# Friends of Bowling Park

Charity number 1156565

## Annual Report and Financial Statements

## for the year ended 31 December 2025

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**Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO**

# Friends of Bowling Park

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2025

**Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors**

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

| Name | Position | Dates |
|---|---|---|
| David Brickman | Chair | Resigned 19 May 2025 |
| Scott Hinsley | Secretary | |
| Ian Slattery | | |
| Georgina Taylor | Chair | |
| Hannah de Villiers | | Appointed 19 June 2025 |
| Vincent Blackwell | | Appointed 19 June 2025 |

**Charity number** 1156565 Registered in England and Wales

**Registered and principal address**
247 Bowling Hall Road
Bradford
West Yorkshire BD4 7TJ

**Bankers**
Co-op Bank
PO Box 750
Skelmersdale
WN8 6WT

**Accountants**
West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO
Stringer House
34 Lupton Street
Leeds
LS10 2QW

**Structure, governance and management**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation formed on 8 April 2014 and is governed by a constitution.

**Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The trustees of the charity are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting.

# Friends of Bowling Park

## Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2025

### Objectives and activities

**The charity's objects**

The objects of the CIO are for the benefit of the inhabitants of Bradford, 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 the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Bowling Park.

**Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

**Achievements and performance**

FOBP continued to build momentum throughout 2025, strengthening partnerships, expanding community activity, and demonstrating how a small volunteer-led organisation can act as a connector for people, projects, and opportunities in Bowling Park. Despite limited resources, the group delivered a full calendar of events, supported park improvements, and deepened its role within the wider community.

- Weekly activities — Volunteers led or supported the over-50s walking group, community litter picks, and both junior and adult parkruns.
- Conservation — Annual bulb planting, weekly litter picks, and ongoing park care remained central to FOBP's identity.
- Corporate volunteering — A second successful year of welcoming corporate volunteers who contributed to painting, repairs, and conservation tasks.

During 2025 there was a strong emphasis on collaboration with organisations active in and around Bowling

- Betterplace Bradford — Joint delivery of tree-planting days and under-5s event
- Bowling Park Orchard — Participation in the annual Apple Day festival, engaging families and local residents.
- Bolling Hall Museum — FOBP contributed to the museum's Winter Festival, strengthening ties with neighbouring cultural spaces.

2025 also brought important Governance & Organisational changes that strengthen FOBP's long-term stability:

- Dave Brickman stepped down as Chairperson and from the trustee board
- Georgina Taylor was appointed as a new Chairperson and the charity's primary address was updated.
- A new charity bank account was established to better meet operational needs. Santander Account was closed and Cooperative account was opened on 12/11/2025

**Financial review**

The net receipts for the year was £1,075, including net receipts of £848 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £227 on restricted funds.

**Reserves policy**

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £5,921.

Approved by the board of trustees on 5/10/2026

Scott Hinsley (Trustee)

# Friends of Bowling Park
## Receipts and payments account
## for the year ended 31 December 2025

| | Notes | 2025 Unrestricted funds £ | 2025 Restricted funds £ | 2025 Total funds £ | 2024 Total funds £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Receipts** | | | | | |
| Grants and donations | (2) | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | 508 |
| **Total receipts** | | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | 508 |
| | | | | | |
| **Payments** | | | | | |
| Rent | | - | 70 | 70 | 280 |
| Event and activity expenses | | 169 | 421 | 590 | 1,460 |
| Park equipment | | - | - | - | 1,500 |
| Insurance | | - | 260 | 260 | 255 |
| Printing and stationery | | - | 13 | 13 | 50 |
| Water rates | | (1,299) | - | (1,299) | 1,028 |
| Accountancy | | 282 | - | 282 | 240 |
| Sundry expenses | | - | 9 | 9 | 35 |
| **Total payments** | | (848) | 773 | (75) | 4,848 |
| **Net receipts / (payments)** | | 848 | 227 | 1,075 | (4,340) |
| | | | | | |
| **Fund balances brought forward** | | 5,073 | - | 5,073 | 9,413 |
| **Fund balances carried forward** | (3) | 5,921 | 227 | 6,148 | 5,073 |

# Friends of Bowling Park
## Statement of assets and liabilities
## as at 31 December 2025

| | 2025 Unrestricted £ | 2025 Restricted £ | 2025 Total £ | 2024 Total £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cash funds** | | | | |
| Cash at bank | 5,921 | 227 | 6,148 | 5,052 |
| Cash in hand | - | - | - | 21 |
| **Total cash funds** | 5,921 | 227 | 6,148 | 5,073 |

| **Debtors and prepayments** | 2025 £ |
|---|---|
| Prepayments | 195 |
| | 195 |

| **Liabilities** | 2025 £ |
|---|---|
| Accruals | 340 |
| | 340 |

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 5/10/2026

Scott Hinsley (Trustee)

# Friends of Bowling Park
## Notes to the accounts
## for the year ended 31 December 2025

**1 Accounting policies**

**Basis of accounting**
The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.
There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.
No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

**Taxation**
As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

**Fund accounting**
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

# Friends of Bowling Park
## Notes to the accounts continued
## for the year ended 31 December 2025

**2 Grants and donations**

| | 2025 Unrestricted funds | 2025 Restricted funds | 2025 Total funds | 2024 Total funds |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Bradford Metropolitan District Council (BMDC) | - | - | - | 300 |
| Bradford City Challenge | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | - |
| Other donations | - | | | 208 |
| | - | 1,000 | 1,000 | 508 |

**3 Restricted funds**

| | Balance b/f | Incoming | Outgoing | Transfers | Balance c/f |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Bradford City Challenge | - | 1,000 | 773 | - | 227 |
| | - | 1,000 | 773 | - | 227 |

| **Fund name** | **Purpose of restriction** |
|---|---|
| Bradford City Challenge | Towards community events, equipment and resources |