant start to a fourth decade of renewal in Cannizaro Park.

**Catherine Nelson**

*Chair, The Friends of Cannizaro Park ([www.cannizaropark.com](http://www.cannizaropark.com))*



## 2. Who We Are and What We Do

Founded in 1997, The Friends of Cannizaro Park (“FoCP”) is a charity established both to conserve and improve the horticulture and historical structures of this Grade II\* listed Wimbledon park.

We have translated this aim into two practical objectives, which guide our action as a charity:

- Supporting park-owner Merton Council to maintain and renew the park landscape
- Engaging with park visitors to enhance their enjoyment and appreciation of the park.



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### **The Friends of Cannizaro Park (Charity number 1160982)**

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#### Historic England Listings:

- Park and Garden, Grade II\* (October 1987);
- Statue of Diana with Fawn, Grade II (September 1988).

*A Grade II listing denotes national importance, while a Grade II\* listing signifies exceptional historical interest.*

### 3. Our Year in Numbers

- **3,300** volunteer gardening hours, matching the hours provided by Cannizaro Park's full-time professional gardeners
- **£141,000** invested in hard and soft landscaping
- **2,500** people attending the 3rd Art in the Park event
- **325** tonnes of silt removed from the Pond, during the Pond Area Re-development project
- **3,268** Instagram followers
- **60** volunteers in trustee, gardening and organisational roles, offering their professional talents pro-bono
- **3rd** Continuous Green Flag Award, the nationally-recognised standard for good management of green spaces



## 4. Our Impact on the Park Landscape 2025-26

### Pond Area Redevelopment Project

This major project was financed by a £140,000 grant, awarded by the Environment Agency Natural Flood Management (NFM) programme across three years. In 2025-26, work initially focussed on two major areas: the re-establishment of a Bog Garden, to hold and slow water flows; and a series of measures at the Pond, including de-silting and stabilising of borders, to allow the Pond to act as a reservoir during times of high rainfall. These measures were planned to have several impacts. Most directly, the slow release of water from Cannizaro Park water flows into the Beverley Brook and thence the Thames, reducing flooding downstream. Additionally, the NFM measures completed the fourth of five stages of hard and soft drainage measures in the park, which have substantially reduced flooding and impassably boggy ground - a key issue identified in park visitor surveys. Finally, the NFM measures have indirect benefits through revitalisation of areas of watery habitat within Cannizaro Park, allowing for enhanced diversity of plants and wildlife.

Due to efficient collaboration between the FoCP and Merton Council on tendering and project management, there was an underspend on the core works. This allowed further spending on the creation of new basins to manage water flows in wetter months. The basins become temporary ponds in winter, but are being planted to provide attractive natural habitats in spring and summer.

Park visitors were offered many opportunities to learn about the project. As well as a year-long communication programme of posters, e-newsletter items and social media posts, a community engagement day offered all visitors a chance to take part in pond dipping, to learn more about NFM and wildlife at the pond.



## Sustainable Heritage Re-Design for the Sunken Garden

The Sunken Garden was created in the 1920s by leading landscape designer George Dillistone, working together with then-owner of Cannizaro Kenneth Wilson.

Photographic images from this time show a planting scheme which mixed shrubs and perennials - something which is typical of Dillistone's designs at other major gardens such as Castle Drogo and Goddards. However, in recent decades, the Sunken Garden has been largely planted with carpet bedding. While undeniably colourful, this horticultural "fast food" has had a number of harmful effects: it has impoverished the soil and led to a number of soil diseases; it requires wasteful churning of bedding twice a year; and necessitates high levels of fertiliser and water to keep plants going.

The FoCP worked with top UK landscape designers and park partners, Landform UK, to re-invent George Dillistone's design for its second century. The design returns the Sunken Garden to its original, more environmentally-friendly mixture of shrubs and perennials, while aiming to retain the brighter colours much beloved by park visitors to this area. Initial work has been completed on the clearing and planting of an adjacent wall border, with FoCP funding and enthusiastic public donations covering the £8,800 cost. Subject to final planning approvals and resourcing, the second and major phase of work will be completed in 2026-27.



### Refurbishment of the Millennium Fountain

A quarter century after its installation in 2000, sculptor Richard Rome's significant feature at Cannizaro's entrance was found to have serious structural issues. The fountain was turned off, awaiting money for its renovation.

Thanks to a generous individual donor, the FoCP was able to work with Merton Council to co-fund the fountain's refurbishment. Although delayed as a result of further plumbing challenges, the fountain was triumphantly flowing again by the end of the summer, to the delight of Cannizaro's younger visitors.



### Restoration of the Statue of Diana and the Fawn

This important heritage-listed statue had been discoloured by rain and mould, while its base needed repair. The FoCP used its core funding to partner with Merton Council on the £2,600 professional restoration of this statue, which is once again providing an impressive sight at the end of the Jubilee Cherry Walk.

### Extensive Park and Garden Maintenance Work

Just as important as major projects is the wide-ranging weekly work undertaken by the FoCP's team of volunteer gardeners. Under horticultural direction, a large number of varied activities are completed in all weather conditions: major initiatives such as the total clearance and replanting of beds at the Sunken Garden and the Pond Wall border; watering, weeding, pruning and additional planting, such as at the Front Entrance, Rose Garden, Herb Garden, Iris beds or the bed adjacent to the Hotel du Vin; clearance of unwanted plants and brambles, and provision of bark mulch paths in muddy areas; connection of water butts, cleaning of drainage systems and maintenance of the park's toilets; monitoring and labelling of Cannizaro's tree collection and planting new specimen trees and replacement woody shrubs.

A separate park projects team also worked to deliver a new bug hotel in the Keir Garden, and three new wooden directional signposts, to provide visitors with greater guidance in the southern end of the park.

In this way, 2025-26 saw the FoCP sustain its incredible impact on the maintenance of Cannizaro by providing a total of 3300 volunteer gardening hours, with an average 22 people volunteering each week. This is the equivalent of employing 1.5 full time gardeners, and matches the number of professional gardeners employed by Merton Council for the park. Volunteers' trustee, Anne Peacock, received the Merton Civic Lifetime Legacy Award, in honour of her 25 year service to the FoCP.



### Tree Work

The FoCP works with Merton Council to support the management of Cannizaro Park's tree collection. This includes liaison on necessary tree work and plans for protection of vulnerable trees.

In 2025-26, the dedicated tree group - with help from knowledgeable friends - continued recording and identifying some of the more unusual trees and shrubs. The programme of tree-labelling was sustained and self-guided tree trails were offered to park visitors.

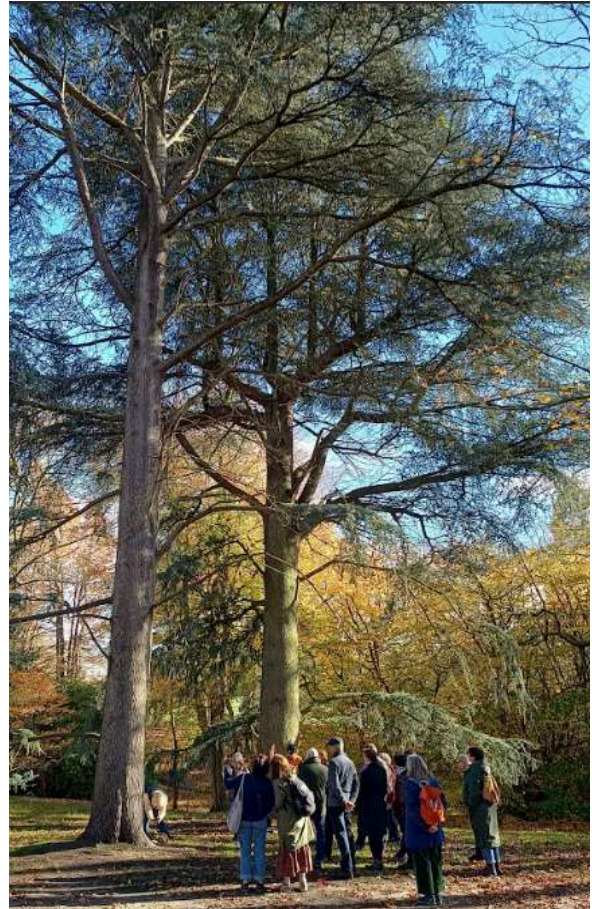
Continuing its programme of planting for the future, 10 new specimen commemorative trees were kindly sponsored by generous donors. Each tree is provided with a botanical label, and is nurtured and watered by FoCP volunteers.

## 5. Our Impact on Visitor Engagement 2025-26

### Calendar of Events

The FoCP seeks to provide activities for park visitors which explore and excite people about the natural heritage of Cannizaro Park, as well as tapping into its history as a venue for artistic activity.

In 2025-26, there was a total of ten guided walks, including themed tree walks, forest bathing and medicinal herbs. A community engagement day allowed park visitors to explore flora and fauna living within the Pond. The FoCP also provided materials to support two visits from primary schools, and welcomed the Royal Parks' Head Gardeners on a visit to explore Cannizaro's trees.

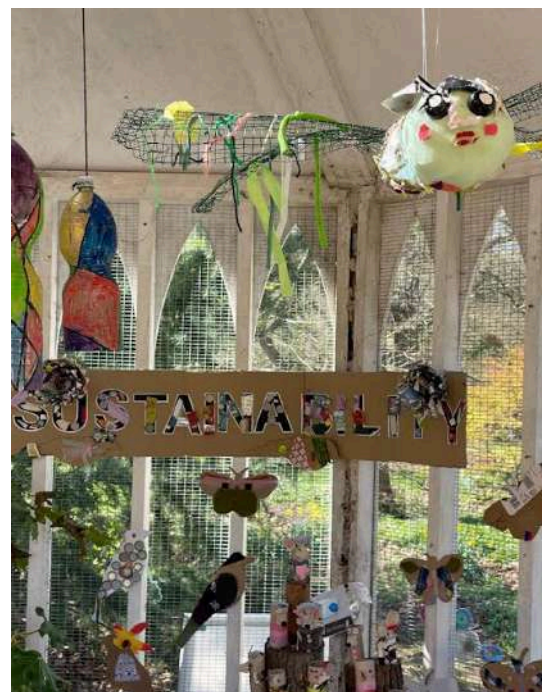


Elsewhere, Cannizaro Park featured regularly in visits from the Wimbledon Village Walk & Talk group, with individual walks also being led by members of the FoCP team. On non-horticultural activity, park supporters gathered for the long-standing and highly successful bridge drive fundraiser.

### Art in the Aviary Programme

2025-26 saw a third successful year of the community Art in the Aviary programme. Based on the idea of the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square, the FoCP partners with local schools and artists to offer a space in the former aviary for nature-inspired productions.

This year's exhibits included Workshop 305, King's College School with its partnership schools, Donhead Preparatory School and Planet Art. The scale and imagination of the exhibits demonstrated the depth of participants' engagement with the natural world, and how human beings interact with nature.



### Communications Programme

The FoCP works hard to provide a lively and continuous programme of park news to park visitors and park-lovers near and far.

Our communications are tailored to address different preferences and the geographical reach of Cannizaro's audience. Bimonthly park posters share news with park visitors, while a free bimonthly e-newsletter provides more detailed information on key projects and nature news to c. 800 households. Regular posts on the FoCP social media accounts offer up-to-date visuals and news items, with Instagram followership up +5% to 3,268 at the year end.

## Art in the Park Festival

The Art in the Park festival returned for a third time in 2025. Born out of the FoCP in 2021, the event is now led by the independent Common Works Gallery in liaison with the FoCP, and encompasses an artist fair, community art and craft classes and a sculpture trail. Approximately 2,500 people attended this year's event.



## 6. Finances

At the financial year end, FoCP funds (and reserves, as all these funds are unrestricted) increased +6% from the end of 2024-25, to a total of £54,239.

Overall, during the past twelve months the FoCP enabled direct financial investment of £141,000 in Cannizaro Park's hard and soft landscaping. This is additional to Merton Council's own investment in the park.

Thanks to heart-warming support for the advent calendar campaign and commemoration planting, spending on new and replacement planting was a substantial £14,000. This included new specimen trees and major work on the Sunken Garden wall bed, the creation of a new bed adjacent to the Pond, as well as top-up planting in the Rose Garden, Front Entrance and Hotel Bed.

The FoCP also supported a substantial investment in park infrastructure. These funds came from several sources, including: the grant of £114,134 from the Environment Agency Natural Flood Management programme to renovate the pond area, which included both extensive planting in addition to the structural works; £8,000 from a park donor to co-fund with Merton Council the Millennium Fountain refurbishment; and £1,329 from FoCP funds to co-fund the Diana statue cleaning with Merton Council. The FoCP also financed the provision of new visitor signposts (£2,137) and an enhancement to estate fencing (£1,680).

Elsewhere, the focussed FoCP events programme continued to deliver a surplus. This year's profit of £3,007 traced mostly due to the highly popular bridge drive.

While the healthy overall balance reflects prudent management of costs, the trustees have been mindful of the need to reduce the balance of funds, in line with our Reserves Policy. Set against this, the FoCP has intentionally retained a higher balance in 2025-26, in order to be able in 2026-27 to fund the development work for two major projects at the Cedar Space and the Sunken Garden.

The FoCP's Reserves Policy was re-affirmed by trustees in March 2026, and aims for an ongoing sum of £15,000-20,000 to be held as reserves. This would ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover (a) ongoing annual expenditure in case of a significant reduction in income, and (b) upfront costs for major projects before any specific fundraising takes place. The trustees anticipate making a significant step towards this ongoing target balance over the 2026-27 financial year.

## 7. Governance

The purposes and administration of the FoCP, which is an unincorporated charity, are regulated by its Constitution filed with the Charity Commission. The current Constitution was adopted at our 2019 AGM and was updated in 2022.

The FoCP is managed by trustees, designated to be a minimum of three and a maximum of eleven. Trustees are appointed based on their interest in the FoCP's activities and their specific skills and ability to contribute. Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers and duties.

The trustees are required to manage the FoCP in accordance with its Constitution and to maintain appropriate books and records, so as to comply with the Charities' Act 2011. They are responsible for safeguarding the FoCP's assets and therefore for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities. They are also responsible for the preparation of the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and accounting standards. The trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks.

In the year ending 31 March 2026, the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Chair:	Catherine Nelson
Secretary:	Katie Weig (acting Secretary from January 2025 and co-opted as Trustee on 19 May 2025)
Treasurer:	Simon Ingall
Engagement (formerly Events):	Liza Llewellyn
Legal:	Caroline Newsholme
Volunteers:	Anne Peacock
Digital Affairs (formerly Membership):	Sam Pedder
Park Projects:	Pit Rink
Development:	Anna Watkin
Horticulture:	Jane Watkins
Communications:	Cathy Wiley (until September 2025) Paola Bassi (acting Communications lead from October 2025)

## 8. Key Projects Under Development in 2026-27

### The Cedar Space

This major project seeks to excite and engage park visitors with a key distinguishing feature of Cannizaro Park: its arboretum-quality tree collection.

Currently information about the range and quality of Cannizaro's trees is provided in a piecemeal and low-key way. The new Cedar Space - sited in a space formerly occupied by a majestic cedar of Lebanon - seeks to provide a landing spot for park visitors, where they can be excited by trees and inspired to explore the collection within Cannizaro. It is envisaged that the project will include an open pavilion and



re-landscaping of the surrounding area, as well as re-use of some elements of the felled cedar wood. As part of this project, permission will be sought to take down the degraded aviary building; however, options are being developed to pay tribute to birdlife within Cannizaro, and to explore the recycling of more robust elements of the old aviary.

The FoCP is thrilled to be working with highly talented and nationally recognised partners on this project. These include architects Neighbourhood Studio, landscape architects Davies White and strategic creative agency Agenda Design.

This project is a landmark project for the FoCP, and involves extensive work by sub-committees within the FoCP as well as extensive collaboration with external partners, Merton Council and planning bodies. Current plans are to complete approved designs and fundraising by summer 2027, with implementation pencilled in for the 2027-28 financial year.

### Sustainable Heritage Restoration of the Sunken Garden

The second phase of this major project is currently scheduled for 2027.

Subject to planning permission and funding of anticipated planting costs of c. £15,000, this will involve implementation of Landform UK's new re-design for the central historic area of the Sunken Garden.



### Renovation of the Public Toilet Block

In 2020, an FoCP visitor survey identified toilet facilities as one of the top two unmet needs for park visitors. The FoCP put together a partnership with Merton Council and Hotel du Vin to re-open the previously closed toilet block, while a FoCP volunteer team completed a programme of works to update the interiors.

Since that time, it has become clear that more extensive professional works are required. In addition, Hotel du Vin involvement in cleaning the toilets has come to an end. The FoCP has created a specification for new renovation works, and is working with Merton Council on the tender process, for completion of works during 2026. The project also includes a provision for regular professional cleaning during the first year after renovation.

Funding for the £30,000 internal renovations will come entirely from incredibly generous donations from FoCP supporters. Merton Council will fund external repairs and tree works, while FoCP volunteers will assist with landscape works and project management.

### Explore Outdoors

This initiative for park trails was rolled out by Merton Council in 2025-26. Cannizaro Park was delighted to be included in the programme, as the initiative fitted with the FoCP's objective of expanding the provision of history and nature trails for a range of park visitors.

However, the technology has proved to have reduced capacities from those originally stated, thus limiting the usefulness of the trails. The FoCP is exploring work-arounds to provide the colour and scope of information originally envisaged, and to provide a satisfying experience for park visitors.

### Changes to Charitable Structure and Donor Systems

As the FoCP takes on projects of increasing complexity and financial value, trustees have agreed it is appropriate to move to a different charitable structure: a charitable incorporated organisation, or CIO. Compared with the current unincorporated charity, this new structure will provide a stronger legal envelope for our organisation, reducing personal liability for trustees. The more professional level of this new structure matches the standards by which the FoCP seeks to operate: as one Friend commented, "the FoCP is growing up".

Associated with the change will be a new definition of "Friends", as well as an update of the FoCP's charitable purposes. In addition to the existing purpose of conserving and improving the park's physical and natural environment, the FoCP will add a second purpose which recognises work to educate and engage park visitors. This acknowledges existing engagement projects such as guided walks, tree labelling and school visits, as well as important future projects such as the Cedar Space. The changes to FoCP purposes together with the CIO proposal will be discussed and voted on by FoCP members at the 2026 AGM.

Alongside this move, the FoCP is also looking to update its Friends database and donor systems. Following our move to digitised systems in 2020, a new platform has been identified which will offer a much simpler experience for donors, and a superior integration with other FoCP technology used for digital newsletters and the website.

A dedicated sub-committee is working on the legal, technical and financial aspects of these changes, with the target of implementing the new processes by the end of the 2026-27 financial year.

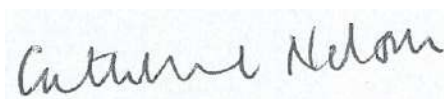
## 9. Thanks

An organisation like the FoCP only succeeds because of the relationships with, and support from, a wide range of generous and public-spirited people.

In 2025-26, we acknowledge our gratitude to the following:

- Our **Friends** and 60 **gardening and organisational volunteers**, who underpin everything the FoCP is able to accomplish
- Our three strategic park partners - **Hotel du Vin, Robert Holmes and Landform UK** - for multi-year support with events, development funding and landscape design
- **Donors** of all kinds, from those supporting commemorative planting to individuals providing funding for major infrastructure works; donations in this year were substantially enhanced by donors' use of Gift Aid
- **Merton Council Green Spaces** team for their unwavering support and partnership across all park projects
- **Idverde** and especially the Cannizaro gardening staff Martin & Peter for their work and collaboration in the park
- Our teams of **Dog Champions** and **Litter Pickers**, who demonstrate and promote good behaviours in the park
- **Aquamaintain, Reddington Groundworks, CUBE Consulting** and **The South East Rivers Trust** for partnership in delivering the EA NFM Pond Area project
- **Neighbourhood Studio** architectural practice, for their development work on the new Cedar Space pavilion
- **Workshop 305, King's College School with partnership schools, Donhead Preparatory School** and **Planet Art** for their Art in the Aviary exhibits
- **Bright Pink Agency** for their services to support our website
- **Den Anderson** for organising a major annual fundraising event
- **Common Works Gallery** for leading another successful Art in the Park event, and **Katie Preston** for her graphic design support.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Catherine Nelson

Date: 13 May 2026

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2026

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2026

2025 £		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds (Note 2)	2026 Total £
<b>Income</b>				
16,845.15	Donations (inc. subscriptions)	26,202.97	8,000.00	34,202.97
5,380.71	Government grant		114,133.82	114,133.82
2,077.52	Gift Aid claims	4,473.79		4,473.79
6,117.74	Activities (Note 3)	4,718.63		4,718.63
754.15	Other	754.85		754.85
<b>31,175.27</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>36,150.24</b>	<b>122,133.82</b>	<b>158,284.06</b>
<b>Expenses incurred</b>				
(3,018.80)	Planting and maintenance (Note 4)	(4,358.97)		(4,358.97)
(5,949.71)	Pond envelope drainage Fountain refurbishment	217.84	(114,133.82) (8,000.00)	(113,915.98) (8,000.00)
(1,231.40)	Cedar space	(5,416.40)		(5,416.40)
(3,116.65)	Other park projects (Note 4)	(14,891.35)		(14,891.35)
(2,287.16)	Activities (Note 3)	(1,711.85)		(1,711.85)
(2,508.25)	Communications and IT	(4,483.16)		(4,483.16)
(1,170.33)	Other	(2,393.46)		(2,393.46)
<b>(19,282.30)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(33,037.35)</b>	<b>(122,133.82)</b>	<b>(155,171.17)</b>
<b>11,892.97</b>	<b>Movement in funds</b>	<b>3,112.89</b>	-	<b>3,112.89</b>
39,233.23	Funds brought forward	51,126.20	-	51,126.20
<b>51,126.20</b>	<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>54,239.09</b>	-	<b>54,239.09</b>

## Balance Sheet at 31st March 2026

2025 £		2026 £
<b>Net current assets</b>		
2,770.24	Cash at bank - current account	3,056.53
35,142.46	- deposit account	22,357.57
20,995.64	- notice account	21,418.34
217.86	PayPal account	103.63
-	Debtors (Note 2)	105,680.45
(8,000.00)	Creditors (Note 2)	(98,377.43)
<b>51,126.20</b>		<b>54,239.09</b>
<b>Funds</b>		
51,126.20	Unrestricted	54,239.09
-	Restricted	-
<b>51,126.20</b>		<b>54,239.09</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1 Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102), effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and early adopted, under the Charities Act 2011 and are therefore on an accruals basis; Gift Aid claims are recognised in income on receipt.

Certain comparative items have been reclassified with no impact on the movement in funds or on funds carried forward. The charity is a public benefit entity. There have been no related party transactions that require disclosure; no trustee expenses have been incurred.

### 2 Restricted funds and government grant

Restricted funds utilised in the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 are in respect of an Environment Agency (EA) grant for the pond envelope drainage project and a donation towards the fountain refurbishment.

The main debtor at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 is a grant amount due in respect of work carried out in the year which was received in April 2026. The main creditor at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 is the element to be passed on to Merton Council which was paid in April 2026.

### 3 Results of Activities

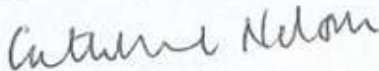
2025		Bridge	Walks	2026 Total
£		£	£	£
6,117.74	Income	2,231.18	2,487.45	4,718.63
<u>(2,287.16)</u>	Expenditure	<u>(126.18)</u>	<u>(1,585.67)</u>	<u>(1,711.85)</u>
<u>3,830.58</u>	Net result	<u>2,105.00</u>	<u>901.78</u>	<u>3,006.78</u>

### 4 Other park projects and planting and maintenance expenses

Other park projects expenses for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 includes £8,795 for the sustainable sunken garden/wall bed. Planting and maintenance expenses for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 includes a credit of £3,000 to reverse the charge in the prior year for sunken garden bedding (no longer being billed by Merton Council).

Approved by the trustees

13<sup>th</sup> May 2026



Catherine Nelson, Chair

Simon Ingall, Treasurer

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF CANNIZARO PARK

## Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of The Friends of Cannizaro Park

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Friends of Cannizaro Park (FoCP) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the FoCP you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the FoCP's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the FoCP as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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