

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

Stradbroke Trust CIO - 1165750**Accounts 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025**

	Year to 30 April 2025	Year to 30 April 2024
Income		
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	
Total	1,944.02	3,813.00
Expenditure		
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	
Total Expenditure	1,130.20	1,162.46
Surplus income over expenditure	813.82	2,650.54
Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2025		
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	5,914.26	7,251.23
United Trust Account	7,150.79	5,000.00
Total Assets	65,431.02	64,617.20
Current Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Net Assets	65,431.02	64,617.20
Financed by:		
Balance bt/fwd	64,617.20	
Surplus income over expenditure	813.82	
Total	65,431.02	

I have checked these accounts and found them to be correct

Eileen Sheppard

18/5/2025