

Charity number 1091429

**Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society
Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
For the year ended 30 September 2024**

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Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society
Annual Report For The Year Ended 30 September 2024

The Trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements of Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society (the Society) for the year ended 30 September 2024. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Society's governing document and of the 2019 Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102).

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society has been established by a written Constitution since 29 March 2002.

It is registered with the Charity Commission under Registration Number 1091429.

The charity's principal address is c/o Mirtna Cottage, Whinburgh Road, Westfield, Dereham, NR19 1QL.

Selection of Committee Members

Committee Members are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and are the registered Trustees of the Society.

During the year the principal officers and Committee members comprised of:

Julia Stafford Allen (Honorary President)
Dr Ian Bedford (Vice-President)
Len Finch (Chair person)
Simon White (Vice-Chair person)
Lesley Webdale (General & Membership Secretary)
Susan Cranmer (Treasurer)
Vacant (Events Co-ordinator & Social Secretary)
Vacant (Show Secretary)
Gloria Goodley (Floral Art Co-Ordinator)
Simon Gaches

The Committee have been assisted in covering the vacant roles by Malcolm Stelfox as Summer Show Co-ordinator and Tricia Loades as Autumn and Spring Show Co-ordinator.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Objects, Activities and Achievements

The purpose of the charity is to increase the interest in Horticulture generally and to hold shows and arrange lectures and trips with this objective. The Society continues to review its activities in order to reach out to a wider audience with a more inclusive mission. During the year under review, activities included holding four shows during the year, the annual holiday and several day trips.

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Objects, Activities and Achievements

There was a series of day trips and other social events during the year under review including a sold-out holiday. Continued use of Zoom has proved helpful with Committee Meetings.

The Society will be 200 years old in 2029. An archive group has been formed to research the history of the Society and is working through materials and resources currently available. The aim is to produce a booklet in connection with the anniversary and to preserve the history of the Society.

BANKERS

Barclays Bank plc, Red Lion St, Norwich, Norfolk.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Results

The balance sheet shows a satisfactory position at 30 September 2024, with current assets exceeding current liabilities by £40,497 - this figure being the total funds at the year end. The Society's funds are held in bank deposit and current accounts. It is felt that the level of funds held is needed for financing the activities of the Society.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees are conscious of the need to maintain a level of reserves sufficient to meet planned and unforeseen fluctuations in income and expenditure for the foreseeable future.

Present free reserves amount to £40,497, representing 30 months of total expenditure.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Society for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Society's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Society and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 7 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr L Finch
Chairman

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Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 30 September 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024		Unrestricted funds 2023	
Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
<i>Voluntary income</i>				
Donations		90		87
General income - members subscriptions		2,767		2,913
General income - gift aid received		877		
General income - affiliated society subscriptions		1,440		880
General income - members loyalty vouchers used				
<i>Fundraising income</i>				
Show income		819		1,117
Social events - lectures and trips		26,219		25,321
General income - tombola and raffle		1,863		2,030
Miscellaneous income		353		484
<i>Investment income</i>				
General income - bank and interest		455		166
Total incoming resources		34,883		32,998
Resources expended				
<i>Charitable activities - Direct costs</i>				
Shows - general expenses		929		1,675
Shows - medals		34		174
Shows - judges and prizes		688		594
Loyalty vouchers issued to members		-		-
		(1,651)		(2,443)
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>				
Social events - lecturers and room hire		1,783		678
Social events - outings and trips		25,048		23,976
General - advertising and website		487		631
General - mileage		208		316
General - equipment		140		986
		(27,666)		(26,587)
Carried forward	£	5,566	£	3,968

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Statement of Financial Activities (continued)
Year ended 30 September 2024

	Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds	
	2024		2023	
Note	£	£	£	£
Brought forward		5,566		3,968
<i>Charitable activities - support costs</i>				
General - affiliations to national societies		187		163
General - printing, postage and stationery		1,525		1,415
General - meeting expenses		412		101
General - general insurance		240		220
General - bank and paypal charges		69		28
General - Annual General Meeting		59		397
General - sundry		679		78
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		(3,171)		(2,402)
 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		<hr/>		<hr/>
		2,395		1,566
 Total funds brought forward		<hr/>		<hr/>
		38,102		36,536
 Total funds carried forward		<hr/>		<hr/>
	£	<u>40,497</u>	£	<u>38,102</u>

The notes to the accounts on pages 7 to 8 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet
As at 30 September 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Stocks	736		792	
Debtors	53		210	
Cash at bank :				
- Deposit account : 93150909	36,954		29,499	
- General account : 50661864	2,842		8,023	
Cash in hand and Paypal	44		142	
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		40,629		38,666
Creditors due within one year				
Trade creditors	131		301	
Accruals			263	
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		(131)		(564)
Net current assets		<hr/>		<hr/>
		40,498		38,102
Net assets	£	<hr/>	£	<hr/>
		40,498		38,102
Charity Funds				
Unrestricted funds	£	40,497	£	38,102
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Mr L Finch
Chairman

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Mr S White
Vice-Chairman

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Incoming resources

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

Income received which relates to events which are postponed has been carried to future periods to be recognised in the accounting period in which the event occurs.

1.3 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

1.6 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and market value.

1.7 Fixed assets

Fixed assets are written off in the year of purchase.

2 COMMITTEE MEMBERS REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES :

a No committee member received any honoraria or other remuneration during the year (2023 - nil)

b Mileage expenses paid to committee members during the year are as follows:

Lesley Webdale	£	140
Frances Howard	£	37
Len Finch	£	36

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society (charity number 1091429) for the year ended 30 September 2024 as set out on pages 4 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of the Report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

F. Howard

Date: 24 November 2025

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