



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st June 2024 to 28th May 2025

Charity name: Friends of Felling Park and Town Centre CIO

Charity registration number: 1184238

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF GATESHEAD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA ("THE AREA OF BENEFIT") 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 SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF FELLING PARK AND THE PUBLIC RECREATIONAL AREAS OF FELLING TOWN CENTRE
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Funds generated by the Charity are utilised in activities that are focussed in two main areas:</p> <p>Both short term and long Maintenance and improvements of facilities for the use of the wider community such as Felling Park</p> <p>Planning and hosting of Community wide events such as Family Fun Days</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have discharged their responsibilities with full regard to the current Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The year has seen many changes in the Charity Group, which unfortunately continues to be impacted by a reduction in the number of permanent Volunteers. However, recruitment of volunteers continues and those that are involved not only work in the Park but are becoming active in administration of the Group. Recycling of garden related items has been a growing activity this year, and there have also been improvements in the horticultural side of the Charity with the professional greenhouse erected previously both keeping the cost of plants down and increasing capacity.</p> <p>At the end of August an Event was held in the Park which once again was well supported by the general public, included were children's amusements and other family activities.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Activities during the year generated a surplus of £3,975.07</p> <p>Income has primarily come from a Grant awarded by Gateshead Council to support a Family Fun Day, and also continues to be generated via the traditional sources of personal donations, events income and the sale of surplus and reconditioned equipment.</p> <p>Expenditure has been directly linked to the Grant funded activities as well as the other key activities of the Charity detailed above.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity does not hold reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The Charity does not generate reserves. As a small charity funds raised are invested directly into the running costs of its activities and objectives
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity is currently involved in a court claim following the accidental death of a man in Felling Park in 2022. The inquest into this man's death concluded that his death was accidental but his family have brought a civil claim for compensation against the Charity. We will be defending this claim as the charity denies any and all liability in this man's death.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees to be elected or re-elected at AGM

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Felling Park and Town Centre CIO
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1184238
Charity's principal address	9 Whitefield Grove Felling

	Gateshead Tyne & Wear NE10 9NG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Charles Haswell	Chair		Friends of Felling Park and Town Centre CIO
2	Bernadette Rutland	Committee Member		Friends of Felling Park and Town Centre CIO
3	Peter Tracey	Committee Member		Friends of Felling Park and Town Centre CIO
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

C Haswell

Full name(s)

Charles Haswell

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

23rd January 2026

Friends of Felling Park

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28TH MAY 2025

Auditor:

Mr G Davidson

Friends of Felling Park

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO MAY 28TH 2025

INCOME

<u>Restricted Funds</u>	-
Total Restricted Funds	-
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	
Gateshead Council Grant Funding	3,000.00
Donations	4,098.28
Events Income	721.31
Other Income	3,380.05
Total Unrestricted Funds	11,199.64
Total Income	11,199.64

EXPENDITURE

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Grants Expenditure	3,000.00
Equipment, Hardware and Maintenance	820.20
Events Expenditure	64.48
Garden Supplies	2,215.09
Administration and Office Supplies	417.07
Catering and Refreshments	438.84
Miscellaneous Expenditure	77.25
Sundries	-
Travel and Fuel	191.64
Total Expenditure	7,224.57

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

<u>Income and Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Income - Restricted Funds	-
Income - Unrestricted Funds	11,199.64
Total Income	11,199.64
Expenditure	7,224.57
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	3,975.07

EVENTS DETAILS

<u>Event Details</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
Grant Funding - Family Fun Day	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Family Fun Day	721.31	64.48	656.83
Total	3,721.31	3,064.48	656.83

SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AS AT 28TH MAY 2025

<u>Total Funds Summary</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Opening Balance as at 1st June 2024	6,913.27
Net Movement in Year	3,975.07
Total Available Funds	10,888.34
<u>Available Funds as at 28th May 2025</u>	
Bank	7,941.21
Cash at Hand	2,947.13
Total	10,888.34

No restricted funds were held at the end of the Accounting Period May 28TH 2025

YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON

<u>Income</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
Events Income	721.31	503.86	217.45
Donations	4,098.28	2,417.37	1,680.91
Grant Funding	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Other Income	3,380.05	416.00	2,964.05
	11,199.64	3,337.23	7,862.41
<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
Grants Expenditure	3,000.00	358.12	(2,641.88)
Administration and Office Supplies	417.07	573.14	156.07
Catering and Refreshments	438.84	20.82	(418.02)
Equipment, Hardware and Maintenance	820.20	853.14	32.94
Events Expenditure	64.48	-	(64.48)
Garden Supplies	2,215.09	938.93	(1,276.16)
Travel and Fuel	191.64	59.99	(131.65)
Miscellaneous Expenditure	77.25	725.00	647.75
Sundries	-	41.52	41.52
Friends of Felling Park Total	7,224.57	3,570.66	(3,653.91)
<u>Income and Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
Income	11,199.64	3,337.23	7,862.41
Expenditure	7,224.57	3,570.66	(3,653.91)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	3,975.07	(233.43)	4,208.50

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have prepared the financial statements of Friends of Felling Park for the year ended May 28th 2025 set out on pages 2, 3 and 4 from the information and explanations supplied to me.

Mr G Davidson

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