

Friends of Bowling Park

Charity number 1156565

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 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	Dates
David Brickman	Chair	
Scott Hinsley	Secretary	
Ian Slattery		
Georgina Taylor		
Hannah de Villiers		Appointed 19 June 2025
Vincent Blackwell		Appointed 19 June 2025
Charity number	1156565	Registered in England and Wales
Registered and principal address	Bankers	
247 Bowling Hall Road	Santander UK plc	
Bradford	2 Darley Street	
West Yorkshire BD4 7TJ	Bradford	
	West Yorkshire BD1 3HR	

Accountants

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

Stringer House
34 Lupton Street
Leeds
LS10 2QW

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation formed on 8 April 2014 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects of the CIO are for the benefit of the inhabitants of Bradford, to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life for the inhabitants of the area of benefit in particular but not exclusively by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Bowling Park.

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.

Achievements and performance

The Friends of Bowling Park (FOBP) have had another year of successfully operating a schedule of regular events and activities. The monthly litter pick has changed its gathering venue to accommodate refreshments and the weekly walking group makes use of the same cabin space after walking to extend their social time. Many of our volunteers support Parkrun every Saturday morning and have a reputation for having a friendly and welcoming team. We continued to partner with The Lodge Cafe and our volunteers have supported by maintaining the flower beds and pots in the outdoor seating area. In the Summer we hosted a networking event for local groups and organisations to highlight their work in the community. The event attracted park users and the local community who were able to take part in some fun activities and pick up information about services in the park and surrounding area. During the later part of the year we were involved in exciting conversations about Bradford 2025, UK City of Culture and the impact of a touring venue coming to Bowling Park, for a month in May 2025. Our new website set up and managed by volunteers is now operational.

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £4,340, including net payments of £4,340 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £0 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £5,073.

No formal policy has been approved although the trustees work on an informal principle of at least 3 months running costs at any time. Based on projections for the next 12 months the Board accepts that the current level of reserves at 31 December 2024 still exceeds this target. As a result, the Board have a plan to continue using this level of reserves in principle, but will start to explore further avenues of income generation/funding available in 2025.

Approved by the board of trustees on 6/10/2025

Georgina Taylor (Trustee)

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	208	300	508	14
Total receipts		<u>208</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>508</u>	<u>14</u>
Payments					
Rent		280	-	280	-
Event and activity expenses		1,160	300	1,460	123
Park equipment		1,500	-	1,500	-
Insurance		255	-	255	197
Printing and stationery		50	-	50	-
Water rates		1,028	-	1,028	444
Accountancy		240	-	240	240
Sundry expenses		35	-	35	-
HMRC penalty fees		-	-	-	100
Total payments		<u>4,548</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>4,848</u>	<u>1,104</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>(4,340)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,340)</u>	<u>(1,090)</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>9,413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,413</u>	<u>10,503</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>5,073</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,073</u>	<u>9,413</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	5,052	-	5,052	9,376
Cash in hand	21	-	21	37
Total cash funds	<u>5,073</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,073</u>	<u>9,413</u>

Debtors and prepayments

	2024
	£
Prepayments	<u>191</u>
	<u>191</u>

Liabilities

	2024
	£
Accruals	<u>282</u>
	<u>282</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 6/10/2025

Georgina Taylor (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

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.

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 December 2024

2 Grants and donations	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC)	-	300	300	-
Donations	208	-	208	14
	<u>208</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>508</u>	<u>14</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
BMDC Community Chest	-	300	300	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
BMDC Community Chest	Towards the cost of summer community events.

4 Related party transactions

Donations from trustees and related parties

The total aggregate value of unconditional donations to the charity from the trustees or related parties was £208 (2023: £0).

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.