

**THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED**

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

COMPANY REGISTERED NUMBER: 4216691

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1101467

# **THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED**

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# **THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

The Trustees present their annual report which includes the requirements of a directors' report under company law and the audited financial statements of The Gatton Trust Limited ("the Charity") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland" and the accounting policies set out in Note 3 to the accounts, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, and 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").

In preparing these financial statements the Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The purposes of Gatton Trust which are set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are to:

- restore, conserve, protect and improve the physical and natural environment of the parkland, gardens and historic buildings of Gatton Park;
- to develop and enhance the means of access to Gatton Park for as wide a section of the community as possible;
- advance education for the whole community and facilitate the study of subjects such as natural history, history and environmental education; and
- advance the education of the pupils of the Royal Alexandra and Albert School.

The Trustees' current priorities to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit are:

- to continue the ongoing programme of conservation and maintenance of the grounds and gardens;
- through a programme of open days, events and special projects continue to expand visitors of all age groups including those with disabilities and the community generally;
- to maintain and build on the relationship between the Charity and other users of Gatton Park;
- to maintain a pool of volunteers to assist with all aspects of the Charity's work;
- to fundraise for all of the above.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

This year the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has continued to affect our work. Lockdowns, government restrictions and safety guidelines have all had an impact on our activities, income and staffing.

The School has undertaken a large-scale project to install boreholes in some fields and pipework in the lakes to provide ground source heat to all of the school buildings and boarding houses. The system is now up and running but during this year, the impact on the parkland has continued, while landscaping works were finished and grassland recovered. This will continue into the next year.

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### Projects during the year

#### **The Japanese Garden Restored**

The second element of the project of improvement works to the Japanese Garden, to replace the steps to the teahouse and install a handrail, was postponed until this year and completed in the autumn.

*Funding for this project was provided by The Postcode Lottery Trust, The Jeremiah Colman Gift Trust, and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council Councillors Awards*

#### **Sakura Cherry Tree Project**

The Japanese Embassy donated 100 Sakura Cherry Trees to Gatton Park, as part of a nation-wide celebration of the relationship between Japan and the UK. The trees have been planted on the approach to the Japanese Garden.

#### **Trees for the Future**

During the winter, Gatton Trust worked with students from Royal Alexandra and Albert School to plant ten disease-resistant elm trees in the parkland. The funding for these trees was provided by The Tree Council.

Grants have been received from the Toyota Fund for a Better Tomorrow and the Netherby Trust to contribute to a larger project which will involve local schools in learning about trees, helping to plant tree seeds in a new nursery and planting more elm trees in the parkland. This will take place in the winter of 2021/22.

*Funding for this project was provided by The Tree Council, Toyota (GB) Charitable Trust, and Netherby Trust*

#### **Forest School For All**

We have secured funding for a second project to provide Forest School sessions to Merstham families, in partnership with Red Oak Children's Centre. This will take place in Autumn 2021.

*Funding for this project was provided by Merstham Millennium Trust*

### Visitors and Education

During this period 12,093 (2020: 6,422) visits were made to the park as part of our events, activities and educational work. The park is home to 75 resident staff and their families, and 495 boarding pupils (1,140 school pupils in total). The site is also used by groups using buildings in the school holidays and using Gatton Hall. Parts of the park are accessible as part of the North Downs Way.

#### **Open Days**

The Park is normally open once a month between February and October, with additional days in February for visitors to enjoy the snowdrops. During the winter lockdown, the park could continue to open and we had high visitor numbers.

Total attendance was 3671 adults and 1448 children (2020: 1,647 adults, 429 children).



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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)**

### **Guided Tours**

Limitations on groups of people gathering together meant that we ran only 1 guided tour for 24 visitors this year (2020: 200 visitors).

### **Events**

For the second year, we were unable to run Gatton Country Fair, as restrictions for large-scale events were not lifted until very close to the date of the event.

Other events were organised to be outdoor and socially-distanced to allow them to go ahead. Our regular Santa's Grotto event was changed to a Winter Welly Walk and attracted good numbers of visitors. The Easter Egg Hunt was run over four days for the first time and 2,985 visitors attended. We ran two days of open air cinema in the summer totalling 169 visitors.

### **Family Learning and Children's Activities**

When government restrictions permitted, our family activities were able to operate, sometimes with reduced numbers. A smaller staff also placed some limitations on activities.

Activities include our regular "Little Seeds Forest School" for pre-schoolers and parents and school holiday sessions - in total these events involved 665 children and 531 adults (2020: 665 children, 667 adults). Our regular Trails and Tales activities for toddlers and their parents attracted 526 children and 479 adults (2020: 623 children, 529 adults).

Groups of children from organisations such as Young Carers also visited for activities in the park, totalling 200 visitors (2020: 188 visitors).

Children's birthday parties were attended by 141 visitors (2020: 368 visitors)

### **School Visits**

Educational activities was one of the areas hardest hit by the lockdown. A small number of schools attended during the Autumn Term 2020, but the winter restrictions were not eased until spring and this meant school visits did not resume until mid-May.

This year only 588 school children visited the park, compared to 842 children last year, which is significantly fewer than a normal year (2019: 3,288).

### **Volunteers**

There are 87 volunteers (2020: 93) who regularly support the work of the Trust. In total they provided 3,199 volunteer hours (2020: 4,814). Volunteering (except to support open days) had to stop when the local area was placed under Tier 4 restrictions (November 2020) and could not restart until the end of the national lockdown (end of March 2021).

The last two years have highlighted the importance of volunteering for the Trust, but also for the volunteers themselves. 10% of volunteers are vulnerable adults with issues such as mental health problems or physical disabilities, and the Trust works with local organisations to support these volunteers.

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)**

### **Corporate Volunteering**

Corporate volunteer teams were an important part of our volunteer workforce before the pandemic. In 2019 we hosted 17 groups. This year only one group of Duke of Edinburgh staff came for a volunteering day. There is more interest already for autumn 2021.

### **Staffing**

The Trust continued to benefit from the government furlough scheme for members of the education team and some of the park team who work with volunteer groups who were unable to continue their normal work throughout periods of this year.

The Education Officer resigned in April 2021 and it was decided not to fill this role until there was more certainty that income from visiting groups could be maintained.

During this year, the Volunteering and Events Officer role (vacant since March 2020) was not replaced, for the same reason.

The Garden and Park Manager, Park Warden and part-time Gardener are employed directly by the RAAS Foundation.

### **Funding**

External funding from charitable trusts and businesses usually supports our education work, but as group visits were not possible for much of the year, fundraising was directed to projects taking place in the next financial year. We continue to rely on our volunteer fundraiser for this work.

### **Park and Gardens**

#### **The Gardens**

The appearance of our park and gardens continues to improve, despite limited volunteering and reduced staff levels this year.

The Japanese Garden has developed with the cherry trees being planted on its approach, new steps and a handrail to the tea house. On the approach to the garden some trees and an area of laurel was removed to open up views across Engine Pond. We plan to develop this with cherry trees, a lantern and bench in the forthcoming year.

The focus in the Rock and Water Garden this year has been the continuing improvement of the beds in the central part of the garden – lifting tree canopies, clearing the ground and replanting. The general appearance of the garden has benefitted from removal of areas of bramble around the edges.

Work has continued on the restoration of The Old World Garden which currently lies hidden amongst trees in the Pleasure Gardens. Restorative pruning of the yew trees which once formed a hedge around the pond and rose garden has continued.

The orchard has been maintained throughout the year and our nursery and greenhouse facilities have shown real improvement this year. Our new propagation volunteer team has increased plant stock and sales at our open days.

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)**

### **Parkland**

The maintenance of the parkland carried out this year included grassland management through herbicide spraying in some areas, a hay-cut and grazing with sheep with the aim of promoting biodiversity in the grasslands. Some areas of grassland will still require restoration following the ground source heat project.

Horse paddocks in the lower park were fenced this year, greatly improving their appearance. Some fences were also placed around the ancient trees to protect them.

Tree planting over the winter included a new hedge along the Serpentine, ten disease-resistant elms and a number of cedars along Cedar Walk.

Tree surveys were carried out as usual this winter and later in the year for ash dieback. Our strategy to deal with ash dieback is to continue to monitor and fell as required, spreading the landscape impact and cost over a number of years.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### **Income and expenditure**

The surplus for the year ended 31 August 2021 was £31,645 (2020: deficit £12,725). There was a surplus within unrestricted funds of £23,622 (2020: deficit £11,355) showing some recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, but also contributed to by reduced staffing expenditure. Restricted funds had a surplus of £8,023 (2020: deficit £1,370) owing to funding received for the Trees For The Future and Forest School projects not yet being spent.

Income for the year ended 31 August 2021 amounted to £93,662 (2020: £59,278). Donations and voluntary income received amounted to £12,556 (2020: £6,236). A list of all donations of £750 or more is included in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Open day and related income amounted to £32,264 (2020: £18,952). Despite national lockdowns in November and January, COVID-19 restrictions were less obstructive and many more activities could be run during this year than last year. Details of the activities are included in this report.

Staffing expenditure represents the salary and related costs of the Chief Executive and her education team which have not been recharged to specific projects.

#### **Net current assets**

These comprise principally cash at bank.

#### **Reserves**

At 31 August 2021, reserves amounted to £127,377 (2020: £95,732) of which £102,068 (2020: £78,446) comprise unrestricted reserves. As at 31 August 2021, unrestricted reserves included no funds (2020: none) designated to future projects. After the year end, the Trustees agreed to designate £70,000 of unrestricted funds to various projects. Details are given in Note 15.

Of the £25,309 restricted reserves at 31 August 2021 (2020: £17,286), £14,613 comprised general education reserves which were transferred at the time of the merger of Gatton Trust with Gatton Park Education Trust Limited in 2009.

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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)**

### **Going Concern**

Having made appropriate enquiries, the Trustees are satisfied that the Charity has adequate resources to continue for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Trustees have continued to adopt the going concern basis of accounting.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

As part of their normal procedures, the Trustees assess the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity. The assessment comprises:

- a review of all the risks that the Charity may face in its normal operations for the financial year ahead;
- an assessment of the likelihood of those risks occurring, together with an assessment of their impact;
- the establishment of procedures, actions and systems to mitigate the risks identified and to minimise any potential impact on the Charity.

The principal risks and uncertainties that the Charity faces are summarised as:

- insufficient funds raised from fundraising activities
- withdrawal of support from the parent undertaking: Royal Alexandra and Albert School

The Trustees manage the risks by ensuring that there is regular monitoring of financial performance and forecast fundraising activities. Special projects are not undertaken unless fully funded. Regular meetings are held with the Trustees and the parent undertaking is kept informed of the Charity's current and planned operations.

### **RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees seek to ensure there are sufficient funds to cover six months ongoing operational expenses. This equates to £29,301 which represents the sum total of all payroll costs along with all other unrestricted and designated spend in the year. Unrestricted and Designated reserves at 31 August 2021 was £102,068 which implies there was a reserves surplus of £72,767. This policy is reviewed annually.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Gatton Trust Limited ("Gatton Trust" or "the Charity"), (registered company number 4216691), a charitable company limited by guarantee, was incorporated on 15 May 2001. The company became a registered charity on 12 January 2004 (registration number 1101467). The governing documents are the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The sole member of the company is the charitable corporation Royal Alexandra and Albert School ("the Foundation" or "RAAS").

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

### Directors

The Board of Directors comprise the Charity Trustees who are responsible for the general control and management of the Charity. New Trustees, who are selected for their relevant expertise and experience are nominated by the member Royal Alexandra and Albert School. Upon appointment, Trustees are provided with detailed information regarding the Charity and are invited to attend detailed briefing sessions with the Chairman. All Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was paid in the year. Trustees are required to disclose all relevant interests and register them with the Chairman and to withdraw from decisions where a conflict of interest arises,

Royal Alexandra and Albert School, the parent charity, maintains liability insurance for the Trustees and officers of its subsidiary undertakings including the Charity, which qualifies as a third party indemnity provision for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006. This insurance was in force during the financial year and at the date of approval of the financial statements.

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

#### Trustees

Graham J Williams (resigned 29 September 2020)  
Peter Dawson  
David Frank  
Margaret Kippen  
Alan Mortlock  
Helen Neve (appointed 21 July 2021)  
Gail Sperrin

#### Chief Executive

Louise Miller

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# **THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)**

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees (who are also directors of The Gatton Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the 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 these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2015);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)**

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

In accordance with Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006, directors' reports shall include a statement, in the case of each director in office at the date the directors' report is approved, that:

(a) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and

(b) he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Under the Companies Act, s414B, The Gatton Trust Limited is entitled to small companies exemption in relation to the strategic report for the financial year ended 31 August 2021 as it is entitled to prepare accounts for the year in accordance with the small companies regime.

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

A resolution proposing that Moore Kingston Smith LLP be re-appointed as auditors will be put to the forthcoming annual general meeting.

On behalf of the Board:



David Frank  
**Chairman**

30 November 2021

The Gatton Trust Limited  
Company registered number: 4216691

# **THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED**

### **OPINION**

We have audited the financial statements of The Gatton Trust Limited for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED (continued)**

#### **OTHER INFORMATION (continued)**

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **OPINIONS ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and from preparing a strategic report.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 8, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED (continued)**

#### **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## **THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED (continued)**

#### **EXPLANATION AS TO WHAT EXTENT THE AUDIT WAS CONSIDERED CAPABLE OF DETECTING IRREGULARITIES, INCLUDING FRAUD**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charitable company.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charitable company and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charity SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

## **THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED (continued)**

#### **USE OF OUR REPORT**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the charitable company and charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Moore Kingston Smith LLP*

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**for and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP  
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16 December 2021

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# THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<b><u>INCOME FROM</u></b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Open days and related income		32,264	-	32,264	18,952
Environmental education		36,794	-	36,794	17,633
<b>Donations</b>					
Grants from government and other public bodies	5	12,048	-	12,048	16,457
Voluntary income	5	2,318	10,238	12,556	6,236
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>83,424</u>	<u>10,238</u>	<u>93,662</u>	<u>59,278</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE ON</u></b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Park and garden conservation		3,379	2,215	5,594	3,844
Open day and event costs		4,347	-	4,347	4,169
Non project staffing costs		48,867	-	48,867	54,908
Environmental education projects		2,501	-	2,501	5,209
<b>Raising funds</b>					
Marketing		708	-	708	3,873
<b>TOTAL</b>	7,8	<u>59,802</u>	<u>2,215</u>	<u>62,017</u>	<u>72,003</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		23,622	8,023	31,645	(12,725)
<b><u>Reconciliation of Funds</u></b>					
<b>FUND BALANCES brought forward at 1 September</b>		<u>78,446</u>	<u>17,286</u>	<u>95,732</u>	<u>108,457</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES carried forward at 31 August</b>		<u>102,068</u>	<u>25,309</u>	<u>127,377</u>	<u>95,732</u>

The results shown above are attributable to continuing operations only. The Charity had no other comprehensive income or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities. There are no material differences between the net (expenditure)/ income and the fund balances carried forward stated above and their historical cost equivalents. The accounts have been prepared in line with FRS 102.

**THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	10	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	11	2,556	986
Cash at bank and in hand		131,239	98,520
Total current assets		133,795	99,506
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,418)	(3,774)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		127,377	95,732
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		127,377	95,732
<b>THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:</b>			
Restricted income funds	13,14,16	25,309	17,286
Unrestricted income funds	13,14,15	102,068	78,446
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		127,377	95,732

The financial statements on pages 15 to 26 were approved by the Board on 30 November 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

*D. T. Frank*

David Frank  
Chairman

Company registration number: 4216691

# THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Gatton Trust Limited ("the Charity") is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in the United Kingdom (registered company number 4216691) and is a charity domiciled in the United Kingdom (registered charity number 1101467). The Charity's registered office and operational address is: Royal Alexandra and Albert School, Gatton Park, Reigate, Surrey RH2 0TW.

The Gatton Trust Limited is a public benefit entity.

### 2. ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency at the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Charity is a qualifying entity for the purposes of FRS 102 as it is part of the publicly available consolidated financial statements of the parent charity, Royal Alexandra and Albert School. The Charity has taken advantage of the following exemptions:

- (i) Under FRS 102 paragraph 1.12 (b), from preparing a statement of cash flows
- (ii) Certain disclosure requirements of section 11 in respect of financial instruments
- (iii) Disclosure of the Charity's key management personnel compensation

### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements, consistently applied to all the years presented, are set out below.

#### Going concern

The results for the year show a surplus despite the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In the face of two national lockdowns and COVID-19 restrictions limiting the number and types of activities that could be run, the charity has adapted its activity programme and staffing to ensure a year end surplus. Having made appropriate enquiries, the Trustees are satisfied that the Charity has adequate resources to continue for the foreseeable future being at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. For this reason, the Trustees have continued to adopt the going concern basis when preparing the financial statements.

# THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **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. Legacies, donations and other voluntary income represent income from legators, donors (whether individual or corporate), and grants from charitable trusts. Grants from government and other public bodies are accounted for where full approval has been received. Interest is accounted for when receivable. Income from charitable activities is accounted for when receivable.

#### **Charitable expenditure and management and administration expenditure**

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs of marketing the Charity to attract funds. Costs of charitable activities comprise all expenditure directly relating to the objects of the Charity. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis as a liability arises.

#### **Allocation of support costs**

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the Charity but are not directly incurred in the performance of charitable activities. Support costs include office costs apportioned on the basis of expenditure for each unrestricted fund activity in relation to the total cost. The allocation of support costs is analysed in Note 7.

#### **Pension costs**

The Charity pays contributions for those employees who elect to become members, into a qualifying pension scheme established with the National Employment Savings Trust. Contributions for one employee are paid into a personal pension scheme with Friends Provident.

Both Scheme's assets are invested separately from the Charity's assets and payments are charged to the statement of financial activities as they are incurred.

#### **Irrecoverable Value Added Tax**

Any irrecoverable Value Added Tax is charged to the statement of financial activities, or capitalised as part of the cost of the related asset, as appropriate.

#### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets, costing £2,000 or more, are stated at historic cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes the original purchase price of the asset and the costs attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use. Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of the assets, less their residual values, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor Vehicles	50% straight line
Plant and machinery	25% straight line

The useful economic lives and residual value of fixed assets are reviewed at the end of each accounting period.



# THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds comprise accumulated surpluses on general funds. They are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity.

#### Designated funds

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aims and uses of the designated funds are set out in Note 15.

#### Restricted funds

These are funds for which the donor has specifically restricted the purpose for which the funds can be used. The amounts in the funds represent the monies still remaining for future expenditure.

#### Transfers between funds

Transfers are made from and within unrestricted funds in line with charitable objectives.

#### Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. It is in the opinion of the Trustees that there are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment of the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

### 4. STATUS

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of the member in the event of a winding up is limited to £1.

### 5. DONATIONS AND VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Grants and donations comprise:		
Grants from government and other public bodies	12,048	16,457
Donations and other voluntary income	12,556	6,236
	<u>24,604</u>	<u>22,693</u>

Grants from government and other public bodies comprise grants from the government of £12,048 (2020: £16,457) claimed through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme to cover employees' wages.

# THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

### 5. DONATIONS AND VOLUNTARY INCOME (continued)

Donations and other voluntary income include the following amounts received of £750 and over:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Netherby Trust	5,000	-
Merstham Millennium Trust	2,010	-
Toyota (GB) Charitable Trust	2,000	-
The Tree Council	1,228	-
Jeremiah Colman Gift Trust	750	750
Postcode Local Trust	-	2,108
CLA Charitable Trust	-	1,500

### 6. ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS, TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The monthly average number of employees was 2.7 (2020: 4.6). Calculated as full time equivalents the employee number was 1.5 (2020: 2.3). All employees are involved in the delivery of education activities.

Staff costs	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	41,133	49,208
Social security costs	2,720	2,876
Other pension costs	2,239	3,221
	<u>46,092</u>	<u>55,305</u>

None of the employees earned more than £60,000 (2020: none). None of the Trustees received any remuneration or expenses (2020: none).

Audit fees of £2,150 (2020: £2,050) were borne by the parent charity who made no recharge.

### 7. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE

Current year	Direct costs	Support costs	2021
	£	£	£
Park and garden conservation	5,254	340	5,594
Open day and event costs	4,082	265	4,347
Non project staffing costs	45,893	2,974	48,867
Environmental education projects	2,349	152	2,501
Marketing	665	43	708
	<u>58,243</u>	<u>3,774</u>	<u>62,017</u>

# THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

### 7. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY ACTIVITY TYPE (continued)

Comparative year	Direct costs	Support costs	2020
	£	£	£
Park and garden conservation	3,694	150	3,844
Open day and event costs	4,006	163	4,169
Non project staffing costs	52,764	2,144	54,908
Environmental education projects	5,006	203	5,209
Marketing	3,722	151	3,873
	<u>69,192</u>	<u>2,811</u>	<u>72,003</u>

### 8. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

Current year	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021
	£	£	£
Direct costs	56,028	2,215	58,243
Support costs	3,774	-	3,774
	<u>59,802</u>	<u>2,215</u>	<u>62,017</u>

  

Comparative year	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020
	£	£	£
Direct costs	62,954	6,238	69,192
Support costs	2,811	-	2,811
	<u>65,765</u>	<u>6,238</u>	<u>72,003</u>

### 9. TAXATION

The Gatton Trust Limited, as a registered charity, is exempt from taxation on capital gains and income arising and expended on its charitable activities.

# THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

### 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and Machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 September 2020	4,347	2,500	6,847
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 August 2021	<u>4,347</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>6,847</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 September 2020	4,347	2,500	6,847
Charge for year	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 August 2021	<u>4,347</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>6,847</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 August 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

### 11. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	1,240	467
Accrued income and prepayments	<u>1,316</u>	<u>519</u>
	<u>2,556</u>	<u>986</u>

### 12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	224	434
Amounts owed to group undertakings	4,206	2,490
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,988</u>	<u>850</u>
	<u>6,418</u>	<u>3,774</u>

Amounts owed to the charitable corporation, Royal Alexandra and Albert School, are unsecured, interest-free and payable upon demand.

# THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

### 13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £
Fixed assets	-	-	-
Current assets	108,486	25,309	133,795
Current liabilities	(6,418)	-	(6,418)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>102,068</b>	<b>25,309</b>	<b>127,377</b>

  

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2020 £
Fixed assets	-	-	-
Current assets	82,220	17,286	99,506
Current liabilities	(3,774)	-	(3,774)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>78,446</b>	<b>17,286</b>	<b>95,732</b>

### 14. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	At 1 Sept 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund Transfers £	At 31 Aug 2021 £
Unrestricted funds:					
- General funds	78,446	83,424	(59,802)	-	102,068
- Designated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted funds	17,286	10,238	(2,215)	-	25,309
	<u>95,732</u>	<u>93,662</u>	<u>(62,017)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,377</u>

  

	At 1 Sept 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund Transfers £	At 31 Aug 2020 £
Unrestricted funds:					
- General funds	76,455	54,410	(65,765)	13,346	78,446
- Designated funds	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted funds	32,002	4,868	(6,238)	(13,346)	17,286
	<u>108,457</u>	<u>59,278</u>	<u>(72,003)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,732</u>

# THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

### 15. DESIGNATED FUNDS

At 31 August 2021 there were no designated funds (2020: none).

After the year end, it was agreed by the Trustees to designate £70,000 of the unrestricted funds as follows:

	£
Glasshouse Restoration	30,000
Footpaths in Rock Garden	15,000
Pulhamite Pond and Waterfall	15,000
Japanese Garden	5,000
Old World Garden	5,000
	<u>70,000</u>

### 16. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	At 1 Sept 2020	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	At 31 Aug 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Joint funds</b>					
Orchard Project	68	-	-	-	68
	<u>68</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68</u>
<b>Parkland funds</b>					
Japanese Garden	1,105	-	(987)	-	118
Trees For The Future	-	8,228	(1,228)	-	7,000
	<u>1,105</u>	<u>8,228</u>	<u>(2,215)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,118</u>
<b>Education funds</b>					
General Education	14,613	-	-	-	14,613
Reserves	-	2,010	-	-	2,010
Forest School For All	1,500	-	-	-	1,500
London School Project	<u>16,113</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,123</u>
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<u>17,286</u>	<u>10,238</u>	<u>(2,215)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,309</u>

Restricted Funds comprise funds donated for the specific use of the projects noted above. Any amounts unspent in any year are carried forward to the next.

The General Education Reserves comprise the general funds of Gatton Park Education Trust Limited which were transferred at the time of the merger and which will continue to be restricted as per their original purpose.

# THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

### 16. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

	At 1 Sept 2019	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	At 31 Aug 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Joint funds</b>					
Orchard Project	68	-	-	-	68
	<u>68</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68</u>
<b>Parkland funds</b>					
Japanese Garden	550	2,858	(2,303)	-	1,105
	<u>550</u>	<u>2,858</u>	<u>(2,303)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,105</u>
<b>Education funds</b>					
General education reserves	29,584	-	(1,625)	(13,346)	14,613
Forest School For All	1,800	510	(2,310)	-	-
London School Project	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
	<u>55,833</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>(3,935)</u>	<u>(13,346)</u>	<u>16,113</u>
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<u>32,002</u>	<u>4,868</u>	<u>(6,238)</u>	<u>(13,346)</u>	<u>17,286</u>

### 17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY AND PARENT CHARITY

The charitable corporation, Royal Alexandra and Albert School, is the parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements as at 31 August 2021. Royal Alexandra and Albert School is a charity registered in the United Kingdom (registered charity number 311945) whose principal address is Gatton Park, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 OTW and its consolidated financial statements can be obtained from this address.

Royal Alexandra and Albert School is an educational charity whose principal purpose is to accommodate and educate 'Foundationers', children who are without one or both parents or whose special circumstances make it desirable for attending a boarding school. The parent charity's activities include the provision of an education centre for the benefit of the School and the public, as well as the conservation of the historic landscape and buildings within Gatton Park. The parent charity exercises its control through the power to appoint or remove the majority of Trustees.

# THE GATTON TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

### 18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Donations received from related parties:</b>		
Netherby Trust	5,000	-
Merstham Millennium Trust	2,010	-
G Sperrin	400	-
<b>Sales to related parties:</b>		
G Sperrin	200	-
<b>Purchases from related parties:</b>		
Gatton Community Theatre	810	-

During the year, the charity purchased a long-service retirement gift for former Trustee Graham Williams at a cost of £125.