

THE FRIENDS OF CRESSING TEMPLE

England & Wales · Charity number 1166431

Details

Other names THE FRIENDS OF CRESSING TEMPLE GARDENS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2016-04-08

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

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Activities

Objects: THE CONSERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE HISTORIC SITE AND GARDENS AT CRESSING TEMPLE AND THE PROMOTION OF THEIR USE BY THE PUBLIC, THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES OF A GROUP OF FRIENDS.

Activities: To conserve, enhance and develop the buildings, gardens and historic site at Cressing Temple, as a unique historical, social, horticultural and educational record and resource; and to support Essex County Council in this objective, for the benefit of the people of Essex.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£42,538	£28,818	-	-
2023-12-31	£47,581	£44,787	-	-
2022-12-31	£32,268	£25,441	-	-
2021-12-31	£24,023	£26,011	-	-
2020-12-31	£28,258	£27,154	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SUZANNE MARY LOWE	Chair	2018-03-18
David Andrews		2015-08-04
JANE PALMER		2015-08-04
Lesley Jean Killin		2019-03-24
Monika Curry		2019-03-24

THE FRIENDS OF CRESSING TEMPLE

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	January	2024		31	December	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

CRESSING TEMPLE BARN	
WITHAM ROAD	
BRAINTREE	
ESSEX	
Postcode	CM77 8PD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Suzanne Lowe	Chair		
2	Jane Palmer	Membership Secretary		
3	David Andrews			
4	Lesley Killin			
5	Monika Curry			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution dated 4 th August 2015 as amended on 12 th December 2020
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Unincorporated small company charity
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Elected at the AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; ● the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; ● relationship with any related parties; ● trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>We have a strong working relationship with Essex County Council, owners of the Cressing site. They are supportive of our work and appreciate the contribution our volunteers and fundraising bring to Cressing Temple.</p> <p>The trustees do not consider there are any major risks as there are no liabilities, other than those covered through our insurance. There is a dependency on the voluntary efforts of the members and officers. This year has seen the resignation of the Treasurer, a role we filled toward the end of 2024. We are also reliant on the support of the two horticulturalists employed by Essex County Council.</p> <p>We are an unincorporated charity and are currently exploring the potential to move to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in the next year. We believe this will help in attracting further Trustees.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>To conserve, enhance and develop the historic site at Cressing Temple, including the Walled Garden, the Cullen Garden and the Jubilee Orchard, as a unique historical, social and horticultural record and educational resource.</p>
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In deciding our programme of activity and development the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The Trustees aim to further develop an inclusive culture in the charity's ways of working. Valuing diversity and equality and ensuring equal opportunities.

One of the Friend's objectives is to raise money in support of the site and gardens. We have carried on from last year in growing our activities and income streams.

We have experienced a good year in regard to income through grants and fundraising/trading activities.

We held a successful Apple Day again in October, in spite of the weather. To avoid a costly cancellation we took the forecast of wind and rain into consideration and adapted our activities. Our income this year on the event was down, but we still made a healthy profit on the day. This event is the main focus for our community facing events that helps us raise our profile locally whilst giving back to the local community.

Apple day and plant sales remain our main sources of income with both down this year - Apple day as before, and plant sales due to reduction in supplies.

Our regular rhythm of workshops, such as willow weaving, continues and income has remained stable from these and sales of garden produce, honey and craft items.

The number of garden volunteers is 46, and the number of Friends including volunteers, members, committee and Trustees is 90. Volunteers play a key role in sustaining the high standard of the gardens and increasingly in activities relating to the heritage of the site such as digitising the vast archive documents and restoration of farm machinery.

This public benefit is embedded in our constitution and at the forefront of the Trustees and officers' activity. All give their services voluntarily and in the interests of the charity and its objectives and draw no personal fiduciary benefit from their roles.

The gardens provide both historical and environmental interest to the local community and wider society with hands-on experience and involvement. We have firmly established partnerships with two local mental health charities who provide weekly sessions for their clients reflecting the benefit and impact gardening and environmental activities can provide for growing skills, providing time with nature and tackling isolation. Unfortunately we have seen one of the charities scale back their activities during this time, including their Crossing session.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

As said previously the Friends of Cressing Temple could not operate without the generous and willing help of all our volunteers.

A total of 4,330 volunteer hours were recorded this year, the equivalent of 619 days or approx. 3 fulltime posts and calculated at minimum wage an equivalent of a valuable £49,535.

The number of volunteer hours is a slight decrease from last year.

Volunteer activities and opportunities range across an increasing variety of activities at the core is garden planting and maintenance work in the Tudor, Cullen and Community gardens and Jubilee orchard, increasingly in this year heritage focused work grew such as digitising the archive and restoration of old farm machinery. We also have a growing craft group providing items for sale to assist with fundraising. Alongside, the essential supervision, management and administrative activities and duties incumbent on a successful charity.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year has seen an income of £42,538 down £5,043 on last year but still £10,270 ahead of 2022 income

We have secured two grants this year to support garden volunteering and improvements to the community space in the community garden and sponsorship from a local company to support our newly established working farm project and a slight increase in donations. These alongside donations, subscriptions and interest totalling £14,074.

Plant and herb sales continue to be our main source of trading income. This year's total of £11,087 is an 18% decrease in sales from last year, maintaining the profit margin of 30% as last year.

Sales of craft, books and honey was £5,551 a slight decrease on last year.

We held our Apple Day in October. The day was attended by over 1200 people raising a total net income after costs of £4,233 which is less than last year but on par with 2022 and not the loss it could have been if the forecast gales had appeared.

The use of contactless payments via sum-up and PayPal continues to increase and we have seen higher donations this year facilitated by the Payaz terminal purchased last year. We have again increased the number of sum up machines to assist our events.

Section D

Achievements and performance

We have received several grants this year for volunteer support, outside landscaping for the community garden and support for refurbishment of donated farm machinery. We worked on a grant application to the Arts Council for the Farm machinery.

Work continues to digitise the archive material, with close liaison with the Essex Record Office, to ensure preservation and accessibility of the rich historical records we have of Crossing Temple.

We have strong partnership working established with Abberton Rural Training and Trustlinks who provide weekly therapeutic gardening sessions for their beneficiaries on site.

We continue to provide governance via regular committee meetings, all now in person and we held our AGM in April.

Our key priorities for 2025 are;

- to plan and raise funding for a new community building in the Community Garden.
- to apply to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
- to secure a lease with Essex County Council for the Community Garden building area.
- To plan for celebrations to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Tudor Walled garden restoration and opening.
- to plan and deliver a successful 2025 Apple Day.
- to apply to the Arts Council for funding for the working farm/farm machinery project focusing on several machines.
- to grow our outreach locally and within Braintree District.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

Reserves are held in the named Co-operative Bank account for the sole use and purpose of the Organisation as defined in the Aims & Objectives of its constitution. The Friends Reserves Policy requires that sufficient unrestricted financial reserves are held in order that the charity can continue to operate and meet the needs of the visitors in the event of unforeseen and potentially financially damaging circumstances arising.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None, and not possible under the constitution.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

All fundraising is to support the gardens and wider site and is mainly achieved through trading, member activities, members fees, donations and grants.

We are grateful for the funding received from Essex Community Foundation, Indaver and Braintree District Council this year.

We are grateful to our partners – Trustlinks, Essex County Council, Braintree District Council, Cressing Community Shed, Braintree Beekeepers, Essex Beekeeping Association who all continue to support and provide a thriving community hub at Cressing and we are seeing increasing partnership working.


The charity's activities provide benefit and interest to the local and wider society with hands on experiences and involvement. The gardens demonstrate the power of horticulture and other skills to improve people's lives.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	SMLowe 	
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Full name(s)	SUZANNE LOWE	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
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Date	12th August 2025
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The Friends of Cressing Temple
Registered charity number 1166431
Receipts and payments accounts
For the year to 31 December 2024

	Year Ended 31 Dec 2024			Year Ended 31 Dec 2023
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
Receipts				
Braintree District Council	-	2,450	2,450	-
Essex Community Foundation	-	7,750	7,750	-
Contributions towards Working Farm Project	-	1,520	1,520	-
Finnis Scott Foundation	-	-	-	1,500
Contributions towards NatSol	-	-	-	11,386
Donations	1,786	-	1,786	1,456
Membership subscriptions	330	-	330	350
Bank Interest Received	238	-	238	59
Total Grants, Contributions and Donations	2,354	11,720	14,074	14,751
Fundraising Activities				
Apple Day & Sales	5,324	-	5,324	7,031
Quiz Evening	-	-	-	540
Events / Workshops / Tours	3,939	-	3,939	3,929
Trading Activities				
Plants / Herbs Sales	11,087	-	11,087	13,615
Community Garden Sales	2,268	-	2,268	1,491
Books / Crafts / Honey Sales	5,551	-	5,551	5,997
Volunteer Uniform Sales	145	-	145	187
Other	150	-	150	40
Total Receipts from Activities	28,464	-	28,464	32,830
Total Receipts	30,818	11,720	42,538	47,581
Payments				
Working Farm Project	-	1,020	1,020	-
NatSol Compost Toilet	-	-	-	15,324
Essex Community Fund Equipment	-	-	-	566
Community Garden	453	-	453	478
IT Equipment	1,455	-	1,455	270
Tools & Equipment	1,900	-	1,900	1,080
Total Assets Purchased	3,808	1,020	4,828	17,718
Plants / Herbs cost	7,905	-	7,905	9,537
Volunteer costs	356	-	356	348
Events / Workshops / Tours	1,152	-	1,152	1,258
Apple Day cost	1,091	-	1,091	1,225
Plants & Equipment Garden	4,533	-	4,533	4,398
Books / Crafts / Honey cost	2,450	-	2,450	1,679
Contract worker	4,793	-	4,793	7,047
Office consumables	779	-	779	586
Insurance & Professional Fees	426	-	426	519
Other	505	-	505	472
Total Payments	27,798	1,020	28,818	44,787
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,020	10,700	13,720	2,794
Total Funds Brought Forward	18,713	-	18,713	15,919
Total Funds Carried Forward	21,733	10,700	32,433	18,713
Cash Funds at end of the period				
Bank	21,427	10,700	32,127	18,520
Cash	306	-	306	193
Total Funds	21,733	10,700	32,433	18,713

Signed on behalf of all the trustees

Signature
Print Name
Position
Date of Approval



SUZANNE LOWE
CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

12th August 2025



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

THE FRIENDS OF CRESSING TEMPLE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1166431

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

12th August 2025

Name:

DEREK WOTTON

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

CHARTERED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT ACMA CGMA

Address:

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THE FRIENDS OF CRESSING TEMPLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1166431

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

1 January 2023

To

31 December 2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

THE FRIENDS OF CRESSING TEMPLE

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1166431

Charity's principal address

CRESSING TEMPLE BARNS

WITHAM ROAD

BRAINTREE

ESSEX

Postcode

CM77 8PD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Suzanne Lowe	Chair		
2	Andrew Bright	Treasurer	1 st January 2023 – 20 th November 2023	
3	Jane Palmer	Membership Secretary		
4	David Andrews			
5	Lesley Killin			
6	Monika Curry			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution dated 4 th August 2015 as amended on 12 th December 2020
How the charity is constituted	Unincorporated small company charity
Trustee selection methods	Elected at the AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Relationship with Essex County Council, owners of the Cressing site. Reference letter dated 15th March 2016 from the Head of County Parks, Environment, Sustainability and Highways, Essex County Council.

The charity continued to build on a positive working relationship with Essex County Council during the year.

The trustees do not consider there are any major risks as there are no liabilities, other than those covered through our insurance. There is a dependency on the voluntary efforts of the members and officers. This year has seen the resignation of the Treasurer, a role we hope to fill in the next reporting period. We are also reliant on the support of the two horticulturalists employed by Essex County Council.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To conserve, enhance and develop the historic site at Cressing Temple, including the Walled Garden, the Cullen Garden and the Jubilee Orchard, as a unique historical, social and horticultural record and educational resource.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In deciding our programme of activity and development the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The Trustees aim to further develop an inclusive culture in the charity's ways of working. Valuing diversity and equality and ensuring equal opportunities.

One of the Friend's objectives is to raise money in support of the site and gardens. We have carried on from last year in growing our activities and income streams following the lifting of covid restrictions two years ago and hope this upward trend continues.

We held a very successful Apple Day again in October, which is the main focus of our community facing events, we achieved increased attendance and income from last year and expect this will be established as an annual event over the coming years.

We have experienced a very successful year in regard of income, reflecting a steady growth of income from 2019. Sales of Plants continue to be the main source of income and we have established a regular rhythm of workshops, such as willow weaving, income from which has increased significantly in this year.

The number of garden volunteers remains stable at 39 and the number of Friends including volunteers, members, committee and Trustees is 90. Volunteers play a key role in sustaining the high standard of the gardens and increasingly in activities relating to the heritage of the site such as digitising the vast archive documents and restoration of farm machinery.

This public benefit is embedded in our constitution and at the forefront of the Trustees and officers' activity. All give their services voluntarily and in the interests of the charity and its objectives and draw no personal fiduciary benefit from their roles.

The gardens provide both historical and environmental interest to the local community and wider society with hands on experience and involvement. We have firmly established partnerships with two local mental health charities who provide weekly sessions for their clients reflecting the benefit and impact gardening and environmental activities can provide for growing skills, providing time with nature and tackling isolation.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

As said previously the Friends of Cressing Temple could not operate without the generous and willing help of all our volunteers.

A total of 4,822 volunteer hours were recorded this year, the equivalent of 652 days or approx. 3 fulltime posts and calculated at minimum wage an equivalent of a valuable £50,245.

The number of volunteer hours represents a 24% increase on 2022.

Volunteer activities and opportunities range across an increasing variety of activities at the core is garden planting and maintenance work in the Tudor, Cullen and Community gardens and Jubilee orchard, increasingly in this year heritage focused work grew such as digitising the archive and restoration of old farm machinery. Alongside, the essential supervision, management and administrative activities and duties incumbent on a successful charity.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year has seen our highest income of recent years, £47,581 due to a number of factors such as fundraising for the purchase and installation of the compost loo and a very successful Apple Day.

Plant and herb sales continue to be our main source of trading income. This year's total of £13,615 was a 9% decrease in sales from last year, with an increase in the costs of buying plants the profit margin was 30% as opposed to 40% last year.

Sales of craft, books and honey was £5,997 a slight increase on last year.

We held our Apple Day in October, another great success helped by glorious weather and support from our partners. The day was attended by over 1200 people raising a total net income after costs of £7,058 which is £1,442 higher than last year.

The use of contactless payments via sum-up and PayPal continues to increase and we have seen higher donations this year facilitated by the Payaz terminal purchased last year.

Our WRAGS trainee successfully completed her training in October, a role primarily funded via a grant from Finnis Scott Foundation.

The major item of expenditure this year centred around the purchase and fitting of a Natsol compost toilet in the Community Garden at a cost of £15,324. Funding for this project reflecting the growth in both the partners present and cooperation in what is becoming a growing community hub. Essex County Council, Braintree District Council, Trustlinks, Cressing Community Shed, Braintree Beekeepers and the Essex Beekeeping Association, all collaborating and contributing to the funding, resulting in 74% of the total funding coming from these partners. This facility is proving to be a major benefit to the community organisations based in and around the Community Garden.

Section D

Achievements and performance

We have seen less grant activity during this year but are in the process of receiving funding toward initiating restoration of the farm machinery from a local grant maker expected in 2024.

Work continues to digitise the archive material, with close liaison with the Essex Record Office, to ensure preservation and accessibility of the rich historical records we have of Cressing Temple. To assist with this work we purchased scanning equipment at a cost of £566 which was funded by a grant received from Essex Community Foundation in 2022.

We have strong partnership working established with Abberton Rural Training and Trustlinks who provide weekly therapeutic gardening sessions for their beneficiaries on site.

We continue to provide governance via regular committee meetings, all now in person and we held our AGM in April.

Our key priorities for 2024 are;

- to recruit the vacant Treasurer post.
- to plan and raise funding for a new community building in the Community Garden.
- to plan and deliver a successful 2024 Apple Day.
- to explore and begin the journey to becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
- to commence the initial pilot phase of the farm machinery project focusing on several machines, we will explore further funding to expand on this.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are held in the named Co-operative Bank account for the sole use and purpose of the Organisation as defined in the Aims & Objectives of its constitution. The Friends Reserves Policy requires that sufficient unrestricted financial reserves are held in order that the charity can continue to operate and meet the needs of the visitors in the event of unforeseen and potentially financially damaging circumstances arising.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None, and not possible under the constitution.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

All fundraising is to support the gardens and wider site and is mainly achieved through trading, member activities, members fees, donations and grants.

We are grateful for the £1,500 grant that we received from Finnis Scott Foundation for our WRAGS trainee, this was the final 25% tranche of a two-year grant totalling £6,000.

We are grateful to our partners – Trustlinks, Essex County Council, Braintree District Council, Cressing Community Shed, Braintree Beekeepers, Essex Beekeeping Association who all supported and contributed to the purchase and installation of the Natsol Compost Toilet.

The charity's activities provide benefit and interest to the local and wider society with hands on experiences and involvement. The gardens demonstrate the power of horticulture and other skills to improve people's lives.

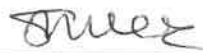
Section F**Other optional information**

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Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SUZANNE LOWE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	22 nd June 2024	

The Friends of Crossing Temple
Registered charity number 1166431
Receipts and payments accounts
For the year to 31 December 2023

			Year Ended 31 Dec 2023	Year Ended 31 Dec 2022
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
Receipts				
Finnis Scott Foundation	-	1,500	1,500	3,000
Contributions towards NatSol Toilet	-	11,386	11,386	-
Essex Community Foundation	-	-	-	995
Donations	1,456	-	1,456	745
Membership subscriptions	350	-	350	360
Bank Interest Received	59	-	59	-
Total Grants, Contributions and Donations	1,865	12,886	14,751	5,100
Fundraising Activities				
Apple Day & Sales	7,031	-	7,031	5,070
Quiz Evening	540	-	540	155
Events / Workshops / Tours	3,929	-	3,929	381
Trading Activities				
Plants / Herbs Sales	13,615	-	13,615	14,956
Community Garden Sales	1,491	-	1,491	1,187
Books / Crafts / Honey Sales	5,997	-	5,997	5,239
Volunteer Uniform Sales	187	-	187	176
Other	40	-	40	4
Total Receipts from Activities	32,830	-	32,830	27,168
Total Receipts	34,695	12,886	47,581	32,268
Payments				
NatSol Compost Toilet	3,938	11,386	15,324	-
ECF grant funded Equipment	-	566	566	429
Community Garden	478	-	478	-
IT Equipment	270	-	270	64
Tools & Equipment	1,080	-	1,080	210
Total Assets Purchased	5,766	11,952	17,718	703
Plants / Herbs cost	9,537	-	9,537	8,997
Volunteer costs	348	-	348	649
Events / Workshops / Tours	1,258	-	1,258	178
Apple Day cost	1,225	-	1,225	520
Plants & Equipment Garden	4,398	-	4,398	3,918
Books / Crafts / Honey cost	1,679	-	1,679	2,076
Contract workers	4,657	2,390	7,047	7,543
Office consumables	586	-	586	391
Insurance & Professional Fees	519	-	519	255
Other	472	-	472	211
Total Payments	30,445	14,342	44,787	25,441
Net receipts/(payments)	4,250	(1,456)	2,794	6,827
Total Funds Brought Forward	14,463	1,456	15,919	9,092
Total Funds Carried Forward	18,713	-	18,713	15,919
Funds held at end of the year				
Bank	18,520	-	18,520	15,657
Cash	193	-	193	262
Total Funds	18,713	-	18,713	15,919

Signed on behalf of all the trustees by:

Signature
Print Name
Position
Date of Approval


SUZANNE LOWE
CHAIR OF TRUSTEES
22nd June 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

THE FRIENDS OF CRESSING TEMPLE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1166431

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

22nd June 2024

Name:

DEREK WOTTON

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

CHARTERED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT ACMA CGMA

Address:

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THE FRIENDS OF CRESSING TEMPLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1166431

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1	January	2022	To	31	December	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name THE FRIENDS OF CRESSING TEMPLE

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1166431

Charity's principal address

CRESSING TEMPLE BARNES
 WITHAM ROAD
 BRAINTREE
 ESSEX
 Postcode CM77 8PD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Suzanne Lowe	Chair		
2	Andrew Bright	Treasurer		
3	Jane Palmer	Membership Secretary		
4	David Andrews			
5	Lesley Killin			
6	Monika Curry			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 4 th August 2015 as amended on 12 th December 2020
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated small company charity
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected at the AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Relationship with Essex County Council, owners of the Cressing site. Reference letter dated 15th March 2016 from Head of County Parks, Environment Sustainability and Highways, Essex County Council.

The charity continued to build it's working relationship with Essex County Council during the year.

The risks from the Covid-19 restrictions eased considerably during the year, with a return to public events from May onwards. This helped to drive an increase in visitor numbers with a consequent increase in sales to the public in comparison to 2020 and 2021.

The Trustees do not consider there are any other major risks as there are no liabilities, other than those that are covered by insurance. There is a dependency on the voluntary efforts of the members and officers, as well as the two horticulturists employed by Essex County Council.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To conserve, enhance and develop the historic site at Cressing Temple, including the Walled Garden, the Cullen Garden and the Jubilee Orchard, as a unique historical, social and horticultural record and educational resource.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In deciding a programme of activity and development the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The trustees aim to further develop an inclusive culture in the charity's ways of working, that values equality and diversity ensuring that equal opportunities are available to all.

Part of the Friend's objectives is to raise money in support of the site and gardens. This was more successful in 2022 than the previous 2 years due to the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. This meant that it was possible to hold our own Apple Day event again, which was very successful. Sales of plants, herbs and honey increased compared to the previous year, helped by there being several public events at the site, whereas none were held in 2020 and just one in 2021. Sales of produce from our Community Garden were reduced compared to the pandemic years, and back at the levels seen in 2019, perhaps reflecting a return to normal shopping habits. However, sales of craft items made by members and volunteers continued to grow and now represent a larger proportion of trading income than before the pandemic.

The number of volunteers attending during the year was 38. Volunteers play a key role in sustaining the high standard of maintenance which is so essential to the public's appreciation of the site and gardens. This public benefit encompassed in the constitution of the Friends is at the forefront of the Trustees' and officers' activity. They all give their services voluntarily in the interests of the charity and draw no personal fiduciary benefit from their roles.

The gardens in particular provide interest to the local community and wider society with hands on experiences and involvement, demonstrating the power of horticulture and other skills to improve people's lives.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Friends of Cressing Temple could not operate without the generous and willing help of volunteers.

A total of 3,887 volunteer hours were contributed during the year, which if calculated at the minimum wage would amount to a very valuable contribution of £36,927.

The number of hours represents a 26% increase on 2021.

Volunteer activities range from garden preparation, planting and maintenance work, to wood and tool repairs, through to all the supervision and management activities that are required to make the charity successful.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Plant, herb and honey sales continue to be our main source of trading income. As noted above the removal of restrictions on visitors imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic allowed the value of these sales to increase to £14,956 which is broadly back to the level achieved in 2019.

Sales of craft items made by members and volunteers, together with books and DVDs raised £5,239, which built on previous increases seen in 2020 and 2021. We thank our team of volunteers for these achievements.

We held our own Apple Day in October, which was attended by over 1,000 people and raised £5,070, as well as driving plant and craft sales of £1,368 on the day. The event benefited from good weather and was considered to be hugely successful and enjoyed by all.

Income from our Community Garden of £1,187 was lower than during the pandemic years but was similar to that received in 2019.

The usage of contactless payments via SumUp and Paypal, which were introduced during the pandemic, continued to grow with 25% of all income from fundraising and trading activities being received in this way. During the year we installed a Payaz terminal to also facilitate contactless donations.

The new WRAGS trainee who joined us in October 2021 continued her two-year placement, which is largely funded by a £6,000 grant from the Finnis Scott Foundation of which £3,000 was received in 2022.

We continued to grow and strengthen our partnerships in the year, including those with Essex County Council, Trustlinks, the Cressing Temple Community Shed, the Braintree Beekeepers and the Essex Beekeeping Association, with all of whom we collaborated to start fund raising for a Natsol full access compost toilet, which will provide benefits for all of these groups that use the site.

We also further strengthened our partnership with Abberton Rural Training who, along with Trustlinks, continue to support us by holding regular weekly gardening sessions at the site.

A digital archiving project was initiated during the year, with the first phase of cataloguing historical paper documents being completed.

We continued to provide governance via regular committee meetings, with those in January held online followed by a return to meeting in person thereafter.

Looking ahead to 2023, we have supplemented the fund raising with our partners mentioned above with £4,000 from our Apple Day profits, which allowed the Natsol compost toilet to be purchased and installed in April. We have arranged to switch to a peat-free supplier of herbs from the start of the new year, and our main supplier of plants will move towards peat-free production during 2023 and 2024.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are held in the named Co-operative Bank account for the sole use and purpose of the Organisation as defined in the Aims & Objectives of its constitution. The Friends policy requires that sufficient unrestricted financial reserves are held in order that the charity can continue to operate and meet the needs of the visitors in the event of unforeseen and potentially financially damaging circumstances arising.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None, and not possible under the constitution.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

All fundraising is to support the gardens and the wider site, and is mainly achieved through trading activities, members fees, donations and grants.

We are grateful for the following grants which were received during the year:

Essex Community Foundation: £995 for the Payaz terminal for contactless donations, and a scanner which will be bought in 2023 to support the digital archiving project.

Finnis Scott Foundation: £3,000 for our WRAGS trainee, which is 50% of the total award of £6,000, with 25% having been received in 2021 and the final 25% instalment expected in 2023.



The charity's activities provide benefit and interest to the local and wider society with hands on experiences and involvement. The gardens in particular demonstrate the power of horticulture and other skills to improve people's lives.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SUZANNE LOWE	ANDREW BRIGHT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TREASURER

Date 24th June 2023

The Friends of Crossing Temple
Registered charity number 1166431
Receipts and payments accounts
For the year to 31 December 2022

			Year Ended 31 Dec 2022	Year Ended 31 Dec 2021
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
Receipts				
Essex Community Foundation	-	995	995	-
Finnis Scott Foundation	-	3,000	3,000	1,500
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	1,380
Donations	745	-	745	963
Membership subscriptions	360	-	360	315
Total Grants and Donations	1,105	3,995	5,100	4,158
Fundraising Activities				
Apple Day & Sales	5,070	-	5,070	98
Quiz Evening	155	-	155	205
Events / Workshops / Tours	381	-	381	524
Trading Activities				
Plants / Herb / Honey Sales	14,956	-	14,956	12,187
Community Garden Sales	1,187	-	1,187	2,240
Books / DVDs / Craft Sales	5,239	-	5,239	4,155
Volunteer Uniform Sales	176	-	176	346
Other	4	-	4	110
Total Receipts from Activities	27,168	-	27,168	19,865
Total Receipts	28,273	3,995	32,268	24,023
Payments				
Essex Community Fund Equipment	-	429	429	-
National Lottery Community Fund - Picnic benches	-	-	-	1,380
Picnic benches (top-up of NLCF grant)	-	-	-	150
Co-operative Bank - Wellhouse footpath	-	-	-	895
IT Equipment	64	-	64	-
Tools & Equipment	210	-	210	-
Total Assets Purchased	274	429	703	2,425
Plant / Herb / Honey cost	8,997	-	8,997	7,188
Volunteer costs	649	-	649	602
Events / Workshops / Tours	178	-	178	296
Apple Day cost	520	-	520	-
Plants & Equipment Garden	3,918	-	3,918	4,549
Books / DVDs / Craft cost	2,076	-	2,076	1,906
Contract worker	4,543	3,000	7,543	8,076
Office consumables	391	-	391	543
Insurance & Professional Fees	255	-	255	255
Other	211	-	211	171
Total Payments	22,012	3,429	25,441	26,011
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,261	566	6,827	(1,988)
Total Funds Brought Forward	8,202	890	9,092	11,080
Total Funds Carried Forward	14,463	1,456	15,919	9,092
Cash Funds at end of the period				
Bank	14,201	1,456	15,657	8,877
Cash	262	-	262	215
Total Funds	14,463	1,456	15,919	9,092

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature
Print Name
Position
Date of Approval


SUE LOWE
CHAIRPERSON


ANDREW BRIGHT
TREASURER

24th June 2023



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

THE FRIENDS OF CRESSING TEMPLE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1166431

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

24th June 2023

Name:

DEREK WOTTON

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

CHARTERED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT ACMA CGMA

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THE FRIENDS OF CRESSING TEMPLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1166431

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
From	1	January	2020	To	31	December 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

156 WITHAM ROAD	
BLACK NOTLEY	
ESSEX	
Postcode	CM77 8LX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Suzanne Lowe	Chair		
2	Andrew Bright	Treasurer		
3	Jane Palmer	Membership Secretary		
4	David Andrews			
5	Lesley Killin			
6	Monika Curry			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 4 th August 2015 as amended on 12 th December 2020
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated small company charity
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected at the AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Relationship with Essex County Council, owners of the Cressing site. Reference letter dated 15th March 2016 from Head of County Parks, Environment Sustainability and Highways, Essex County Council.

The charity continued to build closer working relationships with Essex County Council during the year.

The major risk during the year was the closure of the site by Essex County Council from 23rd March to 21st May 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, together with no public events being held during the year. These factors caused a significant reduction in visitor numbers and the charity's ability to raise funds through sales to the public. In order to mitigate the financial impact the Trustees cut non-essential expenditure where possible and successfully applied for five grants. We also increased sales from our Community Garden and diversified our income by selling craft items made by members and volunteers. The Trustees continue to monitor the situation closely.

The Trustees do not consider there are any other major risks as there are no liabilities, other than those that are covered by insurance. There is a dependency on the voluntary efforts of the members and officers, as well as the horticulturist employed by Essex County Council.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To conserve, enhance and develop the historic site at Cressing Temple, including the Walled Garden, the Cullen Garden and the Jubilee Orchard, as a unique historical, social and horticultural record and educational resource.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In deciding a programme of activity and development the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The name of the charity was changed from "The Friends of Cressing Temple Gardens" to "The Friends of Cressing Temple", and the Constitution updated to reflect the trustees' intentions to provide support to the whole Cressing Temple site.

It is the trustees' aim to embed an inclusive culture in the charity's ways of working, that values equality and diversity ensuring that equal opportunities are available to all.

Part of the Friend's objectives is to raise money in support of the site and gardens. This was less successful than the previous year because of restrictions caused by the pandemic. Our normal sales of plants, herbs and honey were much reduced, however we were able to increase sales of produce from our Community Garden and introduced sales of craft items made by members and volunteers.

We were able to offer the opportunity of volunteering to more people during the year, with the number of volunteers increasing from about 30 to 47. This provided health and wellbeing benefits to more people during a time of social isolation and inactivity. The volunteers normally attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Unfortunately they were unable to attend whilst the site was closed and after re-opening we restricted numbers in line with government guidelines. Therefore we extended the volunteer days to Mondays and Wednesdays as well, in order to give opportunities to as many volunteers as possible. Volunteers play a key role in sustaining the high standard of maintenance so essential to the public's appreciation of the site and gardens. This public benefit encompassed in the constitution of the Friends is at the forefront of the Trustees' and officers' activity. They all give their services voluntarily in the interests of the charity and draw no personal fiduciary benefit from their roles.

The gardens in particular provide interest to the local community and wider society with hands on experiences and involvement, demonstrating the power of horticulture and other skills to improve people's lives.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Friends of Cressing Temple could not operate without the generous and willing help of volunteers.

A total of 2,173 volunteer hours were contributed during the year. If calculated at the minimum wage this would amount to a very valuable contribution of £18,949.

Volunteer activities range from garden preparation, planting and maintenance work, to wood and tool repairs, through to all the supervision and management activities that are required to make the charity successful.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Plant, herb and honey sales are our main source of trading income, however as noted above restrictions on visitor numbers caused by the pandemic meant that the value of these sales was lower than the previous year at £7,988. This was compensated to some extent by diversifying our income stream, which included more than doubling sales of produce from our Community Garden to £2,921 and introducing sales of craft items made by members and volunteers, which together with sales of books and DVDs raised £2,155. We thank our team of volunteers for these achievements.

To ensure the safety of volunteers when they returned to work in June, we reduced the numbers at each session and introduced measures for socially-distanced working. We also secured a micro-grant from the Essex Association of Local Councils, which provided numerous small tools to minimise sharing between people, as well as hygiene products such as masks and disinfectants.

Two polytunnels were purchased from grant funds, one from the Essex Community Foundation, the other from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. These will allow us to progress with a project to grow our own herbs. We also bought a fruit cage and installed rabbit-proof fencing from a grant provided by Braintree District Council. These items were all key to our drive to increase the productivity of the Community Garden, both during the year and for the future.

We received a grant from our bank, the Co-operative Bank, which will enable us to replace the footpath around the Wellhouse in 2021 so that it will be safer and more accessible to all.

We participated in the Apple Day held at Easton Lodge, as we were unable to hold our own event.

After losing two of our three bee hives in 2019, we introduced two new swarms to build our apiary back to three and extracted 25lbs of honey during the year.

We introduced our own calendar for the first time, however sales were muted due to visitor restrictions being introduced again from November.

We strengthened our partnerships with the East of England Orchards and Apples Project who supported our focus on tree planting across the site; and with Historic Essex Buildings who sponsored the reprint of "Crossing Temple – A Templar and Hospitaller Manor in Essex and its Buildings".

We partnered with Abberton Rural Training with the potential to provide resource and capacity to assist with future projects around the site.

We refreshed and relaunched our website:
<https://thefriendsofcrossingtemple.org>

We started to investigate different ways of fundraising through schemes such as Amazon Smile, Essex Lottery and Easy Fundraising.

We are introducing a program of courses to extend our activities in 2021.

We continued to provide regular governance by moving all our committee meetings online.

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Reserves are held in the named Co-operative Bank account for the sole use and purpose of the Organisation as defined in the Aims & Objectives of its constitution. The Friends policy requires that sufficient unrestricted financial reserves are held in order that the charity can continue to operate and meet the needs of the visitors in the event of unforeseen and potentially financially damaging circumstances arising.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None, and not possible under the constitution.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

All fundraising is to support the gardens and the wider site, and is mainly achieved through trading activities, members fees, donations and grants.

We are grateful for the following grants which were received during the year:

National Lottery Heritage Fund Emergency Grant for Covid-19: £8,500
 Braintree District Council: £1,379
 Essex Community Foundation: £1,602
 Essex Association of Local Councils: £500
 The Co-operative Bank: £1,000

The charity's activities contribute to and provide interest to the local and wider society with hands on experiences and involvement. The gardens in particular demonstrate the power of horticulture and other skills to improve people's lives.

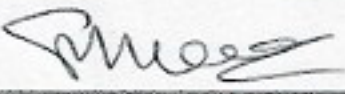
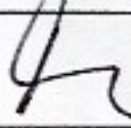
Section F**Other optional information**

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Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	SUZANNE LOWE	ANDREW BRIGHT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	22 nd May 2021	

The Friends of Cressing Temple
Registered charity number 1166431
Receipts and payments accounts
For the year to 31 December 2020

	Year Ended 31 Dec 2020			Period from 17 Mar 2019 to 31 Dec 2019
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
Receipts				
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	8,500	8,500	6,325
Braintree District Council	-	1,379	1,379	1,075
Essex Community Foundation	-	1,602	1,602	-
Essex Association of Local Councils	-	500	500	-
Co-operative Bank	-	1,000	1,000	-
Donations	909	-	909	2,006
Membership subscriptions	320	-	320	315
Total Grants and Donations	1,229	12,981	14,210	9,721
Fundraising Activities				
Apple Day & Sales	96	-	96	388
Quiz Evening	405	-	405	-
Events / Workshops / Tours	150	-	150	724
Trading Activities				
Plants / Herb / Honey Sales	7,988	-	7,988	15,009
Community Garden Sales	2,921	-	2,921	1,246
Books / DVDs / Craft Sales	2,155	-	2,155	616
Volunteer Uniform Sales	235	-	235	252
Other	98	-	98	-
Total Receipts from Activities	14,048	-	14,048	18,235
Total Receipts	15,277	12,981	28,258	27,956
Payments				
National Lottery Heritage Fund Equipment	-	3,720	3,720	24,439
Braintree DC / Essex Community Equipment	-	2,981	2,981	1,075
Community Garden	206	-	206	-
Tools & Equipment	875	-	875	-
Total Assets Purchased	1,081	6,701	7,782	25,514
Plant / Herb / Honey cost	4,714	808	5,522	6,491
Volunteer costs	274	558	832	161
Events / Workshops / Tours	253	-	253	300
Plants & Equipment Garden	2,203	586	2,789	2,270
Books / DVDs / Craft cost	860	-	860	164
Contract worker	4,729	3,541	8,270	5,826
Office consumables	332	37	369	123
Insurance & Professional Fees	252	-	252	320
Other	225	-	225	396
Total Payments	14,923	12,231	27,154	41,565
Net of receipts/(payments)	354	750	1,104	(13,609)
Total Funds Brought Forward	9,627	349	9,976	23,585
Total Funds Carried Forward	9,981	1,099	11,080	9,976
Cash Funds at end of the period				
Bank	9,922	1,099	11,021	9,831
Cash	59	-	59	145
Total Funds	9,981	1,099	11,080	9,976

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature
 Print Name
 Position
 Date of Approval

SUE LOWE
 CHAIRPERSON



ANDREW BRIGHT
 TREASURER



22nd May 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

THE FRIENDS OF CRESSING TEMPLE

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2020

Charity no (if any)

1166431

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

22nd May 2021

Name:

DEREK WOTTON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

CHARTERED MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT ACMA CGMA

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.