

**THE CORNWALL GARDEN SOCIETY
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

Charity registration number 1094859
Company registration number 4504080

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for the year ended 31 May 2025**

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Charity registration number	1094859
Company registration number	4504080 (England and Wales)
Registered office	Queens Acre Boyton Launceston PL15 9RJ

PRESIDENT

Charles Williams

TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the company during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Jonathan Croggon (appointed 3 June 2024)
Charles Fox
Judith Hancock
Christianne Lim
Michael Nelhams
Sir Robert Owen
Martin Petherick
Penelope Polglase (appointed 3 June 2024)
Jeff Rowe
Tim Smith
Richard Stone (appointed 3 June 2024)
Charles Williams

BANKERS

Barclays Bank PLC
20 Lemon Street
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Lynchwood
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GOVERNANCE

INCORPORATION/GOVERNING DOCUMENT

Incorporated on 6 August 2002, the company - limited by guarantee and not having any share capital - is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the period under review was meeting the objectives of the charity as shown below.

TRUSTEES' RECRUITMENT, INDUCTION AND TRAINING

The method of appointment or removal of trustees is governed by the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association which states that no person other than a trustee retiring by rotation shall be appointed or reappointed a trustee at any general meeting unless recommended by the trustees. At each annual general meeting one third of the trustees, who are subject to retire by rotation, shall retire. Suitable candidates are selected by the existing trustees and invited to become trustees. The selection criteria used are based on knowledge of horticulture, experience of operating and understanding the needs of the various social events, ability to contribute to the scope and activities of social events and their experience and wisdom in guiding the future direction of the Cornwall Garden Society. The induction and training of new trustees is on-going and developed from their established knowledge and experience.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Cornwall Garden Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period. In preparing the 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The members of the company elect the trustees, from whose number is formed a Managing Committee consisting of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other such trustees as required. Operational control is delegated through Executive members, who take responsibility for their own individual activities sometimes with a small team of helpers, made up of Treasury, Membership, Lectures, Outings, Garden Visits, The Spring Show, The Journal, and Publicity.

The President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary frequently become involved in assisting in the operation of the various activities. The Trustees meet twice a year while the Managing Committee meet four times a year (including the AGM). All the activities are formally discussed accompanied by agendas and minutes. There are other meetings but these are event specific.

RISK MITIGATION

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the trustees, continue to be reviewed. The trustees seek to mitigate those risks.

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CHARITY BACKGROUND

The Society which has over 800 members started in 1879 with the first Flower Show in Cornwall. It has traded as an incorporated charitable company since 1 January 2003. The original aim was for garden owners in the county to display and compete with each other's gardens and plants. Since then its activities have diversified to take in a wide spectrum of interest under its "garden" umbrella. This includes a programme of lectures, the publication of a Journal, and arranging a wide range of garden visits and outings and other activities. The Cornwall Garden Society is the only county based garden society in the country and is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

CHARITY OBJECTIVES

The charity's objectives for the public benefit are:

- 1 the encouragement and improvement of the science, art and practice of horticulture in all its branches;
- 2 the promotion of knowledge and education in good gardening principles and in the national heritage of gardens in Cornwall; and
- 3 to promote, conserve and protect the natural environment in Cornwall.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting grant making policies for the year.

The charity runs a programme of lectures, which are open to the general public. The lectures, which are publicised on the Society's website, are held at easily found venues around the county. In the year there were lectures on topics covering a wide variety of matters of horticultural interest. The society invites lecturers with a national or international eminence on the subject to deliver the lectures.

The charity has also introduced a scheme designed to help young gardeners in Cornwall further their knowledge. Initially this is being achieved through a series of workshops, which, subject to availability, are open to the general public. In order to achieve this objective, the society is working closely with the Cornwall Head Gardeners Group, an organization representing many Cornish Gardens.

VOLUNTEERS

The major personal contributions from the society's trustees, executives and volunteers involved in all of the Cornwall Garden Society's activities are enormous and much appreciated. Without this we would not exist.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

In the year to May 2025 the society made an operating loss. Garden visits were well attended and produced a positive contribution, but administration expenses outweighed income from membership activities. Despite a higher attendance at the Spring Flower Show resulting in improved income, expenses increased to the extent that the overall outcome was a small loss compared with the previous year's gain. The increase in expenses reflected the higher cost of management and materials required to professionalise the show. Sponsorship donation income grew slightly and the addition of reserves from the merger with the Cornwall Gardens Trust helped ensure a healthy balance sheet moving forward into the 2026 financial year.

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for the year ended 31 May 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW OF THE YEAR

In the year ended 31 May 2025 the company had a surplus of £80,511 (2024: deficit £14,469) as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities (Page 6).

At 31 May 2025 the company had reserves of £106,501 (2024: £25,989).

The Society's funds are raised through subscriptions and social activities. There are two primary sources of funding - members' subscriptions and the annual Spring Flower Show - and any other activities that show a surplus. The income supports the lecture programme, the Journal and horticultural training grants. The social activities of outings and self drive visits aim to be self-financing. All of the activities promote our charitable objectives.

INVESTMENT POWERS

The trustees have the power to invest the monies of the society not immediately required for its purposes, in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, by the trustees.

LEVEL OF RESERVES

The trustees believe that about £100,000 is an adequate level of reserves. This should be retained to provide the stability and security necessary for the Society to run its affairs prudently at current levels of activity. This includes underwriting the annual Spring Flower Show, which is not wholly under cover, and has at times made large losses. The future level of those losses could be as much as £50,000 in any one year. The reserves fell in recent years largely due to the impact of the Covid pandemic. However, following the merger with the Cornwall Gardens Trust, they have increased to in excess of £100,000.

Restricted funds consist of monies donated by the Wells family in connection with the Wells Bursary Scheme.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Martin Petherick
Trustee



Tim Smith
Trustee

Dated: 16 September 2025

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members on the Unaudited Accounts of
The Cornwall Garden Society**

Independent examiner's report to the members of The Cornwall Garden Society ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st May 2025.

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').

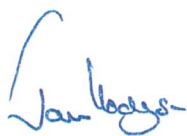
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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.



J P D Hodgson BA (Hons) FCA

Hodgsons
Chartered Accountants
48 Arwenack Street
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Dated 23 September 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 May 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Subscriptions		16,698	-	16,698	15,903
Donations	12/15	102,767	4,331	107,098	4,153
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	109,514	-	109,514	98,605
Interest receivable		3,195	-	3,195	619
Total Incoming Resources		232,174	4,331	236,505	119,280
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	5	118,555	-	118,555	95,052
Educational and horticultural grants	12	-	5,084	5,083	3,400
Support costs	6	32,355	-	32,355	35,297
Total Resources Expended		150,910	5,084	155,993	133,749
Net Movement in Funds		81,264	(753)	80,512	(14,469)
Balance brought forward		25,236	753	25,989	40,458
Balance carried forward		106,501	-	106,501	25,989

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Equipment	7	1,569	2,639
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	6,882	5,076
Cash on Deposit		100,279	15,000
Cash at Bank		2,500	4,720
		<u>109,661</u>	<u>24,796</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>4,729</u>	<u>1,446</u>
CURRENT NET ASSETS		104,932	23,350
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>106,501</u>	<u>25,989</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted Funds		-	753
Unrestricted Funds	13	106,501	25,236
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>106,501</u>	<u>25,989</u>

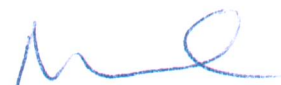
The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to an exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 ('the Act') relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

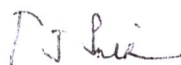
- ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 393 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Martin Petherick
Trustee



Tim Smith
Trustee

Approved by the board on 16 September 2025

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i) BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

The Cornwall Garden Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The basis for this conclusion is the more than adequate level of reserves.

ii) COMPANY STATUS

The charity is a company limited by guarantee.

In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

iii) INVESTMENT POLICY

It is the policy of the Charity to place surplus funds on deposit.

iv) INCOMING RESOURCES POLICY

All income receivable in the year is included in the accounts gross.

Subscriptions: Income is included in the accounts based on the date it is received.

Operating Activities: Income is matched to costs where possible. If income is received in advance of costs it is deferred.

Interest Received: Income is included in the accounts on a cash basis.

v) RESOURCES EXPENDED POLICY

All expenses payable in the year are included in the accounts gross.

vi) RECOGNITION OF LIABILITIES

The liabilities of the Company are recognised in the accounts as soon as goods and services have been purchased by the Company.

Monies received for outings which are to occur in the next accounting period are included within creditors as income received in advance.

vii) RECOGNITION OF COSTS

Costs are divided between the cost headings of Resources Expended on an actual basis. If any apportionment was required, it would be at the discretion of the trustees.

viii) STOCK

Stock is included in the accounts at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

ix) INCLUSION OF INVESTMENTS

The Charity includes all monies invested in these accounts. All investments are stated at market value.

x) FIXED ASSET DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rate in order to write off the asset over its estimated useful life: 25% straight line. Assets are only capitalised when the cost exceeds £250.

xi) LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions paid by life members are accounted for in the year in which they are received.

2 TAXATION

No charge to taxation arises in respect of any of the activities of the Charity by reason of its charitable status.

3 EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees during the year was nil (2024 - nil). As such, there were no employees who received remuneration in excess of £60,000.

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4 INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Journal	600	800
Flower show	101,271	90,715
Outings and garden visits	7,643	7,090
	<u>109,514</u>	<u>98,605</u>

5 RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Lectures	4,306	4,214
Journal	3,887	4,218
Flower show	101,685	78,372
Outings and garden visits	7,607	7,178
Depreciation of equipment	1,070	1,070
	<u>118,555</u>	<u>95,052</u>

6 SUPPORT COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Administrative expenses	12,077	6,542
Insurance	717	628
Marketing	19,561	28,127
	<u>32,355</u>	<u>35,297</u>

7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Equipment	£
Cost	
As at 1 June 2024 and 31 May 2025	<u>35,114</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 June 2024	32,475
Charge for the year	<u>1,070</u>
As at 31 May 2025	<u>33,545</u>
Written Down Value	
As at 31 May 2025	<u>1,569</u>
As at 31 May 2024	<u>2,639</u>

8 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
HMRC - Gift Aid	2,125	2,140
Other Debtors	<u>4,757</u>	<u>2,936</u>
	<u>6,882</u>	<u>5,076</u>

9 CREDITORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Other Creditors	<u>4,729</u>	<u>1,446</u>
	<u>4,729</u>	<u>1,446</u>

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10 SHARE CAPITAL

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

11 TRUSTEES' EXPENSES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No trustee has been paid for services provided to the charity in the year. The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind. Travel expenses of £158 (2024: £nil) were paid to trustees.

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

12 FUNDS

Restricted funds consist of monies donated by the Wells family in connection with the Wells Bursary Scheme to support horticultural education.

Unrestricted funds, which reflect income generated, have to be applied within the Charity's objects but at the discretion of the Trustees.

13 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Restricted Fund	-	-	-
Unrestricted Fund	1,569	104,932	106,501
Total Funds	1,569	104,932	106,501

14 INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEES

The accounts are examined by Hodgsons, Chartered Accountants at no cost to the Charity.
The service provided would normally cost £1,000.

15 MERGER WITH CORNWALL GARDENS TRUST

The merger with the Cornwall Gardens Trust was approved by the members at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 27 February 2024. Completion took place on 3 June 2024 and the Cornwall Garden Trust's assets, liabilities and activities including funds of £102,767 were subsequently transferred to the Society.