



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 06/04/2021 Period start date To 05/04/2022 Period end date

Charity name: National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces (NFPGS)

Charity registration number: 1185924

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the NFPGS are To promote the voluntary sector concerned with the protection and improvement of the UK's parks and open green spaces of all kinds as public facilities and resources for the benefit of the public by: a) Influencing strategic decision-making and policy, and lobbying for statutory recognition and adequate funding for public green space; b) Addressing the deficiencies of green space in the environment; c) Advancing the education of the public in the enjoyment, understanding, appreciation and conservation of open spaces; d) Promoting the development and empowerment of Friends/Community Groups for parks and open spaces, and their Forums and Networks, their communication and cooperation, and their full involvement in the management of their parks and open spaces; e) Raising the profile of members and the Friends Groups movement as a whole.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>NFPGS provides advocacy, advice, support and information to its members, Friends Groups and the wider public in support of its' charitable objects.</p> <p>NFPGS acts as an umbrella and support for Friends Groups Forums and other stakeholders of public open spaces nationally.</p> <p>NFPGS links up with other greenspace national organisations to promote the needs of greenspace and their users.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have	Para 1.18	In the pursuance of these activities the Charity Trustees have given due regard to

had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		the Charity Commissions public benefit guidance.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	NFPGS is entirely volunteer run

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>NFPGS continues to raise its network profile and strengthen the grass roots parks movement. NFPGS has been supporting national networks and alliances to this effect..</p> <p>NFPGS has assumed responsibility for continuation of The Parks Community UK Project developed through Friends of Lordship Rec, including the one-stop shop website https://parkscommunity.org.uk.</p> <p>Alongside project work, NFPGS has continued to provide communication and promotion including regular Mail Chimp bulletins, updates and additional social media activity, linking with sector partners including Fields in Trust, Keep Britain Tidy etc. Twitter (@NatFedParks) has almost 1900 followers.</p> <p>NFPGS has made presentations to a number of organisations and governmental bodies.</p>

		NFPGS has researched and analysed the current activity of Friends Groups nationally: https://natfedparks.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/NFPGS-PCUK-Report.pdf
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	NFPGS continues to operate according to its agreed forward planning document :
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Accounts as submitted
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	There are unlikely to be reserves, as donations are usually given to fund certain projects. However if reserves are accumulated, these will be spent on furthering the aims and objectives of the organisation. Reserves will not be allowed to accumulate in excess of six months average expenditure
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NFPGS does not incur financial liabilities and so should not find itself in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations and grants
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election by Federation members

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	NFPGS has a suite of adopted policies: https://natfedparks.org.uk/nfpgs-policies/
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Federation works with the dynamic and inspirational grassroots movement of over 7,000 local Friends of Parks community groups, supporting volunteers who act on behalf of the communities who use and care about our vital public green spaces of all kinds. We exist to represent their activities, issues and concerns and strengthen their passionate and knowledgeable voices.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Britain Tidy [Joint Memorandum of Understanding with NFPGS] • Fields In Trust [Joint Memorandum of Understanding with NFPGS] • The Conservation Volunteers [Joint Memorandum of Understanding with NFPGS] • Groundwork [Joint Memorandum of Understanding with NFPGS] • The Gardens Trust [Joint Memorandum of Understanding with NFPGS]
Other		

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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces
Other name the charity uses	NFPGS
Registered charity number	1185924
Charity's principal address	7 CARRICK GARDENS LONDON N17 7AX

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A



Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dave Morris	Martin Willis
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	09/08/2022	04/08/2022