

MYRTLE PARK FRIENDS

England & Wales · Charity number 1195824

Details

Other names	FRIENDS OF MYRTLE PARK
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2021-09-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	8 Unity Street North Bingley BD16 1EN
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BINGLEY, BRADFORD CITY ("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 THE 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 MYRTLE PARK, BINGLEY, BRADFORD CITY.

Activities: We hold action days every two weeks on a Sunday morning, run by the trustees and open to members of the public to volunteer to help. This involves gardening, maintenance and litter picking. We open the Park Hub to visitors every Sunday afternoon to look at the displays and information about the park and to make use of the nature activities and resources.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bradford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£2,253	£2,773	-	-
2024-04-30	£6,952	£5,516	-	-
2023-04-30	£11,259	£10,631	-	-
2022-04-30	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rosemary Sharp	Chair	2021-09-16
Gaynor Smith		2021-09-16
Lindsay Joanne Bennett Rhodes		2021-09-16
Penelope Petrie		2024-05-20
Susan Joy Smith		2021-09-16

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	05	2024		30	04	2025

Section A

Reference and administration details

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Other names charity is known by

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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3	Joy Smith	Membership Secretary		
4	Gaynor Smith			
5	Penny Petrie		From 20-05-2024	
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Achievements and performance

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- We received a grant of £5662 from On Senior's Side Foundation, a charitable branch of the Damartex Group, which funded a wildlife mural on the remaining concrete wall of the old "paddling pool" (May 2024) and also 3 metal picnic benches installed close to the river (August 2024). Trustees and volunteers prepared the wall for the mural by clearing dirt and debris and painting the base layer. This area is fondly remembered by many in the community who paddled in the pool as children and enjoyed picnics on the grass. The benches have been very much appreciated by families and groups of friends this summer. The remaining funding has been used to produce an information board describing the history of the area and showing old photographs from before the paddling pool was built, and also during the 1930s and 60s when the pool was enjoyed by hundreds of people during the summer months.
- We supported the skateboarding community in putting on their first event, called "Myrtle Mayhem", a competition and showcase of skateboarding skills on 23rd June 2024. We provided a prize for the best trick. The event attracted people from all demographics, young and old, who enjoyed watching the skills on show.
- We supported the Bingley Bantams First Annual Bingley Duck Race, on the River Aire, held on 8th September 2024. We were very grateful to receive a £600 donation from this event, which we used to pay for an old beech tree stump to be carved into a castle. It has delighted the local community, particularly families as children are able to climb up inside the hollowed-out stump.
- We joined forces with the Aire Rivers Trust on 18th January 2025 and a follow-up session on 14th February 2025 to clean a footbridge across the river, which is a key route into the park.
- We produced a new set of 5 greetings cards, using photos taken by members of Bingley Camera Club. The cards cost £133.20, and we sell them at £2 each or 5 for £8.

Ongoing activities

From March until October, we hold bi-weekly Action Days in the park and invite members of the public to join us. We are engaged in ongoing improvements to the sunken garden and a community long bed, an area around the newly instated rose arbour and to our veg beds.

We work alongside Bingley Town Council and Bingley Music Town to set out chairs for the summer programme of bands that perform in the bandstand, and advertise the programme on our Facebook page and notice boards. An electrical supply was installed to the bandstand in 2024, which now enables a larger range of groups to perform. We also support the concerts by providing cabling and sockets to allow a safe connection to the supply.

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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to keep a minimum of £250 in our bank account at all times in order to cover our minimum commitments, primarily our public liability insurance.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

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We have had 2 grants this year, both from Bradford Council: Shipley Community Chest fund and the Dress It Up fund. We also raise small amounts of funding from donations from the sale of books and greetings cards, and membership fees.

We apply for grants for specific projects or resources. We use general funds to pay for materials (crafts, printing) for specific events, as well as upkeep of the Park Hub, plants for the community beds and gardening tools/equipment.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Lindsay Bennett

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

12/09/25

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**FRIENDS OF MYRTLE PARK (FOMP) - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 APRIL 2025**

INCOME	2025	2024
Membership Fees	182.00	178.00
Donations	1,472.50	186.90
Local Authority Grants	638.27	600.00
Other Grants	400.00	5,662.00
Sale of Cards	104.00	78.00
Sale of Books	70.00	120.00
Sale of Plants	0.00	24.00
Use of Hub	10.00	10.00
Misc Fundraising	14.00	93.00
	<u>2,890.77</u>	<u>6,951.90</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-	-
	<u>2,890.77</u>	<u>6,951.90</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Gardening	489.50	96.72
Events & Activities	822.75	723.69
Hub Expenses	210.13	293.26
Cards	133.20	0.00
Printing	23.00	69.94
Insurance	134.40	0.00
Sundries	104.69	13.49
Easter trail	0.00	37.46
Paddling Pool Refurbishment	855.38	4,281.60
	<u>2,773.05</u>	<u>5,516.16</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure	117.72	1,435.74
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL 2025		
	£	£
Balance as at 1st May 2024 B/F	2,063.47	627.73
Deficit/Surplus for the Year	<u>117.72</u>	<u>1,435.74</u>
	<u>2,181.19</u>	<u>2,063.47</u>
REPRESENTED BY:-		
Cooperative Bank Account	2,084.37	1,920.85
Cash on hand	96.82	142.62
Deduct CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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Spring/Summer 2023

- We supported an event on 13/5/23 called “Our Clean River”, organised by Plastic-Free Bingley and the Aire Rivers Trust. We loaned out our litter picking equipment and used the Park Hub as a base for the event.
- We supported the series of Brass Band concerts on the bandstand by putting out chairs and through advertising to the local community.
- We hosted an additional jazz band concert at the Park Hub
- We organised a consultation with users of the skatepark about improvements they would like to see, and we passed on these concerns and requests to Bradford Council. As a result, two new benches were installed, encouraging spectators to use those instead of sitting on the ledges, improving safety and the experience for all involved.

Autumn/Winter 2023

- We took part in the Bingley 5 Rise Frocks Women’s Institute “Love is in the Aire”: River Action Day on 17/09/23. The event included raising awareness of pollution impacts on our river through riverfly monitoring, litter picking, a talk from the Urban Pollution Hunter raising awareness about sewage outflows, story time for children and river-themed activities in the Park Hub.
- We supported a series of Rhyme Time sessions that took place in the Park Hub on alternate Wednesday afternoons from June 2023 to January 2024. This was a free, informal nursery rhyme and action song session for under 5s. We estimated about 20 families took part across the sessions.
- We received a second set of 4000 crocus bulbs donated by Bingley Airedale Rotary club in support of the Purple for Polio campaign (4000 were also planted in 2022) and organised a community planting session on 4/11/23. Volunteers from the Bingley Men’s Shed, the WI Bingley Bloomers, Jerr Wood Action group and local residents helped the trustees on a cold and rainy morning! The bulbs are starting to establish themselves now and looked delightful in Spring this year.

Spring 2024

- We decided not to hold our larger Easter Trail event this year, but instead we provided some small crafting activities in the Park Hub – an Easter basket and cards.
- We created a “portable” Brass Rubbing Trail that we install in the park during our Sunday afternoon sessions. These are small wooden stands built by the Bingley Men’s Shed with brass plaques on top. The accompanying trail sheet has clues to identify each item and we also have a number of extra nature activity sheets to go along with the trail. They have been very popular

with young children and we hope to install a more permanent trail around the park in the future.

- One of our members spent a considerable amount of time researching the history of Myrtle Park and gave a talk to the trustees and our regular volunteers on 12/05/24 that was very much enjoyed by all. We hope to repeat the talk and invite local residents to attend.
- Our biggest project this calendar year is the ongoing renovation and replanting of the Sunken Garden. After a severe prune and removal of overgrown shrubs and stubborn roots in the winter, we have been actively seeking support and donations to replenish the beds in this area. Volunteers have been working tirelessly during our Action Days, to dig over the beds, enrich the soil and design the new planting. We have kindly received donations of plants from Bingley Garden Centre and Bradford Council through the NEET project.

Ongoing activities

- We have committed to spending between £20-£50 on crocus bulbs each year for the next few years to improve the displays in the park
- From March until October, we hold bi-weekly Action Days in the park and invite members of the public to join us. We are engaged in ongoing improvements to the sunken garden and a community long bed, an area around the newly instated rose arbour and to our veg beds.
- We work alongside Bingley Town Council to set out chairs for the summer programme of local brass bands that perform in the bandstand and advertise the programme on our Facebook page and on our notice boards to promote it and increase attendance.
- We open the Park Hub to the general public every Sunday from 2-4pm. We have had approximately 500 visitors during the last year. The Hub has displays for visitors to learn more about the park. We have compiled a collection of memories about the park and the surrounding area from the 50s and 60s from local residents. There are also photos of the park over the last 100 years. Our children's corner offers nature-themed toys, books, dressing up clothes and colouring sheets to our younger visitors. We also provide bug hunter kits that can be taken out by young families free of charge. We have a wide range of nature spotter sheets to cover all the seasons which can be taken out by families with clipboards and pens to mark off their finds. We offer free

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We apply for grants for specific projects or resources. We have received 2 grants in this financial year but the projects are being undertaken in the 2024-25 year: one from the Damartex Foundation for a mural and picnic benches, and one from Bingley Town Council for a pop-up farm as part of a town festival next year. These will be reported on in next year's annual report.

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Lindsay Bennett

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

18th August 2024

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INCOME	2024	2023
Membership Fees	178.00	232.00
Donations	186.90	1,728.24
Local Authority Grants	600.00	338.87
Other Grants	5,662.00	7,555.00
Sale of Cards	78.00	67.00
Sale of Books	120.00	20.00
Sale of Plants	24.00	
Use of Hub	10.00	135.00
Misc Fundraising	93.00	
Easter Trail	0.00	38.75
	6,951.90	10,114.86
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-	49.57
	6,951.90	10,164.43
 EXPENDITURE		
Gardening	96.72	150.00
Events & Activities	723.69	
Hub Expenses	293.26	1,904.80
Cards	0.00	108.00
Books	0.00	
Printing	69.94	40.18
Insurance	0.00	99.31
Sundries	13.49	35.27
Easter trail	37.46	179.66
Christmas	0.00	92.01
Damart Seats	0.00	7,555.20
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Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,435.74	
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Balance as at 1st May 2023 B/F	627.73	677.30
Deficit/Surplus for the Year	1,435.74	49.57
	2,063.47	627.73
 REPRESENTED BY:-		
Cooperative Bank Account	1,920.85	556.54
Cash on hand	142.62	71.19
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Spring/Summer 2022

- We were able to purchase plants to improve our community bed and many resources for the children's area in the Hub to increase engagement with the families that visit us. They can now colour a range of wildlife-inspired pictures with a large supply of felt tips, learn about and play with life cycles of salmon, ladybirds and butterflies. We have a laminator to use for resources for our activity days, and a wide range of nature spotter sheets for both children and adults to borrow as they explore their park. For the younger spotters, we've been able to make this an interactive experience where they can mark off their spots, borrowing our new clipboards and markers. It helps teach the next generation about the nature that so needs our protection and appreciation, and it provides fun and enjoyment for them and their families.
- We were approached by a benefactor who wanted to commemorate his late wife in Myrtle Park seeing as she had enjoyed it as a child. We are delighted with our beautiful tree carving that has been the source of much joy and creativity for all park visitors. He also funded a bespoke black steel rose arbor and 10 rose plants to grow up in the years to come, forming a fragrant tunnel of colour. The project was carried out in close collaboration with BMDC who agreed to install and maintain it. We have since worked with the council to plant perennials in the beds around the rose bed to enhance the appearance further.
- In collaboration with Bingley Bloomers, their Incredible Edibles scheme and Shipley Men's Shed, we installed 3 well-sized wooden planters and have grown vegetables including Bell Peppers, Spaghetti Squash, lettuce, French beans, and strawberries for the public to enjoy.

Autumn/Winter 2022

- We joined Bingley Walkers are Welcome for a Community Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need. We walked through the town centre and via the canal to the 3-rise and 5-rise locks, then made our way to Prince of Wales Park and then back down to finish with a loop around Myrtle Park. We dressed in yellow and donned our Pudsey ears, collecting donations for the charity along the way and raised £333.
- We gathered together a team of volunteers and planted 4,000 purple crocus bulbs provided by Bingley Airedale Rotary Club in support of World Polio Day. The display is on a slope that welcomes visitors to the park and we supplemented the purple display with a mix of coloured crocuses to surround it. We hope it

will become a welcoming display in the years to come and plan to, in collaboration with the Rotary Club, add more crocus bulbs later in the year.

- We hosted a free Christmas event over two weekends in the Hub which included crafts, family quizzes and a festive “Message in the Trees” trail in the park.
- To capture the many examples of local oral history that park users share with us informally, we created a bespoke, permanent display for the Park Hub. We interviewed local residents and they described memories of winters gone by.

Spring 2023

- We decided we wanted to enhance the offering of the Park Hub further by securing 20 new stackable chairs for our trustees, visiting groups and the general public, plus 10 washable cushions for extra comfort. We had inherited a set of plastic garden chairs from previous users of the Hub, but these had reached the end of their usable life and had become a hazard. After applying through the Bingley Town Council Large Grant scheme, we were awarded £1,704 in March and have been able to purchase the chairs and cushions that we wanted. Over 150 children made use of our new chairs during our Easter event and we think they are a fantastic new addition to our Park Hub.
- We received funding of £7,555 from the On Senior’s Side Foundation, which is a charitable branch of the Damartex Group. The money funded eight robust, metal benches to encourage older residents to take longer walks, safe in the knowledge there will be somewhere to sit if they begin to tire. They also enable older people to participate in family picnics and watch games and events held for families in the meadow/field. The benches increase opportunities for enjoyment for older and less mobile residents, as well as their mobility, fitness and wellbeing by enabling them to access the meadow, riverside and woodland. What’s more, they are also enjoyed by people of all ages and have been a great addition to the park.
- We held our second Easter Trail and Egg Hunt and it was an even greater success than last year. We estimate that over 450 people enjoyed the park that day, evidence that when the resources are provided, our local community does engage very enthusiastically with us. The park was teeming with people in the sunshine enjoying our trail and the craft activities and chocolate treats we had prepared for them all.

Ongoing activities

- We have drawn up a strategic plan that involves short-, medium- and long-term goals for us to work on. It's not a fixed plan; rather we review it regularly and use it to guide our planning and direction. We recently carried out a public consultation with park users, Bradford Council, and Bingley Youth Café to get as much information on what the skate park users would like to see in the park. They have stated seating is a priority for them, so we have added that to our planning and are currently seeking funding for this. They also wanted further facilities for the park, such as a half-pipe and additional ramps. This is beyond the scope of our charity currently, but we are liaising with local councillors. Working alongside Bradford Council, we are currently involved in an exciting bid with the Bradford City of Culture to improve the bandstand in the park.
- From March until October, we hold bi-weekly Action Days in the park and invite members of the public to join us. We are engaged in ongoing improvements to an area known as the sunken garden and a community long bed, an area around the newly instated rose arbour and to our veg beds. Twice yearly, we have received donations for summer and spring bedding, but going forward we will just be ordering the spring bedding. We are also, for the first time this year, allocating a yearly bulb budget, so we can increase spring flowering overall in the park.
- We work alongside Bingley Town Council to set out chairs for the summer programme of local brass bands that perform in the bandstand and advertise the programme on our Facebook page and on our notice boards to promote it and increase attendance. The results have paid off and the number of people picnicking and enjoying the music have increased. We've also held two music events this summer in which local jazz groups have performed outside the Hub for passersby to enjoy.
- We open the Park Hub to the general public every Sunday from 2-4pm. This gives visitors a chance to read our displays to learn more about the park. We have compiled a collection of memories about the park and the surrounding area from the 50s and 60s from local residents. There are also photos of the park over the last 100 years on display. Our children's corner offers nature-themed toys, books, dressing up clothes and colouring sheets to our younger visitors. We also provide bug hunter kits that can be taken out by young families free of charge. We have a wide range of nature spotter sheets to cover all the seasons which can be taken out by families and adults with clipboards and pens to mark off their finds. We offer free use of the Hub to various local

groups such as Action Stations, Walkers are Welcome, Glen Bowling Green, Grim up North, Rhyme Time sessions, and local jazz groups for their practice space.

- We have formed a productive relationship with the Parks Manager at Bradford Council, as well as the gardeners and council staff who tend the park each week. We have regular communication with them, often flagging up issues that arise in the park. We also collaborate with them about issues pertaining to park use and projects we carry out in the park. The Damart funding for the benches was a great example of Friends of Myrtle Park, BMDC, and a local business that provided the funding working together to provide something beneficial for the park.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to keep a minimum of £250 in the current account at all times in order to cover our minimum commitments, primarily our public liability insurance.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of funds this year has been grants from Bradford Council, Bingley Town Council and the Damartex Foundation, as well as donations from the sale of books and greetings cards, and membership fees.

We apply for grants for specific projects or resources. We use general funds to pay for materials (crafts, printing) for the Easter and Christmas events, as well as upkeep of the Park Hub, plants for the community beds and gardening tools/equipment.

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

L Bennett

Full name(s)

Lindsay Bennett

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

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Myrtle Park Friends

Accounts for the year to 30th April 2023

Income and expenditure accounts for the year to 30th April 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income		
Donation from Friends of Myrtle Park	677	0
Subscriptions	232	0
Grants received	2,195	0
Donations	7,894	0
Sundry sales	87	0
Sundry income	<u>174</u>	<u>0</u>
Total income	11,259	0
Expenditure		
Hub expenditure	2,374	0
Purchase of park seats	7,555	0
Insurance	99	0
Seasonal events	271	0
Plants and compost	150	0
Sundry expenditure	<u>182</u>	<u>0</u>
Total expenditure	10,631	0
Excess income over expenditure	628	0

Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2023

2023

2022

		£	£
Assets			
Cash at Bank	557	0	
Cash in hand	<u>71</u>	<u>0</u>	
Total assets	628	0	
Liabilities	0	0	
Balance	<u>628</u>		<u>0</u>
Balance brought for	0		0
Surplus for year	<u>628</u>	<u>0</u>	
Balance carried forward	<u>628</u>		0

MYRTLE PARK FRIENDS

England & Wales - Charity number 1195824

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 16/09/21 **Period start date To** 30/04/22
Period end date

Charity name: MYRTLE PARK FRIENDS

Charity registration number: 1195824

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the CIO is for the benefit of the inhabitants of Bingley, Bradford City ("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 the 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 Myrtle Park, Bingley, Bradford City.
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	We hold action days every two weeks on a Sunday morning, run by the trustees and open to members of the public to volunteer to help. This involves gardening, maintenance and litter picking. We open the Park Hub to visitors every Sunday afternoon to look at the displays and information about the park and to make use of the nature activities and resources. We also occasionally organise family activities such as an Easter Trail event.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees can confirm that they are aware of the need to make decisions to ensure the best public benefit possible, in line with guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

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	The charity has been dormant until a bank account was opened (May 2022) and funds transferred over from the Unincorporated Association (June 2022).

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	The charity has been dormant until a bank account was opened in May 2022 and funds transferred over from the Unincorporated Association in June 2022. Therefore there has been £0 income and £0 expenditure during this financial period.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
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	N/A

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	Constitution – Association model
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	All current trustees stand down and are eligible for re-election at the AGM. A notice for the AGM will be sent to members at least 14 days before the date of the meeting including a nomination form. New trustees can also be co-opted by the existing committee at any time, as long as the maximum number of trustees does not exceed 10.

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	Each newly appointed trustee will be given a copy of the constitution, a copy of the latest annual accounts and trustees report, and referred to guidance on the roles and responsibilities of a trustee available on the Charity Commission website.
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	Myrtle Park Friends
Other name the charity uses	Friends of Myrtle Park
Registered charity	1195824

number	
Charity's principal address	8 Unity Street North Bingley BD16 1EN

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	Rosie Sharp	Chair		
2	Lindsay Bennett	Secretary		
3	Martin Lofthouse	Treasurer		
4	Joy Smith	Membership Secretary		
5	Moira Pearce			
6	Gaynor Smith			
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

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	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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

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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)



Full name(s)

Lindsay Bennett

Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

12/08/22

Myrtle Park Friends

Accounts for the period 16th September 2021 to 30th April 2022

Registered Charity 1195824

Trustees

R Sharp

M J Lofthouse

S J Smith

L Bennett

G Smith

Registered address

8 Unity Street North

Bingley

BD16 1EN

Myrtle Park Friends

Trustees Report

The trustees report that the charity did not trade during the period from incorporation, 16th September 2021 to 30th April 2022

Myrtle Park Friends

**Income and expenditure accounts for the period 16th September
2021 to 30th April 2022**

Income	NIL
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Expenditure	NIL
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Balance	NIL
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Myrtle Park Friends

Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2022

Assets	NIL
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Liabilities	NIL
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Balance	NIL
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