

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
Income		
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	
Total	3,813.00	1,648.77
Expenditure		
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 plantings	105.00	
Signage	42.96	
Miscellaneous	9.00	
Insurance	168.00	168.00
Bank charges		15.00
Total Expenditure	1,162.46	1,032.22
Surplus income over expenditure	2,650.54	616.55
Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2024		
Fixed Assets		
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
Current Assets		
Bank current account	7,251.23	9,600.69
United Trust Account	5,000.00	
Total Assets	64,617.20	61,966.66
Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Net Assets	64,617.20	61,966.66
Financed by:		
Balance bt/fwd	61,966.66	
Surpus income over expenditure	2,650.54	
Total	64,617.20	