

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

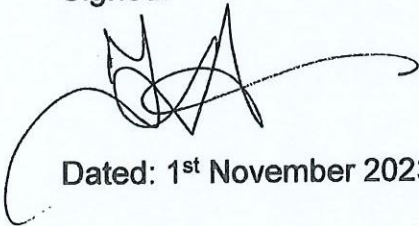
During 2022 we have resumed our fundraising events such as Pancake Day, our Open Gardens and Cuppa and a Cake events. These events are appreciated by the local community and give our citizens the opportunity to get together in celebration of the Charity and its objectives. Unfortunately, due to the loss 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 horizontal line 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
Biddulph in Bloom**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Biddulph in Bloom for the year ended 31 January 2023, 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.

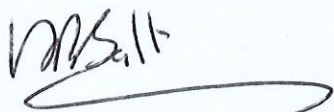
Independent examiner's statement

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: 27.11.2023

K R Salt FCCA
Independent Examiner

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Staffordshire
ST1 3AF

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
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99,467.79	Total		111,842.67	99,467.79	Total		111,842.67

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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

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

Street furniture (including sculpture, seats and planters)
Various small hand tools
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Mrs K. H. Archer

Dated:

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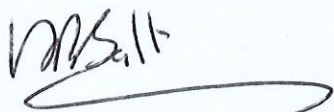
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