

Friends of Beaumont Park Ltd

Charity number 1129268

A company limited by guarantee number 06834350

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2024



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Trustees' report for the year ended 30 September 2024

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:

Name	Position
Julie Dempster	Chair
Timothy Wilkes	Treasurer
Christopher Connally	
David Rudd	
John Stevenson	
Andrew J Coomber	
Joanne McDonald	
Abigail C Steele	
Andrew Steele	

Charity number 1129268 Registered in England and Wales

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Registered and principal address	Bankers
The Depot	Virgin Money
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Independent examiner

E J Beverley FCCA

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and was formed on 3 March 2009. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association as amended on 27 March 2009 and new Articles were adopted by Special Resolution on 15 March 2017. The liability of the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding £10.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are also the directors for the purposes of company law and are appointed by the members by an ordinary resolution.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2024

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To promote the benefit of the residents without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide 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; in particular, but not exclusively by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Beaumont Park.

To promote such other purposes as are charitable according to the laws of England and Wales for the benefit of the public as may from time to time be determined.

The charity's main activities

As a 'Friends' group connected to a public park we work closely with Kirklees council to help maintain and improve the facilities for all users across all age groups that use the park. The 'Friends' have a visitor centre which is well used as a community venue hosting many local groups as well as serving as a café. The café is operated and run entirely by volunteers to help raise funds for FOBP.

We work closely with local schools and other charities to help develop and raise awareness of the park and its history. We also provide educational facilities for people to learn about environmental issues, health and well-being, leisure pursuits and 'play' for people across all age ranges.

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 advancement of arts, culture, heritage or science and advancement of environmental protection and improvement.

Achievements and performance

Friends of Beaumont Park continue a programme of large outside events and the opening up of the Visitor Centre. Large events have included the Santa Procession with Carols at the Bandstand, Easter Fun, Yorkshire Gala Day, National Play Day and Beaumont Barks. These events generate considerable funds to reinvest in work in the park

We continue to update our website and post on 2 social media platforms – Facebook and Instagram.

FOBP have continued to maintain the Visitor Centre. There has been general ongoing maintenance and the Nature Story Trail sculptures and the cedar tree sculpture are regularly oiled and painted where necessary.

Beaumont Park won the 2024/2025 Green Flag Award yet again with the highest number of points in any Kirklees Park. We are grateful to John Mason, Senior Kirklees gardener and Simon Bottomley.

The work on the Play project continues. There are 3 areas of focused work:

We have further developed the Love Exploring App available on mobiles. Families are very much enjoying using the app.

We have consulted the community, commissioned, project managed and fully paid for a replacement for the wooden play area. This was done to provide a safe area for very young children who were overwhelmed by the number of older children on the current play area. We also paid for major repair works to the main play area where the surface was worn and dangerous.

We continue to publicise a Nature Story Trail associated book and printed copies are available for the public to purchase via our website or as an e-book through Amazon.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2024

Financial review

The net income for the year was £14,867, including net income of £16,621 on unrestricted funds and net expenditure of £1,754 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £99,781.

Within the reserves there is a total of £12,832 designated funds towards restoring park facilities, building an archive of the Park history and the restoration of the Cascade area. More details are provided in note 8.

The trustees aim to provide enough reserves to cover 3-6 months worth of normal annual expenditure from our activities, and this is reviewed annually once the accounts have been signed. The purpose of retaining reserves is to enable the smooth running of the charity and to enable an orderly winding up should the charity need to close.

In practice, reserves have been much higher than this for some years. This is mainly because of the continuing success of fund-raising events coupled with delays in being able to get projects done. Reserves will drop substantially in the next accounting year because of the payment for the new playground and repairs to the existing one.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 30 September 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP (FRS102)), and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the board of trustees on 28/02/2025

Julie Dempster (Trustee)

Friends of Beaumont Park Ltd

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Friends of Beaumont Park Ltd

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 30 September 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

E J Beverley FCCA

06/03/2025

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Friends of Beaumont Park Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities
(including summary income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 30 September 2024

	Notes	2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Grants and donations	(2)	1,392	2,000	3,392	3,431
Sales		174	-	174	34
Membership		50	-	50	95
Visitor centre hire		4,175	-	4,175	495
Refreshment income		26,252	-	26,252	25,224
Event income		2,064	-	2,064	5,907
Group income		2,292	-	2,292	7,917
Fundraising		-	-	-	120
Other income		3,039	-	3,039	3,052
Profit on sale of fixed asset		550	-	550	-
Total income		39,988	2,000	41,988	46,275
Expenditure on:					
Refreshment sale costs		6,487	178	6,665	6,346
Insurance		2,215	-	2,215	1,953
Repairs and maintenance		651	-	651	557
Cleaning		241	-	241	246
Office and other costs		389	-	389	648
Telephone and internet		747	-	747	701
Printing		26	-	26	60
Equipment		694	-	694	697
Independent examination		870	-	870	792
Depreciation		1,715	-	1,715	1,125
Events		2,478	1,822	4,300	2,472
Trailer expenses		67	-	67	198
Park works		1,969	1,754	3,723	2,449
Utilities		3,144	-	3,144	2,851
Group expenses		1,674	-	1,674	1,650
Professional fees		-	-	-	497
Total expenditure		23,367	3,754	27,121	23,242
Net income / (expenditure)		16,621	(1,754)	14,867	23,033
Fund balances brought forward		96,402	1,754	98,156	75,123
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	113,023	-	113,023	98,156

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Friends of Beaumont Park Ltd
Balance sheet
as at 30 September 2024

		2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	(4)	13,242	-	13,242	5,373
Total fixed assets		<u>13,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,242</u>	<u>5,373</u>
Current assets					
Stock		834	-	834	670
Debtors and prepayments	(5)	1,741	-	1,741	1,656
Cash at bank and in hand	(6)	98,381	-	98,381	93,163
Total current assets		<u>100,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,956</u>	<u>95,489</u>
Current liabilities:					
amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	(7)	1,175	-	1,175	2,706
Total current liabilities		<u>1,175</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,175</u>	<u>2,706</u>
Net current assets		<u>99,781</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,781</u>	<u>92,783</u>
Net assets		<u>113,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,023</u>	<u>98,156</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted funds		100,191	-	100,191	82,120
Designated funds	(8)	12,832	-	12,832	14,282
Unrestricted funds		<u>113,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,023</u>	<u>96,402</u>
Restricted funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,754</u>
Total funds		<u>113,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,023</u>	<u>98,156</u>

For the year ending 30 September 2024 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476. The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with FRS 102 (effective January 2019).

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 28/02/2025

Julie Dempster (Trustee)

Friends of Beaumont Park Ltd

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 30 September 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

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

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, if it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Donated goods for resale are valued at the amount actually realised upon their sale.

Donated assets, facilities or services are valued at their estimated value to the charity. This is the price that the charity estimates it would pay in the open market for equivalent items; or services and facilities of equivalent utility to the charity.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

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

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1000 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Visitor centre equipment: over 5 years

Wedding Facilities: over 3 years

Park Equipment: over 10 years

Storage Container: over 5 years

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 30 September 2024

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Fund accounting

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

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.

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 30 September 2024

2 Grants and donations	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Kirklees Council	-	2,000	2,000	-
Trevor Dyson donation	-	-	-	1,754
Other donations	1,392	-	1,392	1,677
	<u>1,392</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,392</u>	<u>3,431</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Trevor Dyson Donation	1,754	-	1,754	-	-
Kirklees grant	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
	<u>1,754</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,754</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Trevor Dyson Donation	Towards work in the garden.
Kirklees grant	Towards the play project.

4 Tangible assets	Storage container & refreshment trailer	Park installations	Wedding facilities	Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 October 2023	22,132	6,970	2,490	9,084	40,676
Additions	-	6,630	-	2,954	9,584
Disposals	-	-	(1,428)	-	(1,428)
At 30 September 2024	<u>22,132</u>	<u>13,600</u>	<u>1,062</u>	<u>12,038</u>	<u>48,832</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 October 2023	22,132	2,779	2,490	7,902	35,303
Depn reversed re disposals	-	-	(1,428)	-	(1,428)
Charge for year	-	696	-	1,019	1,715
At 30 September 2024	<u>22,132</u>	<u>3,475</u>	<u>1,062</u>	<u>8,921</u>	<u>35,590</u>
Net book value					
At 30 September 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>10,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,117</u>	<u>13,242</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>4,191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,182</u>	<u>5,373</u>

5 Debtors and prepayments	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors	619	520
Prepayments	1,122	1,136
	<u>1,741</u>	<u>1,656</u>

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 30 September 2024

6 Cash at bank and in hand	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank	97,841	92,763
Cash in hand	540	400
	<u>98,381</u>	<u>93,163</u>

7 Creditors and accruals	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors	46	1,754
Accruals	1,049	792
Deferred income (see note below for analysis)	80	160
	<u>1,175</u>	<u>2,706</u>

Deferred income	Deferred to next year	Released from last year
	£	£
Christmas Fayre	80	160
	<u>80</u>	<u>160</u>

Item name	Reason for deferral
Christmas Fayre	Money received in advance for the Christmas Fayre.

8 Designated funds	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Restoration fund	13,485	-	1,450	-	12,035
Archive fund	97	-	-	-	97
Cascade fund	700	-	-	-	700
	<u>14,282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,832</u>

Fund name	Reason for designation
Restoration fund	Towards restoration of the park facilities.
Archive fund	Towards building an archive of the history of Beaumont Park.
Cascade fund	Towards restoration of the 'Cascade' area of the park.

9 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.

Friends of Beaumont Park Ltd
Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds
(including summary income and expenditure account)
for the year ended 30 September 2024

	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Grants and donations	1,392	1,677	2,000	1,754	3,392	3,431
Sales	174	34	-	-	174	34
Membership	50	95	-	-	50	95
Visitor centre hire	4,175	495	-	-	4,175	495
Refreshment income	26,252	25,224	-	-	26,252	25,224
Event income	2,064	5,907	-	-	2,064	5,907
Group income	2,292	7,917	-	-	2,292	7,917
Fundraising	-	120	-	-	-	120
Other income	3,039	3,052	-	-	3,039	3,052
Total income	39,988	44,521	2,000	1,754	41,988	46,275
Expenditure						
Refreshment sale costs	6,487	6,346	178	-	6,665	6,346
Insurance	2,215	1,953	-	-	2,215	1,953
Repairs and maintenance	651	557	-	-	651	557
Cleaning	241	246	-	-	241	246
Office and other costs	389	648	-	-	389	648
Telephone and internet	747	701	-	-	747	701
Printing	26	60	-	-	26	60
Equipment	694	697	-	-	694	697
Independent examination	870	792	-	-	870	792
Depreciation	1,715	1,125	-	-	1,715	1,125
Events	2,478	2,472	1,822	-	4,300	2,472
Trailer expenses	67	198	-	-	67	198
Park works	1,969	2,242	1,754	207	3,723	2,449
Utilities	3,144	2,851	-	-	3,144	2,851
Group expenses	1,674	1,650	-	-	1,674	1,650
Professional fees	-	497	-	-	-	497
Total expenditure	23,367	23,035	3,754	207	27,121	23,242
Net movement in funds	16,621	21,486	(1,754)	1,547	14,867	23,033
Fund balances brought forward	96,402	74,916	1,754	207	98,156	75,123
Fund balances carried forward	113,023	96,402	-	1,754	113,023	98,156