

Barn Hill Conservation Group  
Registered charity number 1085476

Address

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Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Barn Hill Conservation Group (BHCG) is a group of volunteers with a common interest in environmental conservation work in Fryent Country Park (London Borough of Brent) and the running of a community garden at our base (Roe Green Walled Garden). Trustees are appointed, by invitation, from the volunteers. There were 11 Trustees during the 2022/23 financial year: John Barrington (Chairman), Vrinda Lobo (Secretary), Bernard Altman (Treasurer), Maurice Gold (Assistant Secretary), Kim Williams (Assistant Treasurer), John Parker, Anjulika Mondal, Rose Bennett, Graham Bennett, Michael Berthoud, and Simon Mercer. BHCG holds 6 bimonthly General Meetings a year, with the May meeting preceded by the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer presents a financial report at each meeting, and matters relating to the administration and practical work of the Group are discussed.

Weekly Sunday morning projects in Fryent Country Park have continued throughout the year and additional work has been done as mini projects at other times. Regular surveys have been carried out to monitor the impact of our work; these include long-running counts of frogspawn, weekly butterfly transect counts, and assessments of floral biodiversity in the organic hay meadows. Some 441 workdays were put in on the weekly projects, which were usually attended by 12-20 volunteers, with a wide range of ages. A grant from Brent Council's Edward Harvist Fund enabled us to run a series of training sessions for potential new recruits. We also supported a successful bid for funds from the National Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) to improve the condition of a tarmacked path designed to give access to visitors with mobility problems.

Roe Green Walled Garden is open to visitors on 3 days every week throughout the year, and our volunteers come in on these days to do a variety of jobs, including gardening and maintenance of tools and equipment. Some 1,791 workdays were put in by our volunteers during the year. The Garden is popular with local schools, with 210 children attending on 4 visits from one school. A local Special School paid 14 visits, and we had numerous visits from a local nursery and a Special School for autistic pupils. The Garden was used by 11 young people on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme during the year. We were able to secure a sizeable grant from Brent Council's NCIL funds this year which allowed us to do some much needed renovation work on a large barn in the back of the Garden. This building is indispensable: it is used to display second-hand books and bric-a-brac, sales of which provide an important part of our regular income. It also houses displays relating to the history of the Garden, and to our conservation work. We were also able to partition off an area to act as a workshop for maintenance work. We held 2 Open Days during the year. The high standard of our work in the Garden was once again recognized by a Green Flag award.

This year's Income and Expenditure Account shows receipts from 3 grants. However, the £2,500 Gaderbrook payment was a delayed receipt relating to expenditure incurred in the 2021/22 financial year. The other two grants relate to projects mentioned above: £4,552 from the Edward Harvist Fund (training sessions) and £47,700 from NCIL (renovation of the barn). Most of our regular income came

from Open Days (£782) and General Sales (£2,106). No Open Days were held during the previous financial year because of COVID restrictions, and there was no June Open day this year. General Sales (mainly of second-hand items) nearly doubled, helped by the removal of COVID restrictions.

Signed:



*John William Barrington*  
Chairman

Date:

03/10/23

Signed:



*Vrinda Lobo*  
Secretary

Date:

03/10/23

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**Accounts for Financial Year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

	<b>Year ended 2022-23</b>		<b>Year ended 2021-22</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME EXCLUDING GRANTS</b>				
Open Days	782		0	
General Sales	2,106		1,088	
Donations and other payments	318		1117	
Interest	64		45	
		<u>3,270</u>		<u>2,250</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE EXCLUDING GRANTS</b>				
Direct Charitable expenditure	1,268		2,299	
Insurance	159		159	
Subscriptions	75		75	
Task refreshments	171		79	
Publicity	294		94	
Bank Charges	77		28	
Management and Administration	215		173	
		<u>2,259</u>		<u>2,907</u>
<b>Excess Income over Expenditure</b>		<u><u>1,011</u></u>		<u><u>-657</u></u>
<b>INCOME FROM GRANTS</b>				
Grant received Gadebrook	2500		2,500	
Grant received Training	4552		0	
Grant Received Barn	47700		0	
		<u>54,752</u>		<u>2,500</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE FROM GRANTS</b>				
Gadebrook	0		5,169	
Training	3,676		0	
Barn	33,028		0	
		<u>36,704</u>		<u>5,169</u>
<b>Allocated funds</b>		<u>18,048</u>		<u>-2,669</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	£	£	£	£
HSBC Business Money Manager	0		42	
HSBC Community Account	0		1,584	
Lloyds Treasurer account	20,617			
Shawbrook 60 day notice account	3,197		3,180	
Shawbrook 1 yr account	5,440		5,402	
Cash	83		68	
Funds available		29,337		10,276
Creditors	0		0	
Tangible fixed assets (i)	4,352		3,859	
less allocated funds	-18,048		0	
Debtors: LB Brent	0		2,500	
		-13,696		6,359
Assets		15,641		16,635

  
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**John Barrington**  
Chairman

  
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**Bernard Altman**  
Treasurer

**note (i)**

Depreciation of 25% has been allowed on fixed assets as at end of last year.

In addition 50% depreciation has been given for items purchased during the year

The assets have been reduced by £300 due disposal of damaged equipment

**Registered Charity No: 1085476**

21/22	RECEIPTS	22/23
<u>£ - p</u>		<u>£ - p</u>
	Balance brought forward on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	
42.38	HSBC Business Money Manager a/c	42.39
3,991.69	HSBC Community a/c	1,584.09
5,377.90	Shawbrook One year fixed	5,402.10
4,160.50	Shawbrook 60 day notice	3,180.85
55.28	Money-in-hand	68.40

April Open Day	374.46
June Open Day	0.00
September Open Day	407.72
<b>total open days</b>	<b>782.18</b>

728.72	Second hand sales	1,272.97
	bikes	160.00
	unspecified sales	111.65
19.50	Handicraft sales	0.00
10.00	Logs and wood	0.00
136.45	Plants	137.70
	tomato plants	134.60
0.00	Tool sharpening & adjustments	4.00
2.50	Refreshments	40.25
88.80	Metal recycling	219.60
52.00	honey	25.50

<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>2,106.27</b>
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2,500.00	<b>Grants received:</b>	
	ncil barn	47,700.00
	harvist training	4552
	ncil gadebrook	2500
	<b>Total grants received</b>	<b>54,752.00</b>

1138.9	<b>Donations and other payments</b>	
	Donations	187.55
	bank payments	100.00
	payment for work on other proje	30.00
2.00	duch sutherland	0
26.47	collection box	0
	<b>Total payments received</b>	<b>317.55</b>

44.55	interest shawbrook	63.66	63.66
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Receipts	68,299.49
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## Notes

21/22	PAYMENTS	22/23
<u>£ - p</u>		<u>£ - p</u>
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure:</b>		
145.73	Plants, seeds, compost, bark etc.	166.94
0.00	Fish food, bird food	0.00
	(has been included within other expenses)	
0.00	Refreshments Open Days	97.87
274.28	Site maintenance	492.55
761.10	Tools / clothing	253.71
0.00	Items for Children's Activities	0.00
29.44	Hygiene (toilet rolls, cloths etc)	230.24
87.96	pond	26.98
	<b>Total Direct Charitable expenditure</b>	<b>1,268.29</b>

	<b>Expenditure re Grant Aid projects:</b>	
5,168.70	Gaddesbrook project	0.00
	barn project	33,027.88
	training project	3,675.88
	<b>Total grant expenditure</b>	<b>36,703.76</b>

158.96	Insurance	158.96
78.61	Task refreshments	170.63
	<b>Conservation Volunteers</b>	
	<b>Community Garden (City Farms)</b>	
45.00	Open Spaces Society	45.00
30.00	Garden Organic (Henry Doubleday)	30.00
24.05	donation	0.00
	<b>Total Support Costs</b>	<b>404.59</b>

28.40	<b>Bank charges</b>	76.60
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22.5	Publicity	78.2	
72	web site	216	
	<b>Total publicity</b>		294.2

64.03	General	29.49
109.05	Postage Printing (and telephone)	155.92
	return of money borrowed for other projects	30.00
<b>173.08</b>	<b>Total Management and Administration</b>	<b>215.41</b>

Balance in hand 31st March 2023

42.39	HSBC Business Money Manager a/c	0.00
1,584.09	HSBC Community a/c	0.00
	lloyds treasurer account	20,617.14
5,402.10	Shawbrook One year fixed	5,439.91
3,180.85	Shawbrook 60 day notice	3,196.70
68.40	Money-in-hand	82.89

Payments	68,299.49
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**Chairman - John Barrington**

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES OF BARN HILL CONSERVATION GROUP**

I report on the accounts of the charity Barn Hill Conservation Group (registered number 1085476) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

### *Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner*

The charity's directors/trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's directors/trustees consider both that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

### *Basis of the independent examiner's report*

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

### *Independent examiner's statement*

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

- Accounting records have not been kept in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies act 2006.
- The accounts do not accord with such records
- Where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with the relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 or are not consistent with the charities SORP (FRS102).
- Which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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21 September 2023