

# FRIENDS OF MIDDLETON PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1112043

## Details

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**Other names** FOMP

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2005-11-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (1) TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF MIDDLETON PARK AND MIDDLETON WOODS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN CO-OPERATION WITH ITS MANAGEMENT AND STAFF(2) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF MIDDLETON AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS

**Activities:** Running events and activities in Middleton Park to encourage more people to use this fabulous greenspace in the heart of south Leeds  
Working parties in the park and woodland  
Working in partnership with Wade's Charity (who own the park) and Leeds City Council (who maintain it)

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** MIDDLETON AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS
- Leeds City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£25,260	£17,785	-	-
2024-03-31	£15,302	£15,986	-	-
2023-03-31	£22,836	£24,167	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,936	£19,912	-	-
2021-03-31	£7,080	£6,831	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>FRANCES JONES</b>	Chair	
ALAN SHAW		
GAYLE GRAHAM		
Jill Wildman		2023-09-19
John Newbould		2025-05-20
Julie Gill		2024-11-19
RACHEL DARTON		
Susan Cook		2024-11-19

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# Accounts

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# **Friends of Middleton Park**

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## **Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025**



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**Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

# **Friends of Middleton Park**

## **Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025**

### **Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors**

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Alan Shaw	Chair	
Rachel Darton	Secretary	
Frances Jones	Treasurer	
Kim Groves		Resigned November 2024
Gayle Graham		
Jill Wildman		Appointed 19 September 2023
Julie Gill		Appointed 19 November 2024
Susan Cook		Appointed 19 November 2024
<b>Charity number</b>	1112043	Registered in England and Wales
<b>Registered and principal address</b>	<b>Bankers</b>	
Tenants Hall	Virgin Money	
Acre Close	1 The Penny Hill Centre	
Middleton	Church Street	
Leeds	Hunslet, Leeds	
LS10 4HX	LS10 2AP	

### **Accountants**

#### **West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

Stringer House  
34 Lupton Street  
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### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 19 July 2005, as amended 18 October 2005.

### **Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the trustees at a duly convened meeting.

# **Friends of Middleton Park**

## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025**

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **The charity's objects**

To promote the preservation, restoration, maintenance and improvement of Middleton Park and Middleton Woods for the benefit of the public, in co-operation with its management and staff.

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Middleton and its surrounding areas by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

#### **The charity's main activities**

The Friends organise a programme of Summer events in the park and occasional working parties in the park and woodland. We work in partnership with Wade's Charity (who own much of the park) and Leeds City Council (who maintain it).

#### **Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular sport and recreation, environmental improvement, conservation and heritage.

#### **Achievements and performance**

We ran a programme of events to encourage people to come and enjoy the Park, all free, thanks to our funders and the money we raise ourselves collecting subscriptions and donations.

Our programme included regular walks, brass bands, children's holiday play sessions, plus a number of bigger events. Oddsocks came with their very own version of Julius Caesar, saying as ever that Middleton Park is their favourite venue. We are proud to bring such a professional performance to an audience who would not usually go to the theatre. The Great Middleton Park Show was a lovely event, too, showcasing local talent and skills.

The Friends have continued to work with Wade's Charity and the council to create the tree trail of specimen trees, with a leaflet guide still in the pipeline.

We work closely with Tracey Fulton, who runs the cafe at week-ends and on bank holidays. This is a service that is much appreciated by the public, and by the Friends. Tracey runs a regular tombola and donates the profits to the Friends. Thank you, Tracey!

The trustees, steering group and our volunteers are at the heart of all our work, and the group is constantly on the look out for new members and volunteers.

Thanks go to all the trustees, members of the steering group and other volunteers for all your hard work; to our local councillors for all your support; to LCC Parks & Countryside; and to our funders – LCC for our Wellbeing grant; White Rose and Land Securities. We also had money from New Forest Village group who closed down for lack of support, a salutary lesson in how important it is to maintain our membership.

# **Friends of Middleton Park**

## **Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025**

### **Financial review**

The net payments for the year were £6,941, all on unrestricted funds.

### **Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £7,475.

The trustees have reassessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date that the accounts are approved and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due. We have prepared a budget for 2025-26. We aim to carry forward between £7,000 and £11,000 each year, which represents half the cost of our usual programme of events plus our running costs. This is to enable us to run a limited programme of events for a year if our grant funding dried up. We do not hold any money for other organisations.

Approved by the board of trustees on 18/11/2025

Frances Jones (Trustee)

**Friends of Middleton Park**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025	2025	2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants and donations	(2)	2,947	4,530	7,477	10,786
Sales and fees		1,730	-	1,730	1,876
Show and oddsocks income		1,128	-	1,128	1,925
Fundraising		-	-	-	170
Memberships		329	-	329	545
Gift aid		180	-	180	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>6,314</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>10,844</u>	<u>15,302</u>
<b>Payments</b>					
Administration		270	-	270	105
Advertising and publicity		915	-	915	951
Events and activities		4,625	950	5,575	6,692
Independent examination		528	-	528	315
Insurance		516	-	516	397
Room hire		410	-	410	470
Produce show expense		5,891	3,580	9,471	6,196
Merchandise		-	-	-	150
Memberships and subscriptions		100	-	100	40
Sundry expenses		-	-	-	670
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>13,255</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>17,785</u>	<u>15,986</u>
<b>Net (payments)</b>		<u>(6,941)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,941)</u>	<u>(684)</u>
<b>Fund balances brought forward</b>		<u>14,416</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,416</u>	<u>15,100</u>
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	(3)	<u>7,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,475</u>	<u>14,416</u>

**Friends of Middleton Park**  
**Statement of assets and liabilities**  
**as at 31 March 2025**

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Cash at bank	7,475	-	7,475	14,416
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<u>7,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,475</u>	<u>14,416</u>
<b>Prepayments</b>			2025	
			£	
Prepayments			215	
			<u>215</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>			2025	
			£	
Accruals			564	
			<u>564</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 18/11/2025

Frances Jones (Trustee)

# **Friends of Middleton Park**

## **Notes to the accounts**

### **for the year ended 31 March 2025**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of accounting**

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

##### **Taxation**

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

**Friends of Middleton Park**  
**Notes to the accounts continued**  
**for the year ended 31 March 2025**

2 Grants and donations	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
LCC Inner South Community Committee	-	2,530	2,530	3,609
Charities Aid Foundation	-	2,000	2,000	-
Connect Together	-	-	-	3,120
Leeds Culture Trust	-	-	-	300
Wades	-	-	-	3,000
Other donations	2,947	-	2,947	757
	<u>2,947</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>7,477</u>	<u>10,786</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Wellbeing	-	2,530	2,530	-	-
Landsec Futures Community	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Wellbeing	Towards summer programme events.
Landsec Futures Community	Towards summer programme events.

**4 Related party transactions**

**Trustee expenses**

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

**Trustee remuneration and benefits**

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.