

Barnes For A Recreation Ground

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 301103

**ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published on 16 July 2014. The accounts as presented give a true and fair view of the Trust's incoming resources and application of resources during the year and of its state of affairs at the the end of the year.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

To maintain the Park Road Recreation Ground for the enjoyment of Blandford Forum residents and to maintain the buildings in proper order and insure against all risks

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future grant making policies for the year.

Charity Trustees

Blandford Forum Town Council is Corporate Trustee and will appoint all its Councillors as its Trustees to discharge its obligation to the charity.

Grant making policy

The Charity does not make any grants.

Induction and training of trustees

An existing Trustee advises newly appointed trustees of their duties, powers and roles. Training is offered on a need basis.

Achievement and performance

The Charity hires out the pavilion and grounds to the Bowling Club, the Football Club and the Cricket Club. It maintains the grounds providing sports facilities for the members of the public. The Cricket Club has been in a joint venture with Blandford Forum Town Council and the Trust to refurbish the cricket club Pavilion, which is now complete. All the pavilions have been refurbished providing modern facilities attracting more visitors and sports members to the clubs. There is also a play area for young children. The car park was extended in 2021 and now has two Electric Vehicle charging points for electric vehicles.

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Financial Review

The total income for 2024/25 is £44,370 (2023/24: £26,635). The total expenditure for 2024/25 is £49,709 (2023/24: £40,513). The deficit for the year is £5,339 (2023/24: deficit £13,878), giving unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2025 of £(4,664) (31 March 2024: £675).

Investment policy and performance

No Investments are held.

Risk management

The major risks that the Charity is exposed to have been identified and reviewed by the trustees and procedures established to manage this risk.

The main financial risk faced by the Charity is having enough money to pay the bills

This is being managed by regularly monitoring the budget, and reporting to the Trustees at least 3 times per year.

Reserves policy

The Trust holds restricted reserves of £260,000, £250,000 of which represents the value of the land of the Recreation Ground and £10,000 of which relates to grant funding from the Charities Aid Foundation for the extension of the Recreation Ground car park and introduction of electric vehicle charging points. Funding from Blandford Forum Town Council is adjusted during the financial year in line with the projected outturn figures. These reserves had increased in the previous two years due to lower expenditure as budgeted and the receipt of £10,000 from the Charities Aid Foundation in 2019/20. However, costs increased substantially in the current year due to the need for safety checks to be carried out, ie. full electrical inspections and asbestos surveys on all buildings.

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Structure, governance and management

The Will proved 29th January 1914, Deed of Conveyance dated 12th February 1929 that in 1914 John Iles Barnes left £2,500 by Will to the Mayor, Alderman and Burgess of Blandford Forum for the purposes of a recreation ground. The ground was purchased and over the years the remaining stock was expended on such things as laying out the bowling green and building a pavilion. The accounts dated January 1956 show the remainder of the investments being sold in 1952 with a maintenance expenditure using all the funds and leaving a nil balance. It is believed from that time to present day the Town Council has paid for the upkeep of the Recreation Ground although there was a time after Local Government re-organisation in 1974 when the District Council took over the maintenance. With effect from 1st April 2009, the Charity has operated outside of Blandford Forum Town Council accounting systems. Barnes for A Recreation Ground is a registered charity, constituted under a trust deed dated 21/02/1929 and its registered charity number is 301103.

Meetings of the Charity are to be held 3 times per year. The Chairperson presides at a meeting. The Chairperson may exercise all the powers and duties in relation to conducting the meeting. The Clerk and RFO , are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Charity.

Blandford Forum Town Council is the Corporate Trustee.

Contribution made by volunteers

There were no Volunteer Contributions.

Reference and administrative information

Trustees:

Blandford Forum Town Council as Corporate Trustee

Town Clerk

Linda Scott-Giles

Principal Office

Town Clerks Office, Church Lane, Blandford Forum, DT11 7AD
Charity Number: 301103

External Examiners

Darkin Miller Limited, 24e Deverel Road, Charlton Down, DT2 9UD

Bankers

Lloyds Bank

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

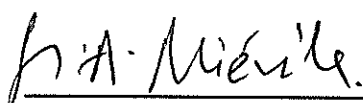
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

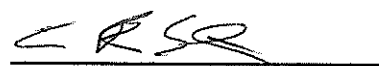
Approved by the trustees on 23rd June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: 

Name

Trustee

Signed:



Name

Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Barnes for a Recreation Ground

I report on the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Barnes for a Recreation Ground for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').


I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Signed: 
Name: Rosie Darkin-Miller LLB (Hons) BFP FCA
Institute of the Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Address: 24e Deverel Road, Charlton Down, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 9UD
Date: 26/11/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £ Funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds £ 2025	Total funds 2024
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
Grant from Blandford Forum Town Council		36,844	0	36,844	19,146
Sport England Grant for Cricket club Refurb			0	0	0
Bowling Club		1,920	0	1,920	1,864
Cricket Club		3,946	0	3,946	4,013
Football Club		1,660	0	1,660	1,612
Total income		44,370	-	44,370	26,635
Expenditure on:					
Administration Fee		5,990	0	5,990	5,816
Legal/Audit Fees		116	0	116	62
Bank Charges		17	0	17	0
Bowling Club		6,779	0	6,779	601
Cricket Club		3,659	0	3,659	3,222
Cricket Club Refurbishment			0	0	0
Electricity			0	0	(1,177)
Equipment / Grounds Maintenance		753	0	753	1,038
Football Club		3,917	0	3,917	4,527
Insurance			0	0	0
Play Area		91	0	91	87
Salary Costs (Charged out by BFTC)	2	27,500	0	27,500	26,116
Health & Safety			0	0	0
Ball Stop Fencing Maintenance			0	0	0
Vandalism		180	0	180	0
Water		707	0	707	222
Total expenditure		49,709	-	49,709	40,513
Net income/(expenditure)	1 -	5,339	- -	5,339 -	13,878
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0
Other recognised gains/(losses)		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		5,339	- -	5,339 -	13,878
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total Funds brought forward		675	260,000	260,675	274,553
Total Funds carried forward		- 4,664	260,000	255,336	260,675

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

	Note	Total funds 2024/25 £	Total funds 2023/24 £
Fixed assets	3	250,000	250,000
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments	4	5,516	2,641
Cash in bank and in hand		2,257	9,209
Total current assets		<u>7,773</u>	<u>11,850</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	5	2,437	1,175
Net current assets or liabilities		<u>5,336</u>	<u>10,675</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>255,336</u>	<u>260,675</u>
 The funds of the charity:	6		
Restricted funds		260,000	260,000
Unrestricted funds		(4,664)	675
Total charity funds		<u>255,336</u>	<u>260,675</u>

The notes at pages 8-12 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 23rd June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed:





Name:
Trustee

Name:
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) Funds structure

The charity receives both restricted and unrestricted funds to enable it to carry out a programme of training and placements. Restricted funds are applied only for the purposes permitted by the donor and are shown separately in the accounts. Unrestricted funds may be applied for any of the charity's purposes.

c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations are recognised when the Charity has received the funds. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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d) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (g) below.

e) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

f) Allocation of overhead and support costs

Overhead and support costs have been allocated between charitable activities and governance. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory audit and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

g) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include costs associated with delivering the Charity's projects.

h) Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination.

i) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

j) Fixed assets

The only fixed asset held by the Trust is the Recreation Ground. As a piece of land, this asset is not subject to depreciation.

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k) Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts.

l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand consists entirely of cash balances held with the Trust's bankers.

m) Creditors

Creditors are measured at the amount required to settle the liability.

n) Donated assets

Donated assets are recognised at their fair value at the moment when they are transferred to the Charity. The Charity's normal depreciation rates are applied.

1 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Independent examiner fees	116	62

2 Analysis of staff costs, and the cost of key management personnel

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Recharge of staff costs		
Staff Charge	27,500	26,116
	27,500	26,116
 Average number of employees	 1.0	 1.0

The charity does not employ any staff directly. Instead employees of Blandford Forum Town Council carry out work on behalf of the charity and it is charged accordingly. The average number of people who work in the grounds is one.

No employees had employee benefits in excess of £60,000 (2023/24: nil).

The charity trustees were not paid or received an other benefits from employment with the Charity in the year (2023/24: £nil), neither were they reimbursed expenses during the year (2023/24: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023/24: £nil).

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees and the Clerk. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity was £Nil (2023/24: £nil).

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3 Analysis of fixed assets

LAND

Cost

At 01/04/2024

Purchases during year

At 31/03/2025

2024/25

£

2023/24

£

250,000

250,000

0

250,000

0

250,000

Depreciation

At 01/04/2024

Charge for year

At 31/03/2025

0

0

0

0

0

0

Net Book Value

At 31/03/2025

250,000

250,000

4 Analysis of current assets

2024/25

£

2023/24

£

Trade debtors

1,262

403

Prepayments

0

0

VAT

4,255

2,238

5,516

2,641

5 Analysis of current liabilities

2024/25

£

2023/24

£

Trade creditors

2,437

1,175

Tax and social security

0

0

Accruals

0

0

2,437

1,175

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6 Analysis of charitable funds

Fund name	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Gains and (losses)	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds	260,000	0	0		260,000
Unrestricted funds	675	44,370	(49,709)		(4,664)
Total funds	260,675	44,370	(49,709)	0	255,336

- (a) £250,000 of the Restricted funds represent the value of the land of the Recreation Ground. £10,000 relates to grant funding from the Charities Aid Foundation for the purposes of car park improvements.
- (b) The unrestricted funds are available to be spent for any purposes of the charity.

7 Related Party Transactions

The Council also makes a recharge for staff time spent carrying out work on behalf of the Trust. In 2024/25 this charge was £27,500.

There have been no other related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

None of the Trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.