

Martineau Gardens

Report and Financial Statements

Registered number 4273209

31 March 2025

Legal and administrative information

Status

Martineau Gardens is a charitable company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The company was incorporated on 20 August 2001 and registered as a charity on 7 June 2002 (charity number 1092364).

Trustees

Mr T Bruton (Chair)

Mr P Arnold

Mr T Walkling

Mrs L Hensel (resigned on 23rd July 2025)

Mr P Townley MBE

Mrs F Simmonds

Ms C Powell

Ms K Tatlow

Ms E Payne (appointed on 2nd November 2024)

Secretary

Ms J Fryer

Registered Office

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025 (incorporating the Directors' report)

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report for the financial year ended 31 March 2025.

Review of financial results and future developments

Martineau Gardens continues to generate public benefit through its main activities, namely Therapeutic Horticulture and visits from schools, groups and the public, providing opportunities to learn about plants, biodiversity and food growing.

During this financial year, outgoing resources have exceeded incoming resources by £2,487. There was a £(6,446) reduction in restricted funds and a £3,959 increase in unrestricted funds in the year. Overall net assets at the year-end were £70,866.

The year to March 2025 has been challenging for fundraising and the charity has also seen the impact of increased staff costs, cost of living increases and reduced donations.

The primary focus of our income generation activities continues to be on securing funding for our running costs alongside plans to replace the current Mollie Martineau building in the near future, to provide a warmer and more welcoming space for staff and volunteers.

We continue to work to diversify funding through the generation of sales, an increased events programme and exploring new funding opportunities working with new and existing client groups.

Reserves Policy

The Charity has agreed the level of reserves, that is, those funds that are freely available that the Charity ought to retain for the unexpected and for future investment. The Charity aims that cash or borrowing facilities are available to cover three months of normal unrestricted expenditure which now amounts to approximately £23,000 and year end unrestricted cash amounted to £25,000. The Charity considers that in the current economic conditions, it would be prudent to maintain a higher than normal level of cash until future operating conditions become clearer. In future years, higher levels of funds may be retained to support our further refurbishment plans.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Charity does not hold any funds as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Company law 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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

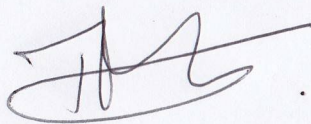
The trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission guidance and the Charity Act 2011 with regards to public benefit.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025 (incorporating the Directors' report)

Independent examiners

The trustees have appointed Birmingham Voluntary Services Council (BVSC) to carry out an independent examination of these accounts.

By order of the Trustees:

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Tim Bruton (Chair)

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming resources					
Grants		35,969	115,262	151,231	116,168
Environmental Education		-	30,858	30,858	10,833
Sales and Events		36,404	-	36,404	36,637
Donations		17,915	-	17,915	25,014
Building development and Gates		-	-	-	1,677
Membership		5,363	-	5,363	5,456
Bank interest		1,119	-	1,119	779
Total incoming resources		96,770	146,120	242,890	196,564
Resources expended					
<i>Charitable expenditure</i>	2				
Therapeutic horticulture service delivery		-	(107,104)	(107,104)	(88,830)
Other therapeutic horticulture costs		-	-	-	(1,430)
Environmental Education		-	(39,772)	(39,772)	(27,103)
Other service delivery		(8,491)	-	(8,491)	-
Premises and overheads		(40,221)	-	(40,221)	(37,970)
Public engagement		(37,825)	-	(37,825)	(39,976)
Building development, Gates and depreciation		-	(5,690)	(5,690)	(5,135)
<i>Other expenditure</i>					
Cost of sales		(6,274)	-	(6,274)	(16,327)
Total resources expended		(92,811)	(152,566)	(245,377)	(216,771)
Transfer of funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,959	(6,446)	(2,487)	(20,207)
Total funds at start of year		21,073	52,280	73,353	93,560
Total funds at end of year		25,032	45,834	70,866	73,353

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	3	10,388	13,984
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	4	82,934	76,708
Debtors	5	725	605
		83,659	77,313
Creditors falling due in one year	6	(23,181)	(17,944)
Net current assets		60,478	59,369
Net assets		70,866	73,353
Unrestricted funds		25,032	21,073
Restricted funds	7	35,446	38,296
Fixed asset fund		10,388	13,984
Total funds		70,866	73,353

For the year ended 31 March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

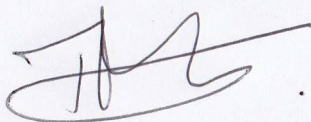
There were no related party transactions in the current or prior period.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

1. Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and
2. Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 393 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the trustees on 1st November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Tim Bruton (Chair)

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16th July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011 and the UK Generally accepted Practices it applies from 1 January 2015. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Capitalisation and depreciation of tangible assets

All assets costing more than £200 are capitalised, including, where applicable, irrecoverable VAT. No depreciation is charged in the year of acquisition. The cost of these assets is then written off by equal annual instalments over their expected useful life as follows:

Equipment: 3-10 years

Incoming resources

Grants are generally recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities, in the year in which they are receivable. Grants received which support future charitable activity are deferred.

Statutory income, sales and donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

2. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	101,834	114,233
Social security costs	12,558	9,509
Pensions	2,286	1,944
Total funds	116,678	125,686

Within the Statement of Financial Activities wages and salaries are allocated to the category of expenditure to which they relate.

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2025	2024
Project co-ordinators and management	5	5

No trustees receive any remuneration or benefits, no trustee expenses were paid and no staff earn over £60,000

Notes to the accounts

3. Tangible fixed assets

	<i>Equipment</i> £
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	53,285
Additions	-
Disposals	-
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At 31 March 2025	53,285
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Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	39,301
Charge for the year	3,596
Disposals	-
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At 31 March 2025	42,897
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Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	13,984
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At 31 March 2025	10,388
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4. Cash at bank and in hand

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	82,934	76,708
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5. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	725	605
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6. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	156	335
Provision	-	4,584
Deferred revenue	23,025	13,025
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	23,181	17,944
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Deferred revenue represents grants and statutory income received in the year that relates to the future periods. Provision relates to obligation for building demolition in future periods.

Notes to the accounts

7. Restricted Funds

	Therapeutic Horticulture	Building Funds	Charitable Services	Other	Total
Opening balance	-	8,671	-	29,625	38,296
Income for the year	104,262	-	41,858	-	146,120
Expenditure	(107,104)	(2,094)	(39,772)	-	(148,970)
Transfers	2,842	-	-	(2,842)	-
Closing balance	-	6,577	2,086	26,783	35,446

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Martineau Gardens

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to 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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Andy Hopkins
Independent Examiner

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25 September 2025