**Friends of Horsham Park**

**Minutes of AGM, 19 October 2021**

**Apologies**

Stefen Hepburn, Debbie Hepburn, Margaret Cornwell, Bianca Brace, David Arnold, Mandy Ayling, Ruth Fletcher, Graham Sitton, John Stainer

**Chair’s report**

Report from Sally Sanderson attached, outlining how the Friends of Horsham Park has delivered against its aims to enhance, promote and protect the Park.

**Finance report**

Treasurer Barbara Hammond presented the finance report. In summary:

* Income in during 2020/21 included c. £12,000 in grants, for which Alison Farrell and Sally Sanderson were thanked. This money is to be used mainly on the Park House Sensory Garden project.
* The Quiz, our main fundraising event, produced less income as an on-line event in 2020
* Lottery income has continued to provide some revenue
* Running costs remain as low as possible. Spending during the year included print of the wildlife posters produced by Stefen Hepburn and plants for the volunteer gardening team

**Guest Speakers: Whistlestop Arts**

Luna Russell and Annalees Lim, founders of Whistlestop Arts presented their virtual tour of Horsham Park, which the Friends have supported, financially and by providing content for their film.

Whistlestop Tours was established during the Covid lockdown, with the aim of entertaining and keeping connections for elderly people who became isolated due to the pandemic. The virtual tour is presented to residents in care homes or other groups and includes screening the film of Horsham Park, followed by a craft activity where participants make a bee hut.

Whistlestop reported that the Horsham Park film had received positive feedback and they are now training people to deliver the virtual tour to more groups.

For more information: <https://www.whistlestoparts.org/>