

Charity Registration No. 298305

**THE BATHURST PARK AND
RECREATION GROUND TRUST**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102).

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity as set out in its governing document are the provision and maintenance of Bathurst Park and recreation ground providing public benefit to the residents and visitors of Lydney.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to guidance on Public Benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

The charity has continued its work in maintaining Bathurst Park and Recreation Ground in furtherance of Public Benefit.

Financial review

The trustees believe that the charity has adequate reserves to finance its activities for the immediate future.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level sufficient to ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, the charity's current activities can be continued while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. No funds are in deficit.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The plans for future periods are to continue the charity's existing work.

Structure, governance and management

The charity was established by a charitable trust deed on 14 November 1893.

The trustees, who served during the year were:
Lydney Town Council

No other trustees will be recruited or appointed.

The trustees' report was authorised by the Trust Secretary and signed on behalf of the Trust.



Trust Secretary
Dated: 4 June 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BATHURST PARK AND RECREATION GROUND TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Bathurst Park and Recreation Ground Trust (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and 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 financial statements to be reached.

Stephen Humphries

Griffiths Marshall
20 Newerne Street
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Dated: 4 June 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	3	87,547	52,200
Charitable activities	4	11,403	9,259
Other trading activities	5	11,435	10,038
Investments	6	1,149	1,315
Other income	7	7,114	12,754
Total income		118,648	85,566
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	8	8,419	10,061
Charitable activities	9	89,111	98,811
Total expenditure		97,530	108,872
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		21,118	(23,306)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		461,471	484,777
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		482,589	461,471

All income and expenditure is unrestricted, and derives from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		314,572		331,033
Current assets					
Debtors	15	9,091		7,543	
Cash at bank and in hand		160,438		124,886	
		169,529		132,429	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(1,512)		(1,991)	
Net current assets			168,017		130,438
Total assets less current liabilities			482,589		461,471
The funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds	17		482,589		461,471
			482,589		461,471

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 4 June 2025



Lydney Town Council
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	19		34,403		(8,573)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(17,124)	
Investment income received		1,149		1,315	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			1,149		(15,809)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			35,552		(24,382)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			124,886		149,268
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			160,438		124,886

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Bathurst Park and Recreation Ground Trust is a charitable trust.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred on the accruals basis,

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	4% straight line basis
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% straight line basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of benefits for employees, including any unused holiday entitlement, is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

1.11 Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

1.12 Restricted funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grant income	87,547	52,200

Other

Grant income for the year ended 31 March 2025 included £87,547 (2024 - £52,200) Lydney Town Council grants.

4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Charitable rental income	11,403	9,259

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5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	11,435	10,038

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	1,149	1,315

7 Other income

	2025 £	2024 £
Lydney Bowling Club	4,389	4,389
Park events income	2,725	8,365
	7,114	12,754

8 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Staging fundraising events	8,419	10,061

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9 Charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation and impairment	16,461	22,464
Light, heat, water, workshop costs,	11,437	13,509
Pavilion costs, cleaning, disposables, repairs, alarm	9,344	2,012
Administration	6,818	7,233
Litter picking	18,637	17,529
Repairs and renewals	1,104	10,004
Insurance	-	12,624
Plant costs and grounds maintenance	11,153	5,198
Play equipment maintenance	5,775	4,565
Health & safety & tree work costs	2,347	19
Event costs	5,035	2,754
Independent examiners fees for the independent examination	1,000	900
	<u>89,111</u>	<u>98,811</u>
	<u>89,111</u>	<u>98,811</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	<u>89,111</u>	
	<u>89,111</u>	
For the year ended 31 March 2024		
Unrestricted funds		<u>98,811</u>
		<u>98,811</u>

Insurance expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2025 had been included in the £12,624 comparative figure for the year ended 31 March 2024.

10 Net movement in funds	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	1,000	900
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	<u>16,461</u>	<u>22,464</u>

11 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

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12 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

2025 Number	2024 Number
2	2

£6,040 (2024 -£6,223) wages paid to employees for the year ended 31 March 2025 are included in Administration costs.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	525,925	103,093	629,018
At 31 March 2025	525,925	103,093	629,018
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	208,592	89,393	297,985
Depreciation charged in the year	13,037	3,424	16,461
At 31 March 2025	221,629	92,817	314,446
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	304,296	10,276	314,572
At 31 March 2024	317,333	13,700	331,033

15 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	229	1,986
Other debtors	3,256	5,089
Prepayments and accrued income	5,606	468
	9,091	7,543

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16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	512	1,091
Accruals and deferred income	1,000	900
	<u>1,512</u>	<u>1,991</u>

17 Unrestricted funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Summer Events	8,041	-	-	-	8,041
Tree Replacement	9,700	-	-	-	9,700
Play Equipment Replacement	1,176	-	-	-	1,176
Special Projects and Bandstand	38,812	-	-	(6,800)	32,012
General funds	403,742	118,648	(97,530)	6,800	431,660
	<u>461,471</u>	<u>118,648</u>	<u>(97,530)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>482,589</u>

Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Summer Events	4,541	-	-	3,500	8,041
Tree Replacement	9,700	-	-	-	9,700
Play Equipment Replacement	18,300	-	-	(17,124)	1,176
Special Projects and Bandstand	36,812	-	-	2,000	38,812
General funds	415,424	85,566	(108,872)	11,624	403,742
	<u>484,777</u>	<u>85,566</u>	<u>(108,872)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>461,471</u>

The designated funds are held as part of current assets at 31 March 2025.

18 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

Grants from Lydney Town Council are disclosed in note 3 to the accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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19	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	2025 £	2024 £
	Surplus/(deficit) for the year	21,118	(23,306)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(1,149)	(1,315)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	16,461	22,464
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase) in debtors	(1,548)	(5,024)
	(Decrease) in creditors	(479)	(1,392)
	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	<u>34,403</u>	<u>(8,573)</u>

20 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.