



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

Charity name

Myrtle Park Friends

Other names charity is known by

Friends of Myrtle Park

Registered charity number (if any)

1195824

Charity's principal address

8 Unity Street North

Bingley

Postcode

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	Joy Smith	Membership Secretary		
4	Gaynor Smith			
5	Penny Petrie		From 20-05-2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution – Association model, adopted 16th September 2021

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

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 governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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 trustees oversee the day to day running of the group. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

We have a paid membership scheme that we advertise via social media and to visitors in the park, which provides a small income to enable us to put on free activities and events, for additional resources for the Park Hub and its upkeep.

We seek the views of our members and visitors via social media, newsletters, emails and questionnaires.

We work with the Parks Manager at Bradford Council as well as the gardeners and council staff, raising any issues and working together to improve the park for visitors.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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 undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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.

We hold bi-weekly action days on a Sunday morning, run by the trustees and open to members of the public to volunteer to help. This involves gardening and maintenance of several community beds. We open the Park Hub to visitors every Sunday afternoon to look at the displays and information about the park, make use of the children's nature activities and resources, and provide leaflets on local groups and community activities. We also organise family activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

We are grateful for the many hours our Trustees and volunteers contribute. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not be able to achieve so much.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- 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.

We continue to 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. 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, Bingley Glen Bowling Club, Grim up North running group and an Art Club.

Section E

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

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.

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
	<u>2,890.77</u>	<u>6,951.90</u>
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>
	<u>2,181.19</u>	<u>2,063.47</u>