

YMDDIRIEDOLAETH GERDDI HANESYDDOL CYMRU WELSH HISTORIC GARDENS TRUST

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Details

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Activities

Objects: THE PROTECTION, CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC GARDENS IN WALES. THE PROMOTION OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF HISTORIC GARDENS IN WALES. THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION CONCERNING HISTORIC GARDENS IN WALES.

Activities: The charity carries out research, mainly through its country branches, into historic gardens throughout Wales. It works to raise awareness of Wales's garden heritage, to advise owners and planners, and to conserve and protect sites.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WALES
- Throughout Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£75,144	£75,144	-	-
2023-12-31	£88,762	£91,817	-	-
2022-12-31	£57,029	£57,347	-	-
2021-12-31	£24,405	£24,526	-	-
2020-12-31	£16,596	£19,283	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joanna Elizabeth Davidson	Chair	2016-11-15
Anthony Joseph Tavernor		2014-06-07
DR ELAINE DAVEY		2015-06-06
Dr CAROLINE PALMER		2012-07-06
Dr John Richard Edmondson		2023-02-06
GLYNIS SHAW		2012-07-06
Helena Joyce Gerrish		2023-09-30
JONATHAN HARVEY WILLIAM REEVES		2013-03-21
Leigh Rosemary O'Connor		2016-06-16
MALDWYN REES		2012-07-06
MERILYN ANDERSON		2012-07-06
Ms Sarah Green		2018-06-16
SUSAN ELIZABETH REEVES		2013-03-21
Stewart James Wright		2025-12-01
Vicki Jordan		2021-09-13

Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024



Patron: HM King Charles III

2024 was a mixed year, hard work and energy going into local projects, grants and planning with an impressive programme of events taking place in many branches. However some branches are finding it difficult to continue in the way of many voluntary organisations throughout the country due to a mixture of ageing volunteers, lack of younger members and a lingering inertia following Covid.

It is good to report that the Carmarthenshire branch has been rejuvenated, and we are very pleased that our new trustee Stewart Wright has been working with the remaining committee members to re-establish a functioning branch. We still need to integrate West Glamorgan into the remaining S Wales branches and re-establish the Pembrokeshire branch if at all possible. Our other branches seem very healthy at the moment due to committed volunteers and imaginative programmes.

During 2024 there was the major loss of a C20th garden on the Register for Parks and Gardens. The John Summers Garden in Shotton, Flintshire designed by Brenda Colvin, has been mostly destroyed and a C21st generic garden created in its place. Despite the location of the original plans, all relevant authorities including Cadw seem disinclined to take a stand over this action and our protests have gone unheeded. You will find details of this case in the Bulletin. This does call into question the whole process of protecting an important landscape and is one that we will be revisiting in future Trustee meetings.

During 2024 we were delighted to learn that HM King Charles III has retained his Patronage of the WHGT. This follows a review of Royal Patronages and the announcement made by Buckingham Palace. His Majesty is a life-long champion of garden culture in the UK, and the positive contribution that parks and gardens make towards enriching society.

We have continued our meetings with Lisa Fiddes, Cadw Inspector of Historic Areas (Registered parks & gardens), which have proved mutually beneficial, and our occasional meetings with Patrick Swan, National Trust Gardens Advisor, will resume shortly.

The former Chair of WHGT, Michael Tree made the suggestion that we compile a Gardens at Risk register for Wales. We are at the early stages of creating a database of these parks and gardens brought to our attention by the branches.

A meeting was held at Nanhoron with members of the Council and some interesting issues were discussed including the future of voluntary organisations generally, and the benefits of not being a statutory consultee. This was in light of financial and workload problems being experienced by the Gardens Trust in England. The need to promote greater access to historic parks and gardens was raised by Bettina Harden and she agreed to investigate the possibility of a lottery grant to further these aims in line with our earlier very successful Gateway project.

In September we were sad to learn of the death of John Borron, a stalwart member who was a highly regarded from the Trusts' early days; for a time John served as Treasurer and more recently on the Council, and will be much missed.

The AGM in Aberystwyth was very successful, with an excellent speaker, Trish Gibson, who gave a talk on Brenda Colvin, the C20th landscape designer responsible for the John Summers Garden and the original campus landscape at Aberystwyth University. This was particularly poignant as we were simultaneously celebrating the career of a

pioneer woman landscape designer and mourning the loss of one of her major achievements. Caroline Palmer and her team made an incredible effort to ensure that this was a memorable and satisfying weekend.

Clwyd hosted a Heritage Orchard study day, with lecturers from throughout the country, this was very well received and followed on from our previous conference on trees.

I would like to thank all the Trustees for their hard work throughout the year and to those who have continued in roles which they had hoped to relinquish, this includes Vicki Jordan who has wrestled valiantly with the minutes for the last few years.

Glynis Shaw has continued to produce Bulletins of a consistent quality which are highly regarded by members and by the heritage sector generally.

It is a privilege to have Stephen Lacey as our President, and I hope he will continue in the role for many years.

I have very much enjoyed my time as Chair, but it is imperative that we find a successor. I will continue until the spring but other commitments are proving too great for me to continue beyond then. I had hoped to be replaced at this AGM but this has not proved possible.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members for their continued support, friendship and loyalty.

Planning Policy Wales (PPW) 2024 sets out the land use planning policies of the Welsh Government. PPW Edition 12, published in 2024, includes significant changes to Chapter 6, Distinctive and Natural Placemaking and Well-Being, which came into effect in October 2023. These changes focus on addressing the nature emergency and require a Green Infrastructure Statement for all new planning applications, demonstrating how green infrastructure is incorporated. Additionally, there are updates related to net benefit for biodiversity, the 'step-wise approach', protection for Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), and trees and woodlands.

The Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2023, also known as the 2023 Act, came into full force on 4th November 2024 and has given Wales the most up-to-date historic environment legislation amongst the UK nations. For the first time there is an Act free of confusing references to other UK regimes, completely bilingual in Welsh and English and expressed, as far as possible, in plain, everyday language. While the new legislation makes it easier for everyone to find, understand and apply the law, it makes no changes to the current management and protection of the Welsh historic environment.

The Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 (IWA 2024) came into force in June 2024, creating a new consenting process for significant infrastructure projects in Wales. The aim is to provide a one-stop-shop for obtaining consents, licences, and other requirements in a single consent, similar to a Development Consent Order (DCO). These changes aim to further streamline the process for consenting significant infrastructure projects in Wales - Developments of National Significance (DNSs). It should also make it easier for cross-border developments and developers to understand what their significant infrastructure project needs for approval.

It is important that we continue to monitor these large-scale energy and infrastructure projects. Our branch reports from around the country highlight the potential issues, particularly visual, that may result from the growing number of large energy projects and their infrastructures. A second concern remains the possible landscape and visual effects of large agricultural developments particularly chicken sheds with the associated potential problems of pollution affecting water quality in streams and rivers.

On 28th November 2024 the Welsh Government announced that Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) will assume new decision-making responsibilities some renewable energy projects. These changes in decision-making responsibilities took effect on 6th January 2025. Inspectors at PEDW will be able to determine applications related to the construction, alteration, or extension of electricity-generating stations where the installed generating capacity, or the increase in installed generating capacity, is anticipated to be below 50 megawatts.

The PEDW website usefully lists DNSs and the stage each has reached in the decision-making process. One example of current concern is the **Green GEN Towy Teifi Grid Connection** <https://planningcasework.service.gov.wales/dnsdetails>

DNS CAS-03094-T7D9G0.

The website has links to all documents so far submitted including Environmental Impact Assessment scoping reports. The documents include descriptions of the consultation process and who the prescribed and non-statutory stakeholders are. This does not necessarily include the WHGT but does include Cadw, although as a heritage group we certainly fall within the local stakeholder group for many of these energy projects.

Obviously, our remit lies purely with sites which are on the Cadw/ICOMOS Register of Historic Parks and Gardens in Wales. Local members will be aware of which sites fall within proposed route corridors and are likely to be impacted. It is also probable that due to the nature of the developments the impacts are likely to be visual rather than physical and will include both direct and indirect impact assessments on these heritage assets and their settings. Useful high-level guidance can be found in the updated Design Commission for Wales guidance for large-scale onshore wind and solar farm development, which reflects the changes to national policy introduced by Future Wales: National Plan 2040.

[\(https://dcfw.org/designing-for-renewable-energy-in-wales/\)](https://dcfw.org/designing-for-renewable-energy-in-wales/).

The guidance recommends, sensibly, a holistic consideration of power generation infrastructure (i.e. wind turbines and solar panels) and associated infrastructure to ensure schemes are considered in their entirety. The new guidance is not a policy document but it may be relevant in the decision-making processes for such developments.

A very useful summary of large-scale energy projects as they stood at the end of 2024 can be found on the Council for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW) website. Some of the projects are at a more advanced stage in the planning system than others (<https://cprw.org.uk/what-we-do/energy-map>). The site is useful as it also highlights issues of mutual concern for WHGT and CPRW, for instance at sites like Penrhos on Anglesey, where the landscape has an important designed and historic element.

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024 WHGT trustees, also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) *Accounting and Reporting by Charities* March 2005

Reference and Administrative details

Registered Company number: 02829630 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number: 1023293

Registered Office 2024

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Trustees

Joanna Davidson	Chairman
Elaine Davey	Vice-Chairman
Leigh O'Connor	Treasurer
Jennie Macve	Membership Secretary

Angela Adams Rice, Marilyn Anderson, John Edmondson, Sarah Green, Judith Holland, Vicki Jordan, Caroline Palmer, Maldwyn Rees, Jonathan Reeves, Sue Reeves, Glynis Shaw, and Anthony Tavernor.

President

Stephen Lacey

Council

Elizabeth Banks CBE, John Borron, Bettina Harden MBE, Gwyneth Hayward, John Dixon Hunt, David Lambert, William Wilkins CBE, Elisabeth Whittle, Lady Auriol Linlithgow.

Bankers

Barclays Bank PLC, Llandeilo

Independent Examiner

Appointed by Trustees at AGM 12 September 2023.

Daphne Jeffreys.

Rochelle, Four Crosses, Llanymynech, Powys SY22 6RB

Structure Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The annual report is prepared according to the small companies regime (Section 419(2)) Companies Act and the Statement of Recommended Practice *Accounting and Reporting by Charities* issued March 2005.

Ymddiriedolaeth Gerddi Hanesyddol Cymru - Welsh Historic Gardens Trust was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (company registration number 02829630) on 23 June 1993 and registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 1023293) on 1 July 1993.

The company and charitable trust are governed by its Articles and Memorandum of Association and is a membership organisation with branches throughout Wales. The Trust's governing documents provide for the day-to-day administration to be undertaken by the Trust Committee, whose members are thus trustees of the charity and directors of the company which is limited by guarantee. Ultimate authority rests with the Trust's members at either the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting; such meetings to be conducted as provided for in the foundation documents.

Recruitment and Appointment of new Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Trust Committee. The trustees are either elected at the Annual General Meeting or nominated by the branches as their representative.

Organisational structure

The Trust Committee meets four times throughout the year and the Trust is also managed through the branch committees.

Risk Management

The major risks, to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, are constantly being monitored and systems have been and are being established to mitigate those risks. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been properly managed.

Membership

In 2024 we had 830 Members,

Annual General Meeting 2024

The 35th Annual General Meeting was hosted by the Ceredigion Branch and held at Aberystwyth University on 8 Saturday September 2024.

MINUTES

1.The AGM was chaired by President Stephen Lacey

President Stephen Lacey welcomed everyone to Aberystwyth and thanked Caroline Palmer for organising the AGM at the University and Hafod. He remarked on the difficulty of protecting historic gardens and landscapes which are in constant state of threat from neglect and insensitive development and sometimes with very powerful forces at play where pylons and power lines threaten many of Wales's beautiful valleys. It is vital to eyes and ears alert in every County and thanked members, officers, and supporters for all their good work.

In reference to the seminar at Gresford on Heritage Orchards he noted the depletion of varieties of plants available as nurseries and gardens centres become homogenised and how our botanical heritage is shrinking before our eyes.

2. Warm Welcome to the University by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Jon Timmis

3.Chair's report Jo Davidson

Jo Davidson welcomed everyone to Aberystwyth. She thanked the vice chair, Elaine Davey, for stepping in at the last minute to take last year's AGM, as she had been struck down with Covid. Jo thanked Caroline Palmer and her committee for setting up this prestigious AGM which has done much to strengthen our links with Aberystwyth University. The University has currently a little recognised asset, one of just three 20th Century gardens in Wales which made their way on the CADW Parks and Gardens Register when Ceredigion was surveyed 20 years ago. Brenda Colvin contributed design to part of this landscape with her philosophy of varied shrub planting. Caroline, Ros Laidlaw and Peter Woodbeard have worked hard over the last seven years to protect this landscape and persuade the university to recognise it as an asset.

Great Designers of the 20th Century are just as important as the early designers. We have been active in the last year to save another important Brenda Colvin landscape at Shotton which has been a thankless task and extremely dispiriting. Listing has done nothing to preserve this garden and prevent the destruction of the layout, the planting and the features. It has been replaced with a 21st Century pastiche planting scheme. Cadw have done little to help. The local authority has welcomed the development and WHGT has been completely powerless.

Tomorrow, we visit Hafod, now secured for posterity by the National Trust after 30

years of uncertainty. There seems to be a greater threat to our historic gardens than ever. It is time for us to publish a Gardens at Risk Register, a focus for our campaigning in future.

I would like to thank all the branch officers who have been so generous with their time and support over the year, all the branch committees powering away against the odds and especially to all our loyal members.

4.Attendance

35 Members attended and the meeting was therefore quorate.

5.Apologies

Mrs Jan Harris, Mrs Susan Harley, Mrs Gillie Keown-Boyd, Robin and Marcia Gibson-Watt, Rosa Andrew, Michael Norman, Joanna Robertson, Richard and Fran Pymm, Jill Griffith, Kate Howell, Paul Brighton, Angela Adams Rice, Helen Harrison.

Agenda:

6. The Approval of the Annual Report 2023.

The Annual Report 2023 is distributed to all members, which contains the Financial Review 2023 approved by the Committee by vote, and the minutes of the AGM 2023 held at The National Botanic Garden of Wales.

There were no amendments and no matters arising.

Proposed by Elaine Davey and Merilyn Anderson seconded the motion.

and

Approval of the Minutes of the AGM 2023.

Proposed by Helena Gerrish and Sarah Green seconded the motion.

7. To Appoint the Independent Examiner.

Daphne Jeffreys, Rochelle, Four Crosses, Llanymynech, SY22 6RB

The motion was carried.

8. To Elect Officers and Trustees.

For a term of one year as listed below:

Chairman: Jo Davidson (nominated by Anthony Tavenor seconded by Merilyn Anderson).

Vice-Chair: Elaine Davey: (nominated by John Edmondson and seconded by Jennie Macve).

Treasurer: Leigh O'Connor Treasurer and Company Secretary (nominated by Maldwyn Rees and seconded by Glynis Shaw).

9. Elected Trustees

Marilyn Anderson, John Edmondson, Sarah Green, Vicki Jordan, Jennie Macve, Maldwyn Rees, Sue Reeves, Glynis Shaw, Anthony Tavenor, and Stewart Wright was elected as a new Trustee, for a term of one year each. Nominated by Judith Moss, seconded by Caroline Palmer.

10. Appointments made by the Committee.

Glynis Shaw	Publications Officer
Sarah Green	Conservation and Planning Officer
Jennie Macve	Membership Secretary
Elaine Davey	Administrator

11. Our Patron

It was acknowledged that we are extremely honoured to have King Charles continuing as our Patron.

13. AOB

No other business.

Jennie Macve - Membership Secretary

14. Date of the 2025 Annual General meeting

The 36th Anniversary AGM will be hosted by Pembrokeshire on 13 September 2025.

The meeting was followed by a talk given by Trish Gibson on Brenda Colvin (1897-1981) - A Career in Landscape.

Small Grants Scheme 2024

Phyteclub (The University of Aberystwyth Botanical Society) has been awarded an Education Grant for tools and equipment, including irrigation, to care for the plant collection and continue the work of maintaining and restoring the Botanic Garden, which has been underfunded in recent years.

Noyadd Trefawr, Ceredigion has been awarded a grant towards further work on the site's historic lake, to rebuild and reinforce part of its boundary and to trace and stop a leak. To achieve this it will be necessary to divert the inflow and pump out water from the lake.

Nantclwyd y Dre Orchard, Ruthin (also known as the Lord's Garden) is a Grade II Registered site which dates from the early 1600s. A grant has been awarded towards restoration of the path layout of the garden and a more historic planting, following the collapse of a wall. The Clwyd Branch has contributed to the garden by supplying heritage orchard trees.

The Friends of Linda Vista Park (a public park in Abergavenny, registered Grade II, belonging to Monmouthshire County Council) This volunteer group has been awarded a grant towards the cost of repairing a crazy paving path and steps. The date of the path is unknown, but it sits within a formal garden largely developed in the early decades of the 20th century. It is currently in an uneven condition with trip hazards.

The year started in early February to the Allensmore Nurseries just outside Hereford, one of the largest growers and suppliers in the UK. The variety and sheer colours of the plants growing in the most enormous glass houses was staggering. After lunch at the Kilpeck Inn we went on to The Laskett Gardens. The Laskett Gardens are one of Britain's great autobiographical gardens. Over almost four decades the historian, Sir Roy Strong, and his late wife, the designer Dr Julia Trevelyan Oman, transformed a four-acre field into a series of stunning garden rooms, vistas, ascents and descents. In January 2021 Sir Roy Strong gifted this beautiful garden to the charity Perennial.

We held our AGM in late April at Treberfydd House overlooking Llangorse Lake and The Black Mountains. The garden and the adjoining walled garden, which is run as a rather special separate enterprise, were both very fine and much appreciated by our members as was the tea supplied by our committee.

In early May a party of thirty members went to Scotland. Our first visit was to Dumfries House, where we stayed in the original Factors House, in some state, and saw around both the delightful gardens and the very splendid house the next morning. After lunch we made our way north for a quick and energetic visit to Ardkinglas where we saw some British Champion trees. Our tour continued with visits to Inveraray Castle and gardens, Crarae Gardens and we finally arrived at Crinan Hotel where we stayed for the remainder of the week. We explored Duntrune Castle and garden and had a tour at Ardmaddy Castle before a final lunch by The Bridge over the Atlantic and a visit to Arduane Gardens. Our only drama was being unable to get to Kilchoan where the road proved too steep and narrow for our bus. On the way home we squeezed in a fleeting visit to Drumlanrig Castle Gardens and spent the night in an hotel near Penrith that used to be a German POW camp!

In late May we visited the superb National Trust Gardens at Hidcote followed by tea with old friends at Kiftsgate Court, just up the road.

In early June we were fortunate to have a day looking round Madresfield Court garden and then the house. This was one of the two settings for Brideshead Revisited, the other being Castle Howard which we hope to visit in 2025. After lunch we went for a short visit to the spectacular ruins at Great Witley Court and a visit to the magnificent Baroque church.

At the end of June, we went to Monmouthshire to visit Veddow House, buried in thick woodlands overlooking the Wye Valley and the home of the reluctant gardener Anne Wareham and her husband. It was fascinating and belied its owners' reputations! A sumptuous tea at Wyndcliffe Court followed and we were shown around the very lovely Arts and Crafts garden with wonderful views down over the Bristol Channel.

At the end of July some of our members helped with the WHGT stand at the Royal Welsh Show. One of our neighbours at the show was a voluntary organisation called Pickups for Peace based in Scotland. They collect elderly but serviceable 4x4 trucks, fill them with all manner of farm related stores and equipment and arrange for them to be driven out to Ukraine where they are taken over by the organisation operating there. There is a huge demand for this and it was decided that the Branch should try and help such a good cause.

Our September event was a visit to St Fagans National Museum of History, Cardiff. This consists of a large area of woodlands and gardens, totalling over 100 acres, with an endless succession of old historical buildings generally connected with country-side-living within Wales. The site and original buildings were donated to the people of Wales in 1946 by the Earl of Plymouth. Although the entrance was free the cost of parking was substantial! Because of this generosity we asked all members who were intending to come to St Fagans if they would be prepared to donate £5 each to Pickups for Peace and the branch would match this. It proved to be a fascinating day and £220 was raised hence allowing our branch to forward £ 440 for the Pickups.

The winter lecture held at Peterstone Court near Brecon was given by James Bolton on the story of the historic friendship between Sir Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll and what they achieved - and was much appreciated by a large number of members. Generally, it has been a good year. We have lost some old and loyal friends which is sad and we shall particularly miss John Borron who died in the autumn and had been a mainstay within the Trust for many years.

Conservation and Planning

The main planning issues in Brecon and Radnor are windmills and the River Wye. Neither are directly the concern of the WHGT but both are of great concern to those who live there. The turbines are the largest in Great Britain and will affect what is considered a rather a special part of Wales.

The problem on the Wye is based on effluent entering the rivers from the large number of poultry farms affecting the quality of water in one of our greatest rivers. Both concerns are of national importance, and we need help now.

The Branch AGM was held at the Waun Fawr Community Hall on 16 March 2024. We were delighted to welcome a new committee member, Peter Wootton Beard. It was followed by a talk on the Historic Gardens of Pembrokeshire by Sarah Green. The Branch organised three garden visits in the county, but was not entirely successful in their accomplishment, as the visit to Monachty and Ty Glyn Garden planned for 22 May had to be postponed at the very last minute due to ill health, and co-incidentally avoided a really unpleasantly wet day. It was rescheduled for what turned out to be a glorious afternoon on 26 June, there was a good attendance by members, and the tea served at Ty Glyn was outstanding. The visit to Gogerddan grounds which was planned for 10 July had to be cancelled because the University proved not willing to allow access without very substantial advance notice.

The branch also visited Llanllŷr on 16 October. Neither of these latter events attracted many members other than committee.

A very heavy demand on the Branch was the organisation of the National WHGT AGM on the weekend of 6-8th September. This involved organising and hosting a reception at the School of Art on the Friday, a Lecture from Trish Gibson on the work of landscape architect Brenda Colvin, and three special interest tours of the University campus, offering insights into the 20thC Penglais Campus planting, the historic gardens of Plas Penglais and the tropical glasshouse, and antiquarian books in the Hugh Owen Library special collections. Penny David and Caroline Palmer also produced a WHGT pamphlet on the history and character of the Penglais Campus gardens for distribution to delegates. On the Sunday two guided walks at Hafod were arranged. The weekend did prove a very successful event and was much appreciated by delegates who came, but attendance was low and it was disappointing that despite the opportunity to sign up for the visits individually and at little or no cost very few of our Branch members took the opportunity to join us.

At our committee meeting in November the Branch decided that the time has come for a new committee to take on the work of the local Branch. It was also agreed to offer a number of grants out of accumulated Branch funds. The Committee resolved to hold a celebratory AGM lunch event at Llanerchaeron and to seek nominations for all posts to create a renewed Committee. Existing members would be willing to serve on a temporary and advisory basis to aid the handover of responsibilities.

Conservation and Planning

The Branch offered two grants to try to bring forward two essential works on university grounds. In winter 2023 floods damaged the footings of one of the two historic stone bridges in the woodland garden of Plas Penglais. The Branch offered £1500 towards emergency repairs. The visits during the National AGM drew attention to the overgrown condition of the very choice collection of conifers in what was once the Botanical Order beds in the grounds of the Plas. In support of the personal efforts of the new Vice Chancellor Jon Timmis, the Branch offered to fund the work of an arborist to attend to these trees and remove the weed trees amongst them. The branch also contributed £200 towards the purchase by the Ceredigion County Archive of a historic drawing of Hafod.

During the year Caroline Palmer and Philip Ellis continued to serve on the National Trust Hafod Advisory group, and Peter Wootton Beard and Caroline Palmer have been active in liaising with Aberystwyth University. Ros Laidlaw has monitored planning applications affecting listed gardens and conservation areas. Penny David continues to volunteer at Llanerchaeron maintaining strong links between WHGT and the National Trust.

2024 began with a snowdrop walk at Rhug Hall, Corwen in February kindly hosted by Lord Newborough. Although the snowdrops had finished unseasonably early members had an interesting walk around the Repton landscape.

Some members managed to visit Dolhyfryd just outside Denbigh to see the acres of naturalised crocuses - it is a glorious sight. However, as the flowering of these plants is unpredictable it is not possible to set a date, so members make an appointment with our very kind host Virginia Cunningham.

In May we visited Plas Nantglyn kindly hosted by Jannette and Richard Welch. The house was built in 1573 and has a pretty and extensive spring garden surrounding the house. We enjoyed tea on the terrace in the sun.

We held our AGM in June at Gresford Memorial Hall. The meeting was followed by a by Ruth Tesdale who described how a local group are developing gardens at Wrexham Maelor Hospital. They are also hoping to restore the walled garden at Croesnewydd Hall, a grade II* building built as a small brick mansion in 1696. Croesnewydd was purchased by Clwyd County Council in 1980s to house hi-tech services for the neighbouring medical institutions. The group hope to secure a lease for the walled garden.

The AGM was followed by a garden tour at Erddig led by Louise Nicholls the new Head Gardener.

In June committee member Jane Parry-Evans organised a wonderful visit to gardens in Rowen. We began at Llanerch-y-Felin where Jane and her partner Frank Chambers showed us round their lovely garden surrounding the ancient property which they have restored. We then then visited the Johnston gardens, laid out by A.T. (Arthur Tysilio) Johnson, a well-known gardening writer in the 1930s. The popular Johnson's Blue Geranium is named after him. We finished the day at Gilfach, an acre of glorious garden on a south facing slope above the Conwy valley where James and Isoline Greenhalgh hosted us for tea.

We enjoyed a lovely visit to Langlands in July hosted by Stephen Lacey, our WHGT Chairman. Stephen gave a tour of his beautiful town garden in Wrexham, which is horticulturally rich with choice planting, developed over more than 40 years. Stephen also has a wonderful collection of lilies. After tea, Stephen gave everyone a copy of *The Startling Jungle*, and many of us were tempted by Aaron's plant stall!

Our August visit to Plas Uchaf, Llanefydd took us to a garden dating from at least the seventeenth century which is now being restored. Owners Kerrie and Bleddyn generously hosted us in their sixteenth century house as well as the garden. The property lies at the foot of Mynydd Gaer Hill Fort and the garden has been designed with a water course flowing underneath and across the garden to cascade into the river below. This would have been seen from the parapet walk and banqueting house in the walled garden. Kerrie has carefully identified the paths and now is planting along the restored walls. The branch aims to contribute some espaliers trees in the next planting season.

In September we visited Cerrig Llwydion in Llandyrnog near Denbigh, a wonderful garden surrounding an 18th century house, hosted by member Charlotte Howard. The surrounding garden has many mature trees, and an interesting pond or reservoir now

derelict but has since become a lovely bog garden. The grounds have a number of large, strange stones.

The branch held a Heritage Orchard seminar in Gresford. Huge thanks to all our speakers including David Bouch, head gardener at Cotehele in Cornwall, who bought a great apple display; Wade Muggleton who introduced us to the Worcester Black Pear and bought samples for members; also Andrew Omerod, Glyn Smith and Tom Adams contributed enormously to the interest of the day with some members keen to visit Tom's agro-forestry nursery.

In November we were delighted to have a talk by Dan Bristow in Theatr Twm o'r Nant, Denbigh on The Size of Wales Garden which was awarded a gold medal at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Conservation and Planning

We have been assisting at Nant Cwyd y Dre in Ruthin with garden restoration after collapse of a high retaining wall and have contributed a heritage orchard and supported work on a Conservation Management Plan with Andrew Davidson formerly of the Gwynedd Archaeological Trust.

Steve Emery has sourced roses for Plas Newydd in Llangollen, where the Head Gardener was also delighted to pick up plants donated by Anthony Tavenor from Plas Cadnant.

We continue to be concerned at the state of the folly tower and grotto at Talacre, Flintshire, the state of the gardens at Kinmel, Denbighshire and John Summers in Flintshire.

We started our year with our AGM in April at Plas Tan Y Bwlch, which was well attended. We welcomed our new treasurer Christina Linford, who was duly voted in. Philip Ashurst was thanked for all his hard work in 9 years as treasurer. We enjoyed an informative talk on the subject of invasive garden species, which can spread from our gardens into the wild, given by one of the researchers from the North Wales Wildlife Trust. Following lunch, we toured the gardens looking out for invasive species and noticed that the gardens were in a very sorry state. The place is currently up for sale and is looking neglected both inside and out. A donation was given to the Trust as a thank you for the talk.

Later in April we visited Bettina Harden's splendid garden at Nanhoron, to view the Bluebell woods. Bettina gave us a tour of the extensive grounds showing us interesting new plantings which have been done recently. The bluebell woods were amazing.

A very small group of members attended our coffee morning at Gwydir Castle in May. Our chairman planted an oak tree with a lead plaque provided by the branch, at a cost of £257, to commemorate the late Queen Elisabeth's Platinum Jubilee. The branch presented the owners with a cheque for £500 to help with the restoration of the Rose Garden, which had recently been replanted and was looking good. We saw the high wall, which had been built with sandbags by volunteers, which it is hoped will help to keep the flooding, which has caused so much damage to the historic trees, at bay.

In June we held an afternoon tea party at the home of Jennifer Rickards' wonderful garden. It was a very successful, enjoyable event, thanks to Jennifer's generosity in allowing us to use her garden. At the age of 90 Jennifer is a great supporter of our branch attending many of our events and still gardening.

July saw our four-day garden trip to the Cotswolds starting with Spetchley Gardens, visiting Hidcote and Kiftsgate, ending with Arley Arboretum on the way home.

In late July a group of us were privileged to be invited to visit our President, Stephen Lacey's wonderful garden, in a leafy suburb of Wrexham. Although Stephen was disappointed that the garden had not reached its full summer glory for our visit, as many of the later perennials had been held back by the weather, this in no way marred our visit. After a tour of the garden guided by Stephen and his gardener Aaron, we enjoyed coffee and cake in the stunning conservatory. We left via Aaron's plant stall, each with a copy of *The Startling Jungle*, a present from Stephen. On our way home we stopped at Erddig for lunch and a walk round the garden, and some plant purchases.

On November 2nd we held a study day at the Telford Centre, on the subject of Why we need Public Spaces, Parks and Gardens with three excellent speakers, followed by a lively discussion. After a hot lunch, members took a walk to see the proposed scheme for work on the garden at the Princes Pier gardens, Menai Bridge. An enjoyable event, unfortunately not well supported by our members.

The last event of the year was a Christmas lunch held at Caernarfon Golf Club, an enjoyable end to what was a busy year for the branch.

Conservation and Planning

Members of the branch continue to monitor planning applications for Gwynedd and Anglesey, for schemes which would have an effect on historic parks and gardens. The proposal for a holiday development at Penrhos Park, Holyhead goes on, and is still of great concern. The local campaign managed to secure and fund a judicial review, but unfortunately, this was unsuccessful. The Branch gave a donation of £100 towards this. The Park has now changed ownership, and this makes the future even more uncertain.

Cestyll gardens have sustained a huge amount of damage in recent storms, and we will be advising them on replanting a shelterbelt. It was hoped to open under the National Garden scheme next year, but this seems unlikely as things stand.

Plas Tan y Bwlch's garden is in a very neglected state and it is hoped that any future owners will restore it to its former glory. Currently the sale has been deferred after public protest and concerns over ownership.

We began the year with a committee meeting in January to discuss proposed events for the year aware that the support for our branch is declining, as we are still feeling the impact of the lockdowns and that we are all ageing. Also we have a lot of competition for participants at events due to being effectively located in the capital City where there are myriad distractions and other societies wanting support.

Bronwen Thomas kindly compiled an online publication of 'Members Musings' an informal newsletter for our branch. It was meant to be an inaugural compilation to encourage a regular news sheet of contributions of articles, photos, comments and anything else related to historic parks and gardens in the manner of the Lockdown News that were sent out during the pandemic. It contained some really interesting articles by members of the committee but unfortunately, as noted above, we are all too busy to organise this regularly. It was sent out with details about our first event, a coach trip to the Newport Ship Centre and lunch there, before going on to Dewstow Gardens and Grottoes in May. The trip was well supported but only possible by partnering with other garden groups. Dewstow Gardens have sadly subsequently closed, at the end of the season. The Park is Registered Grade I, for having the most important, best preserved and extensive Pulham garden in Wales, unusual in consisting partly of underground grottoes and tunnels.

We met again in March and May to make arrangements for our AGM in June. It was decided after investigating potential venues to meet in Pontypridd Lido in Ynysangharad Memorial Park, as so many other venues e.g the visitor centre at the Llanishen and Lisvane Reservoirs are so expensive or too familiar!

We received many apologies for absence for this meeting in June, so we were a small group that I led around the Grade II Registered Park to the Grade II* memorial to Evan and James James, composers of Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau sculpted by Sir William Goscombe John, after the AGM, in glorious sunshine.

Unfortunately, three members of our committee resigned due to health issues and too many other commitments. Grateful thanks for their service over many years and for the remaining members of the committee.

Some of us joined a U3A visit to Hampton Court gardens in Hereford in July. The weather wasn't too kind, but the gardens are very beautiful and so interesting, that the Grade II designation may need re-assessment.

In September we enjoyed very good support for part two of our study of the

Grade I gardens at St. Fagans National Museum of History, led by Juliet Hodgkiss, the Museum's Senior Garden Conservator. This time we learnt about the traditional produce grown in the small gardens, some before the introduction of potatoes!

The talk scheduled for the autumn had to be postponed until February 2025 and our Christmas gathering was cancelled due to various health problems amongst us.

Conservation and Planning

As noted last year, the gardens and grounds (Grade II) around Whitchurch Hospital continue to be of concern (as do the hospital buildings). Also the adjacent Northern Meadows development is still exercising many of us.

I was also informed about reordering of spaces at Insole Court, the emergency removal of failed roof glazing and replacement with slate at Ty Gwyrdd at the National Museum of History. Repairs and replacement work to the two Glass Houses at the NMH. Finally we were informed about an extension to Ty Hosbis, Whitchurch.

Finally, thank you to our loyal members for their continued support and, of course, many thanks to the committee for all of their hard work.

Monmouthshire and Gwent *Chair Helena Gerrish.*

2024 was a successful year but apart from the AGM the events were not very well attended.

We started off with the AGM on March 14 with a lecture about The Making of the Abergavenny Millennium Tapestry with afternoon tea and tour of the tapestry. This was well attended, and it was amazing how many members had never visited the tapestry before. A donation was given to the organisers.

The next event in April was a trip to Castell Coch and Parc Cefn Onn which was good.

On May 22nd we visited Boo Vaughan's garden at Blackbrook in pouring rain, and had a very interesting tour with Kathryn Owen, who has created the garden with the owner Boo Vaughan over the last ten years.

On 8th July we visited Tretower Court, where we offered advice on the historic planting to update Elizabeth Whittle's restoration many years ago. We had a really fascinating tour of the Court with the curator who was exceptionally knowledgeable.

Our Annual Autumn lecture and supper took place in November with a very enjoyable lecture by James Bolton the owner of Border Lines, the oldest garden tour company in Britain, on Formal Gardens in England and Wales followed by a very social supper.

We are delighted to report that we have several new members.

Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2024

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Leigh O'Connor
Director

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 set out on pages 22 to 35.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met;

or

- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signature D Jeffreys

Date 23rd May 2025

Daphne Jeffreys

Rochelle, Four Crosses, SY22 6RG

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes			31.12 24	31.12 23
Incoming resources from generated funds		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	total Funds	Total funds
Voluntary income	2	2,176		2,176	2,798
Activities for generating funds	3	57,979		57,979	69,583
Investment income	4	1,131		1,131	734
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	13,858		15,647	15,647
Total incoming resources		75,144		75,144	88,762
Resources Expended					
Charitable expenses	6				
Branch		55,768		55,768	70,322
Head Office		4,819	1,000	5,819	11,583
Governance costs	7	13,557	-	13,557	9,912
Total resources expended		74,144	1,000	75,144	91,817
Net income the year before transfers		1,000	(1,000)	0	3,055
Gros transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		1,000	(1,000)	0	(3,055))
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds b/f		110,837	23,210	134,047	137,102
TOTAL FUNDS C/F		111,837	22,210	134,047	134,047

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2024

		31.12.23	31.12.22
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	-	-
Debtors	11	2,102	15,884
Cash at bank	12	134,348	134,921
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		136,450	150,805
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,403)	(16,758)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		134,273	137,047
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		134,047	137,047
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NET ASSETS		134,047	137,047
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FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		111,837	110,837
Restricted funds		22,210	23,210
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TOTAL FUNDS		134,047	137,047
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* restated			

The notes on pages 28-35 form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2023 (continued)

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006

and

- b Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements so far as is applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by Leigh O'Connor on 11th March 2024.

Leigh O'Connor
Director,

The notes on pages 28-35 form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant & machinery etc – 25% on cost and 20% on cost.

Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
2. Voluntary Income		
Grants – branches	-	-
Donations – branches	30	700
Donations – Head Office	270	115
Grants – Head Office	-	-
Gift aid	1,876	1,983
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	2,176	2,798
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3. Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising events – branches	57,936	69,288
Sundry income – branches	-	-
Sales of books- branches	43	295
Sundry income – Head Office	-	-
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	57,979	69,583
	=====	=====
4. Investment income		
Deposit account interest – branches	453	389
Deposit account interest – Head Office	678	345
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	1,131	734
5. Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Membership fees	11,106	10,788
Lectures, visits, meetings	0	-
AGM	2,752	2,303
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	13,858	15,647
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For the year ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
6. Direct Costs of Charitable activities		
Insurance	308	278
Postage and stationery	1,040	834
Sundries	100	-
Lectures, meetings and visits	51,306	65,932
Administration expenses and publicity	670	3,253
Bulletins and literature	4,046	2,966
Website	454	94
Grants payable	1,000	2,975
Donations	3,587	1,700-
Write Off Stock of Books	-	1,986
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	61,587	81,811
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7. Governance costs

Accountancy	400	400
Administration expenses and AGM	4,510	4,002
Honorarium	4,503	2,500
Annual Report	3,690	3,010
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	13,557	10,006
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8.Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

Honorarium totalling £2,500 were made to trustees for additional services undertaken during the year (2023 - £2,500). These payments were agreed by the remaining trustees in line with section 6 of the Memorandum of Association.

Trustees' Expenses

Expenses totalling £0 (zero) (2023 £0- zero) were paid to none (2023 none) of the trustees during the year.

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24
9 Tangible fixed Assets	Plant and machinery etc
Cost	
At 1st January 2024	12,934
Additions	-
Disposals	-

At 31st December 2024	12,934
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Depreciation	
At 1st January 2024	12,934
Charge for year	-
Eliminated on disposal	-

At 31st December 2024	12,934
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Net Book Value	
At 31st December 2024	-
At 31st December 2023	-

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	31. 12. 24	31. 12. 23
10. Stocks		
Books - Ceredigion	-	-
Books - Carmarthenshire	-	-
* Restated	-----	-----
	-	-
	=====	=====
11. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		
Prepayments	-	13,912
Other debtors	2,102	1,972
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	2,102	15,884
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12. Cash at Bank

	General Fund Head Office	General Fund Branches	Contingency Fund	Develoment Fund	Conservation/ Fighting Fund
Barclays Cur- rent Account	14,199	-	-		
Virgin Money Deposit	1,615	-	7,000	5,500	15,062
Brecon, Radnor & Mont- gomery	-	13,835	-		
Ceredigion	-	5,389	-		
Clwyd	-	12,365	-		
Pembrokeshire	-	507	-		
South & Mid Glamganshire	-	4,195	-		
Gwynedd	-	12,534	-		
Monmouthshire & Gwent	-	10,605	-		
Carmarthen- shire	-	5,412	-		
Bonus Saver / Paypal	89	-	-		
Total	15,903	64,842	7,000	5,500	15,062
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12. Cash at Bank continued

	Restricted Fighting Fund	Small Grants Fund	Research & Education Fund	31.12.24 Total Cash	31.12.23 Total Cash
Barclays Current Account	-			14,199	9,825
Virgin Money Deposit	16,979	5,233	3,830	55,218	61,218
Brecon, Radnorshire & Montgomeryshire				13,835	11,049
Ceredigion				5,389	5,675
Clwyd				12,365	14,173
Pembrokeshire				507	506
South & Mid Glamorgan				4,195	3,941
West Glamorgan-shire				-	-
Gwynedd				12,534	12,892
Monmouthshire & Gwent				10,605	10,134
Carmarthenshire				5,412	5,402
Bonus Saver / Paypal				89	96
Total	16,979	5,232	3,830	134,348	134,922

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	31.12.24	31.12.23
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-
Other creditors	2,403	16,758
	<u>2,403</u>	<u>16,758</u>
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14. Analysis of Net Assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Fixed assets		-	-	-
Current assets	114,240	22,210	136,450	150,805
Current liabilities	(2,403)	-	(726)	(16,758)
	<u>111,837</u>	<u>22,210</u>	<u>134,047</u>	<u>134,047</u>
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15. Movement in Funds

Unrestricted Funds	At 01.01.24	Net Movement in funds	At 31.12.24
General fund Head Office	16,750	(921)	15,829
General fund Branches	62,695	1,921	64,616
Contingency fund	7,000	-	7,000
Development fund	5,500	-	5,500
Research and Education	3,830	(	3,830
Conservation Fighting fund	15,062	-	15,062
	<u>110,837</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>111,837</u>
Restricted Funds			
Restricted fighting fund	16,979	-	16,979
Small Grants fund	6,231	(1,000)	5,231
	<u>23,210</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>22,210</u>
	=====	=====	=====
Total Funds	134,047	0	134,047

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Fund Transfer	Movement in Funds
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund-Head Office	15,671	(16,592)	-	(921)
General fund -Branches	59,473	(57,552)	-	1,921
Contingency fund	-	-	-	-
Development fund	-	-	-	-
Research & Education fund	-	-	-	-
Conservation Fighting fund	-	-	-	-
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	75,144	(74,144)	-	1,000
Restricted funds				
Restricted fighting fund	-	-	-	-
Small Grants fund		(1,000)	-	(1,000)
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	-	(1,000)	-	(1,000)
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Total Funds	75,144	(75,144)	-	(0)
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The general funds reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated by the trustees for particular purposes.

General fund – Branches is broken down as follows:

Ceredigion £5,163

Carmarthenshire £5,412

Brecon, Radnor & Montgomery £13,835

Gwynedd £12,534

South & Mid Glamorgan £4,195

Clwyd £12,365

Pembrokeshire £507

Monmouthshire £10,605

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities, for the Year Ended
31st December 2024

Incoming Resources	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Voluntary Income		
Grants branches	-	-
Donations - Branches	30	700
Donations - Head Office	270	115
Grants Head Office	-	-
Gift Aid	1,876	1,983
	2,176	2,798
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Sales of books - branches	43	295
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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

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Lectures Meetings and Visits	51,306	65,932
Administration and Publicity	670	3,253
Bulletins and Literature	4,046	2,966
Website	94	-
Small equipment		135
Donations	3,116	3,587
Write off stock	-	1,986
Grants to institutions	1,000	2,975
	61,587	81,811
Governance costs		
Accountancy	400	400
Website	454	94
Administration expenses and AGM	4,510	4,002
Annual Report	3,690	3,010
Honorarium	4,503	2,500
	13,557	10,006
Total resources expended	75,144	91,817
Net income	0	(3,055)

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Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023



Patron: HM King Charles III

2023 saw our first big conference of the decade in Llandudno, where a very distinguished cast of lecturers discussed the future of trees in the Historic landscape. This event was well attended and, as we had hoped, included a number of local authority tree officers and National Trust gardeners. This type of engagement is vital in keeping the awareness of the historic landscape in the minds of those in a position to influence its future. We intend to continue holding these events.

Trustees were pleased to meet with Patrick Swan, Gardens Consultant at the National Trust, at Powys Castle. We spent an afternoon going through plans and policy for each Welsh property. Patrick suggested that we make this a regular occurrence which is very encouraging. At the same time we have instigated a series of regular meetings with Lisa Fiddes, the Cadw Inspector responsible for Parks and Gardens which are proving useful.

The 2023 AGM was held at The National Botanic Garden which was very well organised by a team headed by Marilyn Anderson. I understand that it was an interesting and enjoyable weekend, beginning with a drinks reception at Court Henry hosted by Tom and Willa Lloyd. Unfortunately I was suffering from Covid and missed it all! I would like to thank Elaine Davey for doing a wonderful job in running the AGM in my absence.

Many branches are active and vibrant with a full programme of visits, lectures and planning matters. However, we have branch difficulties in West Glamorgan and Carmarthenshire and would welcome anyone who wants to take a more active role.

The Trust has been involved with campaigns to save the landscapes of Ruperra, Penrhos and the John Summers Garden at Shotton and to urge the Welsh Government to do more to protect parks and gardens in Wales.

In September Glynis and I were very pleased to help with a Garden Trust visit to North Wales led by Sandra Pullen with visits to Happy Valley, Bodnant, Bodysgallen, Gwydir, Plas Cadnant and Treborth Botanic Garden. Huge thanks to all the hosts who ensured the trip was a great success.

I would like to thank our very hard working Trustees for all the grass roots work done throughout the year as well as that on a national level. We owe a great debt to Glynis for the excellent Bulletins she has produced, something that definitely raises the profile of the Trust. Leigh O Connor continues to administer our finances efficiently and cheerfully, Vicki Jordan has settled into the role of Secretary and Jennie Macve continues to run the membership. Elaine Davey has kindly agreed to take over the responsibilities formerly managed by Aberglasney. Stephen Lacey has agreed to continue as President, something we are very grateful for.

Finally, I would like to thank the membership for their continuing support and loyalty throughout this year and hopefully for many years to come.

As can be seen in the branch reports it has once again been a busy year for members on the planning front emphasising the vital role the Trust plays in its ability to respond swiftly to planning applications with the benefit of in-depth knowledge and research carried out by members.

It is worth noting that the guidance available to applicants who propose developments which may affect a Registered Park or Garden, varies across the local planning authorities (LPAs) in Wales. Some LPAs provide good guidance in the form of detailed policies or in supplementary planning guidance (SPG) on best practice to avoid compromising the significance of registered parks and gardens. Enforcement of planning approvals and conditions also remains variable with inconsistencies in policy between LPAs.

It should also be noted that progress in adopting and reviewing Local Development Plans (LDPs) across the LPAs varies enormously and that in some cases it is still worthwhile becoming involved with the process in your area to help ensure that policies within the LPD aimed at protecting sites on the Register are as clear and as robust as possible.

In terms of overarching legislation on 14 June 2023, the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill became an Act and the Welsh Government's first exercise in consolidation in an ambitious programme to improve the accessibility of Welsh law. The legislation is now an Act of Senedd Cymru and will be brought into force in the latter part of 2024, supported by secondary legislation.

Part 6 of the Act requires the Welsh Ministers to maintain and publish the register of historic parks and gardens. It also requires the Welsh Ministers to maintain a historic environment record for each of the 22 local authorities in Wales.

Since there is no change in policy, it is important to stress that once the 2023 Act is commenced there will be no action or activity required for most users of the legislation. Further information will be found on the Cadw website but the list below indicates some of the important policy documents and guidance which will need to be updated:

Planning Policy Wales, Technical Advice Note 24: The Historic Environment, Heritage Impact Assessment in Wales, Setting of Historic Assets in Wales, Understanding Listing in Wales, Heritage Partnership Agreements in Wales, as well as the series giving advice on Managing change in the historic environment including Registered Historic Parks and Gardens in Wales.

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023 WHGT trustees, also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) *Accounting and Reporting by Charities* March 2005

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Structure Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The annual report is prepared according to the small companies regime (Section 419(2)) Companies Act and the Statement of Recommended Practice *Accounting and Reporting by Charities* issued March 2005.

Ymddiriedolaeth Gerddi Hanesyddol Cymru - Welsh Historic Gardens Trust was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (company registration number 02829630) on 23 June 1993 and registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 1023293) on 1 July 1993.

The company and charitable trust are governed by its Articles and Memorandum of Association and is a membership organisation with branches throughout Wales. The Trust's governing documents provide for the day-to-day administration to be undertaken by the Trust Committee, whose members are thus trustees of the charity and directors of the company which is limited by guarantee. Ultimate authority rests with the Trust's members at either the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting; such meetings to be conducted as provided for in the foundation documents.

Recruitment and Appointment of new Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Trust Committee. The trustees are either elected at the Annual General Meeting or nominated by the branches as their representative.

Organisational structure

The Trust Committee meets four times throughout the year and the Trust is also managed through the branch committees.

Risk Management

The major risks, to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, are constantly being monitored and systems have been and are being established to mitigate those risks. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been properly managed.

Membership

In 2023 we had ? Members,

Annual General Meeting 2023

The 34th Annual General Meeting held at National Botanic Garden of Wales on Saturday September 2023

MINUTES

The Deputy Chairman, Elaine Davey, welcomed members to the AGM as the Chairman, Jo Davidson, was indisposed with Covid.

Attendance:

61 Members attended and the meeting was therefore quorate.

Apologies:

Jo Davidson, Stephen Lacey, Auriol Linlithgow, Bettina Harden, Elizabeth Whittle, Maldwyn Rees, Mrs Jan Harris, Mrs Gilly Keown-Boyd, Mrs Jane Moyle, Mrs Marilyn Burns, John Dixon-Hunt, David Lambert, Edward and Nicky Gilbertson, Michael Norman, Carolyn Faulder, John Borron, Gwyneth Hayward, Elizabeth Evans, John Edmondson, Rhiannon Môn-Jones, Sarah Green.

Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the Annual General meeting held at Hay Castle September, 2023.

There were no amendments and no matters arising.

Merilyn Anderson proposed, and Helena Gerrish seconded the motion.

2. Vice-Chairman's Report

In the absence of Jo Davidson Elaine Davey summarised the achievements of the Trust in the past year and then read an address by the President.

3. President's Report: (read by Elaine Davey)

Firstly many apologies for not being at the AGM weekend - which was due to a prior commitment. I would very much have liked to have been with you. And now Jo is absent too, with Covid..... Oh dear. Can't believe Covid is stalking us again. ... Huge thanks to Merilyn and Elaine for taking charge of the AGM - you are in great hands - and huge thanks to everyone else who is contributing to the weekend.

2023 seems to be the Year of the Tree. I was delighted to introduce the speakers at the WHGT tree day in Llandudno - Glynis assembled a galaxy of big names, headed by Tony Kirkham of Kew, and it was a fascinating day, themed around community tree planting and the choice of trees for a changing climate. Even in historic parks and gardens we can no longer be wedded to native species and heritage exotics but

must be open-minded to other trees - even unfamiliar genera like hickories - which have a similar outline and character and are better suited to heat and more resistant to diseases.

And while the current enthusiasm for planting ever more trees is welcome, the preoccupation - Tony Kirkham stresses - should be not the planting but the ESTABLISHING of trees. Huge numbers of young trees die from neglect in their first few seasons. Better to plant fewer and look after them. This is what the WHGT and its branches have been involved with in our Platinum Jubilee tree planting and gifts of specimen trees - including trees for heritage orchards. It has been a great project. Trees and historic landscapes go hand in hand - indeed, how integral trees are to historic landscapes was one of the themes of the Garden Trust's recent Welsh study weekend.

On my way to the Pembrokeshire coast in June I stopped off for an hour at Aberglasney where the highlight was a fabulous flowering *Magnolia macrophylla*. I had never encountered this, sporting its enormous white scented flowers in the UK before. These giant-leaved American magnolias are certainly going to be an upside of global warming!

I had my first visit to lovely St Fagan's this year, where the WHGT has been supporting the project to restore the glasshouses, and to Hafod where Caroline Palmer and other WHGT members have been doing such magnificent work with the Hafod Trust restoring and replanting the walled garden and nurturing the wider landscape, which have now passed into the safekeeping of the National Trust.

All strength now to the continuing campaigns at Ruperra, at Penrhos in Anglesey, and elsewhere. And heartfelt thanks to all WHGT members, and those who run the branches, for their time, expertise, passion and fighting spirit. See you soon!

4.To adopt the Financial Report:

There were no questions arising.

Jonathan Reeves proposed, and Glynis Shaw seconded the motion

5. To appoint an Independent Examiner:

Helen Lilley of Total Accounts Ltd. Being recommended.

Joanna Robertson proposed and Marilyn Anderson seconded the motion.

6. To elect Officers and Trustees, for a term of one year each as listed below:

Officers:

Chairman Jo Davidson (nominated by Anthony Tavernor, seconded by Rosa Andrew)

Vice-Chair Elaine Davey (nominated by Val Caple, seconded by Marilyn Anderson)

Treasurer & Company Secretary Leigh O'Connor (nominated by Maldwyn Rees, seconded by Jennie Macve)

Elected Trustees:

Merilyn Anderson (nominated by Rosie Humphreys, seconded by Lucy Prichard)

John Edmondson (nominated by Glynis Shaw, seconded by Caroline Palmer)

G. Stephan Green (nominated by Glynis Shaw, seconded by Jennie Macve)

Sarah Green (nominated by Stephen Watkins, seconded by Mary Smith)

Vicki Jordan (nominated by Jo Davidson, seconded by Margot Greer)

Jennie Macve (nominated by Caroline Palmer, seconded by Philip Ellis)

Maldwyn Rees (nominated by Jennie Macve, seconded by Jonathan Reeves)

Sue Reeves (Leigh O'Connor, seconded by Maldwyn Rees)

Glynis Shaw (nominated by Beth Brunning, seconded by Caroline Palmer)

Anthony Tavernor (nominated by Jo Davidson, seconded by Glynis Shaw)

[A further five representatives, appointed by branches, complete the composition of the Board of Trustees.]

Other appointments, made by the Committee:

Glynis Shaw - Publications Officer

Sarah Green - Conservation and Planning Officer

Jennie Macve - Membership Secretary

7. Date of the 2024 Annual General meeting

The 35th Anniversary AGM will be hosted by Ceredigion on 7 September 2024.

AOB

Angela Yardley, Chair of the Thomas Jones Pencerrig Trust (TJPT) made a case for the restoration of Pencerrig, home of Thomas Jones (1742-1803) the notable 18th century Welsh landscape painter and early student of the Picturesque Landscape movement. Pencerrig has an interesting landscape. It would be good to know what has survived of the landscaping and plantations undertaken by Thomas Jones. The house is gravely neglected, and the current owner is not stemming the decay. The TJPT with the help of the Architectural Heritage Trust commissioned a Project Viability Report in 2020.

William Wilkins suggested that all owners of Thomas Jones paintings were financially secure, including the Mellon family and that the TJPT should locate the owners of Thomas Jones paintings to help raise match funding for an HLF application.

"The meeting was followed by a talk given by Dr Lucy Sutherland, Director of the National Botanic Garden of Wales."

Small Grants Scheme 2023

WHGT gave a grant of £1000 to the Hay Castle Trust for reinstating the terraced bank at Hay Castle facing the High Street.

This match funded a grant awarded by the Brecon, Radnor & Montgomery branch.

WHGT also gave a grant of £1000 towards a Jean Reader memorial bench for the Cowbridge Physic Garden.

Branch reports 2023

The Clwyd and Gwynedd branches held a successful seminar on Trees in 2023. It was followed by a guided tour of Bodnant the following day - particularly to see their fine collection of Magnolias.

Welsh Historic Gardens Trust

Venue Cymru Llandudno 29 March 10.30

Trees

A full day Seminar on trees, coffee served from 10.00 am

Tony Kirkham MBE VMH former Head of Arboretum, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
'Future Trees'

Simon Toomer Curator of Living Collections Kew
'Balancing heritage and resilience - treescapes in a changing climate'

John Parker Chief Executive Arboricultural Association
'The Stonehouse Community Arboretum'

Barry Grain Head Gardener Cholmondley Castle
'Magnificent Magnolias'

£35 including refreshments and lunch. Booking www.whgt.wales

Brecon, Radnor & Montgomery *Chair Jonathan Reeves*

In February we enjoyed an interesting start to the year at Stokesay Castle near Craven Arms in Shropshire. The weather was superb and there were snowdrops everywhere. We found that one of our members had lived in the castle for a time! After lunch at the Clive Arms near Ludlow we walked around Millichope Park and saw more wonderful snowdrops in a spectacular parkland setting. Tea in the house followed and was a fitting end to a special day.

In early May we held our AGM at The Rodd near Presteigne, built between 1580 and 1629 by the Rodd family. The family continued to own it over the centuries, with various interludes, until 1950 when it was bought by Sir Sydney Nolan, the Australian Artist. It now belongs to a Trust that is slowly restoring and repairing it. The garden was interesting but there is much still to do inside the main house, Rodd Court, after some bad damage to the roof.

King Charles had very kindly asked a limited number of members to visit Highgrove House in Tetbury. This visit took place in May and the garden was superb. We all much enjoyed our visit and were most grateful to His Majesty.

On our week away in Northern Ireland in June we found all the nine gardens superb and the owners and their supporters were utterly helpful and friendly. The hotel was excellent but they didn't know what a kipper was!!

We were fortunate to be invited to Battle House near Brecon by Sir Roger and Lady Jones for our summer Garden Party. The weather both before and after was appalling but we had a wonderful afternoon exploring a comparatively new garden with superb

views of the Beacons and a delicious tea with strawberries.

At the end of July we enjoyed a fascinating visit to Rhodds Farm Garden where Richard and Cary Goode showed us around their delightful garden near Kington. Again we had a wonderful tea in the garden with superb surroundings which varied enormously from our Brecon visit. We are indeed fortunate to have such variety in our part of the Welsh Borders which was emphasised later by an evening visit to another very new garden, Lower Gaer, in the hills above Huntington. Susan Maiden, the inspiration behind this garden, had taken in an area of open, north facing, field only ten years ago and the result was staggering. Wonderful borders, lawns and hedges. We enjoyed it all and a glass or two of Tanners wine.

In September we went to Montgomeryshire and spent the morning in Glansevern Hall gardens. These are currently in a sad state although the buildings are being well looked after. However we felt that there was huge potential there with a large semi walled garden, a fascinating grotto and some wonderful vistas and a large and rather beautiful lake. There were signs of recent activity too and we do wish the new owners the best of good fortune. The afternoon was spent at Powis Castle when we went inside as well as round the gardens. As expected all was fascinating and beautifully maintained. A wonderful contrast!

WHGT has been very concerned with the restoration of Hay Castle with the Trust's AGM held in the castle in 2022. After a meeting at the Castle we decided to contribute to the landscaping of the bank overlooking the town square. The branch initially paid £2020 of which £1000 was then given by the Trustees. A suitable stone plaque will be erected in due course.

Our winter lecture, Colour in the Garden was given by Edward Bulmer at the Judges Lodgings in Presteigne, an inspired lecture by a real expert.

I must thank our very hard working committee for all the effort that goes into planning a years programme; it involves a lot of thought and sometimes courage and certainly a good deal of telephoning and emailing. I must also thank all our members for all their loyalty and enthusiasm. Without this encouragement things just would not happen

Conservation and Planning

I cannot honestly say that much has happened. We do hear of various planning applications that we investigate and occasionally make a comment.

We opposed Bute Power in the Radnor Forest and the Wye Valley and we never cease to wonder at the Hendy Wind Farm, which, after building one wind turbine in 2019 and then another six in 2021, have so far never been able to turn them on and generate any power whatsoever. This however appears to be our Labour Government's policy and has nothing to do with Historic Gardens. It merely desecrates Radnor Forest.

Ceredigion Chair Caroline Palmer

The Branch AGM was able to return to its usual venue the Waun Fawr Community Hall for the AGM on 18th March 2023. This was followed by an excellent lecture by Helen Harrison on the Monkey Puzzles of Ceredigion. This ornamental tree is remarkable abundant in the county, popular both with Victorian gardeners and in the present day.

Trees have been donated by the branch and planted in connection with the Queen's Green Canopy. A tulip tree was planted adjoining the gardener's cottage at Hafod, and two monkey puzzles to replace losses at Trawcoed. Philip Ellis and Caroline Palmer organised the Hafod planting, and Helen Harrison and Ros Laidlaw arranged it at Trawscoed. Photographs of the plantings were uploaded to the QGC interactive map. Disappointingly this seems no longer to be on line.

There were three branch visits during the summer; Morben Hall, Derwenlas on 10 May, Plas Llansteffan and Coomb Mansion in Carmarthenshire on 5 July, and a re-visit and tea at Nanteos on 29 August.

Caroline Palmer represented WHGT at a series of workshops organised by ISWE (The Institute for the Study of Welsh Estates) which were held at Gregynog. This examined different solutions to the management of historic estates in Wales and was an excellent opportunity for conservationists and owners/managers to exchange ideas. An article has been published in The Bulletin No 82 (Spring 2023).

The Committee met twice to organise the programme, and has also undertaken to host the national WHGT AGM in September 2024.

Conservation and Planning

Caroline Palmer and Philip Ellis continue to serve on the Hafod Advisory Committee and have been involved in scrutinising Deborah Evans's excellent Gazetteer of Hafod and Statement of Significance which will inform the development of a ten year plan for Hafod under the National Trust.

The Aberystwyth University Grounds Advisory Group, which includes Ros Laidlaw, Caroline Palmer and Branch member Peter Wootton Beard has not been convened since before covid, although Peter has been asked for advice during this period. The new plantings below the Hugh Owen building were eventually weeded in the autumn. Staffing in regard to grounds maintenance remains perilously sparse. It is hoped that the forthcoming WHGT AGM to be held on the campus on 7 September may serve as a stimulus to the University.

Ros Laidlaw continues to monitor planning applications in the county.

Clwyd Chair *Glynis Shaw*

The Clwyd branch began a busy in 2023 with planting for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This involved Steve Emery sourcing a variety of heritage orchard trees for Plas Newydd in Llangollen, two *Amelanchier lamarckii* for Lower Park Denbigh in support of Denbigh in Bloom which had tremendous success this year by being awarded Gold first place in the Town category. Many thanks to WHGT members who supported Denbigh in Bloom! We also provided a Holm Oak for a park on the coast road at Rhos-on-Sea. Plans to plant at John Summers were cancelled as the Brenda Colvin site was being destroyed. We also deferred planting at the Bodlondeb designed by Kemp as the status of the site is unclear while Conwy Council is thinking of selling it.

In March we ran a very successful Tree Seminar with the Gwynedd branch at Venu Cymru in Llandudno on maintaining tree canopy in the face of climate change. Simon Toomer described the actions taken at Kew to maintain the planting of a historic landscape; John Parker, CEO of the Arboricultural Association described the Community Arboretum at Stonehouse; Tony Kirkham MBE VMH provided a comprehensive catalogue of trees which showed the importance of choosing trees with a suitable provenance to survive climate change with various species from North America, the Mediterranean, Caucasus and even China. Finally, we had a talk on the wonderful Magnolia collection at Cholmondeley Castle given by Head Gardener Barry Grain. A visit to Bodnant was arranged the next day to look at the Magnolias - and help with identification in a few cases. This event was well supported by the local authorities and arborists in the region as well as our members.

All speakers spoke of the need for diversity to help reduce spread of disease which has been exacerbated by climate change. Thanks to Stephen Lacey for chairing this event.

This year we visited Tony Burrows early spring garden in Llandyrnog, the parkland and plantations at Llewesog outside Llanrhaeadr, the gardens at Plas Nant y Glyn near Nercwys, Rhaggett Hall at Carrog and Trevor Hall outside Llangollen. We held an AGM at Hartsheath where we enjoyed a talk on Hartsheath by Miranda Dechazal and saw some treasures in the library as well as the garden. Next year we will bring the AGM forward so that accounts can be presented earlier in the year. Huge thanks to all our hosts for their generous hospitality and to the committee for arranging these events.

We finished the year with mulled wine and a talk on Trees on Welsh estates by Shaun Evans of Bangor University at Theatr Twym o'r Nant in Denbigh.

It has been great to welcome Jane Parry-Evans and Aaron Marubi to our committee.

Conservation and Planning

The branch remains concerned with the Talacre grotto with carved reliefs and the nearby Folly Tower with the shell house. Both are in urgent need of conservation.

2023 saw the destruction of the John Summers Garden designed by Brenda Colvin at the Shotton Steel Headquarters building. This is a rare example of a 20th century garden on a heavy industrial site in this part of the world. The need for compulsory Conservation Management Plans in relation to John Summers was discussed at the Senedd to help save such sites as its listed status has failed to protect it. It now needs a complete restoration.

At Wynnstay, Ruabon, houses have been built in the walled garden on a rare Welsh Capability Brown landscape despite our objections. The Bodelwyddan garden has been sold to Bourne Leisure together with the Williams Hall; only the parkland now remains in LA control. The pods at Kinmel Hall still have to be removed. The protection of listed landscapes seems precarious in this region as local government lack resources for enforcement and litigation.

We have been asked to help with the landscape at Nantclwyd y Dre in Ruthin where some of the garden has been destroyed as a result of repairing a collapsed retaining wall. We also hope to help with the restoration of an interesting garden at Plas Uchaf at Llaneffydd.

At Plas Newydd we have sourced some of the roses which once formed the collection of the Ladies of Llangollen as listed in their diaries. Anthony Tavernor also kindly donated plants from Plas Cadnant to enhance the dell, an early Picturesque landscape.

The year started with a visit in February to Henblas to see the snowdrops, which were wonderful, our host Claire Hollingsworth greeted us with hot chocolate to warm us on a particularly chilly day.

Our AGM was held at the Telford Centre, Menai Bridge, and was very well attended. Our speaker, Bill Warrell, Head Gardener at National Trust Plas Newydd, gave an interesting talk on the history of the gardens at Plas Newydd, and plans for their future development.

A garden party towards the end of June was held at Plas Bodfa, Llanfaes, courtesy of Jonathan Evans and Julie Upmeyer, was a resounding success with more than 50 people enjoying a finger buffet provided by committee members. We enjoyed a tour of the garden, which members of the committee and volunteers had helped to restore, and the wonderful panoramic views across the Menai Straits towards the Snowdon range. Some of us were able to view the extensive collection of succulents in the large greenhouses.

This year we added an extra day to our annual trip, which we shared with the Friends of Treborth Botanical Gardens, allowing us to visit more gardens in the East of England. On the first day we visited Belvoir Castle, home of the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, which dates from Norman times, where we were given a guided tour of the gardens by the head gardener Tom Webster.

Day two was spent entirely at Burghley House, where there was much to see. The gardens, originally laid out in Elizabethan style were completely redesigned by Capability Brown in the second half of the eighteenth century. We were given an excellent guided tour by head gardener Joe Whitehead.

We visited three gardens on the third day, fitting in, Little Poynton Hall near Grantham, a magical garden rarely open to the public; Easton Hall, a garden that has been undergoing extensive restoration since 2001. and The Moat, an inspiring two and a half acre garden developed over the last 21 years.

Finally as we made our way back to North Wales we stopped at Trentham Gardens, where we enjoyed lunch and some retail therapy, followed by a tour of the gardens, which have matured into some of the finest contemporary gardens in Britain.

In October members enjoyed an extensive tour of the Gardens at Plas Newydd with the Head Gardener, Bill Warrell, when he explained the future plans for the gardens. Our President, Stephen Lacey, gave us a wonderful talk in December on the History of Garden Borders, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. This was followed by a special seasonal buffet.

The branch has commissioned and paid for a plaque to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which will be placed by an Oak seedling in a grove at Gwydir Castle. A dedication ceremony will be arranged next year.

Conservation and Planning

The situation at Penrhos Nature Reserve is still ongoing. There is now a fighting fund to protect the area from overdevelopment. Planning permission was given eight years ago for a £100m holiday village on the site once owned by Anglesey Aluminium. There is a resurgence of local opposition to the project and we have been giving our support both on the ground and liaising with Cadw. We have been informed that Cadw representatives have visited the site and the possibility of putting the park on the Garden Register is being explored. An article on the Penrhos Park will be in the Spring Bulletin 2024.

Jo Davidson and Glynis Shaw visited Cestyll ,where they met the new gardener, Georgie Robinson, who seems to be keen for it to be cared for sensitively. It is hoped to arrange for the committee to visit the garden sometime soon, and we hope to support her in the future where possible.

Changes at Glynllifon are continuing and we have been in discussion with the local authority, Coleg Meirion Dwyfor and Gwynedd Archaeological Trust over the possible impact on the Park of the new buildings.

Monmouthshire and Gwent *Chair Helena Gerrish.*

We held our AGM at the sessions house in Usk on Thursday 23 March, together with a thought provoking lecture by Stephen Anderton: *Why Wales? The Appeal of Gardening in Wales to Gardeners Past and Present*, followed by tea.

On Wednesday 10 May we visited Hestercombe near Taunton to meet the Head Gardener for talk and tour of the Jekyll/Lutyens garden, and after lunch we walked to the 18th century landscape garden.

Following on from our Autumn lecture we visited the superb rose filled gardens of Mounton House on Wednesday 7 June for a tour with Helena Gerrish and Louis Moffat, the Head Gardener. We visited the croquet garden, the pergola, the terrace and bowling green lawn, the rock garden and saw the progress on the new frameyard with glasshouse, cart shed, and potting shed. We were served prosecco in the restored tea house by the owners.

On Monday 26 June we visited Lorna Vaughan's captivating garden near Goodrich, set high above the River Wye and were given an excellent tour by her gardeners through a series of magical garden rooms followed by a wonderful tea on the lawn.

Our branch organised the national AGM on Saturday 30 September held at the National Botanic Gardens of Wales near Carmarthen where the new director gave a lecture, followed by lunch and various guided tours within the gardens. On Sunday October 1 we visited Aberglasney.

We held our autumn supper at longhouse farm on Thursday November 9 with a lecture on Castell Coch by Matthew Williams, an expert in the work of the designer William Burges. This was very well attended with a jolly social supper afterwards.

The year's visits began in April, at the National Trust property Colby Lodge near Amroth. We have visited there fairly frequently but the azaleas, rhododendrons and mature trees make this a must in the Spring. The café too is very good. This is usually our only morning meet, so we have the rest of the day free.

The May visit was to Cold Comfort Farm (that really is its name) which is mid-Coun-ty near Wolfscastle. This is a very pretty, formal garden, very well maintained with stunning views East towards the Preseli Hills. We were blessed with a lovely afternoon to enjoy them. Below the garden is a wonderful wildflower meadow. Judy Rumbelow gave us an extraordinarily good tea. There is also a Nursery of small hardy perennials.

Our June visit took us to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Stickler, Cefnydre, above Fish-guard. Again this was a very pretty garden of mature trees, shrubs and well kept lawns, though the main point of interest was the astonishing and hidden kitchen garden with a wealth of ingenious innovations to encourage growth and defy pests. We were once again blessed with good weather.

We had two visits in July. The first was to Stone Hall where Francis and Jessie Fry, despite leading very busy lives, are restoring a 4 acre garden that had been left for dead. Stone Hall goes back to the Middle Ages and the garden has trees of great height and antiquity. The house is of particular note, containing architectural elements from Norman onwards. This was a visit of much interest as Stone Hall is not open to the public. The second visit we made at the end of the month was to the 12th century Augustinian Priory at Haverfordwest. Now a ruin the Priory is still impressive, tucked in by the river and a busy road. We were guided by Dr. Sian Rees and shown the Physick Garden, the only surviving monastic garden in the country, which has been restored.

The October visit was to Blackpool Mill high up on the Eastern Cleddau where the Georgian mill and gardens have been restored. The mill is now a restaurant of some repute, which was not the least of our reasons for visiting; we were rewarded by being placed in a very graceful room and well fed. Our annual Christmas lunch was post-poned until January – which is another story.

South and Mid Glamorganshire *Chair Elaine Davey*

We began the year with a thank you event for our members after the disruptions of covid etc. We met at Insole Court for a free event in February. Several of us from the committee talked about the history of WHGT, the small grants scheme, this year's events, planning issues and Cowbridge Physic Garden. Thereafter we had refreshments and time to chat with many old friends and a couple of new ones. Even though we signed up two new members overall our numbers have reduced as we compete with a very large number of societies in the area for members.

In March we had a joint event with the Friends of Dyffryn at the Cory Education Centre. Alex Summers, curator of the National Botanic Garden (NBG) of Wales, talked about the development of a National Arboretum for Wales in the form of a Temperate Rainforest Tree Collection.

An arboretum, Ceodfa, was an original design feature on the masterplan for the NBG. Only the shelter belts have been planted so far, with some native woodland, to offer protection for the national collection. The definition of temperate tree flora has changed, meaning that only 1% of the global land surface is suitable for these trees. Therefore the Celtic Rainforest in the west of Britain needs protecting and promoting, especially as Wales is one of the least wooded countries in Europe at 15% cover. The 70 acres will account for sight lines and be not only a Place of Trees but a space for fun, performance, learning, research, wildlife and accessible for all.

We visited Pictou Castle, Pembrokeshire in May and managed to fill a coach with members of other local groups (thanks to Rebecca Exley, our treasurer's efforts). We were able to enjoy the glorious Spring colours in the gardens. We split into two groups at this stage, one half being guided around the Castle interiors while the other half enjoyed the rhododendrons and then swapped over before an excellent lunch in Maria's. Some of the group were lucky enough to catch the flying displays in the Welsh Owl garden and zoo. This aspect of the site was not well advertised.

Our next event was a very successful and happy visit on 21st August to Gileston Manor near St. Athan. Jack, the head gardener, was our guide and we enjoyed tea and many cakes in the Manor. The 9 acre estates boasts woodland, lawns, a lake, terraced and walled gardens pretty enough for the many photographs of couples taken at this wedding venue. It also has lovely views across the Severn Estuary.

In September we met in Penllyn Hall near Cowbridge for our AGM. We had an excellent tea provided by the committee after a talk given by Val Caple about the development of the Cowbridge Physic Garden. A few of us walked to the three restored Grade II Salmon Wells in Penllyn, that served the community until the 1930's, having been donated to the village in the 1880s by Dr. William Salmon.

We joined the Friends of Dyffryn for a visit to RHS Wisley in September. Although a very long day it was a hugely rewarding visit. After lunch we were treated to a behind the scenes tour of 'Hilltop', the home of gardening science. It was all fascinating including the design of this important research centre.

We ended the year by partnering with the Welsh branch of the Twentieth Century Society for a talk Ralph Hancock: Wales Undiscovered Garden Genius given by Bob Priddle at Insole Court. Bob was head of Horticulture for Neath Port Talbot College and based at Twyn yr Hydd at one stage.

The committee has been able to meet together five times in the cafe at Dyffryn. We also met together at the beginning of December for a Christmas lunch in the Red Lion, Bonvilston. We would like members to join us this Christmas. Thanks of course, as ever, to the committee for all their hard work.

Conservation and Planning

The gardens and grounds (Grade II) around Whitchurch Hospital continue to be of concern (as do the hospital buildings).

We were notified of proposed cycle routes through Penllergare Valley Woods (Grade II) Swansea, thankfully Michael Norman is still involved with this special site and we objected, with experts on the national committee to help with comments.

A notification was received for 6 lit padel courts to be installed on the old bowling ground at Llandaff Fields, for all year round use. These would probably prove a popular amenity but will constitute more intrusion into the Grade II* park due to their scale and lighting, and therefore not appropriate on this sensitive site.

The petition organised by the Ruperra Castle Preservation Trust asking that Welsh Government make Conservation Management Plans compulsory for Scheduled Monuments was debated in the Senedd in October. A month later the Trust was told that Welsh Government, through Cadw, would be part funding a structural survey and level four historic building report of the Castle.

Financial Review 2023

Report of the Trustees for the Year ended
31st December 2023

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Leigh O' Connor
Director

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met;

or

- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature

Date 29th April 2024

Daphne Jeffreys.

Rochelle, Four Crosses. Llanymynech, Powys SY22 6RB

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes			31.12 23	31.12 22
Incoming resources from generated funds		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	total Funds	Total funds
Voluntary income	2	2,798		2,798	2,676
Activities for generating funds	3	69,583		69,583	39,494
Investment income	4	734		734	236
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	15,647		15,647	14,623
Total incoming resources		88,762		88,762	57,029
Resources Expended					
Charitable expenses	6				
Branch		70,322		70,322	40,879
Head Office		10,138	1,445	11,583	7,484
Governance costs	7	9,912	-	9,912	8,985
Total resources expended		90,372	1,445	91,817	57,347
Net income the year before transfers		(1,610)	(1,445)	(3,055)	(318)
Gros transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		(1,610)	(1,445)	(3,055)	(318)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds b/f		112,447	24,655	137,102	137,420
TOTAL FUNDS C/F		110,837	23,210	134,047	137,102

The notes on pages 32 - 41 form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2023

		31.12.23	31.12.22
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	-	1,986
Debtors	11	15,884	5,184
Cash at bank	12	134,921	134,922
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		150,805	142,092
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(16,758)	(4,990)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		134,047	137,102
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		134,047	137,102
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NET ASSETS		134,047	137,102
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FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		110,837	112,447
Restricted funds		23,210	24,655
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TOTAL FUNDS		134,047	137,102
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* restated

The notes on pages 32 - 41 form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2023 (continued)

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006

and

- b Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements so far as is applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by Leigh O'Connor on 11th March 2024.

Leigh O'Connor
Director,

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant & machinery etc – 25% on cost and 20% on cost.

Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
2. Voluntary Income		
Grants – branches	-	-
Donations – branches	700	500
Donations – Head Office	115	-
Grants – Head Office	-	-
Gift aid	1,983	2,176
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	2,798	2,676
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3. Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising events – branches	69,288	39,002
Sundry income – branches	-	44
Sales of books- branches	295	448
Sundry income – Head Office	-	-
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	69,583	39,494
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4. Investment income		
Deposit account interest – branches	389	75
Deposit account interest – Head Office	345	161
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	734	236
5. Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Membership fees	10,788	11,931
Lectures, visits, meetings	2,556	-
AGM	2,303	2,692
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	15,647	14,623
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For the year ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
6. Direct Costs of Charitable activities		
Insurance	278	278
Postage and stationery	834	996
Sundries	-	167
Lectures, meetings and visits	65,932	35,316
Administration expenses and publicity	3,253	6,401
Bulletins and literature	2,966	2,870
Website	94	-
Grants payable	2,975	500
Small equipment	-	135
Donations	3,587	1,700-
Write Off Stock of Books	1,986	-
	81,905	48,363
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7. Governance costs

Accountancy	400	400
Administration expenses and AGM	4,002	3,170
Honorarium	2,500	2,500
Annual Report	3,010	2,915
	9,912	8,985
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8.Trustees’ Remuneration and Benefits

Honorarium totalling £2,500 were made to trustees for additional services undertaken during the year (2023 - £2,500). These payments were agreed by the remaining trustees in line with section 6 of the Memorandum of Association.

Trustees’ Expenses

Expenses totalling £0 (zero) (2023 £0- zero) were paid to none (2023 none) of the trustees during the year.

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23
9 Tangible fixed Assets	Plant and machinery etc
Cost	
At 1st January 2022	12,934
Additions	-
Disposals	-

At 31st December 2022	12,934
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Depreciation	
At 1st January 2022	12,934
Charge for year	-
Eliminated on disposal	-

At 31st December 2022	12,934
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Net Book Value	
At 31st December 2022	-
At 31st December 2021	-

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	31. 12. 23	31. 12. 22
10. Stocks		
Books - Ceredigion	-	-
Books - Carmarthenshire	-	1,986
* Restated	-----	-----
	-	1,986
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11. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		
Prepayments	13,912	2,625
Other debtors	1,972	2,559
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	15,884	5,184
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12. Cash at Bank

	General Fund Head Office	General Fund Branches	Contingency Fund	Develoment Fund	Conservation/ Fighting Fund
Barclays Cur- rent Account	9,826	-	-		
Virgin Money Deposit	6,615	-	7,000	5,500	15,062
Brecon, Radnor & Mont- gomery	-	11,049	-		
Ceredigion	-	5,675	-		
Clwyd	-	14,173	-		
Pembrokeshire	-	506	-		
South & Mid Glamganshire	-	3,951	-		
West Glamorganshire	-	-	-		
Gwynedd	-	12,892	-		
Monmouthshire & Gwent	-	10,134	-		
Carmarthen- shire	-	5,402	-		
Bonus Saver / Paypal	96	-	-		
Total	16,537	63,782	7,000	5,500	15,062

12. Cash at Bank continued

	Restricted Fighting Fund	Small Grants Fund	Research & Education Fund	31.12.23 Total Funds	31.12.22 Total Funds
Barclays Current Account	-			9,825	10,492
Virgin Money Deposit	16,979	6,231	3,830	61,218	61,218
Brecon, Radnorshire & Montgomeryshire				11,049	10,825
Ceredigion				5,675	5,492
Clwyd				14,173	15,155
Pembrokeshire				506	555
South & Mid Glamorganshire				3,951	3,847
West Glamorgan-shire				-	-
Gwynedd				12,892	12,350
Monmouthshire & Gwent				10,134	9,046
Carmarthenshire				5,402	5,434
Bonus Saver / Paypal				96	508
Total	16,979	6,231	3,830	134,921	134,922

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	31.12.23	31.12.22
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-
Other creditors	16,758	4,990
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	16,758	4,990
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14. Analysis of Net Assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Fixed assets		-	-	-
Current assets	127,595	23,210	150,805	142,092
Current liabilities	(16,758)	-	(16,758)	(4,990)
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	110,837	23,210	134,047	137,102
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15. Movement in Funds

Unrestricted Funds	At 01.01.23	Net Movement in funds	At 31.12.23
General fund Head Office	17,130	(380)	16,750
General fund Branches	63,425	(730)	62,695
Contingency fund	7,000	-	7,000
Development fund	5,500	-	5,500
Research and Education	4,330	(500)	3,830
Conservation Fighting fund	15,062	-	15,062
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	112,447	1,610	110,837
Restricted Funds			
Restricted fighting fund	16,979	-	16,979
Small Grants fund	7,676	1,445	6,231
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	24,655	1,445	23,210
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Total Funds	137,102	3,055	134,047

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Fund Transfer	Movement in Funds
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund-Head Office	17,240	(17,620)	-	(380)
General fund -Branches	71,522,	(72,252)	-	(730)
Contingency fund	-	-	-	-
Development fund	-	-	-	-
Research & Education fund	-	(500)	-	(500)
Conservation Fighting fund	-	-	-	-
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	88,762	(90,372)	-	1,610
Restricted funds				
Restricted fighting fund	-	-	-	-
Small Grants fund		(1,445)	-	(1,445)
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	-	(1,445)	-	(1,445)
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Total Funds	88,762	(91,817)	-	(3,055)
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The general funds reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated by the trustees for particular purposes.

General fund – Branches is broken down as follows:

Ceredigion £5,676

Carmarthenshire £5,402

Brecon, Radnor & Montgomery £9,886

Gwynedd £12,966

South & Mid Glamorgan £3,951

Clwyd £14,173

Pembrokeshire £506

Monmouthshire £10,134

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities, for the Year Ended
31st December 2023

Incoming Resources	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Voluntary Income		
Grants branches	-	-
Donations - Branches	700	500
Donations - Head Office	115	-
Grants Head Office	-	-
Gift Aid	1,983	2,176
	2,798	2,676
Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising events - branches	69,288	39,002
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Sundry income - branches		44
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	69,583	39,494
Investment income		
Deposit account interest – branches	389	75
Deposit account interest – Head Office	345	161
	734	236
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Membership fees	10,788	11,931
Lectures, visits meetings	2,556	-
AGM	2,303	2,692
	15,647	14,623
Total incoming resources		
	88,762	57,029
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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31st December 2023**

Resources Expended	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Insurance	278	278
Postage and stationary	834	996
Sundries	-	167
Lectures Meetings and Visits	65,932	35,315
Administration and Publicity	3,253	6,401
 Bulletins and Literature	 2,966	 2,870
Website	94	-
Small equipment		135
Donations	3,587	1,700
Write off stock	1,986	-
Grants to institutions	2,975	500
	81,905	48,362
 Governance costs		
Accountancy	400	400
Administration expenses and AGM	4,002	3,170
Annual Report	3,010	2,915
Honorarium	2,500	2,500
	9,912	8,985
	91,817	57,347
 Net income	 (3,055)	 318

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Accounts

Ymddiriedolaeth Gerddi Hanesyddol Cymru Welsh Historic Gardens Trust

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022



Patron: HM King Charles III

2022 was a year of regrouping and adjusting to the Post Covid world. By September we were sufficiently confident to hold our AGM in person. However, the Trustee meetings were held on Zoom, a mixed blessing for some but unfortunately the rise in fuel prices added to the costs in reaching a central point. We have now settled to a mix of on-line and in person which we expect to work for the foreseeable future.

Covid added the final straw to the problems that were facing branches such as West Glamorgan and Montgomery, but we have hopes that they will re-establish in the future. We have some extremely robust branches who are always willing to help and welcome branchless members, but the distances involved in attending meetings can sometimes be too much. This can also be a problem within branches, and I would urge members from the less well served areas to become actively involved as it is virtually impossible to organise a social event in a distant part of a county if there are no involved members living close by.

We gained a new minutes secretary, Vicki Jordan, who is very efficient and is currently working alongside our membership secretary Jennie Macve with the aim of taking over the full secretarial role.

Rosie Humphreys, branch chairman for Monmouthshire and Gwent, was unfortunately obliged to resign due to ill health. We wish her well and thank her for all her support in the past and it would be wonderful to welcome her back in the future if circumstances allow.

Our AGM was organised by the Brecon and Radnorshire branch and was a triumph of organisation and hospitality. Unfortunately it took place during the week following the death of the Queen and much thought was put in to whether we should cancel. However, as it was not primarily a social event we took the decision to go ahead. Many thanks to Sue and Jonathan Reeves.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee took place in happier times earlier in the year and many branches planted trees for the The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC).

During this year we lost a highly esteemed former Chair, Jean Reader. Her last article was published in the Bulletin just after her death. She will be greatly missed.

I would like to thank all our hard-working Trustees for their continuing support. We have had superb bulletins edited and, in part, written by Glynis Shaw, our finances are cheerfully, and extremely efficiently, administered by Leigh and I would like to thank Jennie Macve, Elaine Davey, Caroline Palmer and Sarah Green for always being there for consultations about planning and other matters also to Vicki for taking us on. We are very lucky to have Stephen Lacey as our President especially when a speech is required as he is always a pleasure to listen to.

Finally, I would like to thank all our members for their continuing support through difficult times.

The Welsh Historic Gardens Trust is not yet a statutory consultee in the planning process in the way that the Gardens Trust is in England. The Welsh Government, in national planning guidance, and Cadw, in Managing Change to Registered Historic Parks and Gardens in Wales, say that planning applicants may take advice from the Trust. These forms of guidance set out general principles to follow when considering changes that may have an impact on registered historic parks and gardens. A local planning authority must consult Cadw on planning applications that affect registered historic parks and gardens, or their setting and may also consult the Trust if it wants to. The Welsh Historic Gardens Trust is promoted as a good source of information about historic gardens in Wales and can usefully offer advice about proposals for change before a planning application is submitted.

The success of this approach can be seen in the number of high-profile cases reported elsewhere in the Annual Report where branches and members have made significant contributions in high profile, and sometimes controversial, planning cases.

The Welsh Register of Historic Parks and Gardens became statutory on 1st February 2022, raising awareness of the heritage value of registered sites and significantly raising their profile in the planning process. With the passage of the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016, Wales became the first nation in the UK to recognise that historic parks and gardens should be protected in the same way that listed buildings and scheduled monuments are. This was the culmination of several years' work by both the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments (Wales) and Cadw acting together to update and enhance the records of the 400 sites across the country which are on the register, mapping their boundaries, writing statements of significance to justify their inclusion in the register, and liaising with their owners. The information in the register was added to Cadw's online service Cof Cymru.

The 2016 Act, in addition to amending parts of the 1979 and 1990 acts, includes a number of new provisions, one of which requires the Welsh government to compile and maintain a statutory list of historic place-names in Wales, and to compile and keep up to date a historic environment record for every local authority area in Wales.

The change of status of the Register is most welcome, as is the continuing work on consolidating historic environment legislation in Wales. The first consolidation bill of this kind, the Historic Environment Bill (Wales), was laid before the Senedd on 4th July 2022.

By way of comparison, the Twentieth Century Society became a statutory consultee in Wales in September 2022, a role it has held in England since 2005. This status was achieved with the help a group of heritage experts and its example may give the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust the hope that, with similar support at some point in the future, we may be able to consider approaching Cadw to revisit the status of our own amenity group. In the meantime we will continue to build and maintain strong links with Cadw and with local planning authorities.

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022 WHGT trustees, also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) *Accounting and Reporting by Charities* March 2005

Reference and Administrative details

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Registered Charity number: 1023293

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Stephen Lacey

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First appointed by Trustees at AGM 12 September 2022.

Daphne Jeffreys.

Rochelle, Four Crosses, Llanymynech, Powys SY22 6RB

Structure Governance and Management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The annual report is prepared according to the small companies regime (Section 419(2)) Companies Act and the Statement of Recommended Practice *Accounting and Reporting by Charities* issued March 2005.

Ymddiriedolaeth Gerddi Hanesyddol Cymru - Welsh Historic Gardens Trust was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (company registration number 02829630) on 23 June 1993 and registered with the Charity Commission (registration number 1023293) on 1 July 1993.

The company and charitable trust are governed by its Articles and Memorandum of Association and is a membership organisation with branches throughout Wales. The Trust's governing documents provide for the day-to-day administration to be undertaken by the Trust Committee, whose members are thus trustees of the charity and directors of the company which is limited by guarantee. Ultimate authority rests with the Trust's members at either the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting; such meetings to be conducted as provided for in the foundation documents.

Recruitment and Appointment of new Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Trust Committee. The trustees are either elected at the Annual General Meeting or nominated by the branches as their representative.

Organisational structure

The Trust Committee meets four times throughout the year and the Trust is also managed through the branch committees.

Risk Management

The major risks, to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, are constantly being monitored and systems have been and are being established to mitigate those risks. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been properly managed.

Membership

Currently we have 670 Members, many of which are joint; 67 Life Members; 11 Honorary Members and 8 Corporate with Total of 858 Members..

Annual General Meeting 2022

**The 33rd Annual General Meeting held at Hay Castle, Hay on Wye
Saturday 10th September 2022**

MINUTES

Attendance:

67 members attended and the meeting was therefore quorate.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Chris Alexander, Anthea Alexander, Gwyneth Hayward, John Borron, Jennie Macve, Jane Moyle, Stephen Briggs, Anthony Tavenor, Bettina Harding, Simon Baynes, Elizabeth Sibery, Jane Pace, Advolly Richmond, Penny David, Beth Brunning, Helen Gerrish, Janice Harris, Tom Lloyd, Ursula Pumfrey, Rose Lewis, Evelyn Evans, Kathy Hooper.

The Chairman of the Brecon and Radnor Branch Jonathan Reeves welcomed members to this 33rd meeting. The membership present observed a minute's silence to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

The President of the Trust Stephen Lacey followed with introductory words. He offered thanks to the Brecon and Radnor branch for hosting the weekend. Other wider issues noted and concerning the WHGT were the resumption of normal activities post-Covid, the relatively extreme recent weather with excesses of rain and drought as part of general climate change which presents huge implications for gardens; also the changing attitudes to social history through which gardens are viewed, notably slavery and its legacy.

More specifically, the President noted the continuing quality of the Bulletin and that Wales now has a Statutory Register of Parks and Gardens which assists the Trust in its guardianship role. Finally, he offered his thanks to Jo Davidson for her continuing leadership.

Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the Annual General meeting held 13th September, 2021.

There were no amendments and no matters arising.

Elaine Davey proposed and Merilyn Anderson seconded the motion.

2. To adopt the Annual Report:

There were no questions arising.

Sarah Green proposed and Caroline Palmer seconded the motion.

3.To adopt the Financial Report:

There were no questions arising.

Glynis Shaw proposed and Sue Reeves seconded the motion.

4. To appoint an Independent Examiner:

Helen Lilley of Total Accounts Ltd. Being recommended.

Joanna Robertson proposed and Marilyn Anderson seconded the motion.

The motion was carried.

5. To elect Officers and Trustees, for a term of one year each as listed below:

Officers:

Chairman: Jo Davidson (nominated by Anthony Tavernor, seconded by Rosa Andrew)

Vice-Chair: Elaine Davey (nominated by Val Caple, seconded by Marilyn Anderson)

Treasurer: Leigh O'Connor (nominated by Maldwyn Rees, seconded by Jennie Macve)

Secretary: TBC

Elected Trustees

Marilyn Anderson (nominated by Rosie Humphreys, seconded by Lucy Prichard)

Beth Brunning (nominated by Jennie Macve, seconded by Glynis Shaw)

John Edmondson (nominated by Glynis Shaw, seconded by Caroline Palmer)

Sarah Green (nominated by Stephen Watkins, seconded by Mary Smith)Vicki Jordan
(nominated by Ann Gardner, seconded by Margot Greer)

Jennie Macve (nominated by Caroline Palmer, seconded by Philip Ellis)

Maldwyn Rees (nominated by Jennie Macve, seconded by Jonathan Reeves)

Sue Reeves (nominated by Leigh O'Connor, seconded by Maldwyn Rees)

Glynis Shaw (nominated by Advolly Richmond, seconded by Caroline Palmer)

Anthony Tavernor (nominated by Jo Davidson, seconded by Glynis Shaw)

Appointments made by the committee

Glynis Shaw – Publications Officer

Sarah Green – Conservation and Planning Officer

Jennie Macve – Membership Secretary

6. Any Other business

Congratulations were offered to John Edmondson as a new Trustee

Special thanks offered to Glynis Shaw for the high quality of the bulletins

Jo Davidson offered her thanks to all the Officers of the Trust and to the membership for their continuing support.

7. Date of the 2023 Annual General meeting

Small Grants Scheme 2022 Elaine Davey

St Mary's church was originally sited on Old Church Road, Whitchurch, hence the name. New St. Mary's Church was built on the junction of Church Rd. and Penlline Road in 1883/4. St. Mary's Gardens is a small Cardiff County Council Park which occupies the site of Whitchurch's original Church and Graveyard. The half-acre plot was transformed into a miniature arboretum by the City in the early 1970s after it had been more or less abandoned for seventy years. It opened in 1974 with a designated park keeper. The entrance off Old Church Road was created at this time.

It has since suffered deterioration due to stretched resources. The Friends of St Mary's Gardens was formed in 2017 and formally constituted in 2019 to address this neglect. Zoe Pearce and her husband Graham have been the driving force of this group. A very enthusiastic group of volunteers meet regularly to clear the gardens and recover this lovely haven. Their activities were curtailed during the pandemic, the storms and other inclement weather but they are back with renewed vigour and celebrated the unveiling of an information panel by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Cardiff, Cllr. and Mrs Mckerlich in April 2022. There was a wonderful turn out of supporters and Parks folks who worked on the garden in the past.

The panel was funded by grants from WHGT, Cardiff Council and People's Postcode Lottery.

After the ceremony we were all invited across the road to the Fox and Hounds for refreshments, which included a vast range of delicious cakes. Mike, the manager, regularly supplies the volunteers with a tray of tea and coffee and in return some of the group enjoy lunch together there after their working sessions. It's proving to be a very sociable community project whilst restoring a secret gem amongst Cardiff's Parks.

Branch reports 2022

The branch reports reflect the diversity of the different regions and the activities that are undertaken throughout Wales. 2022 has been a good year with normal meetings enjoyed by members following the restrictions of the pandemic.

Special thanks to all committee members for their work in keeping branches going and all who contribute to the numerous social events which are enjoyed by the membership.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone involved in responding to planning issues and campaigns concerning parks and gardens and all members who have remained loyal to the trust despite difficult times.

The branch has had an excellent year. We started with a Snowdrop Day on 7th February when we visited The Rococo Gardens near Painswick and then moved on to Colesbourne Park near Cheltenham. The weather was brilliant and the snowdrops superb in both gardens with a huge variety of species and topography. A worth-while expedition in mid winter.

Our AGM followed at Llanstephan House in April where we had the meeting and tea in a squash court and then a visit to the then Prince of Wales's garden at Llwynywermod in May. Again the weather was superb on both occasions and the gardens delightful.

Our much delayed visit to Brussels took place in mid June. This was organised by our Belgian members Ken Baker and Pierre Du Chateau whose knowledge of the very best of Brussels could not be exceeded. We were wonderfully entertained in the most exotic of gardens and again the sun always shone. A very memorable treat!

In June Lady Bingham (the mother of Kate Bingham of Covid fame) entertained us to a drinks party overlooking the River Wye. We then went in July to two very fine houses near Brecon, Penpont and Abercamlais, both built by branches of the same family in the seventeenth century and who are still living in them today. We saw the two walled gardens, both of which are reached by the original bridges over the Usk and which we have supported with grants to repair their walls.

In September we had the honour of hosting the AGM for the WHGT in Wales. We had chosen the newly restored Castle in Hay on Wye as an interesting venue and it certainly was superb. Sadly HM Queen Elizabeth died shortly before the meeting but life had to proceed and over seventy members attended. After a good lunch at Llangoed Hall we visited our Trust logo, the gate pillars at Old Gwernyfed, and the restored Messenger greenhouse at New Gwernyfed with tea under glass.

It was rather sad to be told that we could no longer have our stand at the Royal Welsh Show. The garden tent was proving too expensive and there was no room. New buildings are planned and we hope that we can return one day.

The year finished with our Winter Lecture at Llangoed Hall. James Bolton talked to us about The Grand Tour of Europe in the eighteenth century together with all its excitements, trials and tribulations. The lecture was fascinating and much enjoyed by all. Sadly a radiator had burst in the room we were sitting in and as a result it was freezing cold !

We had a lovely year and the weather was endlessly kind. Many thanks to all our hosts and hostesses and a huge thank you to our members for supporting us. Finally a thank you too to the hard working committee who make the whole organisation possible. I have been told that we have just passed the figure of two hundred members...a record !!

Conservation and Planning

Stephanie Grant has pursued some red herrings but generally B&R seems quiet. Pencerrig continues to fester but not much is achieved, least of all by the Planning Department. A new vibrant committee is forming locally with the intention of rescuing the house and garden.

We are concerned that Bute Power are planning an energy park consisting of 36 wind turbines 220 metres high, (the highest in the UK). They will be constructed in the Radnor Forest and the pylons will stretch to Carmarthenshire and they intend to build a new bridge over the Wye at Aberedw.

Ceredigion Chairman Caroline Palmer

On 26 March the Branch was at last able to hold its traditional AGM and public lecture, although ongoing post-covid restrictions caused us to change our venue from the Waun Hall to St Paul's Methodist Centre, Aberystwyth. Following the AGM, Glynis Shaw gave a fascinating illustrated lecture on the subject of Ornamental Gates.

The Branch organised four excursions in the summer months. On 11 May members visited Pigeonsford Mansion, Llangrannog, where the mansion, grounds and the walled garden are now returned to single ownership. On 22 May a group visited Carreg Llwyd in Upper Corris. This remarkable garden on a steeply terraced slope was created by Mark Bourne in the 1970s–90s, and contains several hundred concrete scale models of historic buildings (See Bulletin No 82). On 20 July we visited The Tywi Gateway Project, Abergwili, Carmarthen, a lottery-funded project where the grounds of the Bishop's Palace (now the Carmarthenshire County Museum) are being restored and the kitchen garden is once more in productive use under the care of volunteers. On 14 August members visited the Penglais Campus to view the new planting adjoining the Hugh Owen Building which was designed by Peter Wootton-Beard with input from Ros Laidlaw and Caroline Palmer. A walking tour of the established beds on campus revealed some very disappointing management where mature shrubs including camellias, *Drimys winteri* and *Illicium anisatum* had all been brutally pruned in August to rounded blobs. The campus grounds contain some extremely rare shrubs – such as a tall *Lomatia ferruginea* which is possibly the only one in Wales!

The committee met twice to arrange the programme, and was delighted to co-opt garden photographer and writer Helen Harrison. The committee resolved to take part in the Queen's Green Canopy scheme whereby trees are planted to mark the Platinum Jubilee and their identity and donors recorded on the QGC website map. A Tulip Tree was offered to Hafod, and one or more Monkey Puzzles to Trawscoed, and these have been accepted.

Conservation and Planning

During the year an agreement was reached between National Resources Wales (the owners of the Hafod Estate) and The National Trust. Under a 99 year lease the National Trust will take over its management for the public, while NRW will continue to own the trees. This agreement should ensure the long term future of this Grade I Listed Landscape. The Hafod Trust, which raised the funds for 29 years of restoration, will be disbanded but Philip Ellis, Caroline Palmer and Jennie Macve have been invited to serve on a new Hafod Advisory Panel.

The Aberystwyth University Grounds Advisory Group which was formed in 2017 and includes WHGT members Ros Laidlaw, Caroline Palmer and Peter Wootton-Beard did not meet during 2022. This arose in part due to changes of staffing within the University, but is regrettable because further works to the historic gardens have been

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Ros Laidlaw continues to monitor planning applications which impact on listed gardens. At Coedmore we successfully opposed the development of a glamping site within the grade II listed landscape setting.

Clwyd Chairman *Glynis Shaw*

Members enjoyed visits to Bailey Hill, now successfully reopened after restoration funded by HLF; a tour of the very beautiful garden at Maenan Hall, with Head Gardener Debbie Adams, which was glorious in the Spring; and we had a most enjoyable visit to Glyn Arthur, which has a beautiful, terraced hillside garden and parkland high on the Clwydians, kindly hosted by Anne and Peter Rowley-Williams. Members also supported the St Kentigern Hospice fundraiser open garden at the Laundry in Llanrhaeadr.

Unfortunately, we cancelled a visit to Plas Newydd in Llangollen as the weather had been atrocious and there was concern the dell walk might be difficult. One member who did make it had a wonderful private tour with Head Gardener Lisette Davies and was much impressed. We will rearrange this visit!

Our AGM in October at Bodlondeb was followed by an excellent talk on Kemp given by Barbara Moth from the Cheshire GT. Kemp designed the Bodlondeb landscape when Albert Wood built a new house on the site in 1876-7. The civic offices of Conwy County Borough Council now occupy the former Bodlondeb Hall. We very much appreciated being able to see the original Kemp plan thanks to Richard Jones, Manager at Conwy Council, who kindly opened the council offices for us on a Saturday. Surviving Kemp plans are extremely rare. The branch hopes to support the restoration of this landscape.

We supported the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee by planting heritage orchard trees at Plas Newydd; our planting will continue in 2023 at Bodlondeb, the Lower Park in Denbigh and a park in Rhos-on-Sea.

We are delighted that the Hartsheath Charitable Trust have continued to give us a generous grant which helps support such projects in the area.

Conservation and Planning

Glynis took a few people to visit Talacre including the Flintshire Conservation Officer. As yet there are no arrangements to save the listed grotto with unique relief work and Folly Tower which has a ground floor shell house, all in urgent need of restoration.

Members visited the listed John Summers Garden at Shotton to discuss reinstating a plaque in the sunken garden commemorating the founding of the garden for the Shotton Steel Headquarters. volunteers have undertaken a lot of clearing but there is no Conservation Management Plan. Although the original plans are available, the recent developments are degrading the Brenda Colvin landscape.

We objected to a planning application for 16 pods on the grade II* listed site at Kinmel Hall. Its landscape embodied the taste and ideals of the Hughes of Kinmel and especially Lady Florentia Hughes (1828-1909), a favourite of Queen Victoria, who introduced the court taste in garden design to North Wales. The Kinmel garden was laid out by the famed William Andrews Nesfield and his son Arthur Markham Nesfield to complement the house by William Eden Nesfield. Kinmel is a rare example where all three Nesfields worked together on a single site, creating a special unity of landscape and building. Its Picturesque Shrubbery with sloping walks and drives, as shown on the OS six-inch map of 1878, had planting with species from all over the Empire. This landscape style by Arthur Markham was first developed in the Coliseum Garden and planting plans for the Avenue Gardens in Regents Park. William Andrews Nesfield laid out the Venetian Garden was advisor to the London Parks and designed the arboretum at Kew. The tree planting at Kinmel would have been exceptional. A pod enterprise will degrade this heritage and setting to the house and as an enabling development it will not secure the funds to save the house.

WHGT also objected to an Allotment scheme at Gwrych which will be in the direct view lines from the terraces and fragment the parkland. A proposed large communal services centre, toilets and car parking including camper van parking makes the scheme sound more like a future camper van park. Dividing boundary features,

new planting and fencing would destroy the open arcadian landscape of the original layout, and the proposed buildings have no architectural merit and are alien to the original stonework at Gwrych.

We are pleased that branch member John Edmondson has now become a Trustee of WHGT.

Gwynedd Chairman *Christine Newsham*

Our AGM held at the Telford Centre, Menai Bridge was very well attended. Jonathan Hulson gave an informative talk on the management of trees in parks and farmland. A donation of £100 was made to the Woodland Trust.

In May our first event of the year was a coffee morning at Coron, Llanbedrog, courtesy of Janet and Berwyn Jones. We enjoyed coffee and cakes in their wonderful garden, which was full of Spring colours. Members had donated lots of plants for sale, and this was a successful fundraising event for the branch.

In June members joined The Friends of Treborth Botanic Garden, to visit the new RHS garden in Salford which had opened in May 2021. We were given a private guided tour and it was very exciting to see how the Worsley New Hall Estate has been transformed into one of the most impressive new gardens in Europe.

A garden party was held in June at Crûg Farm Caernarfon, courtesy of Sue and Bleddyn Wynne-Jones, with more than 50 people enjoying a finger buffet provided by the committee. We were treated to a tour of the walled garden with Bleddyn and Stephen Lacey, a very sociable event.

In July our three day trip to Derbyshire went ahead. The main event was a full day visiting Chatsworth, we approached through the splendid parkland designed by Capability Brown, to see the amazing interior of the house, followed by a tour of the formal gardens. A day wasn't enough.

We also visited the impressive Sheffield Botanical Gardens laid out in the Gardenesque style, with winding paths, in 1836 by Robert Marnock. Many original interesting trees remain, and much of the early layout has been retained. On our final day we visited Renishaw Hall, with an entertaining tour of the garden by the head gardener David Kestaven, including information on the history of both the house and the garden with personal anecdotes regarding the Sitwell family. The present gardens were mainly the creation of George Sitwell, father of the famous Sitwell siblings and still owned by the family. On our return journey we called in at Stoneyford Cottage gardens, for a welcome cream tea followed by a tour of the garden and necessary plant purchases.

Conservation and Planning

Penrhos Nature reserve has been causing concern with an application by Land and Lakes for a 500 chalet holiday park. This would involve felling 27 acres of ancient woodland within an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on Anglesey. As Penrhos deservedly received a prestigious award for being the best park in the UK in 2022, there is a campaign to save this site.

Parc Glynllifon: There have been some improvements in the council-run park, notably the mosaic floor leading to the amphitheatre has been beautifully restored by Ned Scharer. Unfortunately the council has also installed industrial style railings near this, matching other very basic repairs using materials not in keeping with the pleasure grounds of the estate. A letter of complaint has been sent. Glynllifon College has made applications for expansion, including a new milking parlour close to Fort Williamsburg, a very important site. As the college has promised funds to maintain and restore part of the buildings, and as the new buildings will cover the same footprint as a group of mainly C20th buildings it was decided not to object to the application.

The new development of parking arrangements for camper vans at Portmeirion, to which we had objected, seems not to be causing a problem.

A project to restore the Marquess of Anglesey's Column in Llanfairpwll has been progressing, using funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. The Column itself sits upon a steep rocky outcrop 106m above the Menai Strait and is a site of significant geological interest on the outskirts of Llanfairpwll and a conspicuous landmark on the Anglesey skyline. Before it reopens we hope that the landscape, originally part of the Plas Newydd estate, will also be restored.

St David's College on the Gloddaeth Estate near Llandudno plan a full sized all weather sports pitch on the Great Lawn - we are actively seeking other solutions to this proposal.

Monmouthshire and Gwent *Chairman Helena Gerrish.*

On 7th April 2022, we held our 11th AGM at Llanfihangel Court, Llanvihangel Crucorney, a grade I listed manor house with magnificent interiors, by kind invitation of Julia Johnson. This was followed by an illustrated lecture by Caro Lyle Skyrme about the restoration of her walled garden at Broadward Hall in Shropshire. After tea members were able to visit the impressive stable block, garden house and walled garden.

On Thursday 30th June, we visited Wildegoose Nursery in the walled garden at Millichope Park and enjoyed an excellent talk by the owner Laura Willgoss about the derelict walled garden and its glasshouses. She then took us on a tour of its restored 2 acre garden divided into rooms of ornamental vegetables and cut flower gardens, crab apple walk, phlox walk, hot garden, plum orchard, floral meadow, and specialist

collection of violas, followed by lunch in their tea room. In the afternoon we visited the walled garden at Broadward Hall to see the national collection of historic *Hemerocallis* and visit the once derelict regency walled garden with restored potting shed and rebuilt walls and enjoyed a superb cream tea.

In July our chairman Rosie Humphries invited members to the charming gardens at Usk Castle for drinks and canapes, and a video was shown of the creation of their new entertainment space built with splendid timbers within the banqueting hall at Usk Castle, and members visited the castle and banqueting room.

In November Helena Gerrish gave an illustrated lecture, *The Birth and Rebirth of Mounton House*, following the launch of her new book. This ambitious project was one of the last country houses in Wales in 1912 by the influential architectural editor of Country Life magazine, H Avray Tipping. The house has been restored over the last twenty years and gardens recreated by the renowned garden designer Arne Maynard.

Our chairman, Rosie Humphreys, has retired this year but has left a lasting legacy in our branch's unique interactive web page which covers listed gardens in Monmouthshire, designed by Stephen Horton <https://www.whgtmonandgwent.wales> It now covers the Nelson Garden, Mathern Palace, Llanwern Park, Machen House, Bertholey House and Wyndcliffe Court. Steve is now working on Mounton House and High Glanau Manor.

Julia Alexander and Ann Robinson have also retired from the committee. They were very efficient planning officers for the branch monitoring local planning applications and visiting sites. We will miss their expertise and humour. Rosemary Trump has agreed to take over their role.

We are delighted to welcome a new committee member, Sarah Withers, who has recently moved to Monmouth and is studying for the diploma in garden history at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh.

On 24th April we visited Norchard, in conjunction with an NGS open day. It was a beautifully sunny, mild Sunday afternoon, and everything, including our hostess, Heulwen Davies, was absolutely blooming in these wonderful gardens beside a mediaeval manor house. We paid another visit on the 11th May to the outstanding garden at Treffgarne Hall, where we admired the view, which seems to embrace half the county, and marvelled at what has been achieved with many rare species and hard and soft landscaping. The garden includes sculptures, pergolas, a wildflower meadow, a gravel garden, and a stumpery.

An old favourite, Grade II Upton Castle, which we visited on 24th June, fully came up to expectations and justifies its inclusion on the statutory register of historic parks and gardens. We revelled in the walled garden. An amazing amount of work has produced wonderful results with flowers and vegetables. And of course, the trees are glorious. The medieval chapel dedicated to St Giles is always a thing of wonder, maintained apparently by a sect known as the High Anglican Church. We visited Jordanston Hall on 13th July, where a farmhouse garden has a functioning parish church in its centre, which has many associations with the family of David Lloyd George. Our hostess, Roz Raymond, served us a superb tea, all donations going to the Paul Sartori Foundation, of which she is president.

Our meetings were cancelled in August because of covid, and in September, after the death of HM The Queen. On 12th October, by popular request, we visited Colby Lodge Woodland Gardens, with a reputation for wonderful trees, a fascinating history and excellent catering. The woodland gardens are statutorily registered Grade II and were developed by various owners from the 19th century onwards. An unusual gazebo, designed by a local architect, Wyn Jones, and built in 1975, entranced us with its decoration inside. In 1979 the American painter Lincoln Taber added the trompe l'oeil and murals that cover its walls, with a complete 'window' painted on one wall mirroring the view from the actual window opposite, while a 'shelf' runs around the eight sides of the gazebo holds painted items such as a wine bottle, a silver mug and a vase of flowers. There are painted cracks in the wall, through which some of the garden's plants appear to have pushed their way. The site at Colby is now owned by the National Trust, which looks after it beautifully.

We had a Christmas Lunch at Maria's café at Picton Castle on 7th December which was as convivial as ever with the bonus of the wonderfully decorated Castle set in the Grade II* gardens leading down to the River Cleddau.

Yet again it was a tricky year for all of us due to the ongoing concerns about catching covid in its various forms. We are now told we must live with it and treat it like flu, I hope this is truly the case.

Sadly, the year began with the funeral of one of our former Chairs, Dr Jean Reader, who served as a national Chair, after her sudden death in December. It was a great shock to us all as she was still so active in the autumn.

Better news arrived with the announcement that, at long last, The Statutory Register of Parks and Gardens in Wales of Special Historic Interest came into force on 1st February 2022. This followed the passing of the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016 when Wales became the first nation in the UK to recognise that historic parks and gardens should be protected in the same way as listed buildings and scheduled monuments. This process had taken Cadw and the RCAHMS seven years to update and enhance 400 records of sites across Wales. Hopefully enforcement will protect these important sites from a range of threats to their integrity.

As a committee we have been able to meet together regularly, in person, in various venues from Cowbridge to Cardiff.

Some of us were also able to attend the unveiling of the interpretation panel by the Lord Mayor, Cllr. McKerlich, in St Mary's Church Gardens on old Church Road in April. This was part funded by WHGT through our small grants scheme. We were invited for refreshments in the Fox and Hounds public house opposite, by the Manager, who is a great supporter of the volunteers trying to restore this lovely haven. We will organise a visit to the garden for members when work has progressed further.

At long last, we were able to offer an event for our members to get together on Wednesday 15th June for a guided tour of St Fagan's grounds on the Castle side of the site. We were guided by Juliet Hodgkiss, Janet Wilding and Bethan Scorey around the gardens. We had a fascinating tour of this Museum of the Year, recently ranked by Which and the Art Fund.

Juliet has offered to guide us around the other half of the site next year. I have asked for an article on the restoration of the glasshouses for the Bulletin to advertise this project for NMW.

In July we met together for our AGM, an introductory talk and delicious tea at Y Fan Mansion in Caerphilly and then we toured the gardens.

On Monday 8th August 2022, we enjoyed a visit to Aberglasney. We were a small but happy group; the sunshine was glorious; it was relatively quiet there and the gardens looked wonderful. I have 45 photographs as a memento of the visit. I particularly loved the blues of the *Agapanthus* and *Hydrangea* against the vivid greens and cerulean blue sky.

Sadly we lost a very dear old friend and committee member, Dot Thomas, in October 2022.

We also met together as a committee, at the beginning of December for a Christmas lunch in the Red Lion, Bonvilston.

Thanks of course, as ever, to the committee for all their hard work throughout this difficult period.

Conservation and Planning

We were consulted about the work on the Grade I Roath Park Spillway/Dam Project which is quite an extensive scheme.

There was also notice about the proposals for a swimming pool at Grade II* Ty Gwyn, Lisvane, which was thankfully sympathetically designed. I also commented on an inappropriate extension to one of the houses in the grounds of Grade II Cefn Mably Park.

The Grade II gardens and grounds around Whitchurch Hospital continue to be of concern (as do the hospital buildings).

Carmarthenshire *Chairman Ken Murphy*

The Carmarthenshire branch has had a quiet year with one notable event with the official opening of Parc Yr Esgob-Bishop's Park and visitor centre of the Bishop's Palace on the 15th of July 2022.

The Carmarthenshire branch has been very much involved in the Tywi Gateway Trust, set up in 2016 and who have now completed a £2.4m Parks for People project, restoring the historic grounds of the former palace which was the residence of the bishops of St Davids for more than 400 years. In 1903 it was gutted by fire and extensively refurbished in the Arts & Crafts style and became home of the Carmarthenshire Museum since 1978.

The historic grounds have been restored to the period of their last major re-design in the 1840s. This includes installation of new gardens, bringing the attractive walled kitchen garden back into production and creating new public access to the adjacent Great Meadow, which will be managed to benefit the rare flood plain meadow habitat. The project will also conserve the Bishop's Pond ox-bow lake which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

The current committee are now looking for members who will take the branch forward.

West Glamorganshire *Support group leader Sylvia Carlisle-Read*

After valiant efforts to raise a new committee failed, the final AGM for the foreseeable future of the West Glamorgan Branch of WHGT was held on the 14th June, 2022. The meeting was short, allowing the current committee to stand down, to give thanks to Ann Gardner, Chair for her long service and pass on to Ann and her husband Hugh our best wishes for their new life in Australia.

We celebrated the long and successful life of the Branch with an afternoon tea party and thanked the members for their loyal support over the years. Whilst officially the Branch is now dormant, many of those present decided to form a support group.

The West Glamorgan WHGT support group meet once a month and using the expertise within the group we have enjoyed such topics as Dulcie Vivian of Clyne Castle, visited Swansea Museum and shared our experiences of visiting historic gardens.

For further details Sylvia.carlisleread@gmail.com

Note:

The above document was the source of an article on Penllergare in Garden History by John Edmondson, and scanned by Michael Norman. Research in this area continues despite the demise of the Branch.

Financial Review 2022

Report by Trustees and Financial Statements for the Year to
31st December 2022

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of
Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 June 2023 and signed on its
behalf by**

Leigh O' Connor
Director

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act);
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met;

or

- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature

Date 12th May 2023

Daphne Jeffreys.

Rochelle, Four Crosses. Llanymynech, Powys SY22 6RB

Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

			31.12.22	31.12.21
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Notes		£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	2	2,676	-	2,676
Activities for generating funds	3	39,494	-	39,494
Investment income	4	236	-	236
Income resources from charitable activities	5	14,623		14,623
Total incoming resources		57,029	-	57,029
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable expenses				
Branch	6	40,879	-	40,879
Head Office		6,984	500	7,484
Governance costs	7	8,985	-	8,985
Total resources expended		56,847	500	57,347
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TRANSFERS		182	(500)	(318)
Gross transfers between funds				-
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		182	(500)	(318)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds b/f		112,265	25,155	137,420
TOTAL FUNDS C/F		112,447	24,655	137,102
				137,420*

The notes on pages 34-41 form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2022

		31.12.22	31.12.21
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	1,986	2,286
Debtors	11	5,184	6,000*
Cash at bank	12	134,922	133,563
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		142,092	141,849
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(4,990)	(4,429)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		137,102	137,420
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		137,102	137,420
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NET ASSETS		137,102	137,420
		=====	=====
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		112,447	112,265
Restricted funds		24,655	25,155
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TOTAL FUNDS		137,102	137,420*
		=====	=====

* restated

The notes on pages 34-41 form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet at 31st December 2022 (continued)

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st December 2022.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006

and

- b Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements so far as is applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by Leigh O'Connor on 26 June 2023

The notes on pages 32-39 form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant & machinery etc – 25% on cost and 20% on cost.

Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving items.

Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
2. Voluntary Income		
Grants – branches	-	-
Donations – branches	500	260
Donations – Head Office	-	32
Grants – Head Office	-	-
Gift aid	2,176	2,287
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	2,676	2,547
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3. Activities for generating funds		
Fundraising events – branches	39,002	7,314
Sundry income – branches	44	28
Sales of books- branches	448	223
Sundry income – Head Office	-	10
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	39,494	7,575
	=====	=====
4. Investment income		
Deposit account interest – branches	75	42
Deposit account interest – Head Office	161	82
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	236	124
5. Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Membership fees	11,931	13,196
Lectures, visits, meetings	-	960
AGM	2,692	3
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	14,623	14,159
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For the year ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
6. Direct Costs of Charitable activities		
Insurance	278	260
Postage and stationery	996	549
Sundries	167	113
Lectures, meetings and visits	35,316	5,691
Administration expenses and publicity	6,401	3,915
Bulletins and literature	2,870	5,076
Website	-	-
Grants payable	500	2,000
Small equipment	135	-
Donations	1,700	-
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	48,363	17,604
	=====	=====

7. Governance costs

Accountancy	400	400
Administration expenses and AGM	3,170	1,322
Honorarium	2,500	2,500
Annual Report	2,915	2,700
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	8,985	6,922
	=====	=====

8.Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

Honorarium totalling £2,500 were made to trustees for additional services undertaken during the year (2022 - £2,500). These payments were agreed by the remaining trustees in line with section 6 of the Memorandum of Association.

Trustees' Expenses

Expenses totalling £0 (zero) (2022 £0- zero) were paid to none (2022 none) of the trustees during the year.

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22	
9 Tangible fixed Assets	Plant and machinery etc	
Cost		
At 1st January 2022	12,934	
Additions	-	
Disposals	-	

At 31st December 2022	12,934	
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Depreciation		
At 1st January 2022	12,934	
Charge for year	-	
Eliminated on disposal	-	

At 31st December 2022	12,934	
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Net Book Value		
At 31st December 2022	-	
At 31st December 2021	-	

	-	
	=====	
	31. 12. 22	31. 12. 21
10. Stocks		
Books - Ceredigion	-	-
Books - Carmarthenshire	1,986	2,286
* Restated	-----	-----
	1,986	2,286
	=====	=====
11. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		
Prepayments	2,625	3,272
Other debtors	2,559	2,728*
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	5,184	6,000
	=====	=====

*restated

12. Cash at Bank

	General Fund Head Office	General Fund Branches	Contingency Fund	Development Fund	Conservation Fighting Fund
Barclays Current Account	10,492	-	-		
Virgin Money Deposit	4,671	-	7,000	5,500	15,062
Brecon & Radnorshire	-	10,825	-		
Ceredigion	-	5,492	-		
Clwyd	-	15,155	-		
Pembrokeshire	-	555	-		
South & Mid Glamorganshire	-	3,847	-		
West Glamorganshire	-	-	-		
Gwynedd	-	12,350	-		
Montgomeryshire	-	-	-		
Monmouthshire & Gwent	-	9,046	-		
Carmarthenshire	-	5,434	-		
Bonus Saver / Paypal	508	-	-		
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Total	15,670	62,704	7,000	5,500	15,062
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12. Cash at Bank continued

	Re- stricted Fighting Fund	Small Grants Fund	Research & Education Fund	31.12.22 Total Funds	31.12.21 Total Funds
Barclays Current Account	-			10,492	9,098
Virgin Money Deposit	16,979	7,676	4,330	61,218	61,218
Brecon & Radnorshire				10,825	11,593
Ceredigion				5,492	5,320
Clwyd				15,155	15,335
Pembrokeshire				555	689
South & Mid Glamorganshire				3,847	3,880
West Glamorganshire				-	1,596
Gwynedd				12,350	10,557
Monmouthshire & Gwent				9,046	9,137
Carmarthenshire				5,434	5,106
Bonus Saver / Paypal				508	34
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Total	16,979	7,676	4,330	134,922	133,563
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13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

			31.12.22	31.12.21
Bank loans and overdrafts			-	-
Other creditors			4,990	4,429
			=====	=====
			4,990	4,429
			=====	=====

14. Analysis of Net Assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds		
Fixed assets		-	-	-
Current assets	117,437	24,655	142,092	141,849
Current liabilities	(4,990)	-	(4,990)	(4,429)
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	112,447	24,655	137,102	137,420
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* Restated figures				

15. Movement in Funds

Unrestricted Funds	At 01.01.22	Net Movement in funds	At 31.12.22
General fund Head Office	14,375	2,755	17,130
General fund -Branches	65,998	(2,573)	63,425
Contingency fund	7,000	-	7,000
Development fund	5,500	-	5,500
Research and Education	4,330	-	4,330
Conservation Fighting fund	15,062	-	15,062
	=====	=====	=====
	112,265	182	112,447
Restricted Funds			
Restricted fighting fund	16,979	-	16,979
Small Grants fund	8,176	(500)	7,676
	=====	=====	=====
	25,155	(500))	24,655
	=====	=====	=====
Total Funds	137,420	(318)	137,102

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Fund Transfer	Movement in Funds
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund-Head Office	15,853	(14,688)	1,587	2,752
General fund -Branches	41,176	(42,159)	(1,587)	(2,570)
Contingency fund	-	-	-	-
Development fund	-	-	-	-
Research & Education fund	-	-	-	-
Conservation Fighting fund	-	-	-	-
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	57,029	(56,847)	-	182
Restricted funds				
Restricted fighting fund	-	-	-	-
Small Grants fund		(500)	-	(500)
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	-	(500)	-	(500)
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Total Funds	57,029	(57,347)	-	(318)
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The general funds reserve represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated by the trustees for particular purposes.

General fund – Branches is broken down as follows:

Ceredigion £5,876

Carmarthenshire £7,420

Brecon & Radnor £10,250

Gwynedd £11,660

South & Mid Glamorgan £3,787

Clwyd £15,155

Pembrokeshire £554

Monmouthshire £8,724

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

Incoming Resources		31.12.22	31.12.21
		£	£
Voluntary Income			
Grants branches		-	-
Donations - Branches		500	260
Donations - Head Office		-	-
Grants Head Office		-	-
Gift Aid		2,176	2,287
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		2,676	2,547
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AGM		2,692	3
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		14,623	14,159
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Total incoming resources		57,347	24,405
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Small equipment	135	-
Donations	1,700	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Grants to institutions	500	2,000
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	48,362	17,604
Governance costs		
Accountancy	400	400
Administration expenses and AGM	3,170	1,322
Annual Report	2,915	2,700
Honorarium	2,500	2,500
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	8,985	6,922
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	57,347	24,526
	-----	-----
Net income	(318)	(121)
	=====	=====

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