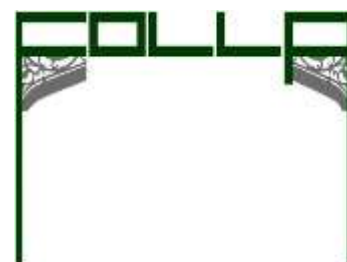


The Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade (FOLLA)

Trustees' Report

Financial year ending 31st October 2018



The Trustees present their Annual Report for the year ended 31st October 2018 and confirm that they have complied with the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2005 and FOLLA's own Company Articles of Incorporation.

This report is to accompany FOLLA's Statement of Accounts for 2017-18 which is contained in a separate document but whose main figures are referred to in section 2b) below.

This report has been written by Mike Bath, FOLLA's Secretary. It was published in January 2019.

Reference and Administrative information

Charity name: **Friends of Lapwing Lane (FOLLA)**

Charity Registration number: **1150884**

Company Registration number: **08255624**

HMRC Reference: **922 21922 12626 A**

Registered address: **22 Longton Avenue
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Manchester
M20 3JN**

Board of Trustees: **Susan Elizabeth Spence
Mike Bath
Deborah Stores
Freda Dennison
Katie Weeds
Steve Parle**

Accountant: **David Edgar
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1. Structure, Governance and Management

a. Structure

At the AGM meeting on June 25th 2014 the following positions of responsibility were confirmed and these have been effective right up to the AGM due to be held on January 23rd 2019:

Chair:

Liz Spence

Treasurer and Secretary:

Mike Bath

Liaison with West Didsbury Residents' Association:

Katie Weeds

Liaison with Didsbury Civic Society:

Steve Parle

David Edgar of Vincent Hayes and Co. has acted as accountant and has prepared the Statement of Accounts which complements this Trustees' Report.

b. Governance

FOLLA has been governed via an AGM of the Board of Trustees which was last held on January 23rd 2018 and will be held again on January 23rd 2019 to review and endorse this report.

Each Board meeting has received a written update of the financial position of the Trust.

Board meetings have been run according to a published agenda and have been minuted. All minutes are available for inspection from the Chair, Liz Spence.

c. Management

Day-to-day financial affairs have been managed by FOLLA Treasurer, Mike Bath. All cheques have to bear 2 signatures from amongst Trustees Liz Spence, Mike Bath, Deborah Stores and Freda Dennison.

2. Objectives and Activities *(for the maintenance period – October 2014 onwards)*

a. Objectives

These were agreed at the outset - and placed in the in the company articles as:

"To preserve and maintain the canopy for future generations of members of the public in particular of the local residents of West Didsbury, Manchester and the surrounding areas to enjoy."

b. Activities

i. Legal

During the course of the year the Didsbury Food & Wine convenience store (111 Lapwing Lane) was vacated. Current plans are that 111 will shortly be renovated and leased to a company that will open a Sushi Bar. A good deal of refurbishment – particularly to the shop front - is expected. FOLLA have commented on the planning application for conversion of 111 to restaurant/bar premises but have made no fundamental objection.

All the other units have remained in the same ownership and tenancies as they were at October 2017.

ii. **Financial**

Revenue:

Throughout the course of the accounting year revenue has totalled: **£464.89**:

Maintenance payments

....£50 per unit received from shop owners during January 2018 for the 2018 calendar year, totalling: **£450**.

Bank interest

....Current account interest has amounted to: **£14.89**.

Costs:

Throughout the course of the accounting year expenditure has totalled: **£373.65**:

Maintenance work

....repairing/cleaning guttering: **£192**.

Lapwing project

....chippings to top up planters: **£48.65**.

Accountancy and Legal fees

....fees for 2016/17 accounts work plus Companies House fee: **£133**.

Funds as at October 31st 2018:

The net profit during the year was **£91** meaning that the **balance at the bank stood at £3,238.41 on 31/10/18**.

FOLLA's only current liability is £133 owed to the company accountant as shown in the year's costs above. FOLLA has no assets other than its bank current account balance.

3. Plans for the coming year and beyond

FOLLA's activities during the coming year and beyond will be focused on ensuring the Arcade's canopy is properly maintained throughout the 25-year licence period.

There are no immediate plans for work on the canopy though some retouching of paintwork and cleaning may be necessary during the course of 2019.

Late in 2018 there was a proposal for a defibrillator to be installed on the arcade (on the side wall of Wine & Wallop opposite the FOLLA plaque) and a quote was received from Lifepad who supply and fit these devices. The cost would be in the region of £2,000. FOLLA have applied to Manchester City Council for a £1,000 grant from the local ward funds towards this cost and are waiting to hear the results of this application. FOLLA Trustees have agreed that FOLLA should donate £750 towards the costs with the rest made up by Lifepad approaching the shopkeepers for sponsorship. If a council grant is not received then it is unlikely that the installation of the defibrillator will go ahead.

The shop owners have already received their £50 per unit maintenance charge invoices for 2019 and are expected to pay these by the end of January.

The FOLLA Board will hold an AGM on January 23rd 2019 to consider the annual Statement of Accounts and authorise any required canopy maintenance actions. A further AGM will be scheduled for January 2020.

Financial Year Oct 2017 to Oct 2018