

THE WILDLIFE GARDENING FORUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1156608

Details

Other names WLGF

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-04-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:A) TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF GARDENS AND THEIR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY.B) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY OF GARDENS AND THE CONSEQUENT HUMAN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BENEFITS.NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008

Activities: We promote garden biodiversity and public education through public conferences, creation of publications and newsletters, work with the media, maintaining a website to provide access to evidence-based information and advice, coordinating and informing the work of the charities and other organisations within our contacts, and influencing decision makers through disseminating evidence.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£5,582	£3,204	-	-
2024-04-05	£2,582	£1,511	-	-
2023-04-05	£971	£1,660	-	-
2022-04-05	£524	£505	-	-
2021-04-05	£27	£2,268	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Hugh Thomas	Chair	2021-12-09
Alison Vitale		2023-11-30
Andrew Jackson		2015-11-13
Clare Wright		2023-11-30
Dr Mark Adam Goddard		2020-11-12
Hafsah Hafeji		2024-03-28
Helen Judith Bostock		2020-11-12
Mary Elizabeth Jackson		2020-11-12
Stephanie Karen Bird		2024-03-28

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 6 April 2024 Period start date To 5 April 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Wildlife Gardening Forum

Charity registration number: 1156608

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>a) To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of gardens and their biological diversity.</p> <p>b) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and biodiversity of gardens and the consequent human health and well-being benefits.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Gardens are diverse and important habitats for our declining wildlife and where the great majority of children find their first direct contact with nature. Nearly 90% of UK households have gardens and so our work can benefit a very large proportion of the public who wish to manage their gardens sustainably and with wildlife in mind. In planning and executing our work, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its public benefit guidance on advancing education and on conservation of the environment.</p> <p>Object a) Promoting conservation, protection and improvement ...</p> <p>The Wildlife Gardening Forum furthers this object through issuing four newsletters per year summarising new research and best practice findings. We maintain a large website to provide access to evidence-based information on the science of wildlife gardening and on garden organisms, including practical guidance. We seek to inform</p>

	<p>the work of the many charities and other organisations within our membership and contacts. We influence decision makers through working with other charities and disseminating evidence. The influence of the Forum on social media has grown remarkably on its Facebook group and is developing on Instagram and X (formerly Twitter).</p> <p>Our website is undergoing migration to a new platform to help meet the ambition of it becoming a 'one stop shop for scientific and practical information about gardens and wildlife'. It contains extensive background information in garden and wildlife science and planting for wildlife, reviewing information largely unavailable to a general reader. It constitutes the largest compendium of freely available information about garden biodiversity anywhere on the web.</p> <p>The Forum's Manifesto, available in English and Welsh on the website, provides a simple introduction to decision makers about the policy changes we would like to see to improve the status of gardens for wildlife and people. Our membership of the umbrella organisation Wildlife and Countryside Link is allowing the Forum to contribute its voice alongside other charities in environmental issues.</p> <p>Object b) To advance the education of the public....</p> <p>This object is addressed through the creation of publications and newsletters, provision of professional guidance and training for teachers and practitioners and maintaining a website to provide access for everyone to evidence-based information and advice.</p> <p>The Trustees ensure a powerful educational outcome by insisting on testing all statements and guidance in our material and on our website against established and published fact, giving attribution so that those who wish can have access to original work. We identify and point out areas where evidence is inadequate and have succeeded in starting research projects (such as the RHS-run "Plants for Bugs Project" investigating the relative value</p>
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		<p>of native and non-native garden plants) where a major deficiency of evidence has let myths and assumptions stay unchallenged.</p> <p>While most of our focus is on biodiversity, our education objective is also concerned with the role of gardens and urban green space on human mental and physical health, and the cohesion and better function of communities. This is another relatively new field of research that has not yet become widely known among the public and decision makers but is of increasing importance as Britain becomes steadily more urban. There is great synergy between this aspect of gardens, and biodiversity conservation, and we see our role as helping to make the health research findings accessible to everyone alongside the biodiversity, and with the same standards of rigour.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that in the period covered by this report they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Forum trustee meetings continued to be conducted remotely with the exception of an in-person Away Day and AGM held at Ryton Gardens in Coventry in July.</p> <p>The Forum was able to fulfil its core purposes in a number of ways;</p> <p>Activities were held to mark the Wildlife Gardening Forum's 20th anniversary from its original formation in March 2005. This took the form of recorded birthday wishes from friends of the Forum such as wildlife author and presenter Kate Bradbury, a press release sent out in March 2025 marking 10 wins and 10 challenges from the last 20 years, and a book giveaway of 20 signed copies of Chris Baines' book <i>RHS Companion to Wildlife Gardening</i>. The book giveaway received nearly 100 applications and generated many positive stories of people keen to make a difference to wildlife in their gardens or communities.</p>

	<p>To further dissemination of current wildlife gardening research through online events, the Forum partnered with the Biological Recording Company to deliver a hugely successful Wildlife Gardening Symposium in January 2025, an event which sold over 600 tickets. The 3-hour event included a round-up of wildlife gardening research from 2025 by the Founder Patron, Steve Head; a talk on hedgehogs and their safety in gardens from international researcher Dr Sophie Lund Rasmussen; impact of wildlife-friendly gardening practises on butterflies from Dr Richard Fox (Butterfly Conservation Trust); the challenges and trade-offs of feeding garden birds by Dr Hugh Hanmer (BTO); and gardening for bats and people with Jo Ferguson (Bat Conservation Trust). Recordings were made available via the website. Preparations are underway for a similar event in 2026.</p> <p>The Forum's Facebook presence continued to excel in 2024/5, giving the charity a strong online presence and channel for messaging through its organisational page (>18,000 followers) and supporting the national and international wildlife gardening online community with experienced moderators through the Forum's public group (>130,000 members + >120,000 visitors, giving a combined total of over quarter of a million people).</p> <p>The Forum's website of over 500 pages contains excellent and extensive content on the subject of wildlife gardening but the board identified the need for its redevelopment as a priority if it is to serve the aims of the charity. Thanks to a generous donation work began in March 2025 to move it to a more flexible and stable platform. This is a major project being taken forward by a web developer and one of the trustees.</p> <p>Our member's free quarterly newsletter has continued to inform over 3,000 gardeners, garden designers, landscapers, conservationists and other practitioners, giving them the tools to make direct changes to benefit biodiversity and the environment.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's operating costs have been maintained in the period due to income from the virtual symposium. Projects (i.e. web development) have been primarily funded through donations rather than drawing on reserves.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Wildlife Gardening Forum has general funds, currently approximately equal to one (normal) year's operating costs, which the Trustees consider prudent to maintain the charity's core activities, especially in current financial uncertainties. There is £3,000 in restricted funds designated for use on website development.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£9,006 (total), £6,006 (unrestricted)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing Trustees on the basis of a Board Skills Audit and informal interview.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wildlife Gardening Forum
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1156608
Charity's principal address	Mollys Lodge Little Wolford Shipston on Stour Warwickshire CV36 5NR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Helen Bostock	Chair + Vice-chair	Apr 2024 – Nov 2024 (Chair) Nov 2024 – Apr 2025 (Vice-chair)	
2	Mary Jackson	Chair	Apr 2024 – Nov 2024 (trustee) Nov 2024 – Apr 2025 (Chair)	
3	Judith Conroy	Hon Secretary	All Year	
4	Ali Vitale		All Year	
5	Mark Goddard		All Year	
6	Adrian Thomas		All Year	
7	Clare Wright		All Year	
8	Hafsah Hafeji		All Year	
9	Stephanie Bird		All Year	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
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Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Hon. Treasurer	Marc Carlton	10, Portwall Road, Chepstow, NP16 5DL

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None

Exemptions from disclosure


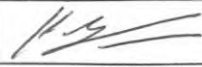
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mary Jackson	Helen Bostock
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Vice Chair

Date 05/11/25



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	6th April 2024	To	5th April 2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts: Donations	332	3,000	-	3,332	337
Charitable activity: Conference income	2,250	-	-	2,250	2,045
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,582	3,000	-	5,582	2,382
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,582	3,000	-	5,582	2,382
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activity: Website	2,333	-	-	2,333	366
Charitable Activity: Working Groups					
Charitable Activity: Conferences	-	-	-	-	204
Charitable Activity: Influence	-	-	-	-	-
Mailchimp costs					
Governance costs	871	-	-	871	941
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,204	-	-	3,204	1,511
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,204	-	-	3,204	1,511
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 622	3,000	-	2,378	871
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,628	-	-	6,628	5,557
Cash funds this year end	6,006	3,000	-	9,006	6,428

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		6,006	3,000	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,006	3,000	-

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Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £


B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mary Jackson Helen Bostock	06/11/25 05/11/25

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the work of the many charities and other organisations within our membership and contacts. We influence decision makers through working with other charities and disseminating evidence. The influence of the Forum on social media has grown remarkably on its Facebook group and is developing on Instagram and X (formerly Twitter).

Our website continues to grow with the ambition of being a 'one stop shop for scientific and practical information about gardens and wildlife'. It contains extensive background information in garden and wildlife science and planting for wildlife, reviewing information largely unavailable to a general reader. By March 2022 the site contained nearly 400 pages of information and a further 120 downloadable documents. It constitutes the largest compendium of freely available information about garden biodiversity anywhere on the web.

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The Trustees ensure a powerful educational outcome by insisting on testing all statements and guidance in our material and on our website against established and published fact, giving attribution so that those who wish can have access to original work. We identify and point out areas where evidence is inadequate and have succeeded in starting research projects (such as the RHS-run "Plants for Bugs

		<p>Project” investigating the relative value of native and non-native garden plants) where a major deficiency of evidence has let myths and assumptions stay unchallenged.</p> <p>While most of our focus is on biodiversity, our education objective is also concerned with the role of gardens and urban green space on human mental and physical health, and the cohesion and better function of communities. This is another relatively new field of research that has not yet become widely known among the public and decision makers but is of increasing importance as Britain becomes steadily more urban. There is great synergy between this aspect of gardens, and biodiversity conservation, and we see our role as helping to make the health research findings accessible to everyone alongside the biodiversity, and with the same standards of rigour.</p>
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity’s work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In the tenth year of the Wildlife Gardening Forum’s operation as a registered charity, trustee meetings are mostly conducted remotely with one in-person Away Day held at RHS Garden Wisley in Surrey in July which included a tour of the Wildlife Garden and Orchard.</p> <p>The Forum was able to fulfil its core purposes in a number of ways;</p> <p>Building on the success of the online conference in Jan 2023, a fortnightly series of online talks were organised during Feb 2024 providing a low-cost (donation-based ticketing), travel-free format to an audience of nearly 600. This gave a platform to trustee experts (Adrian Thomas covered making mini meadows), researchers now active practitioners in their field (Dr Tomos Jones from North Wales Wildlife Trusts on how gardeners can stop the spread of invasive non-native plants) and</p>

		<p>current researchers. Urban topics included helping moths in towns and cities, and a PhD investigating social impacts on allotment and garden management and urban pollinator communities. Recordings were made available through the website.</p> <p>The Forum's Facebook presence continued to excel in 2023, giving the charity a strong online presence and channel for messaging through its organisational page (>10,000 followers) and supporting the both national and international wildlife gardening online community with experienced moderators through the Forum's public group (>110,000 members).</p> <p>The Forum's extensive website grew to 468 pages and moved to a secure 'https' site set up. The wildflowers section was developed to direct gardeners to those most suitable and effective at supporting wildlife in a garden environment. This would like to be progressed to cover ornamental plants too.</p> <p>Our member's quarterly newsletter has continued to inform over 3,000 gardeners, garden designers, landscapers, conservationists and other practitioners, giving them the tools to make direct changes to benefit biodiversity and the environment.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's reserves recovered in the period due to income from the online webinar series. To generate future income to cover core charitable activities more online events are planned for the upcoming year. Any larger ambitions of the charity will need to be sought from grant funding.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Wildlife Gardening Forum has general funds, currently approximately equal to one (normal) year's operating costs, which the Trustees consider prudent to maintain the charity's core activities, especially given the current financial uncertainties. There are no designated or restricted funds.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6,628
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A

Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
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1	Helen Bostock	Chair	All Year	
2	Karen Murphy	Hon Secretary (to Jul 2023)	Apr 2023 – Jul 2023	
	Judith Conroy	Hon Secretary (Aug 2023 onwards)	All Year	
3	Johan Ingles le-Nobel		Apr 2023 – Jul 2023	
	David Perkins		Apr 2023 – Jul 2023	
4	Mary Jackson		All Year	
5				
6	Mark Goddard		All Year	
8	Adrian Thomas		All Year	
19	Ali Vitale		Nov 2023 – Apr 2024	

10	Clare Wright		Nov 2023 – Apr 2024	
11	Hafsah Hafeji		Mar 2024 – Apr 2024	
12	Stephanie Bird		Mar 2024 – Apr 2024	
13				
14				
15				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser Name Address

Hon. Treasurer	Marc Carlton	10, Portwall Road, Chepstow, NP16 5DL

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None

Exemptions from disclosure


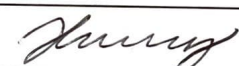
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Helen Bostock	Judith Conroy
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Hon Secretary

Date 20/07/24



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	6th April 2023	To	5th April 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts: Donations	537	-	-	537	20
Charitable activity: Conference income	2,045	-	-	2,045	951
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,582	-	-	2,582	971
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,582	-	-	2,582	971
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activity: Website	366	-	-	366	520
Charitable Activity: Working Groups					
Charitable Activity: Conferences	204	-	-	204	585
Charitable Activity: Influence	-	-	-	-	-
Mailchimp costs					452
Governance costs	941	-	-	941	103
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,511	-	-	1,511	1,660
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,511	-	-	1,511	1,660
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,071	-	-	1,071	689
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,557	-	-	5,557	6,246
Cash funds this year end	6,628	-	-	6,628	5,557

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		6,628	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,628	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Helen Bostock	20/07/2024
	Judith Conroy	20/07/2024

THE WILDLIFE GARDENING FORUM

England & Wales - Charity number 1156608

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 6 April 2022 Period start date To 5 April 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Wildlife Gardening Forum

Charity registration number: 1156608

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>a) To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of gardens and their biological diversity.</p> <p>b) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and biodiversity of gardens and the consequent human health and well-being benefits.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Gardens are diverse and important habitats for our declining wildlife and where the great majority of children find their first direct contact with nature. Nearly 90% of UK households have gardens and so our work can benefit a very large proportion of the public who wish to manage their gardens sustainably and with wildlife in mind. In planning and executing our work, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its public benefit guidance on advancing education and on conservation of the environment.</p> <p>Object a) Promoting conservation, protection and improvement ...</p> <p>The Wildlife Gardening Forum furthers this object through issuing four newsletters per year summarising new research and best practice findings. We maintain a large website to provide access to evidence-based information on the science of wildlife gardening and on garden organisms, including practical guidance. We seek to inform</p>

the work of the many charities and other organisations within our membership and contacts. We influence decision makers through working with other charities and disseminating evidence. The influence of the Forum on social media has grown remarkably on its Facebook group and is developing on Instagram and X (formerly Twitter).

Our website continues to grow with the ambition of being a 'one stop shop for scientific and practical information about gardens and wildlife'. It contains extensive background information in garden and wildlife science and planting for wildlife, reviewing information largely unavailable to a general reader. By March 2022 the site contained nearly 400 pages of information and a further 120 downloadable documents. It constitutes the largest compendium of freely available information about garden biodiversity anywhere on the web.

The Forum's Manifesto, available in English and Welsh on the website, provides a simple introduction to decision makers about the policy changes we would like to see to improve the status of gardens for wildlife and people. Our membership of the umbrella organisation Wildlife and Countryside Link is allowing the Forum to contribute its voice alongside other charities in environmental issues.

Object b) To advance the education of the public....

This object is addressed through the creation of publications and newsletters, provision of professional guidance and training for teachers and practitioners and maintaining a website to provide access for everyone to evidence-based information and advice.

The Trustees ensure a powerful educational outcome by insisting on testing all statements and guidance in our material and on our website against established and published fact, giving attribution so that those who wish can have access to original work. We identify and point out areas where evidence is inadequate and have succeeded in starting research projects (such as the RHS-run "Plants for Bugs

		<p>Project” investigating the relative value of native and non-native garden plants) where a major deficiency of evidence has let myths and assumptions stay unchallenged.</p> <p>While most of our focus is on biodiversity, our education objective is also concerned with the role of gardens and urban green space on human mental and physical health, and the cohesion and better function of communities. This is another relatively new field of research that has not yet become widely known among the public and decision makers but is of increasing importance as Britain becomes steadily more urban. There is great synergy between this aspect of gardens, and biodiversity conservation, and we see our role as helping to make the health research findings accessible to everyone alongside the biodiversity, and with the same standards of rigour.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that in the period covered by this report they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity’s work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In the ninth year of the Wildlife Gardening Forum’s operation as a registered charity, trustee meetings continued to be conducted remotely and although no in-person conferences were held during the period the charity organised its first ever online conference in Jan 2023, providing a low-cost (donation-based ticketing), travel-free format to an audience of over 300. Keynote speaker Professor Dave Goulson was joined by speakers from Plantlife and BTO to address diverse topics on the theme ‘Resilience, challenges and solutions for today’s wildlife gardeners’. Recordings were made available through the website and a member podcast.</p> <p>The Forum was able to fulfil its core purposes in a number of ways;</p> <p>Building on resources developed through the Polli:Gen project in 2021, the Forum ran a wildlife-gardening self-</p>

		<p>accreditation scheme pilot in 2022 called 'Cholsey Wildlife Garden Challenge', set in a village in rural Oxfordshire. 55 households participated and 16 certificates awarded (2 Bronze, 7 Silver, 7 Gold). The success of the pilot has provided a proof-of-concept for a future expansion of the scheme.</p> <p>The Forum's Facebook group exceeded 100,000 members in 2022, making it the largest Facebook group dedicated to wildlife gardening. It is primarily a UK-based group though it encourages and supports members in over 100 countries and enlists a volunteer moderator team of around 15 to maintain a friendly, positive online community.</p> <p>The Forum's website has expanded its section on garden birds, which now covers 49 species, comparison pages and bird biology. This topic is particularly popular with people new to wildlife gardening and contributes to improved nature-connectedness and wellbeing. An ambition of the Forum is to convert it to a secure https site.</p> <p>Our member's quarterly newsletter has continued to inform over 3,000 gardeners, garden designers, landscapers, conservationists and other practitioners, giving them the tools to make direct changes to benefit biodiversity and the environment.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's reserves fell slightly in the period due to combined expenses of website/domain hosting and mailout costs. New income from the online conference helped to offset losses and in future this could prove to be an effective revenue stream. Any larger ambitions of the charity will need to be sought from grant funding.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Wildlife Gardening Forum has general funds, currently approximately equal to one (normal) year's operating costs, which the Trustees consider prudent to maintain the charity's core activities, especially given the current financial uncertainties. There are no designated or restricted funds.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,557
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A

Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing Trustees on the basis of a Board Skills Audit and informal interview.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wildlife Gardening Forum
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1156608
Charity's principal address	Mollys Lodge Little Wolford Shipston on Stour Warwickshire CV36 5NR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Helen Bostock	Chair (October onwards)	All Year	
2	Karen Murphy	Hon Secretary	All Year	
3	Johan Ingles le-Nobel		All Year	
4	Mary Jackson		All Year	
5	Judith Conroy		All Year	
6	Mark Goddard		All Year	
7	David Perkins		All Year	
8	Adrian Thomas		All Year	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Hon. Treasurer	Marc Carlton	10, Portwall Road, Chepstow, NP16 5DL

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None

Exemptions from disclosure



Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Helen Bostock	Judith Conroy
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Hon Secretary

Date 14.09.23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Wildlife Gardening Forum

1156608

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

6th April 2022

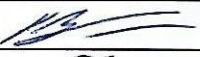
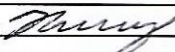
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5th April 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts: Donations	20	-	-	20	524
Charitable activity: Conference income	951	-	-	951	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	971	-	-	971	524
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	971	-	-	971	524
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activity: Website	520	-	-	520	-
Charitable Activity: Conferences	585	-	-	585	-
Charitable Activity: Influence	-	-	-	-	-
Mailchimp costs	452	-	-	452	398
Governance costs	103	-	-	103	107
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,660	-	-	1,660	505
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,660	-	-	1,660	505
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 689	-	-	- 689	19
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,246	-	-	6,246	6,227
Cash funds this year end	5,557	-	-	5,557	6,246

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		5,557	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,557	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Helen Bostock	14.09.23	
		Judith Conroy	14.09.23	

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	<p>the work of the many charities and other organisations within our membership and contacts. We influence decision makers through working with other charities and disseminating evidence. The influence of the Forum on social media has grown remarkably on its Facebook group and on Twitter.</p> <p>Our website has been considerably enlarged and pages updated. It contains extensive background information in garden and wildlife science and planting for wildlife, reviewing information largely unavailable to a general reader. By March 2021 the site contained over 350 pages of information and a further 120 downloadable documents. It constitutes the largest compendium of freely available information about garden biodiversity anywhere on the web.</p>
	<p>The Forum's Manifesto, available in English and Welsh on the website, provides a simple introduction to decision makers about the policy changes we would like to see to improve the status of gardens for wildlife and people. Our membership of the umbrella organisation Wildlife and Countryside Link is allowing the Forum to contribute its voice alongside other charities in environmental issues.</p> <p>Object b) To advance the education of the public....</p> <p>This object is addressed through the creation of publications and newsletters, provision of professional guidance and training for teachers and practitioners and maintaining a website to provide access for everyone to evidence-based information and advice.</p>
	<p>The Trustees ensure a powerful educational outcome by insisting on testing all statements and guidance in our material and on our website against established and published fact, giving attribution so that those who wish can have access to original work. We identify and point out areas where evidence is inadequate and have succeeded in starting research projects (such as the RHS-run "Plants for Bugs Project" investigating the relative value of native and non-native garden plants) where a major deficiency of evidence</p>

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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In the eighth year of the Wildlife Gardening Forum's operation as a registered charity, restrictions of the Covid pandemic continued to limit aspects of the charity's work, with trustee meetings conducted remotely and no conferences able to be held during the period. A significant change on the Board was Trustee and Chair Dr Steve Head retiring to take up a role as Founder Patron. This meant a disruption to the capacity of the Board, but Dr Head continues to advise and to maintain and expand the website.</p> <p>The Forum was able to fulfil its core purposes in a number of ways;</p> <p>With partners Learning through Landscapes and Leicester City Council it made a significant contribution to the Polli:gen project which enabled one fifth of schools (500 children) and over 300 community group members across Leicester to create and develop pollinator-friendly grounds and gardens. Written by Forum trustees and advisors, nearly 50 'How To' guides were created</p>

		<p>which provided invaluable resources for the project and form a permanent free online resource for the public. The guides have also made the basis for a wildlife garden self-accreditation scheme, developed as a pilot within the Polli:Gen project, ready for further trial roll out in 2022.</p> <p>The Forum's Facebook community has continued to grow, doubling from the previous year to circa 82,000 members, encouraging and supporting members in over 100 countries to adopt wildlife friendly practises. The volunteer team managing the group has also increased considerably to around 15, providing cover both day and night.</p> <p>The Forum's website now has significant new sections covering garden birds, plants and wildflowers. These topics are particularly popular with and accessible to people new to wildlife gardening, an audience we have seen increase in response to the pandemic, empowering people to improve the environment around them for the benefit of biodiversity and their own wellbeing.</p> <p>Our member's quarterly newsletter has continued to inform over 2,800 gardeners, garden designers, landscapers, conservationists and other practitioners, giving them the tools to make direct changes to benefit biodiversity and the environment.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>With no staff outgoings, the charity continues to be able to withstand the long term impact of the Covid Pandemic including its curtailing of the hosting of public conferences to maintain core income. Its online and newsletter work continues unaffected. The year ahead will see the development of a new financial strategy.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Wildlife Gardening Forum has general funds, currently approximately equal to one (normal) year's operating costs, which the Trustees consider prudent to maintain the charity's core activities, especially given the current financial uncertainties. There are no designated or restricted funds.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6,246

Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing Trustees on the basis of a Board Skills Audit

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wildlife Gardening Forum
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1156608
Charity's principal address	Mollys Lodge Little Wolford Shipston on Stour Warwickshire CV36 5NR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr Stephen Head	(Chair up to October)	April-October	
2	Helen Bostock	Chair (October onwards)	All Year	
3	Karen Murphy	Hon Secretary	All Year	
4	Johan Ingles le-Nobel		All Year	
5	Mary Jackson		All Year	
6	Judith Conroy		All Year	
7	Mark Goddard		All Year	
8	David Perkins		All Year	
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Type of adviser	Name	Address
Hon. Treasurer	Marc Carlton	10, Portwall Road, Chepstow, NP16 5DL

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None

Exemptions from disclosure


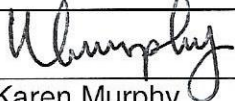
Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Helen Bostock	Karen Murphy
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Hon Secretary

Date

1/12/2022




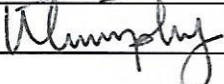
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	6th April 2021	To	5th April 2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts: Donations	524	-	-	524	27
Charitable activity: Conference income	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	524	-	-	524	27
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	524	-	-	524	27
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activity: Website		-	-	-	308
Charitable Activity: Conferences	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activity: Influence	-	-	-	-	1,627
Mailchimp costs	398	-	-	398	160
Governance costs	107	-	-	107	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	505	-	-	505	2,095
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	505	-	-	505	2,095
Net of receipts/(payments)	19	-	-	19	- 2,068
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,227	-	-	6,227	8,295
Cash funds this year end	6,246	-	-	6,246	6,227

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		6,246	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,246	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Helen Bostock	1/12/22
			Karen Murphy	1/12/22

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	6 April 2020	To	5 April 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name:

Other names charity is known by:

Registered charity number (if any):

Charity's principal address:

 Postcode:

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr Andrew Salisbury	Chair	April - November	
2	Marc Carlton	Hon Treasurer	April - November	
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9	Dr Stephen Head	(Chair from November)	All Year	
10	Helen Bostock	Vice Chair	November onwards	
11	Dr Mark Goddard		November onwards	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity has policies and procedures on the skill needs, recruitment and induction of Trustees. In 2020/21 the roles and responsibilities of Trustees was reviewed and updated in response to Trustees rotating off the board and new Trustees inducted. Procedures are in place to regularly review governance and risks. The Advisory Group of experts in wildlife gardening who advise the Trustees has been strengthened.

The charity is a volunteer-operated organisation with no employees. The charity corresponds with a large number of other not-for-profit organisations and is a member of Wildlife and Countryside LINK.

The Trustees continued to review the strategy of the forum and identified the future direction. A five-year Forward Plan was agreed by the trustees and after consultation with Advisors was published and implemented in March 2020

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- a) To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of gardens and their biological diversity.
- b) To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and biodiversity of gardens and the consequent human health and well-being benefits.

Gardens are diverse and important habitats for our declining wildlife and where the great majority of children find their first direct contact with nature. Nearly 90% of UK households have gardens and so our work can benefit a very large proportion of the public who wish to manage their gardens sustainably and with wildlife in mind. In planning and executing our work, the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its public benefit guidance on advancing education and on conservation of the environment.

Object a) Promoting conservation, protection and improvement ...

The Wildlife Gardening Forum furthers this object through issuing four newsletters per year summarising new research and best practice findings. In addition, we normally hold public conferences and events in partnership with other charities. We maintain a large website to provide access to evidence-based information on the science of wildlife gardening and on garden organisms, including practical guidance. We seek to inform the work of the many charities and other organisations within our membership and contacts. We influence decision makers through working with other charities and disseminating evidence. The influence of the Forum on social media has grown remarkably on its Facebook group and on Twitter.

Our conferences are based on academic studies, backed up with examples of successful applications and best practice and are very popular with research students for networking and gaining experience in communicating their work. Conference costs are kept close to break-even, and concessions are made on request. Conference proceedings are written up and made available to all Forum correspondents and are freely available as pdf files on our website.

Our website has been considerably enlarged and pages updated. It contains extensive background information in garden and wildlife science and planting for wildlife, reviewing information largely unavailable to a general reader. By March 2020 the site contained over 250 pages of information and a further 120 downloadable documents. It constitutes the largest compendium of freely available information about garden biodiversity anywhere on the web.

The Forum's Manifesto, available in English and Welsh on the website, provides a simple introduction to decision makers about the policy changes we would like to see to improve the status of gardens for wildlife and people. Our membership of the umbrella organisation Wildlife and Countryside Link is allowing the Forum to contribute its voice alongside other charities in environmental issues.

Object b) To advance the education of the public....

This object is addressed through public conferences, creation of publications and newsletters, work with the media, provision of

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

professional guidance and training for teachers and practitioners and maintaining a website to provide access for everyone to evidence-based information and advice.

The Trustees ensure a powerful educational outcome by insisting on testing all statements and guidance in our material and on our website against established and published fact, giving attribution so that those who wish can have access to original work. We identify and point out areas where evidence is inadequate and have succeeded in starting research projects (such as the RHS-run "Plants for Bugs Project" investigating the relative value of native and non-native garden plants) where a major deficiency of evidence has let myths and assumptions stay unchallenged.

While most of our focus is on biodiversity, our education objective is also concerned with the role of gardens and urban green space on human mental and physical health, and the cohesion and better function of communities. This is another relatively new field of research that has not yet become widely known among the public and decision makers but is of increasing importance as Britain becomes steadily more urban. There is great synergy between this aspect of gardens, and biodiversity conservation, and we see our role as helping to make the health research findings accessible to everyone alongside the biodiversity, and with the same standards of rigour.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The Wildlife Gardening Forum is not yet in a position routinely to disperse grants and does not manage investments.

The Wildlife Gardening Forum does not have any paid employees, so all its activities are managed and executed through volunteer action.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The seventh year of operation of the Wildlife Gardening Forum as a registered charity has been deeply influenced by the Covid 19 pandemic. The first national lockdown came into force on 26th March, and after some relaxation, a second was implemented on 31st October, and a third on 6th January. The necessary precautions completely prevented holding two public events planned for the year, and all Trustee meetings moved to being held remotely on Microsoft Teams or Zoom. Similar limitations have applied through 2021 to date.

The absence of any public engagements meant that no conference income was generated in the year, and only minimal income from donations. Fortunately, with no employees and relatively small expenditure on communication and web hosting, this has not caused any difficulties for the charity.

The periods of lockdown made many people in Britain much more aware of the importance of green space and semi-natural conditions in managing their anxiety and mental health. The awareness of garden wildlife appears to have been raised by this enforced experience. Partly because of this, the Trustees commissioned an exceptional expenditure on a You Gov Omnibus Survey into public attitudes towards gardening for wildlife. This was conducted over 3rd - 4th December 2020, involving over 2,000 randomly selected adults. The results after analysis will be released in 2021, but headline findings include that over 90% of people consider gardens important for wildlife while ~~■~~ nearly half do "a fair amount" to help their wildlife. *HS*

In mitigation of the lack of conference contact, our Facebook social media impact has quadrupled to over 41,000 people during 2020 (and continuing into 2021). Social media and our website have helped to recruit new contacts for the Wildlife Gardening Forum, and our mailing list is now 2,200 people, affiliated with about 300 organisations.

Lockdowns have freed up more time for compiling new web-based educational material. Major new sections on our website include completion of the pages on the insects and pages are in preparation on other arthropods in gardens and the molluscs and "worms". Other pages in preparation include the pervasive myths about garden wildlife and wildlife gardening in many published books. We are also writing and compiling a major new section on garden wild plants, and a set of 50 simple practical "How-to" guides.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Wildlife Gardening Forum has general funds, currently approximately equal to one (normal) year's operating costs, which the Trustees consider prudent to maintain the charity's core activities. There are no designated funds. It had one long-term Restricted Fund, of monies received from the Patsy Wood Trust, for the development of the Charity, extending its reach and influence. This restricted fund was closed when it was exhausted in part payment for the You Gov attitude survey.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Charity's main core funds have come from its charitable activities of holding conferences, where the delegate charges are at approximately break-even level. The Charity is beginning to attract small donations.

Annual expenditure was minimal this year because of the limitations arising from the pandemic, however charitable output was maintained through social media and website developments.

The Charity's future fundraising activity will be tailored to the goals of its development plan. It is the Trustees' current intention to keep the charity modest in size and to achieve its aims in partnership rather than creating a substantial infrastructure.

Section F

Other optional information

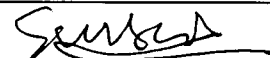
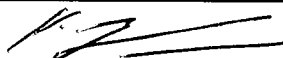
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Helen Bostock

Dr Stephen Head

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Trustee

Date

10/10/21



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Wildlife Gardening Forum

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	6th April 2020	To	5th April 2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Receipts: Donations	27	-	-	27	71
Charitable activity: Conference income	-	-	-	-	2,425
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27	-	-	27	2,496
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27	-	-	27	2,496
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activity: Website	308	-	-	308	173
Charitable Activity: Conferences	-	-	-	-	93
Charitable Activity: Influence	1,627	-	-	1,627	163
Mailchimp costs	160	-	-	160	-
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	343
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,095	-	-	2,095	771
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,095	-	-	2,095	771
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,469	-	-	2,469	1,724
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,295	-	-	8,295	6,571
Cash funds this year end	8,295	-	-	8,295	8,295

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		6,227	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,227	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

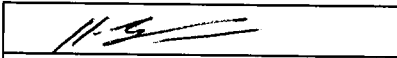

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Helen Bostock	10.10.21
	Dr Stephen Head	10.10.21