

**THE ANTONY DALE TRUST**  
**Registered charity number: 1124822**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2024**

**THE ANTONY DALE TRUST**  
**CHARITY INFORMATION**

<b>Trustees</b>	Professor Gavin Henderson CBE	Chairman
	Vaughan Rees OBE	
	Professor Anne Boddington	
	Dr Talia Rodgers	
	Jackie Fitzgerald	(Retired October 2024)
	Stephen E Neiman	
	Caroline Cowley	
<b>Support Personnel</b>	Nick Dwyer, Gardner	
	Clare May, Minute Secretary	
	Rebecca Evans, Volunteer Management	
	Siobhan Fitzgerald, Catering	
<b>Charity Registration Number</b>	1124822	
<b>Principal Address</b>	129 Clive Road	
	London	
	SE21	
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.secetgardenkemptown.co.uk">www.secetgardenkemptown.co.uk</a>	

**THE ANTONY DALE TRUST  
TRUSTEES REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.**

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 supported 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.

**Statement of Public Benefit**

The Trustees regularly review the Trust's objectives in accordance with Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

**Financial Review**

The Statement of Financial Activities are shown on page 5. The Trustees confirm that the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil its financial obligations.

**Review of the Year**

The year in review has been notable for the exhibition of Sussex based sculptors , supported by the Behrens Foundation . The artists being : Julian Wild , Walter Bailey , Mike Pattison , Rosie Jones , Jackie Fitzgerald , Christian Funnell , Si Uwins ,Mark Stonestreet , and Helen Skelton with her students .

Behrens were particularly happy to be supporting such a strong feature of stone carving and lettering , as this was resolute of their very first grant giving activity . A happy inclusion was the work by Jackie Fitzgerald in her final period as trustee . The exhibition was featured within the Brighton Festival , Artists Open Houses and Kemp Town Arts Trail . Also featured in the Brighton and Hove Arts Council diaries , the magazines Rosa and Brightonian .

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Plus, several programmes dedicated to the Garden on Latest TV . All in all , some 7000 visitors made it to the Garden over the season of nigh on six months . Also included was a second visit from the Adur Concert Band giving a Midsummer's night concert of wind band music .

Our sincere thanks go to Stephen Cockburn , chair of the Behrens Foundation , for their continuing commitment and support - primarily for the sculpture programme , but also for a significant one off grant which paid off the bank loan from Barclays towards the initial costs of restoration and development of the building fabric , as prelude to a substantial Heritage Lottery application .

Whilst the public and financial emphasis has been largely focused on the exhibition programme , the attraction of Siobhan's Brighton Table catering has , as ever , proved irresistible ! With a vigorous on line following . So too . Nick Dwyer's sustained care for the planting and nurture of the garden is exemplary . This has now achieved a real sense of maturity . Hard to believe that the ramp from the Bristol Gardens entry is a relatively new addition .

Sustaining the Garden is a constant challenge . We are fortunate that so much of the work is undertaken by volunteers , not least the trustees . The only person remunerated on a regular basis is the gardener . Crucial for sustainability is the wedding business , largely administered by trustee Stephen Neiman . This was triggered by the Lockdown imperative for outdoor facilities but has remained as an attraction ever since . None the less , upgrading of facilities in terms of disability access , improved kitchen and toilet arrangements , to encompass full licensing requirements will be essential for ensuring future stability .

During this period the Trust also made the garden available to the following charities: the Somerset Centre, providing a safe space for the elderly, the Downs Syndrome Development Trust, Martlets Hospice, and mental health charity Artspace. We also had three classes of primary school children from St Luke's School who came to draw the sculptures and explore the garden.

We have been fortunate over the last couple of years in having the expert voluntary support from Claire May - in terms of servicing the trustee meetings / agendas and minutes . So too Rebecca Evans in taking care of the volunteer coordination and management . Both have now stepped down . We thank them for their efficient and dedicated service . We also lose the immense contribution of Jackie Fitzgerald as a trustee of some eleven years standing , who retired in Oct '24 . Jackie was the inaugural volunteer coordinator ; she has helped Siobhan with catering , particularly the weddings , and more recently took on the lion's share of exhibition management - as a nice conclusion she contributed to the recent Sussex Sculptors exhibition with a work of her own .

This will be my last annual review , as I shall be retiring as a trustee ,and founder chair, at the end of Sept ' 25 .It has been a remarkable time ... over some fifteen years , in which time the Dale family's gift has been secured for future generations . I am indebted to my fellow trustees , and especially Nick the gardener for bringing us thus far . I shall miss the family of foxes , who clearly believe that this is their garden !

**Gavin Henderson , 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**THE ANTONY DALE TRUST**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2023	2024
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	125,000	125,000
<b>Current assets</b>		
Bank	12,712	29,304
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net current Assets</b>	<u>12,712</u>	<u>29,304</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	137,712	154,304
 <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	 0	 0
	<u>137,712</u>	<u>154,304</u>
 Represented by:		
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>		
General reserve	12,712	29,304
Designated reserve	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>137,712</u>	<u>154,304</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 30th August 2025

Professor Gavin Henderson CBE

Stephen Neiman

**THE ANTONY DALE TRUST**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**  
**ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Donations	£72,816	£15,887
Café Income	£ 1,217	£ 1,229
Weddings	£15,057	£ 9,730
Wedding Deposits	£ 2,103	£ 1,250
Hires	£ 350	£ 0
Event Income	<u>£ 800</u>	<u>£ 376</u>
	<b>£92,422</b>	<b>£28,473</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>	 <b>2023</b>	 <b>2024</b>
Gardner	£10,415	£10,600
Planting and Lawn Treatment	£ 300	£ 456
Building Repairs and Materials	£ 114	£ 1,362
Wedding Costs	£12,477	£ 7,179
Accounting Software	£ 17	£ 0
Insurance	£ 0	£ 332
Bank Charges	£ 103	£ 102
Bounce Back Loan Repayment	£32,177	£ 0
Electricity	£ 861	£ 2,578
BT Internet	£ 548	£ 606
Garden Furniture	£ 220	£ 3,303
Brighton Arts Council	£ 60	£ 60
Exhibitions	£ 8,906	£ 12,881
Website	£ 0	£ 343
Events	£ 300	£ 570
Volunteer Party	£ 60	£ 116
Council Taxation	<u>£ 0</u>	<u>£ 380</u>
	<b>£70,398</b>	<b>£43,190</b>
 <b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	 <b>£22,023</b>	 <b>£-14718</b>

**THE ANTONY DALE TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**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, 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, and recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities

**Resources Expended**

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

**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 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Wedding hire	9,730	9,730	17,158
Hire of gardens	0	0	350
Sunday café income	1,229	1,229	1,217
	<b>10,959</b>	<b>10,959</b>	<b>18,725</b>

**3 Charitable Costs**

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Grants	0	0	0
Gardening	10,600	10,600	10,415
Garden items	456	456	634
Exhibition costs	12,882	12,882	0
Repairs and maintenance	700	700	12,477
Operating Costs	0	0	0
Charitable costs	<b>24,638</b>	<b>24,638</b>	<b>23,526</b>

#### 4 Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank Charges	102	102	103
Electricity	2,577	2,577	861
Fundraising	0	0	60
Insurance	332	332	0
Interest	1	1	548
Internet	605	605	0
Planning and Architect	2,323	2,323	3,840
Curation of Exhibits	12,881	12,881	8,906
Software	343	343	17
Repayment of Bank Loan	0	0	32,177
Sundry Expenses	0		60
	<b>19,164</b>	<b>19,164</b>	<b>46,572</b>

#### 5 Analysis of fund balances: movement in resources

	At beginning of year	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At end of year £
Unrestricted funds				
General reserve	12,712	28,473	43,190	-2,005
Designated reserve	125,000	-	-	125,000
	<b>137,712</b>	<b>28,473</b>	<b>43,190</b>	<b>122,995</b>

#### 6 Registered charity

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



**Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited accounts of  
The Antony Dale Trust for the year to 31 December 2024**

**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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Benjamin Richards ATT FMAAT

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31 August 2025