

# THE STRADBROKE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1165750

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2016-02-25

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF STRADBROKE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

**Activities:** To manage a plot of land east of Drapers Hill known as the Village Gardens. To use surplus funds to both support and initiate community projects in Stradbroke and the surrounding area.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Norfolk
- Suffolk

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£1,944	£1,130	-	-
2024-04-30	£3,813	£1,162	-	-
2023-04-30	£1,649	£1,032	-	-
2022-04-30	£2,448	£805	-	-
2021-04-30	£1,485	£260	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Keith John Lead</b>	Chair	2025-06-26
Graham Aldrich		2025-06-26
Louise Jane Smith		2022-02-03
MICHAEL GRIGG		2017-05-04
Richard Alexandre		2022-02-03

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# Accounts

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## The Stradbroke Trust – CIO 1165750

### Annual Report to Charity Commission

Another successful year.

Trustees have also worked hard to help with the maintenance of the new woodland (behind Grove End) and wildflower meadow off Neaves Lane. Contractors are still needed with specialist equipment to do much of the work but volunteer effort does help to keep costs more manageable.

All allotment plots, except one half plot, are all rented and producing wonderful fresh fruit and vegetables. Thank you to Mary Thompson, other active members of the “Plot Lot” and also trustees for helping with the ongoing maintenance of the Village Gardens, particularly the woodland and orchard areas.

The Trust is hoping to create and/or improve more footpaths around the village following our success with creating Merritt’s Way and Tyralla Way in partnership with Rattlerow Farms but getting agreement with the relevant authorities is proving more difficult than anticipated.

On a less positive note the Trust is disappointed to note the continuing decline in the state of the fitness track around the playing field. The track and associated fitness equipment was installed in 2010 following the new drainage of the playing field. The Trust led on these projects securing substantial grants and a generous bequest from a past trustee (Reggie Elvin). At the time it was agreed with the Parish Council that they would take over responsibility for ongoing maintenance but, sadly, this hasn’t happened. The equipment has all been removed and the track is getting progressively worse and following the development of All Saints Green drainage in the North West corner has been severely hampered making the track unusable at times.

The Trust’s income is now severely limited so we are unable to do as much as we would like in the village, however, when opportunities do arise to help benefit our community we will try to respond positively.

3 long term Trustees are retiring at our AGM. Special mention must go to Peter Smith one of the original trustees and past chair, without his vision and dedication we would not have a doctors surgery in the village. Two people have already come forward to join but it is hoped that others may come forward to work with the new trustees and bring new ideas and energy to the Trust.

Roger Turkington  
Chairman

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**Accounts 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025**

	Year to 30 April 2025	Year to 30 April 2024
<b>Income</b>		
Allotment Rents	1,535.00	1,437.50
UK Power Networks wayleave payments	121.63	118.77
Hedge cutting	85.00	
Wild flower meadow cutting		96.25
Stradbroke All Stars		2,160.48
Trees – SSCC	51.60	
Interest	150.79	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,944.02</b>	<b>3,813.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Hedge cutting	400.00	400.00
Trees	103.20	
Woodland area cutting	180.00	
Wild flower meadow cutting	280.00	437.50
Road plantings		105.00
Signage		42.96
Miscellaneous	67.00	9.00
Insurance	0.00	168.00
High Suffolk community bus	100.00	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,130.20</b>	<b>1,162.46</b>
<b>Surplus income over expenditure</b>	<b>813.82</b>	<b>2,650.54</b>
<b>Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2025</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
The Village Gardens (Drapers Hill) <i>Transferred from Stradbroke Charitable Trust at book value. Completed on 30 December 2019</i>		
	52,365.97	52,365.97
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank current account	5,914.26	7,251.23
United Trust Account	7,150.79	5,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>65,431.02</b>	<b>64,617.20</b>
Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>65,431.02</b>	<b>64,617.20</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>		
Balance bt/fwd	64,617.20	
Surplus income over expenditure	813.82	
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,431.02</b>	

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 Eileen Sheppard 18/5/2025

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## **Stradbroke Trust – Annual Report May 2023 to April 2024**

Another successful year at the allotments with all plots let.

The management of the orchard area has presented a few challenges in respect of cutting the grass in the autumn rather than late winter/early spring. The weather was against us creating additional effort by Matthew Hammond to get the work done, however, since then allotment group have got on with pruning the fruit trees and we look forward to a good harvest this year.

The new wild flower meadow was a picture last spring and the new woodland is also growing well. Thanks to a lot of hard work by trustees and the loan of two machines we were able to cut the meadow ourselves this year. The woodland area, however, was too much of a challenge and this had to be done by Matthew Hammond. Although his charges are very reasonable we were able to save approximately £200.

This coming year will be the last for 3 of the original CIO trustees (Jane, Peter and Roger) as they need to step down under the terms of our constitution – they can return after a year's absence! We must give more thought and effort to finding new volunteers to keep the trust flourishing.

Finally, my thanks to all trustees for continuing their support throughout the year. Last year I wrote that I would be standing down but still I'm in the chair. I will not attempt a forecast this time.

Roger Turkington  
Chairman

**Stradbroke Trust CIO - 1165750****Accounts 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024**

	Year to 30 April 2024	Year to 30 April 2023
<b>Income</b>		
Allotment Rents	1,437.50	1,445.00
UK Power Networks wayleave payments	118.77	118.77
Hedge cutting		85.00
Wild flower meadow cutting	96.25	
Stradbroke All Stars	2,160.48	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,813.00</b>	<b>1,648.77</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Grass cutting		175.00
Hedge cutting	400.00	350.00
Path cutting		30.00
Oak trees/wildflower seed – community wood		294.22
Wild flower meadow cutting	437.50	
Road planings	105.00	
Signage	42.96	
Miscellaneous	9.00	
Insurance	168.00	168.00
Bank charges		15.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,162.46</b>	<b>1,032.22</b>
<b>Surplus income over expenditure</b>	<b>2,650.54</b>	<b>616.55</b>
<b>Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2024</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
The Village Gardens (Drapers Hill) <i>Transferred from Stradbroke Charitable Trust at book value. Completed on 30 December 2019</i>		
	52,365.97	52,365.97
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank current account	7,251.23	9,600.69
United Trust Account	5,000.00	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>64,617.20</b>	<b>61,966.66</b>
Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>64,617.20</b>	<b>61,966.66</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>		
Balance bt/fwd	61,966.66	
Surplus income over expenditure	2,650.54	
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,617.20</b>	

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## **Stradbroke Trust – Annual Report May 2022 to April 2023**

Another successful year at the allotments with all plots let. Mary Thompson's continuing enthusiasm and hard work running various events as well as supporting the group as a whole has proved paramount. Also, in large part, due to Mary we have agreed with the allotment group that they will take on care of the orchard trees and possibly introduce some bee hives.

The Trust was pleased to be invited to work with Stradbroke Sports & Community Centre on the Queen's Green Canopy project -originally meant to be a joint effort between SSCC and the Parish Council. The financial cost to the Trust was small (approximately £300) but all trustees were able to 'enjoy' 3 planting sessions in the rain on two sites in the village. One site will be a small woodland the other is primarily a wild flower meadow with a few trees and the results were already visible this spring with a glorious splash of colour. The Trust has agreed to look after the maintenance of both sites with occasional grass cutting and checking tree stakes and guards. Special thanks to Jane for her persistence in seeing this project through to completion.

The transfer of the bank account to the Co-operative bank has proven worthwhile and thanks to our treasurer we collected all the rents on time.

Finally, my thanks to all trustees for continuing their support through the year. Last year I wrote that I would be standing down but still I'm in the chair. I will not attempt a forecast this time.

At the time of writing I have been advised that Trust will shortly be receiving a donation of cover £2,000 from the Stradbroke All Stars group that has now formerly closed. With this extra resource I'm sure the Trust will be able to create further benefits for the community in the coming years.

Roger Turkington  
Chairman

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**Accounts 1 May 2022 to 30 April 2023**

	Year to 30 April 2023	Year to 30 April 2022
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Allotment Rents	1,445.00	1,462.00
UK Power Networks wayleave payments	118.77	986.43
Hedge cutting	85.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,648.77</b>	<b>2,448.43</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Hawthorn plants, stakes and guards		157.00
Grass cutting	175.00	350.00
Hedge cutting	350.00	275.00
Path cutting	30.00	
Oak trees/wildflower seed – community wood	294.22	
Insurance	168.00	
Bank charges	15.00	23.20
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,032.22</b>	<b>805.20</b>
<b>Surplus income over expenditure</b>	<b>616.55</b>	<b>1,643.23</b>

**Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2023**

**Fixed Assets**

The Village Gardens (Drapers Hill)  
 Transferred from Stradbroke Charitable Trust at book value. Completed on 30 December 2019

52,365.97                      52,365.97

**Current Assets**

Cash at Bank                      9,600.69                      8,984.14

**Total Assets**                      **61,966.66**                      **61,350.11**

Current Liabilities                      0.00                      0.00

**Net Assets**                      **61,966.66**                      **61,350.11**

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 Eileen Shefford                      3/4 2023  
 EILEEN SHEFFORD

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## **Stradbroke Trust – Annual Report May 2021 to April 2022**

Another successful year at the allotments with all plots let. Mary Thompson's enthusiasm and hard work running various events as well as supporting the group as a whole has proved paramount.

The Trust has finally agreed terms with UK Power Networks for wayleave payments relating to their equipment on and under our land resulting in a payment of £986.43 for the previous 7 years. Annual payments in future should be £118.19 (plus any adjustment for inflation).

Following the decision by HSBC bank to start making charges on charity accounts we decided to transfer our account to the Co-operative Bank. There has been significant delay in implementing the transfer but it finally happened on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

We are very pleased to welcome two new trustees; Richard Alexandre and Louise Smith and we hope this 'injection' of new ideas and energy will help further develop the trust going forward.

Finally, my thanks to all trustees for continuing their support through the year. I shall be standing down at the AGM but wish the Trust a successful future.

Roger Turkington  
Chairman

**Stradbroke Trust CIO - 1165750****Accounts 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022**

	Year to April 2022	Year to April 2021
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Allotment Rents	1,462.00	
UK Power Networks Wayleave payments	986.43	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,448.43</b>	<b>1,485.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Hawthorn plants, stakes and guards	157.00	
Grass cutting	350.00	
Hedge cutting	275.00	
Bank charges	23.20	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>805.20</b>	<b>260.13</b>
<b>Surplus income over expenditure</b>	<b>1,643.23</b>	<b>1,224.87</b>
<b>Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2022</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
The Village Gardens (Drapers Hill) <i>Transferred from Stradbroke Charitable Trust at book value. Completed on 30 December 2019</i>	52,365.97	52,365.97
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	8,984.14	7,340.91
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>61,350.11</b>	<b>59,706.88</b>
Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>61,350.11</b>	<b>59,706.88</b>

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## **Stradbroke Trust – Annual Report May 2020 to April 2021**

A positive year for the Trust despite the pandemic.

We have been able to work with Rattlerow Farms to help create 2 new permissive footpaths Merritt Way and Tyrala Way which starts in the corner of the Village Gardens. The two paths are proving very popular and together with the existing network create a circular route around the village approximately 3.5 miles in length. Associated with this project we have recently planted another 40 metres of hawthorn hedging and done some light pruning in the orchard as well as the usual maintenance around the site.

The allotments are more popular than ever with just one vacant plot. Special thanks to the efforts of Mary Thompson and her new group of helpers at the Allotment Association who have created a very positive and welcoming atmosphere on site.

Thanks to all trustees for continuing their support through the year. As lockdown restrictions are lifted the Trust hopes to be able to engage in more beneficial projects and recruit a few new and younger trustees.

Roger Turkington  
Chairman

**Stradbroke Trust CIO - 1165750****Accounts 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021**

	Year to April 2021	Year to April 2020
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
Allotment Rents	1,435.00	
Sale of field gate	50.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,485.00</b>	<b>7,033.54</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Grass cutting	75.00	
Fence posts & Wire	93.64	
Insurance	84.00	
Accounts 'audit' (gift to M Moody)	7.49	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>260.13</b>	<b>917.50</b>
<b>Surplus income over expenditure</b>	<b>1,224.87</b>	<b>6,116.04</b>
 <b>Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2020</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
The Village Gardens (Drapers Hill)	52,365.97	52,365.97
<i>Transferred from Stradbroke Charitable Trust at book value. Completed on 30 December 2019</i>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	7,340.91	6,116.04
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>59,706.88</b>	<b>58,482.01</b>
Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>59,706.88</b>	<b>58,482.01</b>