Friends of Aberdare Park. Chairperson's Annual Report 2025

I would like to extend my thanks again to the core members of Friends of Aberdare Park for their continued support over the last year.

The first event in the Park was for Easter where we held an Easter Egg hunt. Over 150 children participated and I have to say we are getting more organised in running these events. Thanks to Ann Crimmings.

We had a presence in the Aberdare Festival in May. We were fortunate to get a stall in a great location. Despite the weather we got to speak to lots of people and managed to raise some money for our funds.

The Splashpad opened in late May following the installation of the solar panels. Due to the difficulty in getting enough volunteers for the Splashpad we entered into an agreement with Rhondda Cynon Taff Council to staff it for the Summer. This proved to be very successful. It took a lot of pressure from the small number of volunteers we had been relying on and the Café.

We again provided exclusive sessions for schools in the three weeks running up to the school holidays. This was really well received, and every day was booked up.

We were able to fund much of the running of the Splashpad in 2025 through SPF funding and I am grateful to the staff at Rhondda Cynon Taff for their support and guidance in accessing this support.



I would also like to thank Vikki Howell MS for her donation.

The coming year will be more challenging for us as funding will not be so readily available but I am sure with your support we will succeed.

Philip Rees

Friends of Aberdare Park – Accounts 2025

Accounts Summary – Friends of Aberdare Park - 2022			
Date	Type	Debit	Credit
1 January 2025	Opening Balance		£30,861.50
Income			
	Grants		£21,834.78
	Donations/Fundraising		£1,020.15
Expenditure			
	Splashpad running costs	£23,280.85	
	Splashpad – New appliances	£9,544.21	
31 December 2025	Closing Balance		£20,891.37

I have examined the above account from the information supplied to me by the committee of Friends of Aberdare Park and confirm they are in accordance with the information and document supplied

RICHARD JAMES EVANS

15/4/2026

Charity Number - 1169132