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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From				To			

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC 045955
Charity's principal address	3 Glengyle Terrace Edinburgh Postcode EH3 9LL

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Heather Goodare	Convener		FOMBL AGM
2	Sarah Tolley	Secretary	from June 2016	"
3	Robin Morris	Treasurer	from June 2016	"
4	Alec Mann	Membership Sec.		"
5	Neil Roger			
6	Andrew Devenport			
7	Joe Boyle	Volunteer Coordinator	from June 2016	
8	Fernando Andrade Miranda		from June 2016	
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Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Linda Hendry	resigned August 2016 (now resident elsewhere)
Peter Upton	resigned September 2016 (moved house)
Ronald Carr (formerly Treasurer)	resigned June 2016 owing to other commitments

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution (approved by OSCR)

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Trustees are recruited from the membership, which includes those with particular skills and experience. E.g. our present Treasurer is a retired banker. Our newsletter editor (and Convener) has experience of editing in educational publishing.

Objectives and activities

To promote the historical value of the area, its scenic, architectural, landscape and ecological qualities for the enjoyment of people living in and visiting the area.

To encourage conservation, protect, enhance and improve the landscape, biodiversity and sustainable use for the benefit of people and wildlife.

To engage and involve the local community in environmental issues and action, through information exchange, educational and practical activities.

Powers

Raising funds through grants, donations or borrowing.
 Liaising and working with other organisations
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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

During the past year we have achieved much in the way of improving the environment. First, we obtained funding from the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership for a new double-sized noticeboard, which has been installed at a crucial entry point to the Meadows, at the north entrance to Middle Meadow Walk, where hundreds of people pass daily. We also gained funding for a new garden and mini-bandstand in the same location.

We have continued to recruit volunteers for monthly work parties, and have achieved much in the way of tidying up the parks (litter picking, autumn leaf gathering, tree feathering, path edging, bulb planting, etc.) Some of this work (path edging) reduces the need for weedkiller to be used. We have also worked with a local school, George Heriot's, who have brought along Primary 6 children to help with various gardening tasks. The children have enjoyed the work.

Our voluntary work has been enhanced by the contribution of students from Edinburgh University, and our membership has doubled with the recruitment of all the students resident in Wrights Houses, which looks out onto Bruntsfield Links.

We have held three public meetings during the year: the first outlining the plan for the garden mentioned above; the second an illustrated talk by Anna Canning of Floramedica entitled 'People Plants Places' about edible plants on the Meadows, and the third by Leonie Alexander from the Royal Botanic Gardens on the subject: 'Making the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links better for biodiversity'

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

None held, wanted or required at present.

Details of any deficit

Not applicable at present.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

No facilities: services consist of volunteer work party contributions only.

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Other optional information

The City of Edinburgh Council decided that MABLAG (Meadows and Bruntsfield Links Advisory Group), which provided some support from Council officers for the work of FOMBL, was no longer needed, and that FOMBL could take over its duties. We therefore now have added responsibility for liaising with local community councils with an interest in the Meadows and Links (Tollcross Community Council, Merchiston Community Council, Marchmont and Sciennes Community Council, and Southside Community Council). We are taking this seriously and during the year had a successful inaugural meeting with representative from these groups. This liaison will continue.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Heather Margaret Goodare	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Convener	
Date	3 February 2017	