

Friends of Middleton on Sea Pond & Green Charity (No. 1170594)

Chairman's Annual Report to be presented at the AGM on 3rd December 2025

And so another year has flown by. With the efforts of the volunteers who attend the regular Saturday morning work parties and the huge support we get from the local community who donate and attend our fundraising events the village Pond & Green continues to flourish in a well kept but natural looking way. The spring bulbs and plants looked spectacular this year and were followed by plenty of wild flowers throughout the summer. Dragon and damselflies were attracted to the pond and ducks and a heron were in regular attendance. Despite the drought summer the pond managed to hold onto enough water to enable the wildlife to complete their life cycles thanks to the de-silting that took place in 2020.

Evidenced by the number of people who come and peacefully sit or watch for wildlife or the little children who rush expectantly in the hopes the ducks have flown in, this little community asset is much loved and appreciated by a great many.

A large crowd attended our Carols by the Pond event last December thanks to the Vicar and Church Choir, mulled wine & mince pies. For a few weeks over Christmas the trees were beautifully lit up in the evenings including a new Christmas Tree purchased from and planted by Arundel Arboretum on the eastern side of the Green.

This year our community events kicked off with the annual Spring fund raising morning in May when the Green was decorated with flags and bunting to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE day. The morning raised over £1,200.

Our second main fundraising event of the year - a quiz night held in the Village hall in October, was a first for the committee and turned out to be a huge success raising £800. A fun evening enjoyed by all which I am sure will be worth repeating. As usual Poppies adorned the trees to mark Armistice Day after which it was soon time to put the Christmas lights up again.

So as the last of the Autumn leaves are swept up and the Christmas lights start to twinkle I would like to thank everyone who has made the above possible. Too many names to mention but you know who you are. There is one person however who goes over and above. In addition to organizing and overseeing the Saturday work parties, he is the one who plants the spring bulbs and plants, cuts the grass, is the one up a ladder putting up bunting/poppies/Christmas lights and so it goes on. A big thank you to Don Faircloth for his dedication and hard work and to The Friends of Middleton-

on-Sea Pond & Green Charity Trustees & Committee.

Nicky Mills

Chair of the Trustees. December 2025

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Charity No 1170594

Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ending 5th April 2025

Note 1

	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
Income		
Parish Council Funding	1,500.00	2,000.00
Donations including Gift Aid	350.00	729.36
Fund Raising	125.58	1,037.78
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	<u>1,975.58</u>	<u>3,767.14</u>
Expenditure		
Insurance	384.60	384.60
Secretarial Honorarium	120.00	100.00
Legal and Professional	0	750.00
Printing, Stationery and Postage	0	-
Site Maintenance	0	
Brown Bins	178.90	172.18
Tree lighting	350.71	370.24
Plants & Bulbs (Note 1)	1,156.20	
Lawnmower and Equipment	-	-
Tree Maintenance	1,450.00	1,090.00

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General Garden & Pond Maintenance	143.95	464.55
	<u>3,784.36</u>	<u>3,331.57</u>
Excess of income over (expenditure)(Note 2)	<u>(1,808.78)</u>	<u>435.57</u>

as at 5th April 2025

Assets	<u>2024/2025</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	6,064.12	7,818.07
Cash in hand	27.85	60.20
Total Assets	<u>6,091.97</u>	<u>7,878.27</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	-	
Capital and Reserves		
General Reserves	2,091.97	3878.27
Sinking Fund Reserve	4,000.00	4,000.00
	<u>6,091.97</u>	<u>7,878.27</u>

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Notes to the accounts

- Note 1. Change of the financial year end to the end of the tax year April 5th from May 31st
Note 2. Includes the cost of the Christmas Tree of £715

Robin Lush
Honorary Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of the Friends of Middleton-on-Sea Pond and Green Charity No 1170594 for the year ended April 5th 2025

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention, which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect, the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, the accounts did not accord with the accounting records or did not comply with the applicable requirements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I 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.

Signed:



Independent Examiner

19th FEBRUARY 2026.