

Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2022

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisors

Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon

Registered Charity number: 1159641

Principal Office: Little Green, 12 Dagmar Street, Shaldon TQ14 0DU

Trustees:

The trustees during the period are:

Chair	Alison Mary Melville-Shreeve
Treasurer	Richard John Brett
Trustees	Carolyn Elizabeth Pash
	Hazel Dawn Todd

Bankers:

Barclays Bank plc., Leicester LE87 2BB

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is governed by its Constitution last amended 28th November 2014 which establish its objects and powers.

Constitution of the Organisation.

Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered on 16th December 2014.

Board of Trustees and Trustee selection.

The body responsible for the management of Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon is the Board of Trustees.

The full complement of Trustees is eight and the Constitution requires that there shall never be less than three. Trustees serve for a term of three years and there are no restrictions on the number of terms that a Trustee may serve. Appointment of Trustees is by election at the Annual General Meeting. All Trustees must be members of Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon and members are invited to nominate people to serve. The Chair and Officers are appointed by the Trustees from among their number.

Upon their first appointment each new trustee is provided with the following information;

- A copy of the Constitution along with any amendments made to it;
- The latest trustee' annual report and statement of accounts.

The Trustees are supported by a management committee, members of which attend Trustee meetings and by volunteers who provide valuable assistance with work in the Gardens and with fundraising events.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity.

Risk Management

The Homeyards Botanical Gardens is owned and maintained by Teignbridge District Council who operate appropriate risk management policies. The Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon organise events in the Gardens from time to time and for each event a risk assessment and risk management plan is prepared having regard to:

Protecting the public from risk

Protecting the Gardens and property from damage

Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Objectives and Activities

The principal object of Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon is for the public benefit to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and to advance the education of the public in the land and buildings at Homeyards Botanical Gardens, Shaldon Devon.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The Friends run Easter, Summer and Halloween events to involve children and families in the gardens. These events are generally free, but fundraising can be involved.

Volunteers open up the Castle on regular occasions to provide refreshments and information for visitors. As well as enhancing the experience of the gardens for visitors the facility is a meeting point for local people and volunteers, providing a social opportunity and increasing engagement with the gardens.

Continuing historical research into the Homeyards story.

Conservation volunteering on a regular basis to maintain and improve specific areas of the gardens.

Summary of the main achievements of the Charity during the period

It was a better year for our activities in the Gardens as the constraints of the Covid19 regulations requirements were eased.

The 2022 Easter event for children took place with some new activities and attracted a very good crowd.

The Autumn event was sadly cancelled due to inclement weather.

Gary the gardener continued his time allocated to the gardens for 2 days a week kindly funded by Shaldon Parish Council. We are very grateful for their support and the further vote this year to continue this funding.

Volunteer gardening days continued through the year with a number of new volunteers joining. Bird boxes were put up and planting was made to help increase insect life. The volunteers did their best to help the gardens cope with the hot dry summer conditions with mulching and watering being a priority .

The castle openings for tea and coffee and a bit of history ran through the summer. A number of further volunteers came forward and we were able to open on most Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings throughout the summer. The castle also hosted a very successful Macmillan fundraising coffee morning in September along with a walk and talk afternoon for the members of the Devon Garden Trust.

In May, the planned ceramic seat structure was built to celebrate the Centenary of the creation of the gardens. Two local artists, Michelle Greenwood Brown and Alison Miles set to work on installing the much admired ceramic work and an opening event for our charity members was held in September.

The volunteers work in the gardens were again entered in the Britain in Bloom SW "It's your neighbourhood" competition, and we were pleased to achieve the level of Outstanding rating.

The ceramic seat also won an award from the same organisation- the Denise James Art Trophy .

In July the gardens hosted a Musical Band Event managed by Shaldon Parish Council and half the proceeds were awarded to the Friends.

In December, our new book about Mrs. Homeyard and her gardens and houses was launched at Teignmouth Heritage Centre and made available for sale in several local outlets .

We introduced our Safeguarding Policy in December 2022.

Financial Review

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in July 2014.

The Receipts and Payments account shows the gross income from all sources and the split of activity between restricted and unrestricted funds.

Review of the financial position

There was an excess of payments over receipts of (£1,642) during the year. The cash balance held in unrestricted funds reduced by this amount.

The largest element of income in the year was from events and fundraising, amounting in total to £2,980 which included c£2,000 re the Music Bands Event for Ukraine noted above. We also received a grant of £500 from Shaldon Water Carnival for which we are very grateful. A new book was also commissioned and launched in November 2022 and has started to sell well raising £466 by the year end against an investment of £1,875 .

The main items of expenditure in the year were £4,319 to complete the Mosaic Seat Project (The total cost over 2021/22 was £6,819), £805 for a survey for the Witches Cave and £1,875 book publication costs as mentioned above.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to hold sufficient reserves to provide funding for special events and fundraising efforts organised by the Friends Committee or by supporters.

Reserves at 31st December 2022 amount to £10,528

Trustees consider the remaining free reserve to be adequate to cover planned expenditure commitments and the costs of arranging a typical programme of events for a year.

Reserves are unrestricted and held in cash at Barclays Bank. Donations collected via PayPal have been transferred to Barclays Bank throughout and at the end of the year.

Future Plans

Gardener

After Gary's initial Lottery funded appointment ended, Shaldon Parish Council funded his continued employment in the Gardens on a part time basis. The Trustees recognise the enormous impact that a resident gardener has had on the Gardens and as a priority will work with Shaldon Parish Council and other potential funders to ensure the continued employment of a gardener.

Restorations

Castle maintenance

The castle has developed a serious problem with leaks and damp which it is evident stems from the design and implementation of the recent renovation. The trustees and committee continue to monitor the actions of Teignbridge District Council and local councillors to resolve the situation and ensure that the castle continues to make

a significant contribution to the success of the Gardens. In autumn a dehumidifier was brought in to help limit the water damage .

Witches Cave

The witch's cave has been condemned by council engineers as being unsafe and has been fenced off. Trustees obtained a report from a conservation engineer to indicate a summary of the defects and a way forward . A costing and further advice is awaited from a local builder.

Castle wall

The engineers report included a summary of possible solutions to the stone faced embankment. Restoration will need to wait funding when this can be made available.

Gardeners Hut

We are encouraging Teignbridge District Council to repair the gardeners hut which is part of their programme, though this is likely to be delayed by funding limitations.

It seems there is clearly no public money for such projects for the foreseeable future so that it will be necessary to try and follow a programme of fundraising for the reinstatement of these important features over a period of time, including potentially a second phase application to Heritage Lottery.

Volunteers

The work of the Friends depends upon volunteers and the trustees are very grateful for the time and effort given by the management committee and by all those volunteers who turn up regularly to work in the gardens.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Melville', followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line extending to the right.

**Alison Melville - Shreeve
Chair**

15th March 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

1st January 2022

To

31st December 2022

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					
Donations	1,651	-	-	1,651	3,256
Events & Fundraising	2,980	-	-	2,980	1,322
Merchandising	475	-	-	475	33
Marjorie & Geoffrey Jones Trust	-	-	-	-	2,000
Shaldon Water Carnival Grant	500	-	-	500	200
Devon County Councillor Grant	-	-	-	-	500
HMRC Gift Aid Repayment	647	-	-	647	325
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,253	-	-	6,253	7,636
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,253	-	-	6,253	7,636
A3 Payments					
Subscription - Devon Gardens Trust	35	-	-	35	35
AGM & Membership Costs	10	-	-	10	180
Works in Gardens	874	-	-	874	212
Insurance	96	-	-	96	96
Mosaic Seat & Workshops	4,319	-	-	4,319	2,500
Web Site Maintenance & Hosting	78	-	-	78	137
Paypal Commissions	13	-	-	13	11
Events	595	-	-	595	-
Merchandising costs	1,875	-	-	1,875	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,895	-	-	7,895	3,171
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,895	-	-	7,895	3,171
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,642	-	-	- 1,642	4,465
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,170	-	-	12,170	7,705
Cash funds this year end	10,528	-	-	10,528	12,170

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	Barclays Bank Current Account	10,528	-	-
	Paypal Account	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,528	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

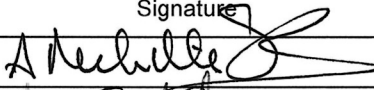
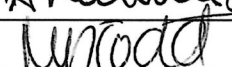
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 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
Alison Melville Shreeve	15/03/2023
Hazel Todd	15/03/2023