

Registered number: 08348124  
Charity number: 1153079

BARNES COMMON LIMITED  
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UNAUDITED  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
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| <b>Trustees</b>                  | M E Hildesley, (Chair)<br>M A J Guzkowska, (Vice - Chair)<br>A Podmore, (Treasurer)<br>CO Thomas<br>IC Tottman<br>CM O'Brien<br>C Triggs-Hodge (appointed 31 May 2024, resigned 26 March 2025) |
| <b>Company registered number</b> | 08348124   |
| <b>Charity registered number</b> | 1153079  |
| <b>Registered office</b>         | 2nd Floor<br>Medway Bridge House<br>1 - 8 Fairmeadow<br>Maidstone<br>Kent<br>ME14 1JP  |
| <b>Accountants</b>               | Crowe U.K. LLP<br>Chartered Accountants<br>2nd Floor<br>Medway Bridge House<br>1 - 8 Fairmeadow<br>Maidstone<br>Kent<br>ME14 1JP   |
| <b>Bankers</b>                   | Barclays Bank PLC<br>75 Kings Street<br>Hammersmith<br>London<br>W69HY<br><br>HSBC Bank PLC<br>172 Upper Richmond Road<br>Putney<br>London<br>SW15 2SH   |

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**OVERVIEW**

# Barnes Common

Established 1992

Trustees - 6

Staff - 6 full time, 4 part time, 2 part time on contracts

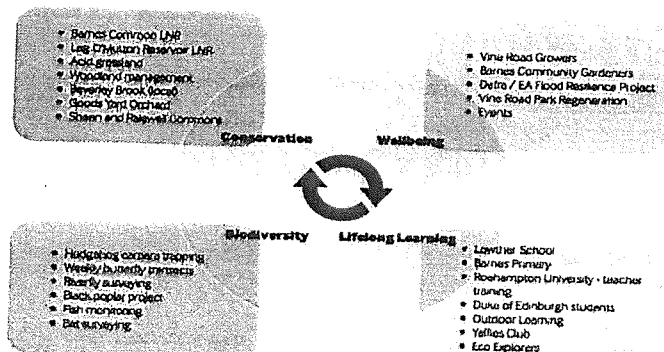
Members - 1,570 (Keystone 78)

Volunteers - 7,085 hours

Surplus - £109k

Total Funds - £288k (£237k unrestricted £51k restricted)

Website: [barnescommon.org.uk](http://barnescommon.org.uk)





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CHAIR'S STATEMENT  
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The Chair presents his statement for the year.

Welcome to our twelfth annual report, which shows our charity continuing to develop its involvement in an increasing range of important activities, made possible not only by our dedicated staff and Board of Trustees, but also by the remarkable engagement of our community in their support and volunteer work.

As an organisation we look to embody the dictum "Think globally-Act locally". We hope you will see from this report how we are at the cutting edge of so many issues including climate change, resilience, the environment, ecosystems, biodiversity, wellbeing, healthier rivers, lifelong outdoor learning as well as social value.

We are delighted that this year has brought recognition of some of our activities while it has been hugely fulfilling to collaborate with so many award-winning and recognized experts in their fields such as Je Ahn and Tom Massey and their teams on the Vine Road Project, Jonty Denton on invertebrates, Mark Spencer on fungi, as well as leading research institutes such as the Wellcome Sanger Bio-Scan project, Imperial College (water quality) and ZSL (hedgehogs and badgers).

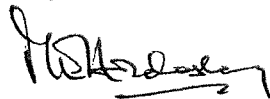
For more than ten years now, meeting and delivering the policies of the site owners has made us a rare example of successful 3rd-sector service provision. Nevertheless, in the last five years there has been a significant shift in our workload. Monitoring and evaluation is now key in demonstrating the value of the work we undertake - transect recording, invertebrate trapping, riverfly surveys, audiomoths for bat recording, camera traps for hedgehogs along with detailed water quality tests for our ponds and rivers are just some of the varied range of surveying activities we now carry out.

Establishing monitoring and evaluation programmes require a commitment over a long period: rarely are results instantaneous - but we do know, for instance, that the population of saproxylic invertebrates at Barnes Common and other local sites is of national significance while we have also observed more fish in the brook by the Common since the in-stream and bank-side works there.

As I write this, we are facing increasing and sizeable challenges - funding for the environment is meant to be changing for the better, but there are significant uncertainties which make long term planning considerably harder but still require an agile approach which stays true to our principles. We believe we offer incredible value, especially when all the work of our volunteers is factored in, but staffing costs including gaining and maintaining the necessary skills along with overheads and compliance costs inevitably creep up.

We will continue to be actively engaged in our core nature conservation work, but will also be delivering five significant projects for the Community BlueScapes programme and be guiding the Vine Road Project through formal Planning consent. We will undoubtedly be pursuing funding support in many and varied ways.

Each year I try to find words to express our gratitude to everyone who makes this all possible - our simply amazing volunteers, our increasing number of friends and supporters, especially our Keystone Members and our many partners and collaborators - far too many to list here, but recognised within this report. All I can say is that as you read this report, I hope that you take as much satisfaction from this further year of success and progress as I do.



Mike Hildesley, Chair

Date: 6/11/2025

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
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The Trustees are pleased to present this twelfth report for the year ended 31 March 2025 for the Company, whose object is to provide third-sector management for open spaces in Barnes and its surroundings. Sites include Barnes Common (Local Nature Reserve LNR), Leg o' Mutton Reservoir LoM (LNR), Sheen and Palewell Commons along with the Vine Road Recreation Ground.

In terms of biodiversity, we are at the forefront of a number of nature conservation monitoring schemes, particularly for terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates and continue to address the implications of Climate Change for biodiversity.

The Company continues to demonstrate its Social Value credentials, particularly through the Growing project at Vine Road and the Barnes Community Gardeners, bringing real opportunities to increase wellbeing within the community. Our educational activities are also increasing as we increase our reach to various schools and educational organisations.

The Company plays a significant role as a partner with LBRuT and WWT in delivering the Community BlueScapes project which is one of 25 national projects funded by Defra, aimed at innovative approaches to surface water flood resilience based on community engagement and nature based solutions.

The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the Company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Constitution**

Barnes Common Limited (formerly Friends of Barnes Common until April 2022) is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 4 January 2013 and registered as a charity on 25 July 2013. The Company's registration number is 08348124. The Company's registered charity number is 1153079. The Company's registered office is 2nd Floor, Medway Bridge House, 1 - 8 Fairmeadow, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1JP.

The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association that established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the Company being wound up, members (who for this purpose are the trustees) are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

### **METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

**Directors:** The Directors of the Company are also trustees for the purposes of charity law and there is a requirement for a minimum of three and maximum of nine directors. Directors may serve a maximum term of three years after which they may offer themselves for re-election for a further three year term. Directors who have served three consecutive terms may exceptionally be reappointed on an annual basis. The Directors are familiar with the practical work of the Charity and its objectives and plans. They meet regularly to review strategy and monitor progress. Newly appointed directors are provided induction and undertake relevant training which will continue to be provided as and when required for existing or newly appointed trustees.

During the year, the Charity accepted the resignation of Carry Triggs-Hodge.

As our activities increase in range and complexity, Barnes Common is always keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in becoming a trustee.

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Members: For the purposes of Company law the Members are the directors/ trustees.

For the purposes of voting rights, from 1 April 2020 all individuals or organisations registered as 'Friends' are also taken to be members of Barnes Common Limited who are entitled to vote. The Boards' policy on membership is to accept all 'Friends' as members but to reserve the right to withdraw membership if, in the Board's absolute discretion, such a member is considered to have brought or be likely to bring Barnes Common Limited or any of its constituents or activities into disrepute.

**ACCOUNTANTS**

During the year, Crowe U.K. LLP expressed their willingness to remain as the Company's independent examiner.

**ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING**

The Trustees manage the Company's overall provision of services, with the current assistance of ten staff, of which six are full time. There are also two, part time team members on fixed term contracts.

Trustees

Mike Hildesley continues as Chair.

Myszka Guzkowska continues as Vice-Chair.

Adrian Podmore continues as Treasurer.

Staff

Will Dartnell continues as Nature Conservation Manager.

Will Scott-Mends continues as Nature Conservation Officer.

Jackie Marie is now the Business Operations Manager.

Paddy Hayes has been promoted to Education & Lifelong Learning Manager.

Bori Kiss continues as Communications Officer.

Francesca Jarrett continues as a Nature Conservation Assistant.

Shomari Rosalska joined as the Community BlueScapes Monitoring and Delivery Officer on 08/04/24.

Alex Baker joined as the Community BlueScapes Learning and Community Engagement Officer on 05/08/24.

Samara Doyle joined as a Nature Conservation Assistant on 21/10/24.

Nicky Buley joined the staff as Community Growing Project Co-ordinator 1/4/2025

Contracts

Frankie Doorgachurn is contracted as Administration Officer to the Community BlueScapes project and also as Volunteer Co-ordinator for Barnes Common.

Susie Pugh continues as Project Co-ordinator for the Barnes Community Gardeners.

**RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS**

The Company works closely with the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, based upon the Master Plan for Barnes Common initially presented to and agreed with LBRuT in 2013 and updated accordingly in April 2024.

Under the Metropolitan Commons Acts, LBRuT is the legal manager of Barnes Common (ownership of Barnes Common rests with the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's acting through the Church Commissioners). LBRuT is also the owner of the Vine Road Recreation Ground, Leg o' Mutton Nature Reserve and Palewell Common while Sheen Common is leased to LBRuT by the National Trust.

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**RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed via its Risk Register which is reviewed and updated accordingly at the quarterly board meetings. Risk is mitigated through a combination of insurance cover, appropriate internal procedures and by limiting activities to those for which adequate assurance of funding has been obtained. Financial controls are in place through the use of monthly management account reporting with all bank accounts accessible by two trustees.

The Company has adopted an extensive range of policies including Safeguarding for Children and Vulnerable Adults, along with Codes of Conduct, Health and Safety, Equal Opportunity and Data & Privacy policies which may all be viewed on Barnes Common's website.

The Company is reliant on volunteers for many of its activities and considerable staff time is dedicated to their management and training.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Policies and objectives**

The charity's objects are restricted to the following; in each case for the public benefit:

1. To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and specifically but without prejudice to the generality of this object, the metropolitan open land open spaces and other sites in Barnes, South West London and surrounding areas.
2. To advance the education of the public in the study of ecology and wildlife generally, along with the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and without prejudice to the generality of this object to advance the study of heath lands and acid grasslands.

The Board continues to follow its Vision, Mission, Core values and Objectives:

**Our Vision:**

Nature Conservation, Biodiversity, Wellbeing, Lifelong Learning ... For all the Community.

**Our Mission:**

Through custodianship of our local open spaces we aspire to:

- Inspire the community to be engaged
- Encourage participation and 'ownership'
- Build resilience and leadership
- To respect the environment for present and future generations

**Our Core Values:**

In all that we do, we strive to be:

- Environmental
- Sustainable
- Collaborative and inclusive
- Innovative
- Offer learning

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**Our Strategic Objectives are:**

1. To conserve key habitats and species
2. To inspire engagement, participation, co-creation and 'ownership' by the whole community
3. To encourage Leisure and Wellbeing
4. To offer Life-Long Learning, Education and Training for all
5. To maintain and develop an effective organisation
6. To communicate effectively with our stakeholders

**MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The Trustees are aware of their duty under S.17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 and have referred to the guidance on public benefit when considering the Company's objectives and when planning its vision, mission, core values and strategy. As all sites managed are open access sites, the Company's activities that are directly for the public benefit, include the provision of clean, safe and accessible amenities, consulting with LBRuT and other stakeholders on issues such as pathways, parking, public control (bye-laws and related orders), sports uses, rough sleepers and planning issues. Indirectly, the public benefit is served through the provision of nature conservation management, habitat creation and restoration as well as the preservation of site character. Making Vine Road Recreation Ground fit-for-purpose for future generations and improving resilience to floods and climate change for the community within the Beverley Brook catchment in Richmond borough are also for the public benefit.

Activities are assessed according to the four themes within our vision and also cover developments after March 2025 to provide as current a review as possible.

**Nature Conservation**

Will Dartnell continues to lead his team in managing multiple Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) across the borough, working across a diverse range of habitats including wetlands, rivers, grasslands and woodlands.

Much of our autumn and winter work is focused on tree management, particularly specialist care for veteran and future veteran trees such as haloing but glade creation, removal of invasive species and coppicing all feature too. Considerable effort has been made at Sheen Common, improving light levels around the ponds and wetland areas and removing areas of laurel and bamboo.

Management of our Lowland Acid Grassland habitat is always ongoing through scrub control and soil scrapes.

This winter, we also undertook targeted river restoration work on the Beverley Brook in Barnes, breaking out a remnant section of concrete bank and installing berms and deflectors to enhance flow diversity and help reduce silt accumulation. Encouragingly, some of the underlying gravels, which are vital for insects and spawning fish, are already starting to become exposed while berms created the previous year as part of the restoration works at Palewell Common are now being colonised by new vegetation. A mink trap has also been installed although none have been caught so far, which is encouraging for any potential water vole re-introductions.

We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Rewild London Fund for a Saproxyllic Invertebrate Project enabling us to expand our survey work, enhance habitat conditions and design and put up beetle boxes which we believe are the first to be installed in London. Overall, we have been able to demonstrate some of our sites are of national importance for these insect species that need dead wood for their lifecycles.

We are continuing to promote the Hedgehog Super Highway project and are still offering a hole drilling service for those who would like to encourage these animals into their gardens.

Volunteers continue to make a huge contribution and with a total of 1,939 hours, they really do enable us to achieve so much for nature conservation.

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**Biodiversity**

We continue to support the Richmond Biodiversity Group's habitat and species Action Plans and are involved in contributing to the majority of the actions currently underway.

Monitoring and evaluation is now a major component of our work where over 1,000 volunteer hours were dedicated last year with participation still continuing to grow. Volunteers conduct butterfly and dragonfly transects as well as numerous invertebrate and bird surveys while a huge amount of data regarding the local bat populations is being recorded by our audiomoths. A new butterfly transect began for Palewell Common from April 2025.

The data collected from our survey work not only deepens our understanding of local biodiversity but crucially, helps us to determine how we manage our habitats. Additionally, it also feeds into nationally important Citizen Science projects such as Smart Rivers, Riverfly, the UK Butterfly Monitoring Scheme and Bioscan. Many of these initiatives are at the cutting edge of ecological monitoring, not least Bioscan which is an ambitious five-year project to study the genetic diversity of one million flying insects, analysed using DNA barcoding technology. To our knowledge, we are the only group in London delivering both the Smart Rivers and Bioscan programmes, underscoring our leadership in urban biodiversity monitoring.

After five years of dedicated work, the Richmond Borough Black Poplar Project has now concluded, where Barnes Common has been at the forefront of successfully propagating several hundred trees from cuttings, taken from nearly 50 genetically unique Black Poplars (*Populus nigra* subsp. *Betulifolia*) identified across the borough. As well conserving and restoring this rare, native species within the borough, with several trees now planted on Barnes Common and at Leg o' Mutton, many others have also been planted at sites dedicated to nature conservation across the UK, helping to safeguard the genetic diversity of this nationally important tree.

**Wellbeing**

With the ever increasing recognition of the benefits to our mental and physical wellbeing from spending time connecting with nature and working within the natural world, we continue to engage both the local community in Barnes and those further afield in the borough. This is evidenced by our ever increasing membership which has been steadily built up by our Business and Operations Manager, Jackie Marie and her team, with currently over 1,700 Friends.

We have been able to extend our reach through a comprehensive programme of walks, talks, community events, learning sessions and workshops where we provided over 115 separate activities during the year. These included tree, fungi, bat and history walks, talks on earthworms and re-bugging the planet and courses on orchard pruning and nature photography. With over 1,000 people attending our 2024/25 programme, it has been very pleasing to see so many people engaging AND returning.

Certainly, our Autumn Fayre saw attendance doubling from the previous year, offering a range of opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to engage with the outdoors. The winter Wassail attracted a new, younger group this year, who were looking for ways to leave behind the day-to-day stresses of work and connect with old traditions that brought them closer to the natural environment. The event was supported by a folk choir, Morris dancers and a ukulele group who all added to the charm of the day, despite the rainy weather.

Barnes Common's Community Growing Project is discussed later but is pivotal in our aim of promoting wellbeing and Social Value, where regular drop-in sessions and monthly workshops continue to bring people and various organisations together to learn about food growing and share their skills while enhancing community cohesion.

Now in their third year, our Dementia Friendly walks on the Common have grown to include a group of local people with dementia and their carers, introduced to us through a partnership with the Alzheimer's Society.

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In terms of volunteering, we have a base of over 120 and regularly receive positive feedback that they feel engaged, stimulated and that they are helping to make valuable contributions.

**Education & Lifelong Learning**

Our charity continues to provide its program of Lifelong Outdoor Learning which focuses on the natural sciences and establishing connections with nature in any environment and location - whether that is at home, in gardens and playgrounds, or in classrooms and offices.

Paddy Hayes, our Education & Lifelong Learning Manager has continued to strengthen existing links with Lowther Primary School, St Mary Magdalen's Primary School, Richmond Park Academy and Roehampton University, as well as developing new relationships with St Osmund's School and Harrodian.

Over the past twelve months, we have worked with seven local primary schools, four secondary schools (covering KS1 to KS5) and one university, hosting 41 primary classes and seven secondary and university activities involving 1,211 students and 195 adults altogether.

Activities have been conducted across Barnes Common, at Leg O'Mutton Reservoir and at the Community Growing Project in Vine Road where topics have covered biodiversity, rivers and flood resilience and storytelling. Outreach activities have also been facilitated in schools themselves to enable us to reach more young people and promote our vision of Lifelong Outdoor Learning.

The ever-popular Yaffles club continues to attract younger children and their parents while in the summer of 2024, we hosted our second Eco-Explorers Summer Camp for 10-14 year olds. The camp was once again, well received with new activities such as a bat walk to add extra interest.

Whilst engaging younger learning is a crucial part of our work, our Lifelong Outdoor Learning offering also promotes activities for adults, including our continuing series of Dementia Friendly Nature Walks and popular winter and spring Tree Walks on the Common.

We continue to be mindful of the pending Natural History G.C.S.E due to start in autumn 2026 which could present an exciting opportunity for Barnes Common to provide its services in collaboration with local schools.

Congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers where 4 students completed their silver and 21 their bronze volunteering awards. With a further 25 students currently undertaking the awards, their combined contributions came to a grand total of 1,200 volunteering hours, with students coming from 15 schools in and around the Barnes area. We are particularly grateful to our adult volunteers, Adam and Anna, who have supervised them throughout the year. The range of activities included community gardening, preparing compost, planting and harvesting fresh vegetables for local food banks, building planters and raised beds, cutting back vegetation on the Common and building dead hedges. Overall, our students' commitment has been impressive and their work has benefitted a significant cross section of the Barnes Community, including residents of all ages from small children through to more senior adults.

**Other Activities**

**Barnes Conservation (Subsidiary)**

Previously Barnes Conservation & Treeworks, Barnes Conservation continues as a subsidiary. As expected, it did not generate any income for the year, but given its ability to operate outside the Company's charitable objectives with any surpluses being used for the charity's benefit, the trustees continue to regularly review its viability as an ongoing entity.

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**Vine Road Project**

We have continued to provide leadership for the Master Plan for the Vine Road Recreation Ground through the Pre-Application phases, working closely with LBRuT as the site owners. This has not only required detailed assessment of the existing and proposed uses, but also the case for Very Special Circumstances whereby the benefits are seen to outweigh the harm to metropolitan open land (Green Belt within Cities).

The team of advisers is led by the architects, Studio Weave with Tom Massey Studio providing the more detailed landscape design following LDA's preliminary advice. These are supported by a Planning Adviser and various experts providing the numerous reports needed in support of the planning application.

The essence of the Master Plan, so strongly supported by the community in 2021, remains with plans for a multi-purpose social hub building, workshop, community cafe, information and outdoor learning centre as well as supporting offices set in a re-landscaped park with refreshed (and re-located) playground facilities, water play, adventure playground, skate park and community growing area. The re-landscaping, with a strong focus on resilience to climate change, will retain open areas for casual sports (including local school sports), people and dog exercise, as well as increased planting for shade. It will also create a new wetland area, linked to the Beverley Brook, which will offer increased biodiversity and wellbeing. Additionally, with climate change and more frequent, severe storms anticipated, this scheme will build in capacity to hold surface water and help with river flooding. This part of the project has the support of and funding from the Community BlueScapes programme alongside financial support from Richmond Council's Climate Change Steering Group.

The Social Hub is also being designed so it can serve as a Climate Refuge against extremes of heat and cold, as well as a centre for emergency accommodation when needed. We believe this will be the first such purpose designed refuge in the UK. It will set a precedent for integration within recreational facilities which can thus help serve whole families by combining the benefits of both outdoor and indoor spaces with opportunities for water play, misting, shade and zero carbon, air conditioned space (using solar power and heat pumps). Climate Refuges are now seen as a high priority in countries such as Spain and France while there is increasing evidence that the UK needs to plan ahead if it is to be ready for what is likely to develop within the next decade or two.

The aim is to submit for Full Planning by year-end 2025, with further community consultation held in August 2025. We have also appointed a fundraising adviser to develop the fund-raising strategy in parallel. It is hoped that Planning Consent might be available by mid-2026 with some work starting later that year, although the Social Hub construction timing may be subject to funding.

**Community BlueScapes - Flood Resilience Project**

We continue our involvement as a partner in Community BlueScapes, the innovative flood resilience project for the Beverley Brook catchment in Richmond. This is a project partnership between London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, Barnes Common Limited and WWT (formerly the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust). Community BlueScapes is funded by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs as part of the £200 million Flood and Coastal Innovation Programmes which will run to March 2027 and we are delighted to be so closely engaged with it.

The key aims of Community BlueScapes are to improve the resilience of the catchment to surface water flooding by identifying ways to raise awareness and engage the community, using, as far as possible, nature based solutions and natural flood management to deliver sustainable drainage. Although interventions are assessed for direct cost benefits, we are permitted to take into account the benefits to nature and biodiversity as well as to wellbeing alongside the benefits to flood resilience. The project is thus also helping to deliver programmes aimed at making the brook a healthier river over time.



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As a local community partner, we have identified a number of issues that need to be addressed, from regular road flooding to the challenges of climate change, particularly with more frequent severe storms and 'tide lock' when high tides prevent surface water flowing into the Thames. We recognise that actual flooding may be highly localised and not necessarily show up in conventional flood modelling. This can be due to such mundane issues as blocked gullies and/or pipes but also to high ground water levels, silt within the brook and limited capacity in drainage systems. These would all benefit from enhanced sustainable drainage and naturalised and attenuated flows to deal with the more exceptional circumstances.

Evidence is mounting that severe storms above 2cm / hour are not only more likely to occur but can cause problems with system capacity, as can rainfall of 1cm / hour sustained over four hours, especially if these coincide with High Tide. Warnings of 7 to 10cm of rain in south-east England were issued in July - fortunately only 4.1cm fell. Had it been over 7cm, the consequences would have been similar to 2021's extensive flooding, which was declared a 1% annual (or once in a hundred year event). Projections are that the risk will increase three-fold in the next two decades, but as with any risk, events can happen at any time. Tide levels are also projected to increase due to rising sea levels from warming/ice melt, storm surges and flood water in the river.

Community BlueScapes are advancing Plans for more projects to increase flood capacity (in effect reversing some of the loss of flood plain to building), with particular focus on the few locations in Barnes which are both unbuilt and lie below 4.0m AOD, since above this level there are an increasing number of properties at increasing risk of flooding. Community BlueScapes are also looking at ways to slow the flow - encouraging de-paving (such as making front gardens used for parking more permeable), encouraging more rainwater capture (water butts, rain gardens and ponds) and looking at how this can be done at community, street, estate and individual property levels. Three tranches of funding have been run to date, to enable individuals and organisations to put forward their own ideas and if appropriate, receive funding support. Community BlueScapes has also undertaken a demonstrator project at Kitson Road introducing permeable paving and road surfacing along with using the innovative Hydorock to absorb rainwater and release it slowly - in turn slowing the flow and aiding moisture levels in the ground to alleviate drought. This project has been nominated for an award.

We are also involved in the project's community engagement, which includes trialling co-production methods to provide solutions to flooding and climate change with residents in Castelnau and the Alton estate in Roehampton. We are also working with social scientists to embed best practices as well as using existing communication channels to raise awareness, such as working with the Barnes Ponder 2 place-making community initiative.

We are developing a significant educational contribution, both formally within local primary schools and as lifelong learning, which links closely with the planned community engagement.

For monitoring and evaluation, Community BlueScapes has developed social, biophysical, sediment and water quality programmes to capture the impacts of this project's work. Some of these monitoring packages will be delivered with the help of citizen scientists which, in combination with building a suite of data on the area, contributes to the legacy of this programme. Barnes Common is leading the water quality citizen science and collecting some of the data sets such as audiomoth readings.

In order to deliver this project, each of the partners has built up its resources such that the Company now has three dedicated staff members, who are in turn, supported by Barnes Common's trustees and other staff, all working closely with colleagues in both LBRuT and WWT.

As the accounts show, this project is currently a major contributor to both our income and expenditure. The Board is investigating the strategic implications of not only optimising the outputs within the existing project, but looking to the legacy from it in future years, both directly and in the context of our engagement with the Beverley Brook Partnership, Climate Change, Biodiversity and Wellbeing. While this will be dependent on future funding, we also recognise that it would be a great shame to miss the opportunity to build on so much valuable work, the full potential of which will only just start to be realised by March 2027.

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**Community Growing Project - Vine Road**

For 2024-25, the Community Growing Project has been supported by a second, one-year grant from Richmond Foundation. Barnes Common is most grateful to the Foundation which has now funded a further third grant, securing the Project Co-ordinator position until March 2028.

One of the highlights of the year was the installation of a second polytunnel which has enabled the creation of a wheelchair accessible bed along with two adjustable sit-stand desks which should broaden access to the project.

Although after this report's financial year, a further major highlight was being nominated for LBRuT's Community Heroes 2025 awards. Within a strong field of very deserving projects, we were delighted that Nicky Buley and her team who manage the Growing Project won the 'Community Project of the Year' award.

Overall, it was a productive year with 36 food boxes supplied to the foodbank at Castlenau which supports around ten families. Each delivery can contain up to 19 different types of vegetable or salad while produce is also given out on a weekly basis to volunteers and various groups who attend the Project.

Altogether, the project engaged with 266 people, including two, six week long 'Introduction to Growing' courses in partnership with Age UK. We also hosted monthly sessions for the Richmond Borough Mind 'positive living group' and LGBTQ+ growing group in collaboration with other organisations supporting LGBTQ+ people, such as Antidote. The Project continues to build new relationships with other organisations including Tram House School, a sixth form for students with severe autism where two of their students attend on a weekly basis. In March 25, we also began providing sessions for a supported living service in Hammersmith for people aged 18 - 25 with severe autism. Family growing sessions are attended by up to 20 children every school holiday, while our weekly after-school family sessions that began in January 2025 have also been very popular with up to 20 children attending. Classes are also run for the Montessori Nursery. The Good Gym have attended the project twice, Duke of Edinburgh students attend on a regular basis and a one-off session was run with the Powerstation Youth Centre with open sessions and workshops for volunteers continuing to run three times a week.

Thanks to a Richmond Climate Action Micro-Grant, the project held a series of summer talks from external speakers, covering topics from growing herbs to gardening for butterflies which due to their success, will now become an annual addition to the calendar. Funding was also received from the D'Oyley Carte Foundation to install a pollinator friendly lavender border to the raised beds area.

**Barnes Community Gardeners (BCG)**

The Barnes Community Gardeners (BCG), led by Crispin O'Brien and Susie Pugh continue to be hosted by Barnes Common with support from the Barnes Community Association and FiSH. BCG have extended their greening and gardening services in and around Barnes and Mortlake, particularly for some of the local housing estates run by social housing providers. For many of these sites where there were no previous gardening activities, BCG has provided residents with the opportunity to become volunteers and take up new skills. Crucially, volunteers have then been able to establish and take ownership of their own local communities as well as improving their areas in terms of greening and wildlife and enhancing their own wellbeing.

BCG make weekly visits to two local primary schools, Barnes and Lowther, providing demonstrations and getting children involved in getting their hands in the soil and growing vegetables. BCG visit Walsingham Lodge on a weekly basis and also maintain the planters and courtyard garden at The Barnes Green Centre (Age UK), the flower bed at the doctors' surgery at Essex House and work alongside corporate volunteers to help FiSH Neighbourhood Care clients in their gardens.

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**The Goods Yard Orchard**

Some restoration works including reprofiling and landscaping have now been completed at the Goods Yard Orchard following the conclusion of the Network Rail 'Access for All' project. Further works will be required in due course, proceeding in accordance with the plan for the site which is based on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) principles.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

We participated in the annual awards offered by London in Bloom in 2024, with Barnes Common winning Gold in both Common of the Year and Large Conservation Area categories while Leg o' Mutton was also awarded Gold in the Large Conservation Area. Vine Road Recreation Ground retains its Green Flag status.

As mentioned already and although after this reporting period, it is worthy of note that Nicky Buley and her volunteers at the Vine Road Community Growing Project won LBRuT's Community Heroes 2025 - 'Community Project of the Year' award.

We also offer our congratulations to the large number of individuals associated with Barnes Common who were recognized in Barnes Community Association's Local Heroes awards.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Going concern**

The Company is pleased to report an operating surplus of £109,579 for the year (£60,689 - 2023/24). While this may appear to be a significant increase on the previous year, it is a requirement of charities accounting that all revenues must be included as received, even if the restricted or unrestricted use of the funds means that the expenses intended to be funded will not arise until the following year. This can lead to spikes in reported surpluses and subsequent losses. With this in mind, it is the Directors' view that some £45,000 of income received in 2024/25 is committed for expenditure in 2025/26 and that a surplus figure of around £65,000 would in some respects be a more accurate reflection of performance during the year.

While treated as a stand-alone operation with its own distinct activities, The Barnes Community Gardeners (BCG) comprise part of these accounts and made a small loss of (£566) for 2024/25.

The Board continues to recognise the ongoing, challenging economic conditions and particularly the considerable financial strain that many local authorities are experiencing. Our costs are still rising, especially materials and repairs to equipment while the cost of living crisis and the new NI contributions and minimum wage regulations further add to financial pressures for organisations such as ours.

Since our partnership began with LBRuT in 2013/14, no written contract has ever been in place. However, as from September 2025, Barnes Common now has a one year written contract with LBRuT for the period April 2025 to March 2026, under the same terms as previously agreed verbally. Please see Future Plans for a further update regarding LBRuT.

Overall, the charity has positive reserves and no long term debt, hence the Board is confident that the charity will continue as a going concern.

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**Reserves policy**

The Company seeks to maintain reserves which match any obligation, such as to employees and to ensure sustainability, making reasonable assumptions about ongoing arrangements with LBRuT. Policy is to maintain unrestricted reserves equating to three months normal expenditure.

At the balance sheet date, the unrestricted reserves stood at £237,370 (2024: £149,790) and the restricted reserves at £51,342 (2024: £29,343). While reserves have increased, the majority of any grants received are usually for targeted projects and therefore restricted.

Free reserves, equating to unrestricted reserves less the amount assigned to fixed assets, were £200,890 (2024: £115,895). Three monthly expenditure for the year was c£114,000 (2024: £90,000), which is sufficiently covered by the reserves.

**Information on fundraising**

LBRuT is the principal funding source for the budgeted annual running costs of the Company which received, via purchase orders, £90,000 per year to manage Barnes Common and £10,500 for Leg o' Mutton. Contracts are also in place for Sheen and Palewell Commons with funding of £39,000 per annum until the contract terminates in March 2026.

The 'Community BlueScapes' project comprising the LBRuT / WWT / Barnes Common partnership for the Defra EA Flood Resilience Project provided funding under a contract between the Company and LBRuT (as lead on the project). This covers core services on a full cost basis plus additional one-off payments for delivery work based on budgets agreed in advance and subject to the project's rules on tendering. During the year the combined income was £267,433.

The Company is providing restoration work for the Goods Yard Orchard following its use as a work site for Network Rail's 'Access for All' project. The scheme is based on the concepts of Biodiversity Net Gain for which the Company will receive £70k funding over a ten year period, weighted to the early years, under arrangements agreed between Barnes Common and LBRuT, supported by Network Rail. To date the Company has received £39k.

Barnes Common raises around 20% of its funding requirements by itself, mainly from membership, donations, grants and chargeable events. Our £50 subscription Keystone Membership scheme continues to provide funds having grown from 64 members in 2024 to 78 in 2025, while donations are generally sought from Friends, local organisations or other charities.

For many of our events such as the Wassail, Autumn Fayre, walks and talks along with some of our educational activities, a fee is now charged. This is primarily to cover costs, although the trustees have approved arrangements that no one should be excluded on grounds of affordability.

BCL may seek funding from crowd funding initiatives or from the public but will be bound by its Gifts and Donations policy which is on our website.

**Material investments policy**

The level of reserves held and the Company's appetite for financial risk means that we do not anticipate that the Company will have any funds for investment beyond cash balances or suitable term deposits for working capital purposes. These are held in appropriate bank accounts spread across institutions to reduce risk. Should these circumstances change, then a material investments policy will be adopted which is suitable in the changed circumstances.

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**Future plans**

The charity regularly considers its financial position and has developed a strategy to review its current income and investigate potential, new sources of income.

Regarding our ongoing relationship with LBRuT, we are aware that LBRuT is in the process of preparing a term contract for Nature Conservation services which will be subject to their due procurement process. Accordingly, we believe the Company will be well placed to provide the services that we understand are likely to be specified. This would enable us to continue our 12 year relationship with the Council into the future as well as onto a more secure basis.

Recognising how important fundraising within our local community is, we are also in the process of finalising our Communications and Marketing policy which is key to extending our message to the wider public. Encouragingly, followers on our social media platforms are increasing with Instagram up by 15% and Facebook by 5% from May 24 to June 25.

We welcome legacy gifts and lifetime giving and will be promoting a campaign to encourage this further in order to protect our environment and community, particularly bearing in mind that prices of properties in proximity to the Common could benefit by as much as 2 10%. Additionally, under present rules, inheritance tax is reduced from 40% to 36% on a person's net estate after gifts to charity, where 10% or more of the 'net value' of an Estate is left to charity. We are also participating in early discussions with other charities in Barnes about the possibility of creating an umbrella fund (a place making charity) or joint marketing to encourage legacy or lifetime giving for the benefit of the community.

While the Community BlueScapes project ends in March 2027, the partners are investigating possibilities for subsequent collaboration and relevant grant opportunities, given the programme's local legacy potential. There is no doubting that flood risk is increasing both in frequency and severity. It is further noted that government wishes to see more community engagement with a preference for nature based solutions and natural flood management rather than engineered solutions. There is great demand nationally for healthier rivers. We also note the staggeringly large sums of money the water industry is seeking to invest in improved water quality, healthier rivers, better drainage, flood resilience and more secure supplies. The benefits for biodiversity are spoken of, with little understanding of the details that make the difference at a practical level. It is feasible that with the wide range of projects Barnes Common have undertaken and experience gained, we would be very well placed to play a significant role in wider catchment schemes such as for the whole of the Beverley Brook, or otherwise, with the same or different partners.

The Vine Road project has already been mentioned, but in the long term, a dynamic new park could become a destination site with an information/ lifelong outdoor learning centre along with a substantial cafe, all generating further sources of income from visitors, lifelong learning and social uses.

We are also exploring approaches to local companies with regards to establishing partnerships with them, particularly in terms of helping them to strengthen their ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) credentials should they wish. We have recently established partnerships with two companies notably PIP Organic and Megan's Restaurants and are also looking to develop links with local estate agents.

While we are gaining insights by informally following the concepts of BNG (Biodiversity Net Gain) for the Goods Yard Orchard project, there is uncertainty at the present time as to the effectiveness of BNG for any of the sites we currently manage.

In a similar vein to the very beneficial relationship we enjoyed for three years with St Paul's School, we are currently looking to establish equivalent links with other schools.

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While we are always happy to support the Duke of Edinburgh schemes, these do give rise to an appreciable staff cost, hence from autumn 2025, we will be looking to charge £50 for each student that enrolls with us. However, as for all our activities, we are ever mindful that no-one should be excluded on the grounds of affordability, hence we will be encouraging students from as wide a range of schools as possible. We are still hopeful for the introduction of the Natural History G.C.S.E in September 2026 and having now laid the foundations for working relationships with a number of local schools, we will be in a strong position to take advantage of any opportunities that may arise.

**Our Thanks**

We are, as always, extremely grateful for the £20,257 (2024: £10,500) of personal donations that we received during the year and to all of those who continue to pay what once used to be membership fees as donations.

Thanks as well, to those who have contributed £100 or more for our general funding including Gabrielle Acosta, Rosie & Oliver Ticciati, Bernard Leuvenink, Ian Tottman, Rodney Milne- Day, John Ainger, Stephanie & Roderick White, Karen Goldie-Morrison, Jeremy Frearson, Susannah & Adrian Webster, Nicola Snee, Di Mayze, Alex Muller and others who wish to remain anonymous. Although not in report's period, we were also delighted that so many of you were able to generously support our recent Big Give campaign.

We would also like to thank St Paul's School, the Barn Elms Allotment Society, the Barnes Horticultural Allotment Society along with FiSH (BCG) and Age UK (BCG) who also made generous contributions.

We could not have undertaken all of our projects without essential financial support from the Greater London Authority, Richmond Foundation, the Barnes Fund, D'Oyly Carte, Kew Village Market Club, the Barnes Community Association and the London Bat Group. We are most grateful for all of their support.

As ever, thanks are due to all our 1,570 Friends (2024: 1,396 - currently over 1,700) with a special word of thanks to those who have become our Keystone Members.

Thanks too to all our volunteers. As for many organisations, Barnes Common simply could not function or achieve as much as it does without you. Barnes Common registered 7,085 hours of volunteering for 2024/25 which based on LBRuT's volunteering rate of £15.26 per hour, assumes a financial input equivalent to over £108,000. This is probably even higher if one considers that much of our monitoring and evaluation volunteering work concerns rigorous scientific analysis and recording but overall, this figure does demonstrate the level of financial input required.

Finally, we would like to thank our colleagues at LBRuT in Parks, Culture, Procurement, Flood Resilience and in the Climate Change Steering Group along with the Barnes Community Association for all their continuing support and of course, our own very dedicated staff whose achievements have so demonstrably increased year on year.

**Compliance with the Charity Governance Code**

The Trustees are aware of the requirements of the Charity Governance Code and keep its application under regular review. The Trustees ensure the charitable operations comply with this code where appropriate.

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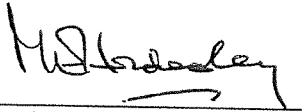
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Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M E Hildesley

Date: 8/11/2025

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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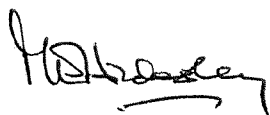
The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on  
and signed on its behalf by:



ME Hildesley





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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Barnes Common Limited ('the Company')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and the charitable company's trustees as a body in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company, the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Signed: *Matthew Howard*  
Matthew Howard

Dated: *20 November 2025*  
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Crowe U.K. LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

|                                    | Note | Restricted<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2024<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                |      |                                  |                                    |                             |                             |
| Donations and legacies             | 3    | 94,868                           | 34,358                             | 129,226                     | 49,627                      |
| Charitable activities              | 4    |                                  | 419,120                            | 419,120                     | 324,336                     |
| Other trading activities           | 5    |                                  | 14,343                             | 14,343                      | 53,888                      |
| Investments (interest)             | 6    |                                  | 3,660                              | 3,660                       | 907                         |
| <b>Total income</b>                |      | <b>94,868</b>                    | <b>471,481</b>                     | <b>566,349</b>              | <b>428,758</b>              |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>             |      |                                  |                                    |                             |                             |
| Charitable activities              | 7    | 72,869                           | 383,901                            | 456,770                     | 368,069                     |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>           |      | <b>72,869</b>                    | <b>383,901</b>                     | <b>456,770</b>              | <b>368,069</b>              |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>       |      | <b>21,999</b>                    | <b>87,580</b>                      | <b>109,579</b>              | <b>60,689</b>               |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>    |      |                                  |                                    |                             |                             |
| Total funds brought forward        |      | 29,343                           | 149,790                            | 179,133                     | 118,444                     |
| Net movement in funds              |      | 21,999                           | 87,580                             | 109,579                     | 60,689                      |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b> |      | <b>51,342</b>                    | <b>237,370</b>                     | <b>288,712</b>              | <b>179,133</b>              |

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 25 to 47 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

|   | Note | 2025<br>£             | 2024<br>£             |
|---|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                     |      |                       |                       |
| Intangible assets                                       | 12   | 729                   | 929                   |
| Tangible assets   | 13   | 35,651                | 32,866                |
| Investments   | 14   | 100                   | 100                   |
|   |      | <u>36,480</u>         | <u>33,895</u>         |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                   |      |                       |                       |
| Debtors   | 15   | 26,733                | 48,615                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                                |      | 275,505               | 155,846               |
|   |      | <u>302,238</u>        | <u>204,461</u>        |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                              |      |                       |                       |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year          | 16   | (47,528)              | (52,834)              |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                               |      | <u>254,710</u>        | <u>151,627</u>        |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>            |      | <u>291,190</u>        | <u>185,522</u>        |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 17   | (2,478)               | (6,389)               |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                                 |      | <u><u>288,712</u></u> | <u><u>179,133</u></u> |
| <b>Charity funds</b>                                    |      |                       |                       |
| Restricted funds  | 19   | 51,342                | 29,343                |
| Unrestricted funds                                      | 19   | 237,370               | 149,790               |
| <b>Total funds</b>                                      |      | <u><u>288,712</u></u> | <u><u>179,133</u></u> |

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

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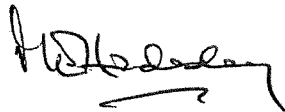
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



M E Hildesley

Date: 6/11/2025

The notes on pages 25 to 47 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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|   | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£      |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>             |                |                |
| Net cash used in operating activities                   | 132,264        | 72,871         |
|   |                |                |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>             |                |                |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets                       | (12,605)       | (24,940)       |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>            | (12,605)       | (24,940)       |
|   |                |                |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>             |                |                |
| <b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>        |                |                |
|   |                |                |
| <b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>  | 119,659        | 47,931         |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year  | 155,846        | 107,915        |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b> | <u>275,505</u> | <u>155,846</u> |

The notes on pages 24 to 46 form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. General information**

The company is a company limited by guarantee (Company number 08348124). The members of the company are the Trustees named on Page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £10 per member of the company.

The company is also a registered charity with registration number is 1153079.

The company's registered office is 2nd Floor, Medway Bridge House, 1 - 8 Fairmeadow, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1JP.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Barnes Common Limited (BCL) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**2.2 Going concern**

Accounting standards require the directors to consider the appropriateness of the going concern basis when preparing the financial statements. The directors believe that the company has sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The directors believe this to be the case as the company has positive reserves and no significant long term liabilities. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

The directors confirm that they consider that the going concern basis remains appropriate. (see Financial Review in Trustees Report).

**2.3 Income**

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.4 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's educational, nature conservation and community operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company which are apportioned to the charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**2.5 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

**2.6 Taxation**

The Company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

**2.7 Intangible assets and amortisation**

Intangible assets costing £400 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable, and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

Amortisation is provided on the following basis:

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Website costs | 10% on costs |
|---------------|--------------|



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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £400 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

At each reporting date the Company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined to be the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

|                               |                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Short-term leasehold property | - according to the terms of lease |
| Plant and machinery           | - 20% on cost                     |
| Fixtures and fittings         | - 15% on cost                     |

**2.9 Investments**

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

**2.10 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**2.11 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.12 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

**2.13 Financial instruments**

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**2.14 Finance leases and hire purchase**

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the Company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors, net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of financial activities so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

**2.15 Operating leases**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**2.16 Pensions**

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

**2.17 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.18 Cash flow**

The company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption from the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

**2.19 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment**

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Critical areas of judgment:

Income and resources are allocated to either restricted or unrestricted funds on the basis of the purposes for which the donation was given. Where no specific restriction has been imposed by the donor, the trustees have the discretion to use the funds for any purpose in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

Assessing the charity's ability to remain a going concern involves critical accounting estimates and judgements. In particular, in forecasting the future charity's income and expenditure. The key assumption made by the Trustees is the ongoing support and income from LBRuT as set out in the Trustees' Report in the principal funding section. Should the funding from LBRuT not continue, and if the charity was not able to sufficiently replace the income to enable it to meet its liabilities as they fall due, the charity might not be able to continue as a going concern.

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**3. Income from donations and grants**

|                           | <b>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> |
|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Donations (incl Gift Aid) |  | 33,858                                       | 33,858                                |
| Grants                    | 94,868                                     | 500  | 95,368                                |
| <b>Total 2025</b>         | <u>94,868</u>                              | <u>34,358</u>                                | <u>129,226</u>                        |

Grant analysis

| <b>Provider</b>                    | <b>Amount</b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Richmond Foundation Charity        | £33,745       |
| GLA Rewilding                      | £32,500       |
| Barnes Fund (BCG)                  | £9,500        |
| LBRuT (BCG)                        | £5,000        |
| LBRuT Civic Pride                  | £5,000        |
| London Bat Group                   | £3,324        |
| The Barnes Fund                    | £3,240        |
| D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust      | £900          |
| BCG - Barnes Community Association | £750          |
| LBRuT - Climate Action Microgrant  | £500          |
| Commonwealth War Graves (annual)   | £500          |
| Kew Village Market                 | £409          |

|                   | <b>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</b> |
|-------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Donations         | 2,160                                      | 17,154                                       | 19,314                                |
| Grants            | 29,813                                     | 500  | 30,313                                |
| <b>Total 2024</b> | <u>31,973</u>                              | <u>17,654</u>                                | <u>49,627</u>                         |

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**3. Income from donations and grants (continued)**

Grant analysis

| <b>Provider</b>                    | <b>Amount</b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Barnes Fund (BCG)                  | £9,000        |
| LBRuT Local Area Fund (BCG)        | £8,000        |
| Roehampton Uni - Growth Voucher    | £5,000        |
| Thames / Wild Trout                | £3,020        |
| National Lottery Community Fund    | £1,500        |
| Woodroffe Benton Foundation        | £1,500        |
| Richmond CVS (BCG)                 | £640          |
| Commonwealth War Graves (annual)   | £500          |
| Tesco / Groundwork Community Grant | £500          |
| LBRuT - Full of Life               | £250          |
| LBRuT GBGW Microgrant (BCG)        | £250          |
| Heathrow (RICH101-T22)             | £153          |

Restricted and unrestricted grants were received from several different sources. All grants were received to allow the charity to meet its objectives and activities.

**4. Income from charitable activities**

|   | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| LBRuT funding - Barnes Common / LoM               | 105,288                                      | <b>105,288</b>                        |
| LBRuT funding - Other Contracts / Survey Work     | 7,400  | <b>7,400</b>                          |
| LBRuT / Defra / EA - Flood Risk Project Contracts | 267,432                                      | <b>267,432</b>                        |
| LBRuT funding - Sheen & Palewell Commons          | 39,000                                       | <b>39,000</b>                         |
| <b>Total 2025</b>                                 | <u>419,120</u>                               | <u><b>419,120</b></u>                 |

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**4. Income from charitable activities (continued)**

|   | <i>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> | <i>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| LBRuT funding - Barnes Common / LoM               | 105,847                                      | 105,847                               |
| LBRuT / Detra / EA - Flood Risk Project Contracts | 168,889                                      | 168,889                               |
| LBRuT funding - Sheen & Palewell Commons          | 49,600                                       | 49,600                                |
| <i>Total 2024</i>                                 |  |                                       |
|   | <u>324,336</u>                               | <u>324,336</u>                        |

**5. Income from other trading activities**

|  | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Eventbrite tickets & other sales           | 3,476  | <b>3,476</b>                          |
| Corporate Packages (Coca-Cola)             | 385  | <b>385</b>                            |
| Lifelong Learning/ Education               | 5,677  | <b>5,677</b>                          |
| NR - Goods Yard - 'Access for All' project | 1,125  | <b>1,125</b>                          |
| Membership Subscriptions (Keystone)        | 3,680  | <b>3,680</b>                          |
|  | <u>14,343</u>                                | <u><b>14,343</b></u>                  |

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**5. Income from other trading activities (continued)**  
**(continued)**

|   | <i>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> | <i>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> | <i>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Pavilion hire                                       |  | 108  | 108                                   |
| Eventbrite tickets & other sales                    |  | 3,888  | 3,888                                 |
| BCG Fundraising (incl Paragon Asra Housing Limited) | 6,920                                      |  | 6,920                                 |
| Lifelong Learning/ Education                        |  | 1,592  | 1,592                                 |
| NR - Goods Yard - 'Access for All' project          |  | 39,000                                       | 39,000                                |
| Membership Subscriptions (Keystone)                 |  | 2,380  | 2,380                                 |
|   | <u>6,920</u>                               | <u>46,968</u>                                | <u>53,888</u>                         |

**6. Bank interest and rewards**

|                        | <i>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</i> | <i>Total<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</i> |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Bank interest received | <u>3,660</u>                                 | <u>3,660</u>                          |

|                        | <i>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> | <i>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Bank interest received | 889  | 889                                   |
| Rewards received       | 18   | 18                                    |
| <i>Total 2024</i>      | <u>907</u>                                   | <u>907</u>                            |

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**7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

**Summary by fund type**

|                   | <b>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>2025<br/>£</b> |
|-------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Direct costs      | 43,839                                     | 327,804                                      | 371,643                     |
| Governance costs  | 29,030                                     | 56,097                                       | 85,127                      |
| <b>Total 2025</b> | <u>72,869</u>                              | <u>383,901</u>                               | <u>456,770</u>              |
|                   | <i>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> | <i>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> | <i>Total<br/>2024<br/>£</i> |
| Direct costs      | 43,572                                     | 261,502                                      | 305,074                     |
| Governance costs  | 21,429                                     | 41,566                                       | 62,995                      |
| <b>Total 2024</b> | <u>65,001</u>                              | <u>303,068</u>                               | <u>368,069</u>              |

**8. Analysis of expenditure by activities**

|                   | <b>Activities<br/>undertaken<br/>directly<br/>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</b> |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Direct costs      | 371,643  | 371,643                               |
| Governance costs  | 85,127   | 85,127                                |
| <b>Total 2025</b> | <u>456,770</u>   | <u>456,770</u>                        |



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**8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)**

|                   | <i>Activities<br/>undertaken<br/>directly<br/>2024<br/>£</i> | <i>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Direct costs      | 305,074  | 305,074                               |
| Governance costs  | 62,995   | 62,995                                |
| <i>Total 2024</i> | <u>368,069</u>   | <u>368,069</u>                        |

**Analysis of direct costs**

|                                     | <i>Total<br/>funds<br/>2025<br/>£</i> | <i>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Staff costs                         | 255,804                               | 199,918                               |
| Depreciation                        | 10,019                                | 6,909                                 |
| Insurance                           | 17,901                                | 12,657                                |
| Printing, postage and stationery    | 6,751                                 | 3,258                                 |
| Tools, materials, fuel, repairs etc | 23,334                                | 43,357                                |
| Consultancy                         | 27,898                                | 6,155                                 |
| Recruitment and training            | 4,557                                 | 3,838                                 |
| Events and security                 | 8,046                                 | 6,048                                 |
| Travel                              | 1,775                                 | 4,310                                 |
| Educational costs                   |                                       | 349                                   |
| Contractor costs                    | 723                                   | 5,794                                 |
| Office & computer expenses          | 8,473                                 | 4,202                                 |
| Clubs & society memberships         | 273                                   | 93                                    |
| Telephone                           | 1,080                                 | 1,628                                 |
| Sundry                              | 3,857                                 | 5,263                                 |
| Accountancy                         | 28,059                                | 20,781                                |
| Professional & advertising/PR       | 57,068                                | 42,214                                |
| Hire purchase interest              | 418                                   | 239                                   |
| Bank & agency charges               | 734                                   | 1,056                                 |
| <b>Total 2025</b>                   | <u>456,770</u>                        | <u>368,069</u>                        |

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**9. Independent examiner's remuneration**

|   | 2025<br>£    | 2024<br>£    |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts | 5,000        | 4,250        |
| Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner in respect of:   |              |              |
| All other services not included above   | <u>1,500</u> | <u>1,000</u> |

**10. Staff costs**

|  | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£      |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Wages and salaries                                   | 212,732        | 164,409        |
| Social security costs                                | 13,897         | 9,390          |
| Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes | 29,175         | 26,119         |
|  | <u>255,804</u> | <u>199,918</u> |

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

|           | 2025<br>No. | 2024<br>No. |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Employees | <u>9</u>    | <u>7</u>    |

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

**11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, one Trustee has been paid remuneration on a contract for services with the Company. The value of Trustees' remuneration was as follows:

|              | 2025<br>£ | 2024<br>£ |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| A Podmore    | 21,000    | 15,000    |
| Remuneration |           |           |

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**11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses (continued)**

The board agreed to pay Myszka Guzkowska an honorarium per quarter starting from September 2021. She was paid £6,334 for the year (2024: £4,000).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, expenses were repaid to the trustees for various categories of approved expenditure but expeditied through personal account purchases. Expenses totalling £1,803 were reimbursed to Mike Hildesley (2024: £1,031), £661 reimbursed to Adrian Podmore (2024: £18), £57 reimbursed to Myszka Guzkowska (2024: £1,404), £nil reimbursed to Ian Tottman (2024: £1,046), £775 reimbursed to Crispin O'Brien (2024: £2,702) and £nil reimbursed to Christopher Thomas (2024: £320).

**12. Intangible assets**

|                       | <b>Website<br/>costs<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                                |
| At 1 April 2024       | 2,000                          |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>2,000</u>                   |
| <b>Amortisation</b>   |                                |
| At 1 April 2024       | 1,071                          |
| Charge for the year   | 200                            |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>1,271</u>                   |
| <b>Net book value</b> |                                |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u><u>729</u></u>              |
| At 31 March 2024      | <u><u>929</u></u>              |

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**13. Tangible fixed assets**

|                          | Short-term<br>leasehold<br>property<br>£ | Plant and<br>machinery<br>£ | Fixtures and<br>fittings<br>£ | Total<br>£    |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Cost or valuation</b> |  |                             |                               |               |
| At 1 April 2024          | 18,835                                   | 102,243                     | 4,235                         | 125,313       |
| Additions                |  | 11,261                      | 1,344                         | 12,605        |
| At 31 March 2025         | 18,835                                   | 113,504                     | 5,579                         | 137,918       |
| <b>Depreciation</b>      |  |                             |                               |               |
| At 1 April 2024          | 18,835                                   | 71,381                      | 2,232                         | 92,448        |
| Charge for the year      |  | 9,066                       | 753                           | 9,819         |
| At 31 March 2025         | 18,835                                   | 80,447                      | 2,985                         | 102,267       |
| <b>Net book value</b>    |  |                             |                               |               |
| At 31 March 2025         |  | <u>33,057</u>               | <u>2,594</u>                  | <u>35,651</u> |
| At 31 March 2024         |  | <u>30,862</u>               | <u>2,003</u>                  | <u>32,865</u> |

The net book value of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts, included above is £15,255 (2024: £20,140)

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**14. Fixed asset investments**

|                          | Investments<br>in<br>subsidiary<br>companies<br>£ |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Cost or valuation</b> |   |
| At 1 April 2024          | 100   |
| At 31 March 2025         | <u>100</u>  |
| <b>Net book value</b>    |   |
| At 31 March 2025         | 100   |
| At 31 March 2024         | <u>100</u>  |

**Principal subsidiaries**

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Company:

| Name                        | Company<br>number | Registered office or principal<br>place of business                               | Principal activity |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---|--------------------|
| Barnes Conservation Limited | 12587145          | 2nd Floor, Medway Bridge<br>House, 1 - 8 Fairmeadow,<br>Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1JP | Conservation work  |
| <b>Class of<br/>shares</b>  | <b>Holding</b>    | <b>Included in<br/>consolidation</b>  |                    |
| Ordinary                    | 100%              | Yes   |                    |

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**14. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

| Name                        | Expenditure<br>£ | (Loss) for<br>the year<br>£ | Net assets<br>£ |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Barnes Conservation Limited | (950)            | (950)                       | (1,919)         |

Some expenditure for Barnes Conservation Limited e.g. insurance and cost of equipment is carried by Barnes Common Limited. This expenditure totals £804 (2024: £1,384) leaving a true deficit of £1,754 (2024: deficit £2,382).

**15. Debtors**

|                                | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£     |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Due within one year</b>     |               |               |
| Trade debtors                  | 15,634        | 40,956        |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 11,099        | 7,659         |
|                                | <u>26,733</u> | <u>48,615</u> |

**16. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

|   | 2025<br>£     | 2024<br>£     |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Trade creditors   | 8,652         | 6,780         |
| Directors loan account                                      | 830           | 996           |
| Other taxation and social security                          | 27,903        | 33,938        |
| Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts | 3,081         | 3,081         |
| Pension fund  | 2,712         | 2,362         |
| Investment in group companies                               | 100           | 100           |
| Accruals and deferred income                                | 4,250         | 5,577         |
|   | <u>47,528</u> | <u>52,834</u> |

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**17. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year**

|   | 2025<br>£    | 2024<br>£    |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts | 2,478        | 5,559        |
| Directors loan account  |              | 830          |
|   | <u>2,478</u> | <u>6,389</u> |

The hire purchase creditors are secured upon the assets to which they relate.

**18. Financial Instruments**

|   | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£      |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Financial assets</b>   |                |                |
| Financial assets measured at amortised cost (comprise cash at bank and trade debtors)   | <u>291,139</u> | <u>196,801</u> |
|   | 2025<br>£      | 2024<br>£      |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b>  |                |                |
| Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost (comprise trade creditors, hire purchase creditors, other taxes and social security creditors, accruals and other creditors) | <u>47,528</u>  | <u>52,834</u>  |

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**19. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

|  | Balance at 1<br>April 2024<br>£ | Income<br>£    | Expenditure<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 March<br>2025<br>£ |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>                    |                                 |                |                  |                                     |
| General Funds - all funds                    | 149,790                         | 471,481        | (383,901)        | 237,370                             |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                      |                                 |                |                  |                                     |
| Heathrow Community Fund Grant                | 111                             |                |                  | 111                                 |
| LBRuT Civic Pride                            |                                 | 5,000          | (5,000)          |                                     |
| LBRuT Feasibility Vine Road Project          | 3,664                           |                | (451)            | 3,213                               |
| Vine Road Project - Greater London Authority | 361                             |                | (361)            |                                     |
| LBRuT Local Area / Civic Pride (BCG)         | 6,756                           | 5,000          | (6,731)          | 5,025                               |
| Richmond Foundation                          | 2,556                           | 33,745         | (15,000)         | 21,301                              |
| GLA Rewilding                                | 11                              | 32,500         | (26,205)         | 6,306                               |
| Barnes Fund (BCG)                            | 9,086                           | 9,500          | (8,864)          | 9,722                               |
| Thames / Wild Trout                          | 3,020                           |                | (1,013)          | 2,007                               |
| National Lottery Community Fund              | 61                              |                | (61)             |                                     |
| Paragon Asra Housing Limited (BCG)           | 76                              |                | (76)             |                                     |
| The Barnes Fund                              |                                 | 3,240          | (2,160)          | 1,080                               |
| Kew Village                                  |                                 | 409            | (409)            |                                     |
| LBRuT Climate Micro Grant                    |                                 | 500            | (490)            | 10                                  |
| Richmond CVS (BCG)                           | 41                              |                | (41)             |                                     |
| Roehampton University                        | 3,600                           |                | (3,299)          | 301                                 |
| D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust                |                                 | 900            | (843)            | 57                                  |
| London Bat Group                             |                                 | 3,324          | (1,115)          | 2,209                               |
| Barnes Community Association (BCG)           |                                 | 750            | (750)            |                                     |
|  | 29,343                          | 94,868         | (72,869)         | 51,342                              |
| <b>Total of funds</b>                        | <b>179,133</b>                  | <b>566,349</b> | <b>(456,770)</b> | <b>288,712</b>                      |



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**19. Statement of funds (continued)**

**Statement of funds - prior year**

|  | Balance at<br>1 April 2023<br>£ | Income<br>£    | Expenditure<br>£ | Transfers<br>in/out<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 March<br>2024<br>£ |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>                    |                                 |                |                  |                          |                                     |
| General Funds - all funds                    | 59,753                          | 389,865        | (303,068)        | 3,240                    | 149,790                             |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                      |                                 |                |                  |                          |                                     |
| Heathrow Community Fund Grant                | 398                             | 153            | (440)            |                          | 111                                 |
| LBRuT Civic Pride                            | 3,664                           |                |                  |                          | 3,664                               |
| LBRuT Feasibility Vine Road Project          | 361                             |                |                  |                          | 361                                 |
| Vine Road Project - Greater London Authority | 826                             | 9,920          | (3,990)          |                          | 6,756                               |
| Richmond Foundation                          | 17,712                          |                | (15,156)         |                          | 2,556                               |
| GLA Rewilding                                | 25,000                          |                | (24,989)         |                          | 11                                  |
| Barnes Fund (BCG)                            | 8,500                           | 9,000          | (8,414)          |                          | 9,086                               |
| Warburtons Community                         | 400                             |                | (400)            |                          |                                     |
| UTV / Gator Fund                             | 1,830                           | 1,410          |                  | (3,240)                  |                                     |
| Thames / Wild Trout                          |                                 | 3,020          |                  |                          | 3,020                               |
| National Lottery Community Fund              |                                 | 1,500          | (1,439)          |                          | 61                                  |
| Paragon Asra Housing Limited (BCG)           |                                 | 6,000          | (5,924)          |                          | 76                                  |
| The Barnes Fund                              |                                 | 1,500          | (1,500)          |                          |                                     |
| Kew Village                                  |                                 | 500            | (500)            |                          |                                     |
| LBRuT Climate Micro Grant                    |                                 | 250            | (250)            |                          |                                     |
| Richmond CVS (BCG)                           |                                 | 640            | (599)            |                          | 41                                  |
| Roehampton University                        |                                 | 5,000          | (1,400)          |                          | 3,600                               |
|  | 58,691                          | 38,893         | (65,001)         | (3,240)                  | 29,343                              |
| <b>Total of funds</b>                        | <b>118,444</b>                  | <b>428,758</b> | <b>(368,069)</b> |                          | <b>179,133</b>                      |

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**19. Statement of funds (continued)**

Heathrow Community Fund Grant was utilised for the purchase of a mobile sawmill.

LBRuT Feasibility Vine Road Project is being utilised for continuing work on the Vine Road Project.

GLA - Vine Road was utilised for initial costs including public consultation for the Vine Road Project.

Thames Water / Rivers & Wetlands Community Days is to be utilised for Beverley Brook works to remove concrete bankside and re-naturalise.

GLA Rewilding - two grants - second half of first grant was utilised for Beverley Brook improvements at Palewell while first half of second grant is being utilised for a Saproxyllic Invertebrate project.

Richmond Foundation has been utilised for employing a Project Co-ordinator for the Vine Road Growing project.

The Barnes Fund is being utilised for educational sessions at the Leg O'Mutton reservoir.

National Lottery Community Fund was utilised for the Autumn Fayre.

LBRuT Climate Micro Grant was utilised for running a range of talks for the Growers Project

Roehampton University was utilised to develop resources covering outdoor learning and nature connection for school teachers.

LBRuT Civic Pride was utilised for costs associated with the installation of the second polytunnel.

Kew Village grant was utilised on additional expenses related to the second polytunnel.

D'Oyly Carte was utilised for purchasing adjustable tables and planting a lavender bed for the Growing Project.

London Bat Group is being utilised for innovative measures to help create and protect bat roosts in trees.

Paragon Asra Housing Limited, Richmond CVS, the Barnes Fund, Barnes Community Association and LBRuT Civic Pride were all used for various greening and gardening activities by the Barnes Community Gardeners.

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**20. Summary of funds**

**Summary of funds - current year**

|                  | Balance at 1<br>April 2024<br>£ | Income<br>£    | Expenditure<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 March<br>2025<br>£ |
|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| General funds    | 149,790                         | 471,481        | (383,901)        | 237,370                             |
| Restricted funds | 29,343                          | 94,868         | (72,869)         | 51,342                              |
|                  | <u>179,133</u>                  | <u>566,349</u> | <u>(456,770)</u> | <u>288,712</u>                      |

**Summary of funds - prior year**

|                  | Balance at<br>1 April 2023<br>£ | Income<br>£    | Expenditure<br>£ | Transfers<br>in/out<br>£ | Balance at<br>31 March<br>2024<br>£ |
|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| General funds    | 59,753                          | 389,865        | (303,068)        | 3,240                    | 149,790                             |
| Restricted funds | 58,691                          | 38,893         | (65,001)         | (3,240)                  | 29,343                              |
|                  | <u>118,444</u>                  | <u>428,758</u> | <u>(368,069)</u> |                          | <u>179,133</u>                      |

**21. Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

|                                     | Restricted<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>2025<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets               |                                  | 35,651                             | 35,651                      |
| Intangible fixed assets             |                                  | 729                                | 729                         |
| Fixed asset investments             |                                  | 100                                | 100                         |
| Current assets                      | 51,342                           | 250,896                            | 302,238                     |
| Creditors due within one year       |                                  | (47,528)                           | (47,528)                    |
| Creditors due in more than one year |                                  | (2,478)                            | (2,478)                     |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <u>51,342</u>                    | <u>237,370</u>                     | <u>288,712</u>              |

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**21. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year**

|                                     | <i>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> | <i>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> | <i>Total<br/>funds<br/>2024<br/>£</i> |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets               |  | 32,866                                       | 32,866                                |
| Intangible fixed assets             |  | 929  | 929                                   |
| Fixed asset investments             |  | 100  | 100                                   |
| Current assets                      | 29,343                                     | 175,118                                      | 204,461                               |
| Creditors due within one year       |  | (52,834)                                     | (52,834)                              |
| Creditors due in more than one year |  | (6,389)                                      | (6,389)                               |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>29,343</b>                              | <b>149,790</b>                               | <b>179,133</b>                        |

**22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

|  | <b>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>2024<br/>£</b> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities) | <b>109,579</b>    | <b>60,689</b>     |
| <b>Adjustments for:</b>  |                   |                   |
| Depreciation charges   | <b>9,819</b>      | <b>6,708</b>      |
| Amortisation charges   | <b>200</b>        | <b>200</b>        |
| Decrease/(increase) in debtors                                     | <b>21,882</b>     | <b>(19,950)</b>   |
| (Decrease)/increase in creditors                                   | <b>(9,216)</b>    | <b>25,224</b>     |
| <b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>                   | <b>132,264</b>    | <b>72,871</b>     |

**23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

|  | <b>2025<br/>£</b> | <b>2024<br/>£</b> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash in hand                           | <b>275,505</b>    | <b>155,846</b>    |
| <b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b> | <b>275,505</b>    | <b>155,846</b>    |

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**24. Analysis of changes in net debt**

|                          | At 1 April<br>2024 | Cash flows     | At 31 March<br>2025 |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|
|                          | £                  | £              | £                   |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 155,846            | 119,659        | 275,505             |
| Debt due within 1 year   | (3,358)            | (184)          | (3,542)             |
| Finance leases           | (8,640)            | 3,081          | (5,559)             |
|                          | <u>143,848</u>     | <u>122,556</u> | <u>266,404</u>      |

**25. Pension commitments**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £29,175 (2024: £26,119). Contributions totalling £2,712 (2024: £2,362) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

**26. Related party transactions**

The company is working with London Borough of Richmond upon Thames (LBRuT). LBRuT is the legal manager of Barnes Common under the Metropolitan Commons Acts (Ownership of the common rests with the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, acting through the Church Commissioners) and owner of Vine Road recreation ground, Leg o'Mutton reservoir and Palewell Common and manager of Sheen Common (National Trust has freehold). The charitable activity funding income in the statement of financial activities is all provided by LBRuT.

During the year A Podmore, a trustee and director, provided bookkeeping services to the company at agreed market rate charge of £21,000 (2024: £15,000). At the balance sheet date, there was an amount owed to A Podmore of £nil (2024: £1,250).

During the year M Guzkowska, a trustee and director, was paid an honorarium of £6,334 (2024: £4,000).

During the prior year a trustee and director provided a loan of £2,000 to the company. The loan is to be repaid over 24 months and is interest free. The balance included in other creditors at the balance sheet date is £830 (2024: £1,826).

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