Exhibition and Brandling Parks Community Trust (EBPCT) is a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) (a registered charity), No. 1182411. It is contactable, via the Treasurer, at 4 Castleton Close, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2HF.

The charity trustees during the year to 30th April 2026 were:

Nicholas Atkinson	Chair & Trustee
Ean MacKellar	Treasurer & Trustee
Linda Nichols	Secretary & Trustee
Ian Parker	Trustee
Des Matheson	Trustee
Peter Lowe	Trustee
Oliver Vaulkard	Trustee
Lizzie Rowen	Trustee
Henry Ashwin	Trustee
Philip Browne	Trustee

The Charity is administered through a management committee which sits approximately every 6 weeks and to which all trustees belong. All members of the management committee serve a period of 3 years before being eligible for re-election. Honorary Officers are elected from trustees serving on the management committee. Other members of the management committee are co-opted as necessary for their expertise but have no voting rights.

Trustees are sought from all of Exhibition and Brandling Parks' served interest groups including ethnic minorities and health and social services professionals. Potential trustees are given the opportunity to get to know the organisation before committing to becoming a trustee. During this period, some training of the potential trustee is completed. Suitable potential trustees are elected by the other trustees. The trustees make all policy decisions and may substantially influence or decide major operating choices.

Exhibition and Brandling Parks' Community Trust utilises the following individuals and organisations in the advisory capacities shown below:-

Name	Address	Position
Lloyds Bank		Bankers

The main risks faced by the charity are:-

- low levels of volunteer recruitment.
- public liability (mitigated by appropriate insurance as necessary).
- lack of funds to continue the charitable activities (position continuously reviewed with an appropriate reserves policy – see below).
- lack of new trustees.

The charity has no paid staff but is supported by volunteers from groups using the Parks who give their time to maintain/improve the Parks for the benefit of all Parks users.

The charity has no related parties or subsidiaries. The charity works closely with other local organisations including Newcastle City Council, Newcastle Parks Forum, Tyneside Society for Model and Experimental Engineers (TSMEE), Tyneside Croquet Club, Wylam Brewery, local residents' associations, the Universities, local disabled groups, Park Run, Go-Ride, Connected Voice and the Freemen of the City.

The Trustees have taken due regard of guidance published by the Charity Commission and have complied with the duty of section 4 of the 2006 Act with respect to Public Benefit of the Charity.

In addition, Trustees have written additional policies to ensure coverage of those areas considered mandatory by the Charity Commission. The exceptions are those policies for investments and paying staff which are thought irrelevant due to no investments or paid staff. Extensive review of procedures covering governance, volunteer management and safeguarding is ongoing.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the CIO is 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 Newcastle upon Tyne but not exclusively by the preservation, promotion, support, assistance and improvement of Exhibition and Brandling Parks.

Activities include the maintenance and development of the water-play facility.

Achievements and Performance

Exhibition and Brandling Parks Community Trust (EBPCT) continues to look for appropriate and requested unmet needs with respect to additional facilities, activities and events within the users of the Parks.

Financial Review

The accounts have been prepared on an “receipts and expenses” basis. The detailed accounts can be found on page 3. The accounts have not been subject to independent examination, but can be viewed in detail on application to the Treasurer.

Unspent reserves at 30th April 2026 were £4467.80. The trustees consider this level of reserves to be adequate for small/incidental expenditure but recognise that larger projects will require grant applications to be successful.

With changes to funding streams and the current economic climate, additional effort in grant applications will be needed. However, the trustees believe that they have a sufficient mix of expertise to be successful in such endeavours.

Targets for 2026/27

Exhibition and Brandling Parks Community Trust will continue to develop ideas for these Parks which will improve facilities, activities, events and access for all sectors of the community. A key measure of success is footfall within the Parks and the committee will look to develop ways of measuring footfall and gaining feedback on facilities particularly used or appreciated by Parks users.

Key focus for the next 2-3 years is the preparation of the park for the centenary of the North Coast Exhibition (2029). To this end, the Trustees are working with Newcastle City Council to develop ideas for the programme of events, concerts and necessary repairs for Exhibition and Brandling Parks. Where identified need for expenditure occurs which can not be covered by the Council, EBPCT will attempt to raise the necessary funds.

EBPCT will also complete the review of its current policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (revised 2005), the Good Governance recommendations and the new Charities bill.

Exhibition and Brandling Parks Community Trust As at 22/09/2026

Year 2025/2026

Income/Expenditure	**2026**	**2025**
Income		
Interest	0.00	0.00
Refund	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00
Expenditure		
Events	0.00	0.00
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00
Improvements	0.00	0.00
"Do not feed" signs	289.50	0.00
Total	289.50	0.00
Net Position	-289.50	0.00

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Year 2025/2026

Balance Sheet	**2026**	**2025**
Assets		
Bank Account	4467.80	4757.30
Debtors	0.00	0.00
Total	4467.80	4757.30
Liabilities		
Loans	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00
Creditors	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.00
Net Assets	4467.80	4757.30