

Knoll Gardens Foundation

Trustees Annual Report 2020

As for almost every other organisation, 2020 was not a normal year for the Knoll Gardens Foundation. The emergence of COVID 19 and the consequent UK lockdown from March meant that the garden at Knoll closed to the public and its volunteers for several months.

During this period of minimal human intervention, the garden and its wildlife continued to flourish.

When the volunteer gardeners returned in July, there was much work to do throughout the garden to bring some of the more exuberant growth under control, and to continue the implementation of new planting plans. The initial planting in the new Dry Meadow, started in the previous Autumn, had established well. Additional layers of plants were added from late Summer, together with new planting in the Rain Garden.

The Knoll Garden Foundation volunteers make an invaluable contribution, helping with the maintenance and development of the garden, contributing to educational activities, and undertaking wildlife surveys in the garden. All of this contributes to our core purpose to understand the relationship between the flora and fauna in the garden, and to promote an approach to gardening that supports and enriches that relationship.

Although visitor access to the garden was gradually resumed for members of the public during the Summer, visitor numbers were, not surprisingly, very much lower than usual. For public health reasons, the decision was made to cancel the remainder of the events scheduled for the Summer/Autumn.

The trustees were unable to meet in person during 2020 but agreed to undertake any essential business via email. I would particularly like to welcome Helen McIlmurray, who has a background in education, and who joined us as a trustee in 2020. We are looking to further broaden the skillset of our trustees, and will be actively seeking someone local who has ecological expertise.

While 2020 was a challenging year for us all, I know that many people across the country have discovered the importance of the natural world for their own

well-being, and have come to recognise that we must value green landscapes, including gardens, and the wildlife that inhabits them. We at the Knoll Gardens Foundation look forward to continuing our work to help people appreciate the importance of their own gardens in providing a healthy habitat for a rich diversity of wildlife.

I would like to thank to my fellow trustees and volunteers, together with the staff of Knoll Gardens Ltd, for their continued support of the Foundation.

Rowena Jecock

Chair, Knoll Gardens Foundation

September 2021

KGF	Income & Expenditure 2020 (Jan - Dec 2020)								
INCOME					EXPENDITURE				
Date	Item		Amount	Notes	Date	Item	Ref	Amount	Notes
	Balance bf 2019	£ 2,955.74							
05-Feb	Bugs & Buds		£ 55.00		03-Jan	Tracy Standish (Bugs & Buds class)	100023	£ 100.00	
27-Feb	Ringwood Nat History Soc		£ 50.00		13-Jan	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 48.44	
28-Feb	Easy Fundraising		£ 19.06		10-Feb	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 46.04	
16-Jun	Dorset Camera Club (55) Box (45)		£ 100.00		10-Feb	LDS (Website Maintenance)	100025	£ 285.60	
13-Jun	Enid May		£ 50.00		11-Mar	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 45.86	
02-Oct	Bugs & Buds (55) Box (27)		£ 82.00		14-Apr	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 45.86	
					06-Apr	LDS (Website Maintenance)	100026	£ 46.80	
					11-May	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 45.86	
					06-May	Fundraising Regulator	100027	£ 50.00	
					09-Jun	LDS (Website Maintenance)	100028	£ 46.80	
					11-Jun	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 45.86	
					13-Jul	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 45.86	
					11-Aug	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 45.86	
					05-Aug	LDS (Website Maintenance)	100029	£ 46.80	
					11-Sep	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 45.86	
					12-Oct	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 45.86	
					11-Nov	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 45.86	
					05-Oct	LDS (Website Maintenance)	100030	£ 46.80	
					09-Dec	LDS (Website Maintenance)	100031	£ 46.80	
					11-Dec	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 45.86	
	2020 Income		£ 356.06						
	Total	£ 3,311.80				Total		£ 1,222.68	
	Balance to carry forward	£ 2,089.12							
	Closing Petty Cash Balance								
	Closing Bank Balance as at 31 Dec 2020	1995.38							
	Petty Cash	93.74							