G V BALL CHARITY (PEOPLE'S PARK) BANBURY
CHARITY NUMBER 289391

ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ending 31 March 2026

1. Introduction and Purpose of Report

1.1 To present to Trustees the Income & Expenditure Account for the G V Ball Charity and to authorise the Chairman to sign the Financial Statement and Annual Report on behalf of the Trustees.

2. Background

2.1 People's Park is owned and managed by the G V Ball Charity (People's Park) Banbury Trust. Banbury Town Council as a Corporate Body is Trustee of the Charity.

2.2 To comply with the requirements of the Charity Commissioners, the Trust is required to meet annually to approve the Financial Statement and the Annual Return.

2.3 The Trust is also charged with the responsibility for the maintenance of the G V Ball Memorial in Southam Road Cemetery. Failure to maintain the memorial would result in the land being transferred to The Horton Hospital.

3. Report of Activities in 2025/2026

3.1 This year has seen the ongoing improvements to the standard of maintenance of the park that has flowed from decision by Councillors to bring grounds maintenance in-house. The park has hosted successful planting days with hundreds of local school children participating in the Rose Garden, and the attendance of many veterans during Remembrance Day at the War memorial.

3.2 The Income and Expenditure Account is attached at **Appendix 1** detailing the annual running costs and donation from Banbury Town Council.

3.3 The G V Ball Memorial in Southam Road Cemetery has been maintained.

4. Recommendations

That the Trustees authorise:

1. the Chairman to sign the Financial Statement; and
2. the Town Clerk to complete the Annual Return of the G V Ball Charity (People's Park) Banbury Trust.

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Income and Expenditure Account
For The Year To 31 March 2026

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		2024/25 £	2025/26 £
Incoming Resources			
Donation from Banbury Town Council	Note 2b	89,604	91,830
Total Incoming Resources		89,604	91,830
Direct Chargeable Expenditure			
Building Maintenance		10,750	10,750
Grounds Maintenance		63,828	69,407
Utility Charges		1,400	1,400
Audit Fee		400	400
Supplies and Services		1,765	1,462
		78,143	83,419
Other Expenditure - Administration			
Monitoring Costs		1,130	1,250
Administration Costs		10,331	7,162
Support Service Costs		0	0
Agency & Contracted Charges		0	0
		11,461	8,412
Total Expenditure		89,604	91,830
Total Net Expenditure		0	0

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Councillor M Cherry
Chairman of Banbury Town Council
For and on behalf of the Trustees
Date 3/11/26.

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Notes to the Accounts

1) Status

The Charity operates an endowment fund under the terms of the original donation.

2) Accounting Basis

a) The accounts are maintained within Banbury Town Council's accounting system and, as such, are prepared on a full accruals basis.

b) All the expenditure is incurred via Banbury Town Council and is matched by a donation from Banbury Town Council.

c) The land known as People's Park is held by the Council under the trusts created in the will of the late G V Ball. The land is treated as a community asset and has a £NIL valuation.

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Councillor M Cherry
Chairman of Banbury Town Council
For and on behalf of the Trustees

Date 3/11/26.

G V Ball Charity (People's Park)

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Trustees held on rise of the Council Meeting held at the Town Hall, Banbury on Tuesday, 04 November 2025 at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillor Mallon (Town Mayor) in the Chair.

Councillors: Beere, Biegel, Brant, Clarke, Crichton, Dhesi, Eaton, Elugwu, Hodgson, Hussain, Mears, Okeke, Richards, Strangwood, Thornhill, Tohill-Martin, Urwick, Vaitkus and Woodward.

Officers: Mark Hassall (Town Clerk & RFO)
Paul Almond (Director of Environment)

1/25 APOLOGIES

Councillors Brant, Clarke, Strangwood, Urwick, and Vaitkus.

2/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2024 be received.

3/25 ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

The Honorary Secretary & Treasurer reminded members that People's Park was owned and managed by the G V Ball Charity (People's Park) Banbury Trust. Banbury Town Council as a Corporate Body was Trustee of the Charity.

The Trust was also charged with the responsibility for the maintenance of the G V Ball Memorial in Southam Road Cemetery. Failure to maintain the memorial would result in the land being transferred to The Horton Hospital.

The Income and Expenditure Account was circulated with the Annual Report, detailing the annual running costs and donation from Banbury Town Council.

The year had seen the ongoing improvements to the standard of maintenance of the park that had flowed from decision by Councillors to bring grounds maintenance in-house. The park had hosted successful planting days with hundreds of local school children participating in the Rose Garden, and the attendance of many veterans during Remembrance Day at the War memorial.

The G V Ball Memorial in Southam Road Cemetery had been maintained.

RESOLVED:

1 to authorise the Chairman to sign the Financial Statement; and
2 to authorise the Town Clerk to complete the Annual Return of the G V Ball Charity (People's Park) Banbury Trust.

The Meeting ended at 6.46pm