

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1042337

Details

Other names LONDON PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [02935176](#)

Registered 1994-11-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS CONNECTED WITH ARTS AND SCIENCES OF HISTORIC GARDEN LAND. TO PRESERVE ENHANCE AND RE CREATE FOR THE EDUCATION AND ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC WHATEVER HISTORIC GARDEN LAND MAY EXIST OR HAVE EXISTED IN AND AROUND LONDON

Activities: The Trust promotes public interest and knowledge about historic parks and gardens in London. The Trust is involved in research, publication, education, planning and conservation, membership activities and the Open Garden Squares weekend.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LONDON
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£269,388	£219,155	-	-
2023-12-31	£212,271	£192,389	-	-
2022-12-31	£327,147	£190,488	-	-
2021-12-31	£265,405	£261,541	-	-
2020-12-31	£204,769	£156,435	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alexandra Bell		2023-09-05
Barbara Mary Deason		2024-11-25
Caroline Jane Ames		2018-07-17
Celia Mead		2017-06-21
John Rego		2025-12-01
Matt Wright		2023-07-01
Nathan David Oley		2018-11-15
SALLY PROTHERO		2014-01-27

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England & Wales - Charity number 1042337

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 2935176 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1042337

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

FOR
LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST
COMMONLY KNOWN AS LONDON PARKS AND
GARDENS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities, achievements and performance

London Historic Parks and Gardens, commonly known as London Parks and Gardens, believes everyone should be able to access and appreciate London's historic green spaces. We help achieve this by protecting our green capital and informing the public of the tremendous history attached to London's gardens and parks. This mission directly connects to the founding charitable objects of the London Historic Parks & Gardens Trust (the Charity)

2025 TO 2035 STRATEGY

In 2024, we created a new Strategy for 2025 to take us through to 2035.

Our Vision

Green spaces have always made London liveable. Our vision is that green spaces in London, old and new, can be enjoyed by everyone and are protected.

Our Mission

To ensure London's green spaces are protected, so everyone can enjoy them.

This new strategy mirrors our founding charitable objects but applies them to the new challenges posed by the societal, climate, and economic conditions of our times.

Using the lens of our **Vision** and **Mission**, we worked through all our work strands to ensure they deliver our goals through our **Theory of Change**.

Theory of Change

We believe the best means of achieving our mission is to build sufficient active public support for our vision; in effect, a mobilised public pushing for our vision.

We believe The best means of achieving our mission is to mobilise the public to support our vision, we will be better equipped to help minimise any loss of London's green spaces and maximise the public's opportunities to enjoy them.

We believe we can deliver this theory of change *if* we also achieve six real world outcomes, namely:

1. Enough people form an emotional connection to or vision and as a result feel motivated to amplify our mission and help us gain greater protection.
2. Enough people are persuaded of the value of our vision.
3. Enough people trust us as a credible actor and enjoy working with us.
4. Enough people either as individuals or as communities feel and are empowered to act for our cause.
5. Enough other partners share our vision and amplify our message.
6. We apply the lessons learnt by others in various sectors about how to build an impactful public movement.

We have three main work strands, which are:

1. Events and activities
2. Planning
3. Research

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All of our work across these three strands is supported by volunteers and our small team of three staff on part-time contracts, and a variety of contractors.

Funding comes from our events and activities, grants, legacies, and supporter donations.

2024 Delivery

In 2024, we ran our established annual event, **London Open Gardens** [LOG], across the first full weekend of June. The event emphasises the indispensable social, cultural, and emotional value of green space, alongside its more widely promoted values for biodiversity, climate mitigation, and public health.

LOG gives access to more than a hundred gardens or green spaces in central London not normally accessible to the public. Affluent garden and culture lovers from the UK and beyond gather to explore hidden gems, relax, and socialize. All proceeds support London Parks and Gardens' charity work, with profits benefiting community gardens.

In 2024, 43,000 people visited participating gardens over the weekend. Exit surveys show guests feel more confident visiting London, with **70%** seeing the city as more positive and inclusive as a result of their experience with us.

The event was supported and advertised by partner organisations such as the Royal Horticultural Society and Gardens Illustrated magazine, and the listings publication TimeOut.

LOG24 brought in almost £130,000.

We also run an annual **Winter Season lecture series** of six presentations delivered from October through to March. In 2024, we secured a new venue for "in-person" presentations at the Garden Museum in Lambeth, having previously used the basement gallery at Cowcross Street in Shoreditch. This move enabled us to "livecast" the presentations to online subscribers. We had three "in-person" events and three "on-line only" events all shared via Zoom.

The Lecture series brought in a profit a little over £4,100.

Our **Planning and Conservation** work continued to be funded through a Historic England Grant, enabling us to employ a part-time member of staff to respond to planning applications impacting Grade II Heritage listed sites. This work is coordinated with the Gardens Trust, a statutory planning body, which covers Grade I and Grade II* listed sites. This staff member also coordinates our team of planning volunteers who help review and check planning applications with us to protect historic parks and gardens.

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Our Planning Officer resigned mid-year, and it took us a few months to secure a new team member. This meant we struggled to maintain our planning casework for the last half of 2024. We negotiated an extension to the Historic England delivery timeframe to ensure we meet the agreed terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

Our volunteer **researchers** continued to feed into our **Inventory** of the history, people, and cultures of London's green spaces. This freely accessible online resource informs our activities by providing a range of engaging stories and historic facts; which we can also call upon when responding to planning enquiries.

Todd Longtaffe-Gowan, LPG's President, assisted by long-term volunteer Sally Williams, edited the 28th edition of the Charity's annual journal, The London Gardener. This is made possible through the generosity of donors.

Publication of London Landscapes, LPG's published magazine for subscribers, ceased at the end of 2024 following the loss of its volunteer Editor and a decline in advertising revenue. This combination meant it was no longer viable to continue production. Subscribers and volunteers continue to receive regular updates through emailed newsletters.

2024 also saw some major changes in the staff and board. Our first paid staff member, Director Helen Monger stood down to pursue new ambitions after successfully delivering LOG24. Former board member Tim Webb has stepped in to the role. Chair Sharon Turner, took-up a new full-time paid role in Europe so relinquished her position as she felt unable to give it the focus it requires. Vice chair Nathan Oley took up the Chair role at the end of 2024. Work pressures also increased for Treasurer Natasha Dos Passos and her role is now being covered on an interim basis by Trustee Cosmo Elms.

This churn in Trustees sparked a skills audit and fresh recruitment drive for new Trustees with more focus on expectations and responsibilities to address the workload issues cited; ensuring better retention and engagement going forwards.

London Parks and Gardens financial reserves are unusually healthy. A large proportion of this money is to revitalise our website and improve our digital offer. The process is proving complex, so delivery has been delayed while we thoroughly assess our options to ensure change delivers a future proofed system able to sustain growth and simplify many administrative tasks while presenting a more user-friendly interface with the charity.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Governing document London Parks & Gardens is a registered charity. It is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The charity's board of Trustees are also Directors of LPG for the purposes of the Companies Act.

The members of the Board who served during the year are:

- Nathan Oley, Chair
- Cosmo Elms, Treasurer
- Alexandra Bell, Secretary
- Matt Wright, Vice Chair
- Caroline Ames
- Celia Mead
- Peter Sibley
- Barbara Deason
- Sally Prothero

Departed

- Sharon Turner
- Lisa Watson
- Simon Clark
- Natasha Dos Passos

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New board members are recruited through advertising and interview by existing Trustees acting as the legal members of the Charity. They select the Chair of Trustees or may opt to recruit someone via open advertising.

New trustees may be co-opted on to the Board at any point by agreement amongst existing Trustees. Board members serve for terms of three years. They may be reconfirmed by the Trustees for up to a maximum of nine years (three terms of three years). Board members receive appropriate induction and other training in their responsibilities as Trustees and Directors of the Charity.

There are a number of Board Committees and Working Groups, which organise the activities and work of the Charity. Chairs of the Working Groups are in the main Trustees- Lectures and Walks: Caroline Ames; Planning and Conservation: Sally Prothero, Research: Richard Capewell (volunteer), London Open Gardens 2024 was contracted out to professional Events Manager Anna White.

Hal Moggridge OBE has continued as an active Patron and Dr Todd Longstaffe-Gowan has continued as President fundraising for and delivering the annual journal.

The Charity works closely with The Royal Parks and bodies with a London focus, including Historic England, CPRE London, London Friends of Greenspaces Network, the Heritage Alliance, and Parks for London amongst others.

The Board maintains a Risk Register, which is reviewed on an annual basis. The Board believes maintaining financial reserves at appropriate levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Board confirms it has agreed actions to address or mitigate identified significant risks.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
2935176 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1042337

Registered office
Duck Island Cottage
St James's Park
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Company Secretary

Elizabeth Jane Watson (appointed from 23rd March 2024)

Independent Examiner

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Incoming resources for the year totalled £269,388 (2023: £212,271). This represents the generosity of supporters and benefactors, and payments in respect of grant-aided projects. Resources expended for the year totalled £219,155 (2023: £192,389). Reserves stand at £350,589 (2023: £300,355), comprising £271,985 general unrestricted funds and £78,603 restricted funds. The Trust benefited from the award of grants from Historic England and NLHF Resilience.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Tim Webb, Interim Director

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Rekha Shah
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
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Chartered Certified Accountants
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16th April 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	60,608		60,608	38,968
Charitable activities	4				
Activities and events		2,042	-	2,042	4,327
London Open Gardens			-	-	120,030
Campaigns			22,770	22,770	16,574
Historic England		-	6,402	6,402	23,036
NLHF		-	-	-	-
London Gardener		156,485	15,000	171,485	3,280
Investment income	3	<u>6,081</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,081</u>	<u>6,056</u>
Total		225,216	44,172	269,388	212,271
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Activities and events		3,782	-	3,782	3,740
London Open Garden		-	-	-	48,509
Campaigns		-	31,445	31,445	13,742
Historic England		-	28,935	28,935	31,043
NLHF		-	-	-	-
London Gardener		100,066	3,870	103,936	8,654
Management Costs		<u>51,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,056</u>	<u>86,700</u>
Total		154,904	64,251	219,155	192,389
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		70,312	(20,079)	50,234	19,882
Transfers between funds	12	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		70,312	(20,079)	50,234	19,882
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		201,673	98,682	300,355	280,473
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>271,985</u>	<u>78,603</u>	<u>350,589</u>	<u>300,355</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	2,881	-	2,881	30,952
Cash at bank		<u>377,118</u>	-	<u>377,118</u>	<u>296,105</u>
		379,999	-	379,999	327,057
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(29,410)	-	(29,410)	(26,703)
		<u>350,589</u>	-	<u>350,589</u>	<u>300,355</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>350,589</u>	-	<u>350,589</u>	<u>300,355</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>350,589</u>	-	<u>350,589</u>	<u>300,355</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>350,589</u>	-	<u>350,589</u>	<u>300,355</u>
FUNDS					
	12				
Unrestricted funds				271,985	201,672
Restricted funds				<u>78,603</u>	<u>98,683</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>350,589</u>	<u>300,355</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

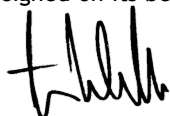
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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 applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16th June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Tim Webb, Interim Chair

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Due to timing differences, HE Income includes amounts relating to the period but received in the next period.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. 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.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual tangible fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are written off to the statement of financial activities and not capitalised.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimate residual value over the expected useful lives on the following basis:

Office equipment - over four years

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2024	2023
	£	£
Membership subscriptions	23,092	17,572
Grant & Other income	5,750	-
Direct cost		
Raffle & Others	36	-
Gift aid	2,997	-
Other donations	28,733	-
	<u> </u>	<u>21,396</u>
	<u>60,608</u>	<u>38,968</u>
3. INVESTMENT INCOME	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>6,081</u>	<u>6,056</u>
4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2024	2023
	£	£
Activities and events	2,042	4,327
London Open Gardens		
Historic England	156,485	120,030
Campaigns	6,402	23,036
NLHF	22,770	16,574
London Gardener	-	-
	15,000	3,280
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>202,699</u>	<u>167,247</u>

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Activities and events	3,782	-	3,782
London Open Gardens	-	-	-
Management costs	51,056	-	-
Campaigns	-	31,446	31,446
Historic England	-	28,935	28,935
London Gardener	<u>100,066</u>	<u>3,870</u>	<u>3,870</u>
	<u>154,904</u>	<u>64,251</u>	<u>219,155</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no transactions between the Trust and the members of Council.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Planning	0.6	0.6
Administration	<u>1.8</u>	<u>1.8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM
COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Charitable activities	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Historic England	38,968	-	38,968
Campaigns			
London Gardener			
NLHF	4,327	-	4,327
	120,030	-	120,030
		16,574	16,574
		23,036	23,036
		3,280	3,280
	<u>6,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,056</u>
	169,381	42,890	212,271

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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities			
Activities and events	3,740	-	3,740
London Open Garden	48,509	-	48,509
Management costs	86,700	-	86,700
Historic England	-	13,742	13,742
NLHF	-	31,043	31,043
London Gardener	-	8,654	8,654
Campaigns	-	-	-
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Total	138,950	53,439	192,389
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	30,431	(10,549)	19,882
Transfer between funds	12 3,301	(3,301)	
Net movement in funds	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	33,732	(13,850)	19,882
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	167,940	112,533	280,473
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>201,672</u>	<u>98,683</u>	<u>300,355</u>

9. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Resources expenses includes Independent Examiner's remuneration of £945. (2023: £945).

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade Debtors	-	-
Other Debtors	<u>2,881</u>	<u>30,952</u>
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	2,881	30,952

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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	14,418	14
Accruals and deferred income	<u>14,992</u>	<u>26,689</u>
	<u>29,410</u>	<u>26,703</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net Movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	201,673	70,312	-	271,985
Restricted funds				
The London Gardener	5,546	11,130	-	16,676
Repton in London	2,718	-	-	2,718
Historic England	808	(22,532)	-	(21,725)
Campaigns	<u>89,611</u>	<u>(8,676)</u>	-	<u>80,935</u>
	<u>98,683</u>	<u>(20,078)</u>	-	<u>78,604</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>309,356</u>	<u>50,234</u>	-	<u>350,589</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	225,216	(154,905)	-	70,312
Restricted funds				
The London Gardener	15,000	(3,870)	-	11,130
Campaigns	22,770	(31,446)	-	(8,676)
Historic England	6,403	(28,935)	-	(22,532)
	<u>44,172</u>	<u>(64,250)</u>	0	<u>(20,077)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>269,388</u>	<u>(219,155)</u>	0	<u>50,234</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net Movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	167,940	33,732	201,672
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	10,920	(5,374)	5,546
Repton in London	2,718	-	2,718
Historic England	12,116	(11,308)	808
NLHF	-	-	-
Culture Recovery Fund	-	-	-
Campaigns	<u>86,779</u>	<u>2,832</u>	<u>89,611</u>
	<u>112,533</u>	<u>10,549</u>	<u>98,683</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>280,473</u>	<u>19,882</u>	<u>300,355</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	169,381	(135,649)	33,732
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	3,280	(8,654)	(5,374)
Repton in London	-	-	-
Historic England	16,574	(13,742)	2,832
NLHF	-	-	-
Culture Recovery Fund	-	-	-
Campaigns	<u>23,036</u>	<u>(34,344)</u>	<u>(11,308)</u>
	<u>42,890</u>	<u>(53,439)</u>	<u>(13,850)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>212,271</u>	<u>(192,389)</u>	<u>19,882</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Membership subscriptions	23,092	17,572
The Royal Parks	-	-
Other Donations	<u>37,516</u>	<u>21,396</u>
	60,608	38,968
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	6,081	6,056
Charitable activities		
Activities and events	2,042	4,327
London Open Gardens	-	120,030
Historic England Planning	6,402	23,036
NLHF	-	-
Campaigns	22,770	16,574
London Gardener	<u>171,485</u>	<u>3,280</u>
	<u>202,699</u>	<u>167,247</u>
Total incoming resources	269,388	212,271
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities Activities & Events	3,782	3,740
London Open Garden	-	48,509
NLHF	-	-
Historic England	28,935	31,043
London Gardener	103,936	8,654
Campaigns	<u>31,445</u>	<u>13,742</u>
	136,076	106,495
Support costs		
Management		
Office costs	51,056	86,700

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Total resources expended	<u>219,155</u>	<u>192,389</u>
Net income	<u><u>50,234</u></u>	<u><u>19,882</u></u>

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1042337

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 2935176 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1042337

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
FOR
LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities, achievements and performance

London Historic Parks and Gardens, commonly known as London Parks and Gardens, believes everyone should be able to access and appreciate London's historic green spaces. We help achieve this by protecting our green capital and informing the public of the tremendous history attached to London's gardens and parks. This mission directly connects to the founding charitable objects of the London Historic Parks & Gardens Trust (the Charity)

In 2019 the Charity launched a new Strategic Direction for the following 3 to 5 years. During Covid, the Charity took the opportunity to rebrand itself for trading purposes as London Parks & Gardens, as this is easier for social media with a shorter acronym and where all characters used count. The Charity at the same time developed a strapline 'Protecting our Green Capital' to reflect its core charitable purpose.

Three aims for the Charity with impact measures were set out in the Strategic Direction. For the first time the Charity, used quantifiable outputs to demonstrate the activity undertaken. 2023 is the last year of this framework and a review of Strategy and how the Charity will measure its outcomes is now underway.

In the meantime, in 2023 LPG achieved the following:

- ***Champion by influencing through robust research, revealing their significance, our unique planning role and media presence; to help protect them from threats and decline.***
Reviewed 344 consultations with potential impacts on historic landscapes across 32 London boroughs; provided in-depth analysis on 152 planning applications to protect historic parks and gardens. With the support of an Historic England Capacity Building Grant LPG developed and released a handbook to empower more people to respond to planning applications which threaten their local green spaces. LPG continued efforts to protect Victoria Tower Gardens (a Grade 2 public park and the setting for the Houses of Parliament World Heritage Site) for future public enjoyment by successfully challenging HM Government and securing scrutiny of the Holocaust Memorial Bill as Hybrid - the first time this has happened since 1974 (see page 3 below for more details). The campaign has attracted further crowdsourced income to assist with the legal costs.
- ***Cultivate knowledge and appreciation of parks, squares, community gardens, cemeteries, churchyards and the people who create, develop and care for them as part of London's rich green infrastructure.***
Motivated a core of 125 registered volunteers who clocked up between them some 3,244 hours given to further LPG's impact. We continued to provide our members with 10 curated e-newsletters; 3 printed colour magazines and our annual Journal, *London Gardener*, packed with information about events, activities and historical discoveries about London's landscapes. Our Winter lecture series delivered 9 talks on a wide variety of topics. Two of the lectures were hybrid (simultaneously online and in person) held at Francis Holland School, Sloane Square, and the remaining ones online - leading to sales of over 650 tickets for the whole season. We added 5 new sites to the LPG Inventory (<https://londongardenstrust.org/conservation/inventory/>), through original archival research and a further 89 Inventory records were updated. An ongoing part of the Inventory work includes embedding the details in the Greater London Historic Environment Record (GLHER) ensuring historic significance is considered at the outset of any new development proposals.
- ***Celebrate their beauty, design, horticulture, history, ecology, value and benefits to society.***
Delivered our annual event, London Open Gardens (LOG) weekend with over 34,000 recorded garden visits made by nearly 7,400 ticket holders on one glorious weekend. The Charity shared just over £1,500 of ticket sales surplus with eligible participating gardens to support their horticultural work. LOG was made possible with the help of weekend volunteers doing shifts in the 115 participating gardens alongside their many gardeners. The Charity circulated monthly bulletins to nearly 30,000 subscribers packed with interesting news about historic gardens; and posted regularly on social media channels increasing followers: X formerly Twitter (29%); Instagram (16%) and Facebook (19%).

Membership Arrangements

In September 2022 LPG launched a new membership programme, with three tiers of contribution: Supporter, Friend or Benefactor. During 2023, the Charity transitioned as many members from their old membership types to their new membership levels. LPG was assisted in this task until March 2023 by a Membership and Fundraising contractor who had been recruited as part of the National Heritage Lottery Fund (NLHF) Resilience project. Although that project completed in 2022 we chose to keep the contractor on until March 2023 to complete the work.

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During the course of 2023, the Charity was delighted to welcome 12 Benefactors giving at least £250 each, for the first time. LPG also looked at ways behind the scenes to move the record keeping to a new system and preparations were made to transfer records and make online direct debit giving easier for members with a view to that happening early in 2024, freeing the Office Manager to support other vital administration work, including volunteer coordination.

Administration

There has been a lot of change this year. The office assistant left in early March. The team of staff comprised the Director, an Office Manager (from end of February), an Events Assistant (from end of February until end of July); and a Landscape Engagement Planning Coordinator (from March) post funded through an Historic England Capacity Grant. An interim Communications contractor was brought in to cover the period from October to December providing e-newsletters and social media output, and in December a new Marketing and Fundraising Assistant was brought in. This averaged a full time equivalent of 2.4 people over the year. An Events Producer and PR contractor were also commissioned separately to support London Open Gardens (LOG) weekend.

Crucial volunteers continue to bolster all the administration work, in particular, volunteer IT manager, Colin Wing, supported regularly by Frank Warnock; and LPG's volunteer Keeper of the Inventory, Sally Williams, who oversees ongoing maintenance of our Inventory and inputting into the GLHER.

LPG Director, Helen Monger, secured an invaluable grant-funded training programme through the School of Social Enterprise. With their assistance she was taken through the steps involved in thinking in a more sustainable way about running the Charity and was able to successfully launch 2 raffles with varied marketing to monitor different approaches. The raffles brought in much needed additional contributions to the LPG administrative budget.

London Open Gardens, Outreach, research and publications

London Open Gardens proceeded in 2023 without a sponsor in place which represented a risk for the Charity. As a result LPG paired back the budget and fortunately the weather over the weekend was hot and dry resulting in good ticket sales from April and particularly in the week leading up to the celebratory weekend. As a result the endeavour delivered a helpful profit for LPG to put back to its charitable work. However, with the loss of a lead sponsor to underpin the funds, LPG was sadly not able to pass back as much to gardens compared to 2022. Trustees hoped to secure a sponsor for London Open Gardens 2024 but had not been able to achieve this by the end of the year – this is an area of work under review.

The Research Working Group, led by volunteer Richard Capewell continued to meet quarterly during 2023 to pursue research work, supported by Joan Pateman as volunteer Secretary of the group. Committed volunteer, Barbara Deason is leading the ongoing project about the influence of migration on London's landscapes. However, the group has struggled to regain its pre-pandemic momentum, although LPG is grateful for the assistance from The Gardens Trust (TGT) Volunteer Coordinator, Frankie Taylor, helping to approach UCL students in 'Fresher's week' to give them a training programme in garden history research with a view to their longer-term involvement.

Todd Longtaffe-Gowan, assisted by Sally Williams, edited the 27th edition of the Charity's annual journal, *The London Gardener* made possible through the generosity of Nicholas and Judith Goodison's Charitable Settlement. *London Landscapes*, LPG's published members' magazine, continued to be edited by volunteer Rachel Huckvale. It is published three times a year with design and distribution handled by Hall+McCartney.

Planning and Conservation

LPG advised and commented on planning and listed building applications affecting historic parks and gardens, using information contained in the Trust's Inventory, in conjunction with TGT's weekly list. LPG was notified of 344 (249 in 2022) planning applications for proposals going to planning in 32 London Boroughs (29 in 2022) for a variety of purposes, including Local Plan Consultations. In March 2023, LPG successfully recruited for a Landscape Engagement Planning Coordinator – a revised role funded with the assistance of Historic England. In December 2023, TGT announced due to a radical review of their funding that they would be stopping their regular lists and moving to a system operated by the Joint Committee for National Amenity Societies (JCNAS). This resulted in LPG experimenting with a new volunteer 'seeker' role and uncovered a significant number of cases that were not being notified to either

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TGT or LPG when they should be by the Local Planning Authorities. This is ongoing work that is being developed as part of the Historic England Capacity Building grant programme.

The ambition for this programme of work is to build the number of planning volunteers and increase their skills in prioritising and responding to proposals that threaten the historic integrity of London's natural and designed landscapes. To this end LPG has also produced a new handbook which is going to be made available to guide volunteers through the expectations of the planning process for the benefit of historic park protection. Despite these changes, volunteers on our Planning Working Group continued to provide detailed comments on 152 planning applications (up from 36 in 2022) during the year to protect a number of landscapes.

The Charity maintained its objection to the proposals to build a memorial (the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre) on Victoria Tower Gardens, a Grade 2 public park forming the setting for the Houses of Parliament World Heritage Site. In January 2023 HM Government introduced a Holocaust Memorial Bill to lift the restrictions of the 1900 Act and enable the memorial and Learning Centre be built within Victoria Tower Gardens. Working collaboratively with other campaigners including Save Victoria Tower Gardens and the Thorney Island Society, the Charity made representations in Parliament successfully challenging (for the first time since 1974) the categorisation of the Bill (it became Hybrid) enabling petitions and appropriate scrutiny. The Charity is extremely grateful to the many individuals who continue to contribute to our Crowdfunder campaign, and a number of significant anonymous donors from the Save Victoria Tower Gardens group who have funded our professional legal costs. The Charity thanks Richard Buxton for his generous expertise supported by Alistair Lewis of Sharpe Pritchards.

Future Plans

The Board is reviewing the Strategic direction. LPG hopes to continue to diversify its income portfolio; and return to delivering LOG on a sustainable basis within its own resources, including actively seeking corporate sponsorship. In accordance with the fundraising plan, and as part of the ongoing diversification of income, LPG intends to launch a fundraising appeal to mark its 30th year in 2024. LPG will be transferring its membership records to a third party database system which should improve communications and free-up time for the Office Manager.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

London Parks & Gardens is a registered charity. It is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. Its members are Trustees of the charity and they are also Directors of LPG for the purposes of the Companies Acts. The members of the Board who served during the year are shown on page 5. In 2022 the members agreed to adopt new Articles.

Board members are recruited through advertising and interview by existing Trustees acting as the legal members of the Charity. They select amongst themselves, the Chair of Trustees; or may opt to recruit directly into that position via open advertising. In September 2023 the Chair, Lisa Watson retired and the Trustees recruited a new Chair, Sharon Turner. Trustees may be co-opted on to the Board at any point by agreement amongst the Trustees.

Board members serve for terms of three years. They may be reconfirmed by the Trustees for up to a maximum of nine years (three terms of three years). Board members receive appropriate induction and other training in their responsibilities as Trustees and Directors of the Charity.

During 2023 the Board met 7 times to transact Board business, including an Awayday. Lisa Watson was Chair until September 2023; and Sharon Turner took up duties from September 2023. Natasha Dos Passos served as Treasurer and Maureen Nolan as Secretary until December 2023.

There are a number of Board Committees and Working Groups, which organise the activities and work of the Charity. Chairs of the Working Groups for 2023 were in the main Trustees- Lectures and Walks: Caroline Ames; Planning and Conservation: Sally Prothero, Research: Richard Capewell (volunteer), London Open Gardens 2023: Nathan Oley; Income Generation Group: Celia Mead.

Hal Moggridge OBE has continued as an active Patron and Dr Todd Longstaffe-Gowan has continued as President fundraising for and delivering the annual journal.

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The Charity works closely with Royal Parks and a number of other bodies with a London focus, including Historic England, CPRE London, London Friends of Greenspaces Network, the Heritage Alliance and Parks for London amongst others. London Parks & Gardens is very grateful to Lucy Elphinstone at Francis Holland School, Sloane Square for accommodating our in person lectures with support from Benji Page for the technical audio visual requirements.

The Charity is an active member of the national association: the Gardens Trust. London Parks & Gardens appoints a representative each year to vote at the Garden Trust's AGM and the representative in 2023 was Helen Monger. In 2023 Lisa Watson was the Treasurer of the Gardens Trust and Maureen Nolan was the Secretary of the Gardens Trust.

Following Charity Commission guidance, the Board has adopted a Risk Management Policy and maintains a Risk Register, which is reviewed on an annual basis. The Board believes that maintaining financial reserves at appropriate levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Board confirms that it has agreed actions to address or mitigate the identified significant risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
2935176 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1042337

Registered office
Duck Island Cottage
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Trustees

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Caroline Jane Ames
Alexandra Bell (appointed from 5th September 2023)
Natasha Alexandra Andrade Dos Passos (Treasurer until December 2023)
Cosmo Elms (appointed from 5th September 2023)
Celia Jane Mead
Maureen Patricia Nolan (Secretary until December 2023)
Nathan David Oley
Sally Prothero
Sharon Turner (Chair from November 2023)
Peter William Sibley
Tim Webb
Matthew Wright (appointed from 5th September 2023)

Company Secretary

Maureen Nolan

Independent Examiner

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Incoming resources for the year totalled £212,271 (2022: £327,147). This represents the generosity of supporters and benefactors, and payments in respect of grant-aided projects. Resources expended for the year totalled £192,389 (2022: £190,488). Reserves stand at £300,355 (2022: £280,473), comprising £201,672 general unrestricted funds and £98,683 restricted funds. The Trust benefited from the award of grants from Historic England, NLHF Resilience and the Culture Recovery Fund.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23rd May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Elizabeth Watson - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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30th June 2024

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	38,968	-	38,968	33,671
Charitable activities					
Activities and events	4	4,327	-	4,327	4,001
Open Garden Squares Weekend		120,030	-	120,030	152,949
Campaigns		-	16,574	16,574	72,928
Historic England		-	23,036	23,036	16,877
NLHF		-	-	-	45,233
London Gardener		-	3,280	3,280	425
Investment income	3	<u>6,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,056</u>	<u>1,064</u>
Total		169,381	42,890	212,271	327,147
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Activities and events	5	3,740	-	3,740	3,244
Open Garden Squares Weekend		48,509	-	48,509	61,186
Campaigns		-	13,742	13,742	225
Historic England		-	31,043	31,043	16,635
NLHF		-	-	-	32,503
London Gardener		-	8,654	8,654	7,969
Management Costs		<u>86,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,700</u>	<u>68,726</u>
Total		138,950	53,439	192,389	190,488
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		30,431	(10,549)	19,882	136,659
Transfers between funds	12	<u>3,301</u>	<u>(3,301)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		33,732	(13,850)	19,882	136,659
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>167,940</u>	<u>112,533</u>	<u>280,473</u>	<u>143,813</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>201,672</u>	<u>98,683</u>	<u>300,355</u>	<u>280,473</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	30,952	-	30,952	20,568
Cash at bank		<u>197,422</u>	<u>98,683</u>	<u>296,105</u>	<u>282,661</u>
		228,374	98,683	327,057	303,229
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(26,703)	-	(26,703)	(22,756)
		<u>201,672</u>	<u>98,683</u>	<u>300,355</u>	<u>280,473</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>201,672</u>	<u>98,683</u>	<u>300,355</u>	<u>280,473</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>201,672</u>	<u>98,683</u>	<u>300,355</u>	<u>280,473</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>201,672</u>	<u>98,683</u>	<u>300,355</u>	<u>280,473</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	12			201,672	167,940
Restricted funds				<u>98,683</u>	<u>112,533</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>300,355</u>	<u>280,473</u>

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

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 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 applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23rd May 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Elizabeth Watson - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Due to timing differences, HE Income includes amounts relating to the period but received in the next period.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. 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.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual tangible fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are written off to the statement of financial activities and not capitalised.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimate residual value over the expected useful lives on the following basis:

Office equipment - over four years

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2023	2022
	£	£
Membership subscriptions	17,572	13,044
The Royal Parks	-	9,000
Other donations	<u>21,396</u>	<u>11,627</u>
	<u>38,968</u>	<u>33,671</u>
3. INVESTMENT INCOME	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>6,056</u>	<u>1,064</u>
4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2023	2022
	£	£
Activities and events	4,327	4,001
Open Gardens Squares		
Weekend	120,030	152,949
Historic England	23,036	16,877
Campaigns	16,574	72,928
NLHF	-	45,233
London Gardener	3,280	425
	<u>167,247</u>	<u>292,412</u>

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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Activities and events	3,740	-	3,740
Open Garden Squares Weekend	48,509	-	48,509
Management costs	-	86,700	86,700
Campaigns	13,742	-	13,742
Historic England	31,043	-	31,043
London Gardener	8,654	-	8,654
	<u>106,495</u>	<u>86,700</u>	<u>192,389</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no transactions between the Trust and the members of Council.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Planning	0.6	0.6
Administration	<u>1.8</u>	<u>1.8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	33,671	-	33,671
Charitable activities			
Activities and events	4,001	-	4,001
Open Garden Squares Weekend	152,949	-	152,949
Historic England	-	16,877	16,877
Campaigns	-	72,928	72,928
London Gardener	-	425	425
NLHF	-	45,233	45,233
Investment income	<u>1,064</u>	-	<u>1,064</u>
Total	191,684	135,463	327,147

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Activities and events	3,244	-	3,244
Open Garden Squares Weekend	61,186	-	61,186
Management costs	68,726	-	68,726
Historic England	-	16,635	16,635
NLHF	-	32,503	32,503
London Gardener	-	7,969	7,969
Campaigns	-	225	225
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Total	133,156	57,332	190,488
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	58,528	78,131	136,659
Transfer between funds	12 29,544	(29,544)	-
Net movement in funds	88,072	48,587	136,659
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RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	79,867	63,946	143,813
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>167,940</u>	<u>112,533</u>	<u>280,473</u>
9. RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Resources expenses includes Independent Examiner's remuneration of £945. (2022: £900).			
10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
		2023 £	2022 £
Trade Debtors		-	70
Other Debtors		<u>30,952</u>	<u>20,498</u>
		<u>30,952</u>	<u>20,568</u>

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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	14	772
Accruals and deferred income	<u>26,689</u>	<u>21,984</u>
	<u>26,703</u>	<u>22,756</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net Movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	167,940	30,431	3,301	201,672
Restricted funds				
The London Gardener	10,920	(5,374)	-	5,546
Repton in London	2,718	-	-	2,718
Historic England	12,116	(8,007)	(3,301)	808
Campaigns	<u>86,779</u>	<u>2,832</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,611</u>
	<u>112,533</u>	<u>(10,549)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,683</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>280,473</u>	<u>19,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300,355</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	169,381	(138,950)	3,301	33,732
Restricted funds				
The London Gardener	3,280	(8,654)	-	(5,374)
Campaigns	16,574	(13,742)	-	2,832
Historic England	23,036	(31,043)	(3,301)	(11,308)
	<u>42,890</u>	<u>(53,439)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(13,850)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>212,271</u>	<u>(192,389)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,882</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net Movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	79,867	88,072	167,940
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	18,464	(7,544)	10,920
Repton in London	2,718	-	2,718
Historic England	14,364	(2,248)	12,116
NLHF	14,324	(14,324)	-
Culture Recovery Fund	-	-	-
Campaigns	<u>14,076</u>	<u>72,703</u>	<u>86,779</u>
	<u>63,946</u>	<u>48,587</u>	<u>112,533</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>143,813</u>	<u>136,659</u>	<u>280,472</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	191,684	(133,156)	88,072
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	425	(7,969)	(7,544)
Repton in London	-	-	-
Historic England	16,877	(16,635)	(2,248)
NLHF	45,233	(32,503)	(14,324)
Culture Recovery Fund	-	-	-
Campaigns	<u>72,928</u>	<u>(225)</u>	<u>72,703</u>
	<u>135,463</u>	<u>(57,332)</u>	<u>48,587</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>327,147</u>	<u>(190,488)</u>	<u>136,659</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Membership subscriptions	17,572	13,044
The Royal Parks	-	9,000
Other Donations	<u>21,396</u>	<u>11,627</u>
	38,968	33,671
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	6,056	1,064
Charitable activities		
Activities and events	4,327	4,001
Open Gardens Squares Weekend	120,030	152,949
Historic England Planning	23,036	16,877
NLHF	-	45,233
Campaigns	16,574	72,928
London Gardener	<u>3,280</u>	<u>425</u>
	<u>167,247</u>	<u>292,412</u>
Total incoming resources	212,271	327,147
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Activities & Events	3,740	3,244
Open Garden Squares Weekend	48,509	61,186
NLHF	-	32,503
Historic England	31,043	16,635
London Gardener	8,654	7,969
Campaigns	<u>13,742</u>	<u>225</u>
	106,495	121,762
Support costs		
Management		
Office costs	86,700	68,726

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023 <u>£</u>	2022 <u>£</u>
Total resources expended	<u>192,389</u>	<u>190,488</u>
Net income	<u><u>19,882</u></u>	<u><u>136,659</u></u>

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1042337

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 2935176 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1042337

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
FOR
LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

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LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities, achievements and performance

The objects of the London Historic Parks & Gardens Trust (the Charity) are to promote the education of the public on matters connected with the arts and sciences of historic garden land and to preserve, enhance and re-create for the education and enjoyment of the public whatever historic garden land may exist or have existed in and around London.

In 2019 the Charity launched a new Strategic Direction for the following 3 to 5 years. During the pandemic, the Charity rebranded itself for trading purposes as London Parks & Gardens and developed a strapline 'Protecting our Green Capital' to reflect its core charitable purpose.

Three core aims for the Charity with a number of measurable impact measures were set out in the Strategic Direction. In 2022 these have been achieved as follows:

- ***Champion by influencing through robust research, revealing their significance, our unique planning role and media presence; to help protect them from threats and decline.***
We reviewed 249 consultations with potential impacts on historic landscapes across 29 London boroughs; provided in-depth analysis on 36 planning applications to protect historic parks and gardens; Appeared for a second time at the High Court to quash the planning decision over Victoria Tower Gardens (a Grade 2 public park and the setting for the Houses of Parliament World Heritage Site) protecting the park for future enjoyment. The campaign attracted a further £20k of crowdsourced income to assist with the legal costs. The Victoria Tower Gardens judgment has made legal history re-defining 'significant harm' within the context of planning decisions.
- ***Cultivate knowledge and appreciation of parks, squares, community gardens, cemeteries, churchyards and the people who create, develop and care for them as part of London's rich green infrastructure.***
Motivated a core of 40 volunteers. All volunteers recorded 3,427 hours between them contributed to London Parks & Gardens (LPG). We added 14 new sites to the Inventory, through original archival research, of which 7 in Lewisham were achieved as part of LPG's contribution to the London Borough of Culture. A further 23 Inventory records were updated. We continued to provide our members with 10 e-newsletters, 3 printed colour magazines and London Gardener, our annual Journal packed with information about events, activities and historical discoveries about London's landscapes. Our Winter lecture series continued covering a wide variety of topics and sold over 670 tickets. We held our first hybrid (simultaneously online and in person) lecture as part of the Chelsea Fringe at Francis Holland School, Sloane Square.
- ***Celebrate their beauty, design, horticulture, history, ecology, value and benefits to society.***
Returned to gardens for the first time post Covid with our annual event, now rebranded London Open Gardens (LOG). 31,000 recorded garden visits made by nearly 7,500 ticket holders on one glorious weekend. The Charity shared some £3,500 of ticket sales surplus with eligible participating gardens to support their horticultural work. LOG was made possible with the help of 276 weekend volunteers doing shifts in the 105 participating gardens alongside their many gardeners. The Charity circulated monthly bulletins to nearly 31,000 subscribers packed with interesting news about historic gardens; and posted regularly with social media following up across all channels: Twitter (29%); Instagram (23%) and Facebook (4%).

Changes to London Parks & Gardens Articles

As part of our National Lottery Heritage Fund Resilience grant programme, we reviewed our Articles of Association. LPG obtained legal advice, reviewed its membership arrangements and held a General Meeting at the end of April 2022. The members agreed to adopt new Articles which include provisions for electronic communication and moving to a Trustee Board managed Charity model. Following from this in September 2022 LPG launched a new membership programme, introduce three tiers of contribution: Supporter; Friend; and Benefactor. Over the course of the next year, the Charity will be working to transition as many people as possible from the old membership arrangements to the new system. It is hoped that this arrangement will ultimately lead to a greater diversity and increased financial support, which will more than offset the service costs of delivering the membership package.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Administration

The team of staff comprised: the Director; Administration and Volunteer Coordinator (until December); Communications assistant; and Planning & Conservation Project Officer (until March), all working part time, to a total full time equivalent of 2.4 people over the year. An Events Producer and a PR contractor were commissioned to support the work of reviving the rebranded London Open Gardens (LOG) weekend. Additionally the National Lottery Heritage Fund enabled the recruitment of consultants as follows: a Fundraising and Membership Advisor to support the transition work; and an Evaluation Mentor to guide LPG through the completion of its grant reporting requirements and instill good evaluation practice. Crucial volunteers continue to support all the administration work, such as the volunteer IT manager, Colin Wing, and volunteer Keeper of the Inventory Sally Williams who oversees ongoing maintenance of our Inventory.

Outreach, research and publications

The Research Working Group met regularly (mainly online in 2022) to pursue new research work. The intention is to start a project about the influence of migration on London's landscapes and to continue enriching the Inventory (<https://londongardenstrust.org/conservation/inventory/>), with particular focus on the Mayoral selection for London Borough of Culture.

Todd Longtaffe-Gowan, assisted by Sally Williams, edited the 26th edition of the Charity's annual journal, *The London Gardener*. The Charity is grateful to the Deborah Loeb Brice Donor Advised Fund at CAF for their contribution to this endeavour.

London Landscapes, LPG's published members' magazine, was edited by volunteer Rachel Huckvale. It is published three times a year with design and distribution handled by Hall-McCartney. Illustrations for the walks and other articles was provided by talented volunteer, Rosie Ryott.

The Charity was delighted to secure a major sponsorship from London Square in 2022 to support its return to gardens for London Open Gardens. This major sponsorship contribution enabled the Charity to relaunch its cornerstone fundraising event, opening 105 gardens for people to visit for the first time since the pandemic. As reported earlier London Square Open Gardens Weekend took place in glorious sunshine and generated a surplus. A surplus of 5% was redistributed back to eligible gardens that participated in LSOGW.

Planning and Conservation

LPG continues to advise and comment on planning and listed building applications affecting historic parks and gardens, using information contained in the Trust's Inventory and in conjunction with the Gardens Trust. LPG was notified of 249 (245 in 2021) planning applications for proposals going to planning in 29 London Boroughs (27 in 2021) for a variety of purposes, including Local Plan Consultations. In March 2022, our Planning & Conservation Project Officer resigned. This post is funded with the assistance of a Historic England Regional Capacity Building Grant. Following an unsuccessful recruitment campaign to replace this post, the grant was reviewed with Historic England and the project programme restructured supported by a minor grant uplift and increased contribution from LPG. A revised role was advertised in December 2022, whilst the Director covered some of the day to day handling of applications to maintain momentum.

The ambition for this programme of work is to build the number of planning volunteers and increase their skills in prioritising and responding to proposals that threaten the historic integrity of London's natural and designed landscapes. Volunteers on our Planning Working Group provided detailed comments on 36 planning applications (up from 22 in 2021) during the year to protect a number of landscapes. The Charity maintained its objection to the proposals to build a memorial (the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre) on Victoria Tower Gardens, a Grade 2 public park forming the setting for the Houses of Parliament World Heritage Site. Working collaboratively with other campaigners including Save Victoria Tower Gardens and the Thorney Island Society, the Charity attended the High Court in February 2022 to secure the protection of the park. In July Mrs Justice Thornton in her [judgment](#) supported LPG's grounds for objecting to the planning approval previously given by the Minister for Housing following the planning inquiry in 2021. She found that the London County Council (Improvements) Act 1900 [the 1900 Act] imposes statutory protection of the park writing;

"The appropriate remedy is to quash the decision, so as to enable further consideration of the implications of the 1900 Act. It is an Act of Parliament which specifically regulates Victoria Tower Gardens and specifies that the land must be retained for use as a public garden."

The Charity is extremely grateful to the many individuals who contributed to our Crowdfunder campaign and a number of significant anonymous donors from the Save Victoria Tower Gardens group who continued to contribute to our legal costs. The Charity thanks Richard Buxton, Meyric Lewis and Richard Drabble KC who formed the legal team that added much of their personal time and energies to strengthen the case and bring such success. The Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up Communities and Housing sought to overturn the decision; but the Court of Appeal upheld the High Court judgment and for the time being the park remains open, playing a crucial role with the queues for Her Majesty the Late Queen's lying in state.

Future Plans

The Government has indicated that it will now seek to overturn the Court judgment by introducing a Holocaust Memorial Bill so the work to protect Victoria Tower Gardens continues.

The Charity will complete the transition to its new membership programme and hopes to develop new ideas for increasing and broadening membership in 2023. The Board will review the Business Plan. LPG will recruit a new person to support planning work with the assistance of Historic England. LPG hopes to continue to diversify its income portfolio; and return to delivering LOG on a sustainable basis within its own resources.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

London Parks & Gardens is a registered charity. It is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. Its members are Trustees of the charity and they are also Directors of LPG for the purposes of the Companies Acts. The members of the Board who served during the year are shown on page 5. In 2022 the members agreed to adopt new Articles.

Board members are recruited through advertising to fill the skills gaps on the Board that have been identified through a Skills Audit. Candidates are interviewed by a Panel of existing Trustees who make recommendations to the Board for appointment. Trustees may be coopted on to the Board at any point by agreement amongst the Trustees.

Board members serve for an initial term of three years. They may be re-elected by the Trustees for up to a maximum of nine years (three terms of three years). Board members receive appropriate induction and other training in their responsibilities as Trustees and Directors of the Charity.

During 2022 the Board met 7 times to transact Board business. Lisa Watson was Chair. Natasha Dos Passos served as Treasurer and Maureen Nolan as Secretary. There are a number of Board Committees and Working Groups, which organise the activities and work of the Charity. Chairs of the Working Groups were - Lectures and Walks: Caroline Ames and Peter Sibley; Planning and Conservation: Sally Prothero, Research: Richard Capewell, London Square Open Gardens 2022: Nathan Oley; Income Generation Group: Celia Mead.

Hal Moggridge OBE has continued as an active Patron and Dr Todd Longstaffe-Gowan has continued as President fundraising for and delivering the annual journal.

The Charity works closely with Royal Parks and a number of other bodies with a London focus, including Historic England, CPRE London, London Friends of Greenspaces Network, the Heritage Alliance and Parks for London amongst others. London Parks & Gardens is very grateful to Lucy Elphinstone at Francis Holland School, Sloane Square for accommodating our in person lectures with support from Benji Page for the technical audio visual requirements.

The Charity is an active member of the national association: the Gardens Trust. London Parks & Gardens appoints a representative each year to vote at the Garden Trust's AGM and in 2022 this was Lisa Watson. Lisa Watson is the Treasurer of the Gardens Trust and Maureen Nolan is the Secretary of the Gardens Trust.

Following Charity Commission guidance, the Board has adopted a Risk Management Policy and maintains a Risk Register, which is reviewed on an annual basis. The Board believes that maintaining financial reserves at appropriate levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Board confirms that it has agreed actions to address or mitigate the identified significant risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

2935176 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1042337

Registered office

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LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Trustees

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Caroline Jane Ames
Natasha Alexandra Andrade dos Passos (Treasurer)
Celia Jane Mead
Maureen Patricia Nolan
Nathan David Oley
Sally Prothero
Peter William Sibley
Tim Webb

Company Secretary

Maureen Nolan

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Incoming resources for the year totalled £265,405 (2021: £204,769). This represents the generosity of supporters and benefactors, and payments in respect of grant-aided projects. Resources expended for the year totalled £261,541 (2021: £156,435). Reserves stand at £143,813 (2021: £139,949), comprising £79,867 general unrestricted funds and £63,946 restricted funds. The Trust benefited from the award of grants from Historic England, NLHF Resilience and the Culture Recovery Fund. The Royal Parks continued to donate office space, which sadly has continued to be under-utilised during 2021 due to lock-down restrictions

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Elizabeth Watson - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Rekha Shah

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30th June 2023

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	33,671	-	33,671	77,026
Charitable activities					
Activities and events	4	4,001	-	4,001	16,588
Open Garden Squares Weekend		152,949	-	152,949	20,891
Campaigns		-	72,928	72,928	104,302
Historic England		-	16,877	16,877	42,894
NLHF		-	45,233	45,233	-
Culture Recovery Fund		-	-	-	3,190
London Gardener		-	425	425	505
Investment income	3	<u>1,064</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,064</u>	<u>9</u>
Total		191,684	135,463	327,147	265,405
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Activities and events	5	3,244	-	3,244	5,828
Open Garden Squares Weekend		61,186	-	61,186	2,516
Campaigns		-	225	225	94,578
Historic England		-	16,635	16,635	23,058
NLHF		-	32,503	32,503	28,117
Culture Recovery Fund		-	-	-	26,105
London Gardener		-	7,969	7,969	28,482
Management Costs		<u>68,726</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,726</u>	<u>52,858</u>
Total		133,156	57,332	190,488	261,541
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		58,528	78,131	136,659	3,864
Transfers between funds	12	<u>29,544</u>	<u>(29,544)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		88,072	48,587	136,659	3,864
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>79,867</u>	<u>63,946</u>	<u>143,813</u>	<u>139,949</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>167,940</u>	<u>112,533</u>	<u>280,472</u>	<u>143,813</u>

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	20,568	-	20,568	88,361
Cash at bank		<u>170,128</u>	<u>112,533</u>	<u>282,661</u>	<u>229,039</u>
		190,696	112,533	303,229	317,400
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(22,756)	-	(22,756)	(173,587)
		<u>167,940</u>	<u>112,533</u>	<u>280,472</u>	<u>143,813</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>167,940</u>	<u>112,533</u>	<u>280,472</u>	<u>143,813</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>167,940</u>	<u>112,533</u>	<u>280,472</u>	<u>143,813</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>167,940</u>	<u>112,533</u>	<u>280,472</u>	<u>143,813</u>
FUNDS					
	12			167,940	63,946
Unrestricted funds				<u>112,533</u>	<u>79,867</u>
Restricted funds				<u>280,472</u>	<u>143,813</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>280,472</u>	<u>143,813</u>

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

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

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- 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 applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Elizabeth Watson - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Due to timing differences, HE Income includes amounts relating to the period but received in the next period.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. 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.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual tangible fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are written off to the statement of financial activities and not capitalised.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimate residual value over the expected useful lives on the following basis:

Office equipment - over four years

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2022	2021
	£	£
Membership subscriptions	13,044	13,952
The Royal Parks	9,000	9,000
Deborah Loeb Fund	-	17,000
Legacy	-	5,001
Finnis Scott Foundation	-	7,000
Other donations	<u>11,627</u>	<u>25,075</u>
	<u>33,671</u>	<u>77,027</u>
3. INVESTMENT INCOME	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,064</u>	<u>9</u>
4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2022	2021
	£	£
Activities and events	4,001	16,588
Open Gardens Squares		
Weekend	152,949	20,891
Historic England	16,877	42,894
Campaigns	72,928	104,302
NLHF	45,233	-
Culture Recovery Fund	-	3,190
London Gardener	425	505
	<u>292,412</u>	<u>188,370</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Activities and events	3,244	-	3,244
Open Garden Squares Weekend	61,186	-	61,186
Management costs	-	68,726	68,726
Campaigns	225	-	225
Historic England	16,635	-	16,635
NLHF	32,503	-	32,503
London Gardener	7,969	-	7,969
	<u>121,762</u>	<u>68,726</u>	<u>190,488</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no transactions between the Trust and the members of Council.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Planning	0.6	0.6
Administration	<u>1.8</u>	<u>1.6</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	45,226	31,800	77,026
Charitable activities			
Activities and events	16,588	-	16,588
Open Garden Squares Weekend	20,891	-	20,891
Historic England	-	42,894	42,894
Culture Recovery Fund	-	3,190	3,190
Campaigns	-	104,302	104,302
London Gardener	-	505	505
Investment income	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>
Total	82,714	182,691	265,405

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Activities and events	5,828	-	5,828
Open Garden Squares Weekend	2,516	-	2,516
Management costs	52,858	-	52,858
Historic England	-	23,058	23,058
NLHF	-	28,117	28,117
Culture Recovery Fund	-	26,105	26,105
London Gardener	-	28,482	28,482
Campaigns	-	94,578	94,578
Total	<u>61,202</u>	<u>200,340</u>	<u>261,541</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	21,512	(17,649)	3,864
Transfer between funds	12 (7,963)	7,963	-
Net movement in funds	13,550	(9,687)	3,864
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	66,317	73,632	139,949
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>79,867</u>	<u>63,946</u>	<u>143,813</u>

9. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Resources expenses includes Independent Examiner's remuneration of £750. (2021: £750).

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade Debtors	70	50,000
Other Debtors	<u>20,498</u>	<u>38,361</u>
	<u>20,568</u>	<u>88,361</u>

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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	772	7,634
Accruals and deferred income	<u>21,984</u>	<u>165,953</u>
	<u>22,756</u>	<u>173,587</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Net Movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	79,867	58,528	29,544	167,940
Restricted funds				
The London Gardener	18,464	(7,544)	-	10,920
Repton in London	2,718	-	-	2,718
Historic England	14,364	242	(2,490)	12,116
NLHF	14,324	12,730	(27,054)	-
Campaigns	<u>14,076</u>	<u>72,703</u>	-	<u>86,779</u>
	<u>63,946</u>	<u>78,131</u>	-	<u>112,533</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>143,813</u>	<u>136,659</u>	-	<u>280,472</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	191,684	(133,156)	29,544	88,072
Restricted funds				
Donations and Legacies				
The London Gardener	425	(7,969)	-	(7,544)
Campaigns	72,928	(225)	-	72,703
Historic England	16,877	(16,635)	(2,490)	(2,248)
NLHF	45,233	(32,503)	(27,054)	(14,324)
	<u>135,463</u>	<u>(57,332)</u>	0	<u>48,587</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>327,147</u>	<u>(190,488)</u>	0	<u>136,659</u>

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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net Movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	66,317	13,549	79,867
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	14,641	3,823	18,464
Repton in London	2,718	-	2,718
Historic England		14,364	14,364
NLHF	30,841	(16,517)	14,324
Culture Recovery Fund	21,080	(21,080)	-
Campaigns	<u>4,352</u>	<u>9,724</u>	<u>14,076</u>
	<u>73,632</u>	<u>(9,686)</u>	<u>63,946</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>139,949</u>	<u>3,864</u>	<u>143,813</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	82,714	(69,165)	13,549
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	32,305	(28,482)	3,823
Repton in London	-	-	-
Historic England	42,894	(19,230)	23,664
NLHF	-	(25,817)	(25,817)
Culture Recovery Fund	3,190	(24,270)	(21,080)
Campaigns	<u>104,302</u>	<u>(94,578)</u>	<u>9,724</u>
	<u>182,691</u>	<u>(192,377)</u>	<u>(9,686)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>265,405</u>	<u>(261,541)</u>	<u>3,864</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Membership subscriptions	13,044	13,952
The Royal Parks	9,000	9,000
Deborah Loeb Fund	-	17,000
Legacy	-	5,001
Finnis Scott Foundation	-	7,000
Other Donations	<u>11,627</u>	<u>25,075</u>
	33,671	77,027
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,064	9
Charitable activities		
Activities and events	4,001	16,588
Open Gardens Squares Weekend	152,949	20,891
Historic England Planning	16,877	42,894
NLHF	45,233	-
Culture Recovery Fund	-	3,190
Campaigns	72,928	104,302
London Gardener	<u>425</u>	<u>505</u>
	<u>292,412</u>	<u>188,370</u>
Total incoming resources	327,147	265,405
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Activities & Events	3,244	5,828
Open Garden Squares Weekend	61,186	2,516
NLHF	32,503	28,117
Historic England	16,635	23,058
London Gardener	7,969	28,482
Culture Recovery Fund	-	26,105
Campaigns	<u>225</u>	<u>94,578</u>
	121,762	208,683
Support costs		
Management		
Office costs	68,726	52,858

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Total resources expended	<u>190,488</u>	<u>261,541</u>
Net income	<u><u>136,659</u></u>	<u><u>3,864</u></u>

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1042337

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 2935176 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1042337

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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FOR
LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

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LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and activities, Achievements and Performance

The objects of the London Historic Parks & Gardens Trust (the Trust) are to promote the education of the public on matters connected with the arts and sciences of historic garden land and to preserve, enhance and re-create for the education and enjoyment of the public whatever historic garden land may exist or have existed in and around London. In 2018 the Trust undertook a consultation to establish a new Strategic Direction for the following 3 to 5 years. This strategy set out the aims and mission of the Trust to:

- *Champion by influencing through robust research, revealing their significance, our unique planning role and media presence; to help protect them from threats and decline.*

In 2021 the Trust: reviewed 245 planning consultations with potential impacts on historic landscapes across 27 London Boroughs; responded to 2 London-wide Mayoral consultations making the case for planning protection in the historic environment; and provided in-depth responses on 22 planning applications to protect historic parks and gardens. We also went to the High Court for a second time to defend Victoria Tower Gardens (a Grade 2 public park and the setting for the Houses of Parliament World Heritage Site) from threatening development, supported by £15k crowdfunding and over £60k in direct donations. This activity was supported by increased resourcing made possible by a 5-year Historic England grant enabling us to employ a part-time planning specialist.

- *Cultivate knowledge and appreciation of parks, squares, community gardens, cemeteries, churchyards and the people who create, develop and care for them as part of London's rich green infrastructure.*

In 2021 the Trust: added 20 new sites to the Inventory through its independent historic research and updated a further 51 site records - many with digitised photos; continued our Lecture series (despite lockdowns) online including a joint series with the Gardens Trust developing appropriate systems for sharing information and broadening the Trust's reach; and kept our membership informed with the publication of 3 editions of our London Landscapes magazine, the 25th edition of the London Gardener, a journal of garden history with an in memoriam donation to cover the costs; and 10 specially curated e-newsletters.

The 10 lectures were delivered on a variety of topics from What is wild? to Skateboarding with sales of over 1,200 tickets and positive feedback garnered from regular feedback surveys.

- *Celebrate their beauty, design, horticulture, history, ecology, value and benefits to society.*

In 2021 the Trust moved its Open Gardens Weekend event online and for the first time used a professional film studio for a fully live and interactive experience with high quality films of 12 gardens and allotments showing the variety of hidden green spaces across London and the horticultural expertise of the many gardeners that nurture these spaces. The event was compered by major TV personality and gardening enthusiast Sarah Green at Maia Studios in Kennington. Over 1,800 tickets were dispatched including nearly 200 tickets donated to help those suffering from social isolation through charities such as Thrive and Age Concern. The Trust circulated fortnightly e-bulletins maintaining its 31,000 verified active contacts with interesting news about historic gardens; and continued to increase social medial interest and audiences posting regularly across regular channels: Twitter (to 1700 up 26%), Instagram (to 2700 up 16%) and Facebook (to 1990 up 24%).

Response to the pandemic behind the scenes

The Trust tried a number of new fundraising ideas including our Director undertaking a sponsored cycle ride in a day visiting 64 parks and gardens on the Trust's inventory across London covering over 56 miles and raising £2k. Building on experiences of a prize draw in 2020, the Trust ran its first online Winter Raffle selling over £5k of tickets. The Trustees secured a number of unique and magnificent prizes for this raffle; and the Trust made sure it used a professional service provider to comply with all necessary gambling legislation. These fundraising experiments, coordinated by Celia Mead and a group of Trustees is leading to a new Fundraising Strategy and framework as part of the NLHF Resilience Grant to enable greater diversification of income sources.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The backbone of the Trust's fundraising remains the support from Members. The structure of that package and delivery has undergone a review to improve the viability of running this long term for the benefit of the Trust.

Administration

The team of staff comprised: the Director; the Volunteer Coordinator and Administrator; the Communications Assistant; and the Planning & Conservation Project Officer, all working part time, to a total full time equivalent of 2 people over the year. During the year, the expanded role of the Volunteer Coordinator and the Communications Assistant were funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) Resilience Grant; and the Planning & Conservation Project Officer is funded through a 5-year Historic England (HE) Capacity Building Grant on a tapering basis.

Crucial to the Trust continuing to function are a number of committed volunteers including: the volunteer IT manager, Colin Wing, who trains staff, and all new volunteers; the Keeper of the Inventory, Sally Williams; and those that lead and are involved in the Trust's working groups. Through new systems the Trust is now able to report accurately that it has over 50 committed regular volunteers who have provided over 900 hours from September to December alone (when our records started to measure their invaluable input).

In preparation for reinstating Open Garden Squares Weekend, in December the Trust increased its capacity by securing the services of an Event Producer on a time-limited contract funded with the NLHF grant; and started recruitment for a Press and PR specialist contractor too.

Under the auspices of a newly appointed Treasurer, Natasha Dos Passos, the Trust moved all its accounting to an accountancy package, Quickbooks and introduced a number of efficiencies on processes and controls.

Research

During 2021, David Sykes stepped down as the chair of the Research Working Group and Richard Capewell kindly took on leading the volunteers, supported by Barbara Deason and Joan Pateman. The Group continued to meet regularly online. Research on the theme of Women in Horticulture culminated in a number of articles featured in London Landscapes and a joint presentation by the researchers as part of the Trust's lecture series. The group is now considering future themes. Unfortunately, due to archives remaining largely inaccessible during the pandemic and various lockdowns work on green spaces in Brent was carried on ad hoc. For 2022, Barbara Deason is resuming the systematic update to research on London's historic landscapes held in the Inventory and made freely available to the public (at: <https://londongardenstrust.org/conservation/inventory/>). The focus, is in line with the Mayor of London's Borough of Culture is Lewisham, and new volunteers have stepped forward to take on this work.

Todd Longtaffe-Gowan, assisted by Sally Williams, again edited the Trust's annual journal, The London Gardener, reaching a milestone of 25 years. The Journal, which features a variety of research articles, was dedicated by a longstanding supporter through the Executors of the Estate of the late Fiona Crumley which covered the costs of producing this tome and the donation of a prize towards the Trust's Winter raffle.

Planning and Conservation

The Trust continued to advise and comment on planning and listed building applications affecting historic parks and gardens, using information contained in the Trust's Inventory and in conjunction with the Gardens Trust. The Trust was notified of 245 (175 in 2020) planning applications for proposals going to planning in 27 London Boroughs (29 in 2020) for a variety of purposes, including Local Plan Consultations. Volunteers on our Planning Working Group provided detailed comments on 22 planning applications (23 in 2020) during the year to protect a number of landscapes. The Planning and Conservation Project Officer due to personal circumstances required a period of extended unpaid leave which hampered progress but nonetheless was able to recruit some new volunteers.

At the end of July 2021 the Minister, following the recommendations of the Planning Inspector, gave his approval for planning permission for the building of the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre in Victoria Tower Gardens. The Trust, perturbed by the continued attempts to build a major construction on a listed public park sought a High Court judgment on 3 grounds believing the process had incorrectly weighed up the heritage significance and vulnerabilities; inappropriately considered alternative schemes and had ignored the 1900 London County Council Act which had set up the public park. Working collaboratively with other campaigners including Save Victoria Tower Gardens and the Thorney Island Society, the Trust was able to launch the legal challenge as a result of substantial contributions, raising in excess of £100,000, through foundations and private donors as well as using the Crowdfunder platform and securing Gift Aid. The Trust wishes to thank Richard Buxton, Meyric Lewis and Richard Drabble QC who formed the legal team who each used their expertise, personal time and energies to strengthen the Trust's case.

Future Plans

In 2022 the Board having reviewed its business model, plans to hold an EGM (General Meeting) to approve new Articles, including a new membership model. With lockdown restrictions lifting, the Trust has put in place plans to reinstate London Open Gardens weekend, giving access to gardens and allotments across central London. To this end the Trust has arranged a substantial commercial sponsorship with London Square which it is hoped may lead to further similar arrangements for other activities and helps share the financial burden of delivering this event - to be known for 2022 as London Square Open Gardens Weekend.

The Trust will also continue its main campaign to protect Victoria Tower Gardens and envisages new planning work for other spaces in London. The Lewisham research is intended not only to enrich the Inventory and discover new sites, but hopes to produce an accompanying printable pamphlet as part of the Trust's Borough of Culture contribution. The Trust is also continuing to experiment with plans for occasional hybrid lectures where people may either attend in person or simultaneously online - the first of these, in May, will be part of Chelsea Fringe.

Ultimately everyone benefits from better protected and understood green space, but the Board recognises that greater diversity is needed for the health of the organisation and the widest demonstration of public benefit. The Trust hopes to amend its membership package to attract more and a wider range of supporters, subject to amendment of its Articles that have not been reviewed since 1994.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Trust is a registered charity. It is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Board of Trustees (Council of Management) is the governing body of the Trust. Its members are Trustees of the charity and also Directors of the Trust for the purposes of the Companies Acts. The members of the Board who served during the year are shown on page 7. Board members are nominated and elected at the Trust's Annual General Meeting, or co-opted by the Board between AGMs. In 2021, due to ongoing lockdown restrictions, the Trust's AGM was held as a closed online meeting for Trustees only. The papers were circulated before the meeting to all members with an invitation to raise any questions or concerns.

Board members serve for a three-year term and are then eligible for re-election for two further terms of three years (maximum term of nine years). Board members receive appropriate induction and other training in their responsibilities as Trustees and Directors of the Trust. During 2021 the Board met eight times to transact Board business. Natasha Dos Passos was appointed as Trustee and Treasurer Elect on 19 January 2021. Lisa Watson stepped down as Treasurer on 26 July 2021 and Natasha Dos Passos took over as Treasurer from that date.

There are a number of Board Committees and Working Groups, which organise the activities and work of the Trust. Chairs of the Working Groups were: Lectures and Walks: Caroline Ames and Peter Sibley; Planning and Conservation: Sally Prothero; Research: David Sykes and Barbara Deason; London Open Gardens 2021 and then London Square Open Gardens weekend 2022: Nathan Oley; Fundraising Task Force: Celia Mead.

Hal Moggridge OBE has continued as an active Patron and Dr Todd Longstaffe-Gowan has continued as President, fundraising for and delivering the annual journal. The Trust works closely with Royal Parks and a number of other bodies with a London focus, including Historic England, CPRE London, London Friends of Greenspaces Network, the Heritage Alliance and Parks for London amongst others.

The Trust is an active member of the national association: the Gardens Trust. The Trust appoints a representative each year to vote at the Garden Trust's AGM and the representative in 2021 was Lisa Watson. Lisa Watson is the Treasurer of the Gardens Trust and also Vice Chair until 03 September 2021. Maureen Nolan is the Secretary of the Gardens Trust.

Following Charity Commission guidance, the Board has adopted a Risk Management Policy and maintains a Risk Register, which is reviewed on an annual basis. The Board believes that maintaining financial reserves at appropriate levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Board confirms that it has agreed actions to address or mitigate the identified significant risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
2935176 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1042337

Registered office
Duck Island Cottage
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LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Trustees

Elizabeth Jane Watson (Chair and Treasurer)
Caroline Jane Ames
Natasha Alexandra Andrade dos Passos (Treasurer from 26.7.2021) (appointed 19.1.2021)
Darren McCreery (appointed 23 March 2021, resigned 21 September 2021)
Emma Gregory McNamara (resigned 14 July 2021)
Celia Jane Mead
Maureen Patricia Nolan
Nathan David Oley
Sally Prothero
Peter William Sibley
Tim Webb

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Maureen Nolan

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Incoming resources for the year totalled £265,405 (2020 £204,769). This represents the generosity of supporters and benefactors, and payments in respect of grant-aided projects. Resources expended for the year totalled £261,541 (2020: £156,435). Reserves stand at £143,813 (2020 £139,949), comprising £79,867 general unrestricted funds and £63,946 restricted funds. The Trust benefited from the award of grants from Historic England, NLHF Resilience and the Culture Recovery Fund. The Royal Parks continued to donate office space, which sadly has continued to be under-utilised during 2021 due to lock-down restrictions

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26 May 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Elizabeth Watson - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

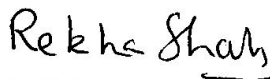
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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13th June 2022

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	45,226	-	45,226	56,452
London Gardener		-	31,800	31,800	-
Charitable activities	4				
Activities and events		16,588	-	16,588	12,673
Marketing & Open Garden Squares Weekend		20,891	-	20,891	28,398
Research, publications, inventory and education		-	-	-	5
Repton in London		-	-	-	169
Campaigns		-	104,302	104,302	14,352
Historic England		-	42,894	42,894	14,460
NLHF		-	-	-	49,550
Culture Recovery Fund		-	3,190	3,190	28,710
London Gardener		-	505	505	-
Crowd Justice donations		-	-	-	-
Investment income	3	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>
Total		82,714	182,691	265,405	204,769
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Activities and events		5,828	-	5,828	6,712
Marketing & Open Garden Squares Weekend		2,516	-	2,516	39,153
Research, publications, inventory and education		-	-	-	10,468
Management costs		52,858	-	52,883	47,371
Campaigns		-	94,578	94,578	10,000
Repton in London		-	-	-	19
Historic England		-	23,058	23,058	16,373
NLHF		-	28,117	28,117	18,709
Culture Recovery Fund		-	26,105	26,105	7,630
London Gardener		-	28,482	28,482	-
Crowd Justice donations		-	-	-	-
Total		61,202	200,340	261,541	156,435
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		21,512	(17,649)	3,864	48,334
Transfers between funds	12	<u>(7,963)</u>	<u>7,963</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		13,550	(9,687)	3,864	48,334
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		66,317	73,632	139,949	91,615
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>79,867</u>	<u>63,946</u>	<u>143,813</u>	<u>139,949</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	88,361	-	88,361	250
Cash at bank		<u>165,093</u>	<u>63,946</u>	<u>229,039</u>	<u>153,183</u>
		253,454	63,946	317,400	153,433
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(173,587)	-	(173,587)	(13,484)
		<u>78,867</u>	<u>63,946</u>	<u>143,813</u>	<u>139,939</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>78,867</u>	<u>63,946</u>	<u>143,813</u>	<u>139,939</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>79,867</u>	<u>63,946</u>	<u>143,813</u>	<u>139,949</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>79,867</u>	<u>63,946</u>	<u>143,813</u>	<u>139,949</u>
FUNDS					
	12			63,946	66,317
Unrestricted funds				<u>79,867</u>	<u>73,632</u>
Restricted funds					
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>143,813</u>	<u>139,949</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 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 applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 May 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Elizabeth Watson - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Due to timing differences, HE Income includes amounts relating to the period but received in the next period.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. 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.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual tangible fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are written off to the statement of financial activities and not capitalised.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimate residual value over the expected useful lives on the following basis:

Office equipment - over four years

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES		2021	2020
		£	£
Membership subscriptions		13,952	14,794
The Royal Parks		9,000	9,000
Aldama Foundation		-	500
Deborah Loeb Fund		17,000	6,000
Legacy		5,001	1,177
Finnis Scott Foundation		7,000	
Richard Broyd		-	8,000
Other donations		<u>25,075</u>	<u>16,981</u>
		<u>77,027</u>	<u>56,452</u>
3. INVESTMENT INCOME		2021	2020
		£	£
Deposit account interest		<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>
4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		2021	2020
		£	£
Activities and events	Activity	16,588	12,673
Marketing & Open Gardens	Activities and events		
Squares Weekend	Marketing & Open Garden Squares Weekend	20,891	28,398
Research, publications, inventory and education			5
Repton in London			169
Historic England Planning	Historic England	42,894	14,460
Campaigns	Campaigns	104,302	14,352
NLHF	NLHF	-	49,550
Culture Recovery Fund	Culture Recovery Fund	3,190	28,710
London Gardener	London Gardener	505	-
		<u>188,370</u>	<u>148,317</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Activities and events	5,828	-	5,828
Marketing & Open Garden Squares Weekend	2,516	-	2,516
Research, publications, inventory and education			-
Management costs		52,858	52,858
Campaigns	94,578	-	94,578
Historic England	23,058	-	23,058
NLHF	28,117	-	28,117
Culture Recovery Fund	26,105	-	26,105
London Gardener	28,482	-	28,482
Crowd Justice donations	-	-	-
	<u>208,683</u>	<u>52,858</u>	<u>261,541</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no transactions between the Trust and the members of Council.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Planning	0.6	0.6
Administration	<u>1.6</u>	<u>1.3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	49,349	7,103	56,452
Charitable activities			
Activities and events	12,673	-	12,673
Marketing & Open Garden Squares Weekend	28,398	-	28,398
Research, publications, inventory and education	5	-	5
Repton in London	-	169	169
Historic England		14,460	14,460
NLHF		49,550	49,550
Culture Recovery Fund		28,710	28,710
Campaigns		14,352	14,352
Investment income	-	-	-
Total	<u>90,425</u>	<u>114,344</u>	<u>204,769</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Activities and events	6,712	-	6,712
Marketing & Open Garden Squares Weekend	39,153	-	39,153
Research, publications, inventory and education	2,680	7,788	10,468
Management costs	47,371	-	47,371
Repton in London	-	19	19
Historic England	-	16,373	16,373
NLHF	-	18,709	18,709
Culture Recovery Fund	-	7,630	7,630
Campaigns	-	10,000	10,000
Total	95,916	60,519	156,435
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(5,491)	53,825	48,334
Transfer between funds	12 (1,913)	1,913	-
Net movement in funds	(7,404)	55,738	48,334
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	73,721	17,894	91,615
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>66,317</u>	<u>73,632</u>	<u>139,949</u>
9. RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Resources expenses includes Independent Examiner's remuneration of £750. (2020: £750).			
10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	2021 £	2020 £	
Trade Debtors	50,000	-	
Other Debtors	<u>38,361</u>	<u>250</u>	
	<u>88,361</u>	<u>250</u>	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	7,634	12,734
Accruals and deferred income	<u>165,953</u>	<u>750</u>
	<u>173,587</u>	<u>13,484</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	66,317	21,512	(7,963)	79,867
Restricted funds				
The London Gardener	14,641	3,823	-	18,464
Repton in London	2,718	-	-	2,718
Historic England	-	10,536	3,828	14,364
NLHF	30,841	(18,817)	2,300	14,324
Culture Recovery Fund	21,080	(22,915)	1,835	-
Campaigns	<u>4,352</u>	<u>9,724</u>	-	<u>14,076</u>
	<u>73,632</u>	<u>(17,649)</u>	<u>7,963</u>	<u>63,946</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>139,949</u>	<u>3,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,813</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	82,714	(61,202)	(7,963)	13,550
Restricted funds				
Donations and Legacies				
The London Gardener	32,305	(28,482)	-	3,823
Campaigns	104,302	(94,578)	-	9,724
Historic England	42,894	(23,058)	3,828	23,664
NLHF	-	(28,117)	2,300	(25,817)
Culture Recovery Fund	3,190	(26,105)	1,835	(21,080)
	<u>182,691</u>	<u>(200,339)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(9,686)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>265,405</u>	<u>(261,541)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,864</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	73,721	(7,404)	66,317
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	15,327	(686)	14,641
Repton in London	2,567	151	2,718
Historic England	-	-	-
NLHF	-	30,841	30,841
Culture Recovery Fund	-	21,080	21,080
Campaigns	-	4,352	4,352
	<u>17,894</u>	<u>55,738</u>	<u>73,632</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>91,615</u>	<u>48,334</u>	<u>139,949</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	90,425	(95,916)	(5,491)
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	7,102	(7,788)	(686)
Repton in London	170	(19)	151
Historic England	14,460	(16,373)	(1,913)
NLHF	49,550	(18,709)	30,841
Culture Recovery Fund	28,710	(7,630)	21,080
Campaigns	14,352	(10,000)	4,352
	<u>114,344</u>	<u>(60,519)</u>	<u>53,825</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>204,769</u>	<u>(156,435)</u>	<u>48,334</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	73,721	14,108	(7,963)	79,867
Restricted funds				
The London Gardener	15,327	3,137	-	18,464
Repton in London	2,567	151	-	2,718
Historic England	-	10,536	3,828	14,364
NLHF	-	12,024	2,300	14,324
Culture Recovery Fund	-	(1,835)	1,835	-
Campaigns	-	14,076	-	14,076
	<u>17,894</u>	<u>38,089</u>	<u>7,963</u>	<u>63,946</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>91,615</u>	<u>52,197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>143,813</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	173,139	(157,118)	8,059
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	7,607	(36,270)	(28,663)
Donations and Legacies	31,800	-	31,800
Repton in London	170	(19)	151
Historic England	57,354	(39,431)	21,749
NLHF	49,550	(46,826)	5,024
Culture Recovery Fund	31,900	(33,735)	-
Campaigns	118,654	(104,578)	14,076
	<u>297,035</u>	<u>(260,859)</u>	<u>44,139</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>470,174</u>	<u>(417,977)</u>	<u>52,197</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Membership subscriptions	13,952	14,794
The Royal Parks	9,000	9,000
Aldama Foundation	-	500
Deborah Loeb Fund	17,000	6,000
Legacy	5,001	1,177
Finnis Scott Foundation	7,000	
Richard Broyd		8,000
Other Donations	<u>25,075</u>	<u>16,981</u>
	77,027	56,452
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	9	-
Charitable activities		
Activities and events	16,588	12,673
Marketing & Open Gardens Squares Weekend	20,891	28,398
Research, publications, inventory and education	-	174
Historic England Planning	42,894	14,460
NLHF	-	49,550
Culture Recovery Fund	3,190	28,710
Campaigns	104,302	14,352
London Gardener	<u>505</u>	<u> </u>
	<u>188,370</u>	<u>148,317</u>
Total incoming resources	265,405	204,769
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Activities & Events	5,828	6,712
Marketing and Open Garden Squares Weekend	2,516	39,153
Research, publications, inventory and education	-	2,680
Repton in London	-	19
Journal	-	7,788
NLHF	28,117	18,709
Historic England	23,058	16,373
London Gardener	28,482	-
Culture Recovery Fund	26,105	7,630
Campaigns	<u>94,578</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	208,683	109,064
Support costs		
Management		
Office costs	52,858	47,371

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Total resources expended	<u>261,541</u>	<u>156,435</u>
Net income	<u><u>3,864</u></u>	<u><u>48,334</u></u>

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1042337

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 2935176 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1042337

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
FOR
LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

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LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

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LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and Activities, achievements and performance

The objects of the London Historic Parks & Gardens Trust (the Trust) are to promote the education of the public on matters connected with the arts and sciences of historic garden land and to preserve, enhance and re-create for the education and enjoyment of the public whatever historic garden land may exist or have existed in and around London. In 2018 the Trust undertook a consultation to establish a new Strategic Direction for the following 3 to 5 years. This strategy set out the aims and mission of the Trust to:

- ***Champion by influencing through robust research, revealing their significance, our unique planning role and media presence; to help protect them from threats and decline.***
In 2020, we probed 175 consultations with potential impacts on historic landscapes across 29 London boroughs; supported the listing (legal protection) of 6 twentieth century landscapes; provided in-depth analysis on 23 planning applications to protect historic parks and gardens; gave early advice on the design of 3 projects affecting greenspace; went to the High Court to defend Victoria Tower Gardens (a Grade 2 public park and the setting for the Houses of Parliament World Heritage Site) from threatening development, working with thousands of fellow campaigners and supported by over £10,000 worth of crowdsourced fundraising for legal costs; bringing expert witnesses to two planning inquiries, for Victoria Tower Gardens and Lambeth Palace Gardens. This was a significant increase in activity because the Trust was awarded a grant to appoint a part time planning specialist to recruit and train a team of responders thanks to Historic England.
- ***Cultivate knowledge and appreciation of parks, squares, community gardens, cemeteries, churchyards and the people who create, develop and care for them as part of London's rich green infrastructure.***
In 2020, the Trust moved its Inventory of over 2,500 gardens on to the cloud for free public access and to more regular updates; 34 site records were updated and 3 new sites added; began digitising hundreds of photos of record from the 1990s, linking them to sites on the inventory; published 3 editions of London Landscapes magazine and the 24th edition of the London Gardener, a journal of garden history; gave over 10 lectures online to over 850 attendees in total.
- ***Celebrate their beauty, design, horticulture, history, ecology, value and benefits to society.***
In 2020, the Trust kept 550 members up to date with 10 e-newsletters packed with information about garden and park campaigns, events and activities; worked closely with over 40 regular volunteers through online meetings; circulated fortnightly bulletins to its wider database of over 30,000 people interested in news about historic gardens; and posted news on social media.

Response to the pandemic

While the good news was that lockdown reminded Londoners how precious London Parks and Gardens are to their health and wellbeing, the Trust had to make multiple adaptations at top speed. Covid-19 forced the cancellation of the cornerstone fundraiser event which funds most of the Trust's work, Open Garden Squares Weekend. The Trust had already invested in a contractor to promote it and sold significant numbers of tickets. All ticket purchasers were swiftly asked to donate their ticket cost rather than seek refunds and 90% kindly agreed. The contractor agreed to undertake website tasks rather than promotional. A first ever President's appeal was sent out seeking emergency income and members and volunteers rose magnificently to raise £18,600 within a month. This led to a pilot Winter Prize Draw, made possible by the generous donation of prizes to our cause and a further £6,000 was raised. The Director wrote successful applications for funds from DCMS, the NLHF through their Cultural Recovery Fund, to go towards core costs and trialling a new virtual event in the Summer of 2021 in lieu of in-person OGSW. The lecture series was moved online and proved a huge success, with up to 300 attendees per lecture and over 10 lectures, making £6,500. The Director reduced her working hours to manage overheads, bringing the total level of equivalent staffing arrangements down, and staff worked from home, closing the office at Duck Island Cottage while social distancing was required at work.

Administration

The team of staff comprised the Director, Administrator, Communications assistant, Planning & Conservation Project Officer, all working part time, to a total full time equivalent of 1.8 people over the year. An Events Programmer and Marketing specialist were also contracted for Open Gardens Square Weekend until it was cancelled. Crucial volunteers support this work, such as the volunteer IT manager, Colin Wing, who trained staff, other volunteers, enabled home working, gave website and digitisation support to help future proof the charity.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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Administration (continued)

Volunteers undertake much of the work of the Trust with members and others encouraged to play an active part. To this end, the Trust extended the appointment of a Volunteer and Community Consultant into the first quarter of 2020 to set up systems and help coordinate this considerable effort. Sadly, due to the untimely illness and sudden death of Toni Assirati, our Volunteer and Community Consultant, the systems were not able to be fully completed as scheduled. Toni Assirati, although only with the Trust a relatively short time, made a very big impact and is much missed. Nevertheless, during 2020, a new register has been created for volunteers accompanied with supporting documentation and processes. These include a Volunteer Agreement and Role Outlines. The Trust is grateful to all those people who contribute their time as volunteers to assist the work of the Trust and help with Working Groups, without whom it would not be able to achieve the many accomplishments achieved in 2020.

Research working group

The Research Working Group met regularly online in 2020. Research continued on the theme of Women in Horticulture. In January 2020 the Trust held a workshop for potential volunteer researchers interested in the history of green spaces in Brent as our contribution to Brent as the London Borough Of Culture 2020. All 12 attendees took on at least two sites to research. 6 attended a follow-up meeting in February and two new sites have been added to the Inventory. Since the pandemic, with archive collections largely inaccessible, things have been in abeyance.

The Inventory aims to hold information on all the historically important designed landscapes throughout London; currently there are over 2,500 records. The Inventory was moved in 2020 to be stored on the cloud and therefore almost all this material is now made publicly available, free of charge on the Trust's new website (<https://londongardenstrust.org/conservation/inventory/>). Sally Williams, volunteer Keeper of the Inventory, continues to incorporate material from the Inventory into the London historic environment record (GLHER), which is used by the local authorities as a basis for assessing planning applications. The Trust was delighted this year, to support the Gardens Trust's campaign through Historic England to add to the national register of historic sites 6 of London's best 20th Century Landscapes.

Todd Longtaffe-Gowan, assisted by Sally Williams, again edited the Trust's annual journal, *The London Gardener*. The Trust is grateful to the Monument Trust and J Paul Getty Trust for grants towards publishing the journal over a five year period. The Trust is also grateful to the Deborah Loeb Brice Donor Advised Fund at CAF for their contribution to the 24th edition of the Journal.

London Landscapes, the Trust's newsletter, was edited by Rachel Huckvale. It is published three times a year with design and distribution handled by Hall-McCartney. This year the Trust looked at ways to keep production costs to a minimum and it was agreed to maintain the regularity of the magazine but reduce the number of pages to save on postage costs.

Planning and Conservation

The Trust continued to advise and comment on planning and listed building applications affecting historic parks and gardens, using information contained in the Trust's Inventory and in conjunction with the Gardens Trust. The Trust was notified of 175 (137 in 2019) planning applications for proposals going to planning in 29 London Boroughs (23 in 2019) for a variety of purposes, including Local Plan Consultations. In March 2020, with the assistance of the Historic England Capacity Building Grant the Trust welcomed a new member of staff, Rose Wakelin as our Planning & Conservation Project Officer. Her role is to build the number of planning volunteers and increase their skills in prioritising and responding to proposals that threaten the historic integrity of London's natural and designed landscapes. Volunteers on our Planning Working Group provided detailed comments on 23 planning applications (up from 11 in 2019) during the year to protect a number of landscapes. The Trust has made a concerted effort with the changing approach to planning, by getting involved at the policy making stage with Local and Neighbourhood Plans. The planning policy work has been led by Gillian Morgan. We highlighted the important resource of the Inventory seeking reassurance that these sites would be notified within 32 Local or Neighbourhood Plans.

The Trust maintained its objection to the proposals to build a memorial (the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre) on Victoria Tower Gardens, a Grade 2 public park forming the setting for the Houses of Parliament World Heritage Site. Working collaboratively with other campaigners including Save Victoria Tower Gardens and the Thorney Island Society, in March, the Trust issued proceedings in the High Court for a Judicial Review, securing substantial funding, in excess of £10,000, courtesy of many generous donors and members using the Crowdjustice platform.

In September 2020 the Trust attended a day and half hearing at the High Court, led by legal counsel. The Trust's legal team were able to successfully demonstrate that the Government had failed to provide us and other objectors

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Planning and Conservation (continued)

with legal certainty by omitting to publish clear handling procedures. Ordinarily the Secretary of State is the final arbiter on planning decisions referred to the Planning Inspectorate, but Mr Robert Jenrick MP happens to also be the project sponsor. Handling procedures were therefore necessary so that his Department which is leading on the proposals could demonstrate sufficient separation of powers and avoid a conflict of interest, having delegated the decision to the Minister for Housing, Mr Christopher Pincher MP. However, the Trust did not win the more substantive point, seeking to prevent the Minister for Housing becoming the final arbiter of the plans, despite them working in the same Government Department as close colleagues.

In October and November 2020, the Trust, supported by its volunteers, took part in the Planning Inquiry held online over a 5 week period, as a Rule 6 party again supported by legal counsel. The Trust was represented at the planning inquiry by its patron, Hal Moggridge and by one of its Trustees Sally Prothero, as expert witnesses presenting the many and varied planning reasons why this proposal is an unacceptable intrusion into a historic landscape. The Trust awaits the results of this inquiry and the Minister's decision in 2021, and is looking at other legal avenues to further the case to protect an historic landscape and stop this development. The Trust was extremely grateful to a number of anonymous donors from the Save Victoria Tower Gardens group who underwrote expenses for the Trust's legal case and shared resource with legal counsel at the Planning Inquiry. The Trust also thanks Richard Buxton, Meyric Lewis and John Howell QC who formed the legal team that added much of their personal time and energies to strengthen the Trust's case.

Future Plans

The Board will spend much of 2021 creating a new business model, to support the research and campaigning work, ideally across all London Boroughs, with stronger communication, more diversified income and more efficient use of expenditure, particularly on servicing membership needs. A thorough needs assessment of the different requirements of members as supporters and subscribers will be undertaken. Lessons and adaptations from the pandemic will make the Trust more resilient, with remote working and online lectures likely to continue, as will the new emphasis on fundraising success. Experiments in Challenge Fundraising and seeking corporate sponsorship will be undertaken for the first time, and grants sought for core costs while brave new trials of a virtual replacement for Open Garden Squares Weekend will be undertaken and lessons learnt for the future funding of the organisation. The Board will seek to better understand its communities of support with the help of expert database analysts. Ultimately **everyone** benefits from better protected and understood green space, but the Board recognises that an internal diversity check is needed for the health of the organisation and the widest demonstration of public benefit'.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Trust is a registered charity. It is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Board of Trustees (Council of Management) is the governing body of the Trust. Its members are Trustees of the charity and also Directors of the Trust for the purposes of the Companies Acts. The members of the Board who served during the year are shown on page 6.

Board members are nominated and elected at the Trust's Annual General Meeting, or co-opted by the Board between AGMs. In 2020, the Trust's usual AGM was held online in June, amongst the Trustees only, papers having been circulated beforehand to all members to raise any concerns. Board members serve for three years and are then eligible for re-election up to a maximum of nine years (three terms of three years). Board members receive appropriate induction and other training in their responsibilities as Trustees and Directors of the Trust.

During 2020 the Board met eight times to transact Board business, including an Awayday. Lisa Watson was Interim Chair up to 17 November when she was appointed Chair. Lisa Watson also continued as Treasurer and Maureen Nolan as Secretary. Natasha Dos Passos was appointed as Treasurer Elect on 19 January 2021 and it is intended that she will take over as Treasurer by 31 December 2021.

There are a number of Board Committees and Working Groups, which organise the activities and work of the Trust. Chairs of the Working Groups were - Lectures and Walks: Caroline Ames and Peter Sibley; Planning and Conservation: Sally Prothero, Research: David Sykes and Barbara Deason, Open Garden Squares Weekend (OGSW) and then London Open Gardens 2021: Nathan Oley; Fundraising Task Force: Celia Mead.

Hal Moggridge OBE has continued as an active Patron and Dr Todd Longstaffe-Gowan has continued as President fundraising for and delivering the annual journal.

The Trust works closely with Royal Parks and a number of other bodies with a London focus, including Historic England, CPRE London, London Friends of Greenspaces Network, the Heritage Alliance and Parks for London amongst others.

The Trust is an active member of the national association: the Gardens Trust. The Trust appoints a representative each year to vote at the Garden Trust's AGM and the representative in 2020 was Lisa Watson. Lisa Watson is the Vice Chair and Treasurer of the Gardens Trust and Maureen Nolan is the Company Secretary.

Following Charity Commission guidance, the Board has adopted a Risk Management Policy and maintains a Risk Register, which is reviewed on an annual basis. The Board believes that maintaining financial reserves at appropriate levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Board confirms that it has agreed actions to address or mitigate the identified significant risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

2935176 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1042337

Registered office

Duck Island Cottage
St James's Park
London
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LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

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Trustees

Elizabeth Watson (Chair and Treasurer)
Caroline Ames
Natasha Andrade dos Passos (Treasurer Elect) (appointed 19.1.2021)
David Foreman (resigned 29.7.2020)
Emma McNamara
Celia Mead
Maureen Nolan
Nathan Oley
Sally Prothero
James Rowlands (resigned 9.9.2020)
Peter Sibley
Tim Webb
Darren McCreery (appointed 23.3.2021)

Company Secretary

Maureen Nolan

Independent Examiner

Peter Nellemose
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Incoming resources for the year totalled £204,769 (2019 £188,736). This represents the generosity of supporters and benefactors, and payments in respect of grant-aided projects. Resources expended for the year totalled £156,435 (2019 £174,597). Reserves stand at £139,949 (2019 91,615), comprising £66,317 general unrestricted funds and £73,632 restricted funds. The Trust benefitted from the award of grants from Historic England, NLHF and the Culture Recovery Fund. The Royal Parks Agency continued to donate office space, which sadly has been under-utilised during 2020 due to lock-down restrictions

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Elizabeth Watson - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter Nellesose

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18 May 2021

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	49,349	7,103	56,452	65,815
Charitable activities					
Activities and events	4	12,673	-	12,673	4,951
Marketing & Open Garden Squares Weekend		28,398	-	28,398	117,184
Research, publications, inventory and education					
		5	-	5	382
Repton in London		-	169	169	312
Historic England		-	14,460	14,460	-
NLHF		-	49,550	49,550	-
Culture Recovery Fund		-	28,710	28,710	-
Crowd Justice donations		-	14,352	14,352	-
Investment income	3	-	-	-	92
Total		90,425	114,344	204,769	188,736
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Activities and events	5	6,712	-	6,712	620
Marketing & Open Garden Squares Weekend		39,153	-	39,153	111,627
Research, publications, inventory and education					
		2,680	7,788	10,468	9,860
Management costs		47,371	-	47,371	52,490
Repton in London		-	19	19	-
Historic England		-	16,373	16,373	-
NLHF		-	18,709	18,709	-
Culture Recovery Fund		-	7,630	7,630	-
Crowd Justice donations		-	10,000	10,000	-
Total		95,916	60,519	156,435	174,597
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(5,491)	53,825	48,334	14,139
Transfers between funds	12	(1,913)	1,913	-	-
Net movement in funds		(7,404)	55,738	48,334	14,139
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		73,721	17,894	91,615	77,476
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>66,317</u>	<u>73,632</u>	<u>139,949</u>	<u>91,615</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

LONDON HISTORIC PARKS AND GARDENS TRUST

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	250	-	250	-
Cash at bank		<u>79,551</u>	<u>73,632</u>	<u>153,183</u>	<u>123,020</u>
		79,801	73,632	153,433	123,020
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(13,484)	-	(13,484)	(31,405)
		<u>66,317</u>	<u>73,632</u>	<u>139,949</u>	<u>91,615</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>66,317</u>	<u>73,632</u>	<u>139,949</u>	<u>91,615</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>66,317</u>	<u>73,632</u>	<u>139,949</u>	<u>91,615</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>66,317</u>	<u>73,632</u>	<u>139,949</u>	<u>91,615</u>
FUNDS					
	12				
Unrestricted funds				66,317	73,721
Restricted funds				<u>73,632</u>	<u>17,894</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>139,949</u>	<u>91,615</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- 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 applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Elizabeth Watson - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. 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.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources.

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual tangible fixed assets costing less than £1,000 are written off to the statement of financial activities and not capitalised.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimate residual value over the expected useful lives on the following basis:

Office equipment - over four years

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	2020	2019
	£	£
Membership subscriptions	14,794	13,221
Metropolitan Public Gardens Association	-	1,000
Royal Parks Agency	9,000	9,000
Aldama Foundation	500	-
Deborah Loeb Fund	6,000	-
Legacy	1,177	31,087
Saga	-	6,870
Benefactor anonymous donation	8,000	-
Other donations	<u>16,981</u>	<u>4,637</u>
	<u>56,452</u>	<u>65,815</u>
3. INVESTMENT INCOME	2020	2019
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>-</u>	<u>92</u>
4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2020	2019
	£	£
Activities and events	12,673	4,951
Marketing & Open Gardens Squares Weekend	28,398	17,184
Research, publications, inventory and education	5	382
Repton in London	169	312
Historic England Planning	14,460	-
NLHF	49,550	-
Culture Recovery Fund	28,710	-
Crown Justice donations	<u>14,352</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>148,317</u>	<u>122,829</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Activities and events	6,712	-	6,712
Marketing & Open Garden Squares Weekend	39,153	-	39,153
Research, publications, inventory and education	10,468	-	10,468
Management costs	-	47,371	47,371
Repton in London	19	-	19
Historic England	16,373	-	16,373
NLHF	18,709	-	18,709
Culture Recovery Fund	7,630	-	7,630
Crowd Justice donations	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>109,064</u>	<u>47,371</u>	<u>156,435</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no transactions between the Trust and the members of Council.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
Administration	<u>1.8</u>	<u>1.5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	65,815	-	65,815
Charitable activities			
Activities and events	4,951	-	4,951
Marketing & Open Garden Squares Weekend	117,184	-	117,184
Research, publications, inventory and education	129	253	382
Repton in London	-	312	312
Investment income	<u>92</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92</u>
Total	188,171	565	188,736

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Activities and events	620	-	620
Marketing & Open Garden Squares Weekend	111,627	-	111,627
Research, publications, inventory and education	4,474	5,386	9,860
Management costs	52,490	-	52,490
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Total	169,211	5,386	174,597
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	18,960	(4,821)	14,139
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	54,761	22,715	77,476
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>73,721</u>	<u>17,894</u>	<u>91,615</u>
9. RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Resources expenses includes Independent Examiner's remuneration of £750. (2019: £750).			
10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
		2020	2019
		£	£
Other debtors		<u>250</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	12,734	9,828
Accruals and deferred income	<u>750</u>	<u>21,577</u>
	<u>13,484</u>	<u>31,405</u>

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	73,721	(5,491)	(1,913)	66,317
Restricted funds				
The London Gardener	15,327	(686)	-	14,641
Repton in London	2,567	151	-	2,718
Historic England	-	(1,913)	1,913	-
NLHF	-	30,841	-	30,841
Culture Recovery Fund	-	21,080	-	21,080
Crowd Justice donations	<u>-</u>	<u>4,352</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,352</u>
	<u>17,894</u>	<u>53,825</u>	<u>1,913</u>	<u>73,632</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>91,615</u>	<u>48,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,949</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	90,425	(95,916)	(5,491)
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	7,102	(7,788)	(686)
Repton in London	170	(19)	151
Historic England	14,460	(16,373)	(1,913)
NLHF	49,550	(18,709)	30,841
Culture Recovery Fund	28,710	(7,630)	21,080
Crowd Justice donations	<u>14,352</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>4,352</u>
	<u>114,344</u>	<u>(60,519)</u>	<u>53,825</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>204,769</u>	<u>(156,435)</u>	<u>48,334</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	54,761	18,960	73,721
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	20,460	(5,133)	15,327
Repton in London	<u>2,255</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>2,567</u>
	<u>22,715</u>	<u>(4,821)</u>	<u>17,894</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>77,476</u>	<u>14,139</u>	<u>91,615</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	188,171	(169,211)	18,960
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	253	(5,386)	(5,133)
Repton in London	<u>312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>312</u>
	<u>565</u>	<u>(5,386)</u>	<u>(4,821)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>188,736</u>	<u>(174,597)</u>	<u>14,139</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	54,761	13,469	(1,913)	66,317
Restricted funds				
The London Gardener	20,460	(5,819)	-	14,641
Repton in London	2,255	463	-	2,718
Historic England	-	(1,913)	1,913	-
NLHF	-	30,841	-	30,841
Culture Recovery Fund	-	21,080	-	21,080
Crowd Justice donations	-	4,352	-	4,352
	<u>22,715</u>	<u>49,004</u>	<u>1,913</u>	<u>73,632</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>77,476</u>	<u>62,473</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,949</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	278,596	(265,127)	13,469
Restricted funds			
The London Gardener	7,355	(13,174)	(5,819)
Repton in London	482	(19)	463
Historic England	14,460	(16,373)	(1,913)
NLHF	49,550	(18,709)	30,841
Culture Recovery Fund	28,710	(7,630)	21,080
Crowd Justice donations	14,352	(10,000)	4,352
	<u>114,909</u>	<u>(65,905)</u>	<u>49,004</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>393,505</u>	<u>(331,032)</u>	<u>62,473</u>

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Membership subscriptions	14,794	13,221
Metropolitan Public Gardens Association	-	1,000
Royal Parks Agency	9,000	9,000
Aldama Foundation	500	-
Deborah Loeb Fund	6,000	-
Legacy	1,177	31,087
Saga	-	6,870
Benefactor anonymous donation	8,000	-
Other donations	<u>16,981</u>	<u>4,637</u>
	56,452	65,815
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	-	92
Charitable activities		
Activities and events	12,673	4,951
Marketing & Open Gardens Squares Weekend	28,398	117,184
Research, publications, inventory and education	174	694
Historic England Planning	14,460	-
NLHF	49,550	-
Culture Recovery Fund	28,710	-
Crown Justice donations	<u>14,352</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>148,317</u>	<u>122,829</u>
Total incoming resources	204,769	188,736
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Activities & Events	6,712	620
Marketing and Open Garden Squares Weekend	39,153	111,627
Research, publications, inventory and education	2,680	4,474
Repton in London	19	-
Journal	7,788	5,386
NLHF	18,709	-
Historic England	16,373	-
Crowd Justice donations	10,000	-
Culture Recovery Fund	<u>7,630</u>	<u>-</u>
	109,064	122,107
Support costs		
Management		
Office costs	47,371	52,490

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	2020	2019
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Total resources expended	<u>156,435</u>	<u>174,597</u>
Net income	<u><u>48,334</u></u>	<u><u>14,139</u></u>