

ANNUAL REPORT OF BIDDULPH IN BLOOM

The registered and only name is Biddulph in Bloom

The Registered Charity Number is 1109447

The address for Charity purposes is

Biddulph Town Hall

High Street

Biddulph

ST8 6AR

Trustees:

Chairperson: Hilda Sheldon (Deceased)

Vice Chairperson: Jean Nixon

Honorary Secretary: Lesley Drumm

Honorary Treasurer: Katharina Archer

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 any vacancy that arises. That Trustee would then be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

Members if they wished 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 re-elected if they wish to be.

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 dissentions.

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.

Successes

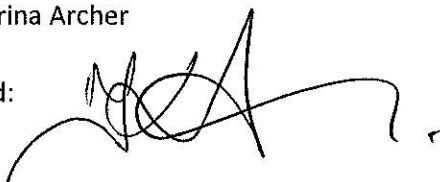
We have been very successful for the past years in the Heart of England in Bloom, winning successive Gold Awards. In 2021 we entered the national In Bloom competition by submitting a portfolio due to the Covid 19 restrictions. We were extremely successful and achieved another Gold Award scoring 95 out 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

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 2022, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

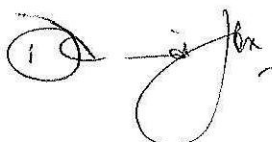
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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 :

8 November 2022.

David Fox FCCA
Independent Examiner

WCCA Limited T/A Walleys
Chartered Certified Accountants
Adventure Place
Hanley
Stoke on Trent
Staffordshire
ST1 3AF

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2022

2021	Receipts	2022	2021	Payments	2022
10,732.41	Balance at 01/02/21	12,280.22	319.20	Insurance	157.00
	Grant Aid:		16,029.50	Plants	6,730.55
25,000.00	Biddulph Town Council	25,000.00	4,863.18	Materials & repairs	8,067.71
	Staffs Moorlands D.C. Grants				
5,000.00	Staffs Moorlands D.C.	5,000.00	18,750.00	Help - Watering & Heavy Work	20,217.00
840.00	S.M.D.C - J Redfern	-	-	Planters and baskets	4,715.30
665.00	S.M.D.C - T Hall	-			
220.00	S.M.D.C - Hilda Sheldon	-			
-	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	Restricted funds
			12,280.22	Balance at 31/01/22	Current
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>
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Liabilities	<u>NIL</u>
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Non Monetary Assets

For use by the charity and belonging to the General Purposes Fund

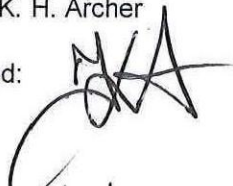
Street furniture (including sculpture, seats and planters)
Various small hand tools

Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are monies received to be used for the purchase of perennial plants, trees and shrubs to replenish damaged stock

Signed:
Mrs K. H. Archer

Dated:


01/11/2022