

THE ANTONY DALE TRUST

Registered charity number: 1124822

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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CHARITY INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the governing document, statutory requirements and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2011 (SORP).

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is organised so that the Trustees meet to manage its affairs. There are currently six trustees who manage the charity. The trust is also assisted by volunteers who offer their services from time to time.

In selecting individuals for appointment as Trustees regard is given to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. New trustees are provided with the trust deed and latest report and accounts, and appraised of the application of the charitable objectives set, and of the essential duties of a Trustee. This includes an annual evaluation of risks facing the Trust in pursuit of its charitable objectives.

Risk Management

The Trustees have informally assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of English Gardens; to advance the education of the public in particular but not exclusively by promoting research into and the study and understanding of the English Garden; to promote for the benefit of the public by associating together the said public, the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public; to or for such other charitable purposes as the trustees may from time to time determine.

Grant Making Policy

Grant applications are considered by the Trustees and grants are given consistent with the charity's objectives.

Statement of Public Benefit

We have reviewed the Trust's objectives in accordance with the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities is shown on page 5. There was a net increase in total funds of £10,195 (2020: decrease £39,908). The Trustees confirm that the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil its financial obligations.

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Achievements and performance

The Antony Dale Trust was established to secure the wish of Antony and Yvonne Dale that their 'Secret Garden' could be secured in perpetuity for general public benefit.

Their wills determining that this be undertaken through bequest to the then Brighton Council was thwarted, as the Council made clear that they could not take on such responsibility within its overall remit of Parks and Gardens. After much negotiation, which included possible transfer to the Regency Society, of which Antony Dale had been a prime mover, it became clear that the best option was to form an independent charitable trust dedicated to their wish. At the outset the aims set out stated 'the object of the charity is to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation of English Gardens; to advance the education of the public in particular but not exclusively by promoting research into and study of the English Garden to and for such other charitable purposes as the Trustees may from time to time determine'.

The founding group of trustees was chaired by Professor Gavin Henderson, a former Director of Brighton Festival, with Stephen Neiman, founding Director of the Old Market. They remain as Trustees together with Jackie Fitzgerald, Caroline Cowley and Talia Rodgers. Dorothea, Lady Campbell (a very old friend of the Dales) had served from the outset but stood down in the course of the year after considerable input in establishing the Trust. Christopher Baron joined as Trustee during the year. Volunteer Clair May took on the role of minute secretary in 2019, we are truly indebted to her for her dedicated service.

Early on, it was deemed that the Garden would make a fine base for the exhibition of sculpture, and that this should underscore the public benefit delivered by the Trust.

The first project on this account, several years before this year in review, was a commissioned work by Hamish Black, to be followed by a comprehensive collection of water sculptures by William Pye, requiring complex power supply to be installed in the Garden. This was to be succeeded by a group exhibition, for which Lianne Jarrett and Rachel Cunningham of LJA were engaged as curators and promoters (having been involved in the previous projects). However, the onset of Covid 19/Lockdown forced deferral of this exhibition (it was in fact established for the following year). One of the sculptors envisioned for this show, Elpida Hadzi Vasileev, had been asked by Brighton and Hove City Council (BHCC) to create a work around and about within a historic elm tree which had died in Preston Park - allegedly the oldest elm in the world. She and BHCC asked if this could be transferred and worked on in the Secret Garden; and so it was for much of this year in review, commanding great public interest and media attention.

In parallel with public openings, Siobhan Fitzgerald's 'Table' established weekly catering with cakes, teas and coffee to great acclaim, much enhancing the public enjoyment of the Garden.

In this year, the Trustees faced serious concerns about the fabric of certain aspects of the building. In particular, the loggia roof was becoming unstable and letting in water. So too, the plaster facing of the wall giving onto Bristol Place, together with the plaster work of the same wall within the loggia was deteriorating seriously. The exterior wall was at real risk to public danger.

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It is perhaps ironic that the covid catastrophe brought resources to the Garden, via local authority (BHCC) covid recovery grants and a Bounce Back loan. Without this funding the Trust would have faced a very uncertain future, the funding enabled considerable refurbishment of the buildings.

The Lockdown situation also triggered a need for BHCC to find outdoor locations for weddings. Thus it was that a new source of revenue, to underpin the charitable objectives, was established via wedding ceremonies (note : not receptions, for which a separate licensing arrangement would be required) this headed by Trustee Stephen Neiman. These weddings are strictly limited so as not to impede upon access to the Garden for public appreciation of, interaction with, exhibitions etc.

The Garden was also used for several performance events - a concert by the Hanover Band, and a benefit for Afghan refugees. Discussions were held with a number of educational institutions catering for special needs, as well as local schools in the Whitehawk area nearby to be developed once the Garden would be fully opened post pandemic. This has highlighted the need to improve disabled access over and above the ramp initially created (with support from the Causes Dear Trust Fund of the Garrick Club) at the inauguration of the Trust.

The replanting of the Garden has progressed, with a sense of maturity taking root, driven by the Trust's gardener, Nick Dwyer much applauded by the many visitors. He is the only paid member of the regular team, aside from the project work undertaken by LJA for the exhibition programme, the development of the database and of the mailing list drawn from the many visitors. From this list is derived the growing body of volunteers who steward the Garden for its public openings, coordinated by Jackie Fitzgerald. The Trustees work in an entirely voluntary capacity.

The Trust is grateful for donations from many individuals giving modest amounts on visiting, but also from a number of grant making trusts who support the exhibition programme, notably the Behrens Foundation and the Foyle Foundation. Without such support the Antony Dale Trust/Secret Garden could not function.

Reserves Policy

Whilst the need for certain specific reserves are identified to produce income for grants, the balance representing the general fund is retained on the basis of working capital being required in order to allow the charity to fund future activities in furtherance of its charitable objects over future years.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 24 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by



Professor Gavin Henderson CBE
Chairman

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds General fund £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
INCOME				
<i>Income from</i>				
Donations		33,017	33,017	10,323
Ancillary trading income	2	8,571	8,571	2,103
Interest		-	-	152
Total income		41,588	41,588	<i>12,578</i>
EXPENDITURE				
<i>Expenditure on</i>				
Charitable activities	3	20,919	20,919	<i>44,527</i>
Other expenditure	4	10,474	10,474	<i>7,959</i>
Total expenditure		31,393	31,393	<i>52,486</i>
Net income and net movement in funds		10,195	10,195	<i>(39,908)</i>
Net movement in funds		10,195	10,195	<i>(39,908)</i>
Total funds brought forward		(7,853)	(7,853)	<i>32,055</i>
Total funds carried forward		2,342	2,342	<i>(7,853)</i>

All reserves movements are on Unrestricted Funds.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed assets			125,000		125,000
Current assets					
Bank		43,202		37,147	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(7,860)		(3,750)	
Net current assets			35,342		33,397
Total assets less current liabilities			160,342		158,397
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year			(33,000)		(41,250)
Total assets less current liabilities			127,342		117,147
Represented by:					
Unrestricted funds:					
General reserve			2,342		(7,853)
Designated reserve			125,000		125,000
Total funds	5		127,342		117,147

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 September 2022 and signed on behalf of the Trustees by



Professor Gavin Henderson CBE



Stephen Neiman

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities'.

Incoming resources

Donations are accounted for on receipt, at the estimated value of property donated, or the actual value of cash donated. Voluntary income and donations, and any gift aid relief, are accounted for on receipt by the charity, and recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Resources expended

Expenses and grants payable are recognised in the accounts when they are incurred by the charity.

Property

Property is stated at the value when donated to the charity, and represents freehold property donated by the Estate of Ms Yvonne Dale. Trustees have designated this asset, to be held for the charity's use.

Reserves

The charity holds reserves in order to fund future charitable activities and grants in furtherance of the charitable objectives.

2 Ancillary trading income

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2021	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£
Wedding hire	8,317	8,317	1,503
Hire of gardens	-	-	600
Sunday café income	254	254	-
	8,571	8,571	2,103

3 Charitable costs

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2021	<i>Total 2020</i>
	£	£	£
Grants	1,500	1,500	-
Gardening	10,497	10,497	10,377
Garden items	-	-	2,240
Exhibition costs	-	-	6,546
Repairs and maintenance	4,623	4,623	24,682
Trading costs	4,299	4,299	682
Charitable costs	20,919	20,919	44,527

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4 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2021 £	<i>Total 2020 £</i>
Bank charges	167	167	129
Electricity	594	594	825
Fundraising costs	175	175	-
Insurance	856	856	635
Interest	537	537	-
Internet	316	316	159
Legal and profesional fees	818	818	-
Curation of exhibits	6,500	6,500	6,000
Independent examination	360	360	-
Software	151	151	72
Travel costs	-	-	139
	10,474	10,474	<i>7,959</i>

2 trustees (2020: 2) received reimbursement of expenses during the year of £401 (2020: £2,562).

5 Analysis of fund balances: movement in resources

	At beginning of year £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At end of year £
Unrestricted funds				
General reserve	(7,853)	41,588	31,393	2,342
Designated reserve	125,000	-	-	125,000
Total Unrestricted Funds	117,147	41,588	31,393	127,342

6 Registered charity

The charity is registered in England (No. 1124822) and as such is not liable to tax.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited accounts of The Antony Dale Trust for the year to 31 December 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.



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31 October 2022