

BIDDULPH IN BLOOM

England & Wales · Charity number 1109447

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-05-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO CONSERVE THE ENVIRONMENT, MAINLY USING VOLUNTEERS, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC. (2) TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF CONSERVATION.

Activities: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING TREE PLANTING, SPRING BULB PLANTING AND SEASONAL BEDDING SCHEMES. WEEDING, LIFTING LITTER, STREET SWEEPING, INCLUDING PAINTING AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE ON COMMUNITY ASSETS SUCH AS STREET FURNITURE.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED BUT IN PRACTICE STAFFORDSHIRE
- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£38,421	£42,236	-	-
2024-01-31	£41,822	£34,319	-	-
2023-01-31	£60,765	£36,506	-	-
2022-01-31	£87,188	£48,390	-	-
2021-01-31	£52,861	£40,581	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
HELEN WILSHAW		2024-10-09
Katharina Heidi Archer		2020-01-29
Louise Smallwood		2025-02-12
Margaret Eleanor Norbury		2025-02-12

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Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT OF BIDDULPH IN BLOOM 2024/25

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The Registered Charity No. 1109447

The Registered Address for Charity purposes

Biddulph Town Hall

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Biddulph

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Charitable Objectives

The Charity's objectives are to conserve the environment, mainly using volunteers, for the benefit of the public and to encourage the public in the practice of conservation. The Charity encourages the local community to value its assets such as trees, shrubs, garden areas, seats and benches. The local community appreciate and respect the work of the charity, and this is reflected in the feedback both in person and through social media. Our volunteers dedicate thousands of hours each year to achieve the aims and objectives of the charity, which include keeping our local environment tidy and free of rubbish through targeted maintenance such as litter picking, weeding our streets and garden areas, planning and maintaining floral displays. We have a programme of tree planting and have previously introduced wild meadow areas to encourage the conservation and sustainability of local wildlife habitats. We also work with local schools and groups.

Governance

The charity is managed by a board of Trustees (the Executive Committee).

Chairperson: Lesley Drumm

Vicè Chairperson: Helen Wilshaw

Honorary Treasurer: Katharina Archer

Honorary Secretary: Sarah Bradley

The Trustees may co-opt any member a Trustee to fill a vacancy that arises, that Trustee would then be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Members if they wish to be a Trustee would be considered by the Executive Committee and the outcome determined by a majority vote. The entire Executive stands down annually at our Annual General Meeting and are then re-elected by the membership.

Aims of Biddulph in Bloom for 2024

The Charity's goals for 2024 to focus on fundraising so that the work of the charity can continue to enhance the town. To build stronger relationships with the local community, schools and community groups, through fundraising events and shared initiatives and projects. To build a memorial garden to celebrate the late Hilda Sheldon, the Charity's founder. To make improvements to the land bequeathed to the charity by Your Housing.

Financial Review

The Charity holds reserve funds as follows:

- £25,000 to enhance the land on Wells Street.
- £20,000 to build a memorial garden to commemorate the life of Hilda Sheldon the Charity's founder.
- £15,000 to replace tools and equipment as necessary.

The Trustees have been prudent with funds and carried forward a balance of £46,526 in our main account and £36,312 in our legacy account. The carry forward includes the reserved funds reported above. With these funds we also plan to replace trees, plants, planters and make further improvements to our Well Street site.

All our funds are used to purchase materials and equipment to meet the aims of the Charity, some funds are used to pay self-employed help to manage the heavy work that our volunteers are unable to do and for specialist advice. We do not employ any staff.

The Honorary Treasurer, Katharina Archer, manages the finances on a day-to-day basis and reports back to the Chairperson and Trustees to ensure that the objectives set by the Trustees are met in adherence with our Finance Policy. The accounts are audited by BK Plus (Chartered Certified Accountants) Tunstall Road, Biddulph.

Trustees are aware of their responsibilities and obligations and although they have not undertaken any formal training set by the Charity, they are trained in a diverse range of subject areas from previous and current employment. Trustees work hard to keep up to date with any new legislation and publications that are required to fulfil their role to a high standard. Policies and, Health and Safety risk assessments are carried out where necessary and updated annually or earlier if required. All volunteers receive a copy of the Health and Safety rules and sign to confirm receipt and acknowledgement. Training is undertaken ad hoc where necessary and all volunteers adhere to instructions to ensure their safety. The Charity is also compliant with data protection requirements.

Successes

During 2024 we have held several successful fundraising events such as Pancake Day; Open Gardens; and Cuppa, cake and Chat. These events are appreciated by the local community and give our citizens the opportunity to get together in celebration of the Charity and its objectives. We have maintained all our projects to

a high standard and continued our renovation of seats, benches and planters, and our programme of tree planting and maintenance. This year we have also worked with local school children to plant bluebell bulbs in areas of woodland, and Duke of Edinburgh students litter picking to keep our streets clean. The Charity continues to provide a beautiful, clean and environmentally safe place for its local community.

Objectives for 2025

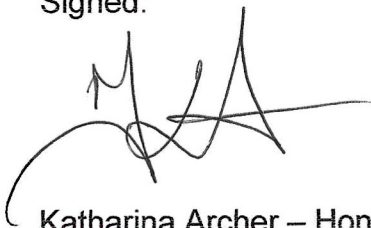
Improve the local environment through our initiatives of litter picking, tree planting, annual planting schemes, bench renovation. Strengthen links with local community groups and schools through joint ventures that help make Biddulph the Garden Town of Staffordshire.

Challenges Ahead

Our biggest challenge is the recruitment of volunteers, which remains one of our key objectives. We are also developing the Hilda Sheldon Memorial Garden and working with the local council to ensure this project reaches fruition.

Written by the Honorary Treasurer of Biddulph in Bloom - Katharina Archer

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.A.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Katharina Archer – Honorary Treasurer Biddulph in Bloom
Dated: 21st September 2025

BIDDULPH IN BLOOM
YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025
ANNUAL GENERAL ACCOUNT

**Report of the Independent Examiner
to the Trustees of
Biddulph in Bloom**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Biddulph in Bloom for the year ended 31 January 2025, which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of 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 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

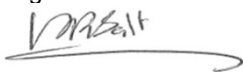
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Signed:



Dated :

27/11/2025

K R Salt FCCA
Independent Examiner

BK Plus Limited
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Adventure Place
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2025

2024	Receipts		2025	2024	Payments	2025	
-	Balance at 01/02/24	Petty cash	150.00	157.00	Insurance	157.00	
34,660.24	Balance at 01/02/24	Designated funds	36,312.24	300.00	Accountancy	300.00	
40,676.19	Balance at 01/02/24	Current	46,376.83	1,528.90	Legal fees	-	
	Grant Aid:			14,306.92	Plants	11,719.84	
25,000.00	Biddulph Town Council		20,000.00	1,946.95	Materials & repairs	969.06	
	Staffs Moorlands D.C. Grants						
5,500.00	Staffs Moorlands D.C.		5,500.00	15,082.50	Help - Watering & Heavy Work	17,875.80	
					- Equipment - Trailer and Towbar	3,900.00	
					- Equipment - Stihl Hedge Trimmer	675.97	
					- Office Equipment	399.99	
	Gifts and donations:				Legacy costs (designated funds)		
2,580.20	Memorial Gifts		1,541.50		- Allotment project	4,370.00	
300.00	A D Coaches sponsorship		-		- Office Equipment	675.96	
200.00	Jean Jackson & Line Dancers		300.00		- Computer running costs	129.79	
1,655.81	Business & Private Donations		5,255.66	504.40	Advertisements	332.08	
				228.21	Stationery	54.49	
				232.46	Sundries	713.43	
					-		
	Events:				Events:		
1,965.74	Pancake Day		1,567.61	6.00	Pancake Day	12.95	
2,262.70	Open Garden		2,322.65		- Open Garden	-	
548.07	Cuppa, cake & chat		717.83	25.55	Cuppa, cake & chat	9.24	
-	Filmshow		140.00				
1,652.00	Interest Designated funds account		1,075.35	150.00	Balance at 31/01/25	Petty cash	100.01
157.01	Interest Current account		-	36,312.24	Balance at 31/01/25	Designated funds	32,311.84
				46,376.83	Balance at 31/01/25	Current	46,552.22
117,157.96	Total		121,259.67	117,157.96	Total	Total	121,259.67

BIDDULPH IN BLOOM

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

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Current Account		46,552
Designated Fund Account		32,312
Petty cash		100
		<u>78,964</u>
Prepayments		<u>-</u>
Liabilities	Accountancy	<u>300</u>

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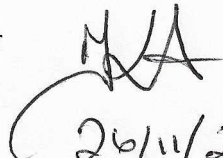
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Signed:
Mrs K. H. Archer

Dated:


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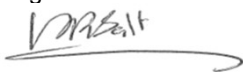
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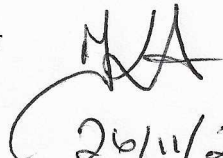
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Trustees:

Chairperson: Lesley Drumm
Vice Chairperson: Helen Wilshaw
Honorary Treasurer: Katharina Archer
Honorary Secretary: Sarah Bradley

Our Constitution was adopted on the 22nd January 1998 and our Model Constitution was taken from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers for Affiliated Groups. We have been members of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers for Affiliated Groups since 1991. The Trustees may make any member a Trustee to fill a vacancy that arises, that Trustee would then be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Members if they wish to be a Trustee would be considered by the Executive Committee and the outcome determined by a majority vote. The entire Executive stands down annually at our Annual General Meeting and are then re-elected by the membership.

In January 2018 we adopted a change to our Constitution, but this was rejected by the Charity Commission. At our AGM on 29th January 2020 our original constitution and the clause regarding assets was unanimously readopted with no objections or dissensions.

At our AGM on 11th January 2023 the membership unanimously elected Lesley Drumm as Chair, Sarah Bradley as Honorary Secretary and Katharina Archer as Honorary Treasurer. Also, Joan Tyndall, was elected Vice-Chair by the membership; however, she later resigned from this position. At a special meeting on 2nd June 2023 Helen Roberts was then elected Vice-Chair by membership to hold office until the next AGM. During 2023 three of our trustees resigned, Wendy Rowley, Jean Nixon and Geoff Tyndall. Sarah Bradley was appointed as a Trustee at an extraordinary meeting on 26th July 2023. Helen Wilshaw was co-opted as a Trustee and her appointment was ratified at the AGM on 17th January 2024. At the last AGM the membership acknowledged the retirement of our Patron, Judge David Fletcher, and unanimously elected Lesley Drumm as Chair, Helen Wilshaw as Vice-Chair, Sarah Bradley as Honorary Secretary and Katharina Archer as Honorary Treasurer. The Charity and its management have remained in a stable position throughout the year apart from changes to the position of Vice-Chair.

Financial Review

The Charity usually keeps a small reserve; however, due to financial pressures on our community with the increase in mortgage rates and inflation, the Charity felt it wise to be prudent with expenditure in 2022. Despite the hardships encountered by our community we still received generous donations and support throughout 2022 and, therefore, we ended the year with a larger carry forward and started our financial year from February 2023 with a balance of approximately £40,000 in our main account. A significant proportion of the carry forward was from donations that were dedicated to a memorial Health and Wellbeing Garden in honour of our Founder, Hilda Sheldon. The Memorial Garden is still in the planning stage, and we are waiting for agreement from Town, District and County Councils on the use of some land for the project. The Charity also holds a Legacy Fund of approximately £35,000, from which a significant proportion has been set aside for maintenance work on the land we were gifted from Your Housing. This land has been used by the Charity for several years but requires a significant amount of work to provide adequate access to vehicles and to make the land suitable for planting and general use.

For this financial year our Legacy account is held by the Hanley Economic Building Society and we opened an account with the Cooperative Bank in July 2023 to hold our main funds that are used for the day-to-day management of the Charity. Most of our funding, particularly from grants, is used to purchase materials and equipment to meet the aims of the Charity, some of these funds are used to pay self-employed help to manage the heavy work that our volunteers are unable to do and for specialist advice. We do not employ any staff.

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environment tidy and free of rubbish through targeted maintenance such as litter picking, weeding our streets and garden areas, planning and maintaining floral displays. We have a programme of tree planting and in 2022 we introduced wild meadow areas to encourage the conservation and sustainability of local wildlife habitats. This year our objective was stability and, therefore, most of our expenditure has been used to maintain existing projects and deliver our twice-yearly planting schemes that decorate the town.

Successes

During 2023 we have held fundraising events such as Pancake Day, our Open Gardens and Cuppa and a Cake. These events are appreciated by the local community and give our citizens the opportunity to get together in celebration of the Charity and its objectives. Unfortunately, we have not entered the Heart of England In Bloom competition this year, as our gardening volunteers have depleted, but we have maintained all our projects to a high standard and continued our renovation of seats, benches and planters, and our programme of tree planting. The Charity has also joined forces with a local primary school to deliver a programme of bulb planting that will bloom in spring 2024. We have also enhanced our social media presence with the help of Helen Wilshaw, to engage the local community and encourage more volunteers to keep the Charity going for future generations. We have also set up WhatsApp groups for our volunteer gardeners to communicate any arrangements to meet up, planned works or to vote on day-to-day decisions, and a Trustee group to discuss matters when it is not convenient to meet up physically. All our online resources are supported by other methods of communication for those of our volunteers and members that do not wish to use the internet. Our final project was the development of the Charity's website, which has now been published on the internet. The Charity continues to provide a beautiful, clean and environmentally safe place for its local community.

Objectives for Next Year

The Charity's objectives next year are to maintain the status quo, focus on the renovation of our land, progress the memorial project and encourage the appointment of more volunteers.

At the end of this financial year, we carry forward the sum of approximately £46,500 in our main account and £36,300 in our Legacy account. A significant amount of the carry forward is funds raised towards our Memorial Garden project. After consultation with the donor's family, we also aim to start using our Legacy fund for the renovation of our land and the purchase of some IT equipment in the coming financial year.

Written by the Honorary Treasurer of Biddulph in Bloom - Katharina Archer

Signed:



Dated: 27th September 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

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2023	Receipts		2024	2023	Payments	2024
37,794.81	Balance at 01/02/23	Restricted funds	34,660.24	157.00	Insurance	157.00
13,282.94	Balance at 01/02/23	Current	40,676.19	-	Accountancy	300.00
				-	Legal fees	1,528.90
	Grant Aid:					
41,172.00	Biddulph Town Council		25000.00	7,635.00	Plants	14,306.92
				1,365.79	Materials & repairs	1,946.95
	Staffs Moorlands D.C. Grants					
-	Staffs Moorlands D.C.		5500.00			
2,000.00	S.M.D.C - I Lawson		0.00	18,387.00	Help - Watering & Heavy Work	15,082.50
450.00	S.M.D.C - J Redfern		0.00	-	Planters and baskets	-
520.00	S.M.D.C - T Hall		0.00	5,542.80	Equipment - Water bowser	-
	Gifts and donations:				Legacy costs (restricted funds)	
6,021.00	Memorial Gifts		2580.20	-	Planters	-
-	A D Coaches sponsorship		300.00	2,750.00	Trees & Shrubs	-
-	Jean Jackson & Line Dancers		200.00			
5,265.67	Business & Private Donations		1655.81	137.88	Advertisements	504.40
				130.77	Stationery	228.21
				280.00	Sundries	232.46
	Events:				Events:	
1,465.00	Pancake Day		1965.74	-	Pancake Day	6.00
2,162.80	Open Garden		2262.70	-	Open Garden	-
546.08	Cuppa, cake & chat		548.07	120.00	Cuppa, cake & chat	25.55
365.43	Interest Restricted funds account		1652.00			
47.87	Interest Current account		157.01	34,660.24	Balance at 31/01/24	Petty cash 150.00
749.07	Gift Aid		-	40,676.19	Balance at 31/01/24	Restricted funds 36,312.24
						Current <u>46,376.83</u>
111,842.67		Total	117,157.96	111,842.67	Total	117,157.96

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

Monetary Assets		General Account
	Current Account	46,377
	Restricted Fund Account	36,312
	Petty cash	150
		<u>82,839</u>
Prepayments		<u>3,000</u>
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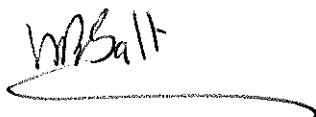
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Signed: 

Dated: 21st November 2024

K R Salt FCCA
Independent Examiner

BK Plus Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Adventure Place
Hanley
Stoke on Trent
Staffordshire
ST1 3AF

BIDDULPH IN BLOOM

England & Wales - Charity number 1109447

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT OF BIDDULPH IN BLOOM 2022/23

The registered and only name is Biddulph in Bloom
The Registered Charity No is 1109447
The Registered Address for Charity purposes is
Biddulph Town Hall
High Street
Biddulph
ST8 6AR

Trustees:

Chairperson: Lesley Drumm
Vice Chairperson: Jean Nixon
Honorary Treasurer: Katharina Archer
Honorary Secretary: Sarah Bradley
Trustee: Wendy Rowley

Our Constitution was adopted on the 22nd January 1998 and our Model Constitution was taken from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers for Affiliated Groups. We have been members of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers for Affiliated Groups since 1991. The Trustees may co-opt any member a Trustee to fill a vacancy that arises, that Trustee would then be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Members if they wish to be a Trustee would be considered by the Executive Committee and the outcome determined by a majority vote. The entire Executive stands down annually at our Annual General Meeting and are then re-elected by the membership.

In January 2018 we adopted a change to our Constitution, but this was rejected by the Charity Commission. At our AGM on 29th January 2020 our original constitution and the clause regarding assets was unanimously readopted with no objections or dissensions.

As advised in our last Annual Report, we sadly lost our Founder and Chairperson, Hilda Sheldon in June 2022. Since then, the Vice Chairperson at the time, Jean Nixon, stepped up to cover the role. For a short period, we elected a new Chairperson, Simon Clayton, but unfortunately, he was unable to fulfil the role and resigned shortly thereafter. This has been a turbulent year for the Charity and our main goal has been to remain on course and keep the Charity going, which we have achieved. During 2022 Lesley Drumm was appointed a Trustee and then at our AGM on 11th January 2023 Lesley Drumm was unanimously elected to the position of Chairperson. Since then, the Charity has been in a stable position. At the AGM Katharina Archer was unanimously re-elected Honorary Treasurer for a further term. In 2023 Sarah Bradley was co-opted a Trustee and elected Secretary.

Financial Review

The Charity usually keeps a small reserve of approximately £15,000 for the replacement of tools that are essential to our work. However, due to the loss of our Founder and long-term Chairperson we have been very prudent in our use of funds

Successes

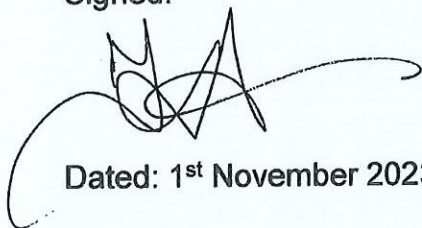
During 2022 we have resumed our fundraising events such as Pancake Day, our Open Gardens and Cuppa and a Cake events. These events are appreciated by the local community and give our citizens the opportunity to get together in celebration of the Charity and its objectives. Unfortunately, due to the loss of Hilda we have not entered the Heart of England In Bloom competitions this year, but we have maintained all our projects to a high standard and continued our renovation of seats, benches and planters, and our programme of tree planting and maintenance. The Charity continues to provide a beautiful, clean and environmentally safe place for its local community.

Challenges Ahead

Our biggest challenge is the recruitment of volunteers to continue the legacy of the Charity and Hilda Sheldon. In the future this will be one of our key objectives.

Written by the Honorary Treasurer of Biddulph in Bloom - Katharina Archer

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Archer', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Dated: 1st November 2023

BIDDULPH IN BLOOM
YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023
ANNUAL GENERAL ACCOUNT

**Report of the Independent Examiner
to the Trustees of
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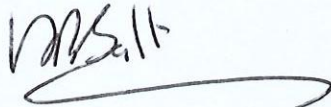
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Signed:



Dated: 27.11.2023

K R Salt FCCA
Independent Examiner

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year 1 February 2022 to 31 January 2023

2022	Receipts		2023	2022	Payments	2023	
-	Balance at 01/02/22	Restricted funds	37,794.81	157.00	Insurance	157.00	
12,280.22	Balance at 01/02/22	Current	13,282.94				
	Grant Aid:			6,730.55	Plants	7,635.00	
25,000.00	Biddulph Town Council		41,172.00	8,067.71	Materials & repairs	1,365.79	
	Staffs Moorlands D.C. Grants						
5,000.00	Staffs Moorlands D.C.		-	20,217.00	Help - Watering & Heavy Work	18,387.00	
-	S.M.D.C - I Lawson		2,000.00	4,715.30	Planters and baskets	-	
-	S.M.D.C - J Redfern		450.00	-	Equipment - Water bowser	5,542.80	
-	S.M.D.C - T Hall		520.00				
750.00	Staffordshire County Council Grant		-				
	Legacy (restricted funds)				Legacy costs (restricted funds)		
45,125.00	P Brooks - Legacy		-	5,219.64	Planters	-	
				3,000.00	Trees & Shrubs	2,750.00	
	Gifts and donations:						
2,745.89	Memorial Gifts		6,021.00	31.20	Advertisements	137.88	
300.00	A D Coaches sponsorship		-	58.64	Stationery	130.77	
8,110.49	Business & Private Donations		5,265.67	193.00	Sundries	280.00	
	Events:				Events:		
-	Pancake Day		1,465.00	-	Pancake Day	-	
-	Open Garden		2,162.80	-	Open Garden	-	
-	Cuppa, cake & chat		546.08	-	Cuppa, cake & chat	120.00	
139.45	Interest Restricted funds account		365.43				
16.74	Interest Current account		47.87				
-	Gift Aid		749.07				
				37,794.81	Balance at 31/01/23	Restricted funds	34,660.24
				13,282.94	Balance at 31/01/23	Current	40,676.19
99,467.79	Total		111,842.67	99,467.79	Total	Total	111,842.67

BIDDULPH IN BLOOM

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

Monetary Assets		General Account
	Current Account	40,676
	Restricted Fund Account	34,660
		<u>75,336</u>
Debtors		<u>-</u>
Liabilities	Accountancy	<u>300</u>

Non Monetary Assets

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Signed:
Mrs K. H. Archer

Dated:

22/11/23

BIDDULPH IN BLOOM
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ANNUAL GENERAL ACCOUNT

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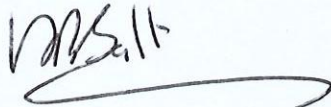
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BIDDULPH IN BLOOM

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At our AGM January 2018 we adopted a change to our Constitution that all monies and assets should pass to Biddulph Town Council in the event of Biddulph in Bloom ceasing as a charity. Although initially this change was accepted by the Charity Commission this was rejected at the second stage as Biddulph Town Council is not a Charity, Ref. 1830988 Regulated Change Rejected. At our AGM held on 29th January 2020, we re-adopted our original constitution regarding our assets if we should cease as a charity. It had the full approval of the meeting with no objections or dissensions.

Financial Review

We keep a small reserve in our main account for the replacement of equipment and tools that are essential to the work of the Charity. We have opened a second account which holds the legacy we received of £45,125.00. Both accounts are held at the Hanley Economic Building Society, High Street, Biddulph. The legacy funding has restrictions on how it can be used for the benefit of the Town through the Charity. The Trustees have delegated the day-to-day management of the Charity to the Chair, and in their absence to the Vice-Chair. We do not employ any staff; however, we do pay for self-employed labour to help with the heavy work and, where necessary, for specialist advice.

The Honorary Treasurer, Katharina Archer, manages the finances on a day-to-day basis. The accounts are examined by Walleys, Tunstall Road, Biddulph and of 2 Adventure Place, Stoke on Trent and are Chartered Certified Accountants.

The Trustees have been in their role for many years and are familiar with their responsibilities. No formal training is undertaken but Trustees keep themselves up to date with legal requirements and any necessary publications. Biddulph in Bloom employs no staff and Trustees make decisions regarding the organisation of the Charity. Health and Safety risk assessments are carried out where

necessary and are updated annually or sooner if required. All volunteers receive a copy of the Health and Safety rules and sign to confirm receipt and acknowledgement. Training is undertaken ad hoc where necessary and all volunteers adhere to instructions to ensure their safety.

The Charity objectives are to conserve the environment mainly using volunteers for the benefit of the public and to encourage the public in the practice of conservation. The Charity tries to encourage the community by example. Prior to Covid 19 we gave talks to local groups and schools on the value of community conservation and the enhancement of the environment; however, due to unforeseen circumstances we have not been able to resume since Covid restrictions were lifted. We encourage the community to value community assets such as trees, shrubs, environmental improvements and town seats and benches through our work. Volunteers give thousands of unpaid hours each year to our community, with activities such as litter picking, weeding our streets and garden areas, planning and maintaining floral displays. We also have a programme of tree planting to improve the environment for the Town and to replace diseased or dying trees.

During 2021 we were unable to resume our usual fund-raising events such as Pancake Day and our Open Gardens. However, these events have been resumed in 2022 with additional events to raise the profile of the Charity. Due to changes in the economic climate, we are mindful that our donations and gifts may reduce as the people of our community experience new hardships. To ensure that we maintain our focus and to bring joy to our community through our garden areas and displays, we manage our resources carefully with good project management and prudent spending. One of our key aims for 2021 and 2022 is to improve conservation and sustainability by replacing some of our twice annual planting schemes with perennial planting and shrubs.

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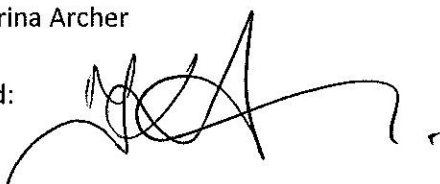
We have been very successful for the past years in the Heart of England in Bloom, winning successive Gold Awards. In 2021 we entered the national In Bloom competition by submitting a portfolio due to the Covid 19 restrictions. We were extremely successful and achieved another Gold Award scoring 95 out of 100 points and the judges stated that Biddulph in Bloom was in 'a class of its own'. We have also undertaken an extensive programme of refurbishing and repairing the many memorial benches in the Town. From our legacy funding we have also replaced many of our barrier baskets and containers, which were no longer fit for purpose, with more sustainable self-watering models.

Additional Information

In June 2022 we tragically lost our long-standing Founder and Chair, Hilda Sheldon MBE. The death of our Chair has had an enormous impact on the Charity, but our members have endeavoured to continue with Hilda's ambitions for the Charity and our community. In the forthcoming year we hope to build on the foundations that Hilda laid, by continuing to improve the local environment through our existing gardens and display, and future projects of rejuvenation.

Written by the Honorary Treasurer of Biddulph in Bloom
Katharina Archer

Signed:



Dated: 2nd November 2022

BIDDULPH IN BLOOM
YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022
ANNUAL GENERAL ACCOUNT

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Signed: 

Dated: 8 November 2022.

David Fox FCCA
Independent Examiner

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Staffordshire
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	Grant Aid:		16,029.50	Plants	6,730.55
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-	Staffordshire County Council Grant	750.00			
	Legacy (restricted funds)			Legacy costs (restricted funds)	
-	P Brooks - Legacy	45,125.00	-	Planters	5,219.64
			-	Trees & Shrubs	3,000.00
200.00	Ladies Inner Wheel	-	-	Advertisements	31.20
	Gifts and donations:		83.70	Stationery	58.64
2,789.63	Memorial Gifts	2,745.89	-	Sundries	193.00
-	A D Coaches sponsorship	300.00			
6,046.52	Business & Private Donations	8,110.49			
	Events:				
1,311.00	Pancake Day	-	536.00	Event costs	-
-	Interest Restricted funds account	139.45			
57.24	Interest Current account	16.74			
				Balance at 31/01/22	37,794.81
			12,280.22	Balance at 31/01/22	13,282.94
52,861.80	Total	99,467.79	52,861.80	Total	99,467.79

BIDDULPH IN BLOOM

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2022

Monetary Assets	General Account
Current Account	13,283
Restricted Fund Account	37,795
	<u>51,078</u>
Debtors Advance payment for Plants	<u>-</u>
Liabilities	<u>NIL</u>

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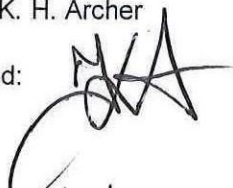
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01/11/2022