Friends of Anchorsholme Park – 2025 Annual Report Summary

During 2025, Friends of Anchorsholme Park continued supporting improvements to one of Blackpool's most valued community green spaces.

A major programme of enhancements was announced, supported by approximately **£15,000 of grant funding**, with plans for new trees, seating and distinctive signage designed to improve the park's appearance and facilities for residents and visitors.

The park also received the prestigious Green Flag Award, recognising the continued efforts of Blackpool Council, grounds maintenance teams and Friends volunteers in maintaining a welcoming and attractive public space.

In October 2025, Paul Worthington resigned from his positions as both Chairman and Trustee of Friends of Anchorsholme Park. This marked a change in the charity's leadership during the year.

The year ended with a devastating arson attack on 28 December, which caused extensive damage to the much-loved children's pirate ship playground. The incident attracted significant local and regional media attention and prompted a determined community response.

Despite this setback, Friends of Anchorsholme Park remained committed to the park's future, with discussions beginning on restoring the playground and delivering further improvements.

Throughout 2025, the importance of Anchorsholme Park as a place for families, recreation and community life remained central to the charity's work.

FRIENDS OF ANCHORSHOLME PARK

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Receipts

Description	Amount (£)
Grant income	15,166.00
Other bank receipts (cash deposits, card takings and other transfers)	3,940.84
100 Club subscriptions / receipts	167.00
Raffle receipts	36.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	19,309.84

Payments

Description	Amount (£)
Payments to A Mason	1,850.00
Payments to Paul Worthington	757.58
Payment to Paul Galley	659.36
Games equipment	392.82
100 Club prizes	210.00
Event catering	74.38
Stall refunds and payments	40.00
Other bank payments	39.24
TOTAL PAYMENTS	4,023.38

Bank reconciliation

Description	Amount (£)

Opening bank balance at 1 January 2025 (calculated)	13,328.86
Add: receipts	19,309.84
Less: payments	-4,023.38
Bank balance at 31 December 2025	28,615.32