



## **ANNUAL REPORT OF BIDDULPH IN BLOOM 2024/25**

The registered and only name is Biddulph in Bloom

The Registered Charity No. 1109447

The Registered Address for Charity purposes

Biddulph Town Hall

High Street

Biddulph

ST8 6AR

### **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

Vice 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**

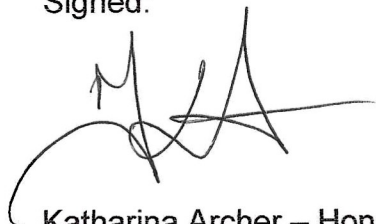
Improve the local environment through our initiatives of litter picking, tree planting, annual planting schemes, bench renovation. Strengthen links with local community groups and schools through joint ventures that help make Biddulph the Garden Town of Staffordshire.

### **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 be 'K.A.', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Katharina Archer – Honorary Treasurer Biddulph in Bloom

Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

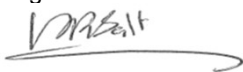
**Independent examiner's statement**

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

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Adventure Place  
Hanley  
Stoke on Trent  
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ST1 3AF

## 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
					Legacy costs (designated funds)		
	Gifts and donations:			-	Allotment project		4,370.00
2,580.20	Memorial Gifts		1,541.50	-	Office Equipment		675.96
300.00	A D Coaches sponsorship		-	-	Computer running costs		129.79
200.00	Jean Jackson & Line Dancers		300.00				
1,655.81	Business & Private Donations		5,255.66	504.40	Advertisements		332.08
				228.21	Stationery		54.49
				232.46	Sundries		713.43
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	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
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025**

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

**Non Monetary Assets**

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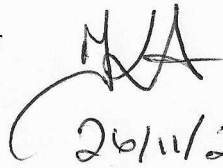
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**Designated Funds**

The designated funds are monies received, intended to be used primarily for the purchase of perennial plants, trees and shrubs to replenish damaged stock and new projects. The fund can be used for other costs as determined by the trustees.

Signed:  
Mrs K. H. Archer

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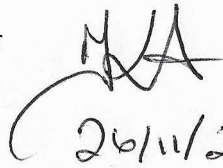
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