

THE CHAMBERLAIN HIGHBURY TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1169845

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	10157307
Registered	2016-10-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY (ÆOBJECTSÆ) ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:5.1 TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE LAND AND BUILDINGS KNOWN AS THE Highbury ESTATE ON THE BORDERS OF MOSELEY AND KINGS HEATH, BIRMINGHAM, WEST MIDLANDS, INCLUDING THE GRADE II* LISTED HOUSE AND THE GRADE II REGISTERED HISTORIC PARK FORMING PART OF THE Highbury ESTATE;5.2 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN:5.2.1 THE HISTORY OF THE CHAMBERLAIN FAMILY AND IN PARTICULAR (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) THEIR LEGACY IN RELATION TO CIVIC LEADERSHIP;5.2.2 THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF THE Highbury ESTATE; AND5.2.3 THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT;.5.3 TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY; 5.4 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY PROMOTING, FOSTERING AND ENCOURAGING THE KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE ARTS IN PARTICULAR (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) WITHIN AND AROUND BIRMINGHAM; AND 5.5 TO FURTHER SUCH OTHER EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: To create a legacy in which Highbury provides a centre of learning for a diversity of people from local, regional, national and international origins to come to appreciate the beauty of the restored house, its grounds and park, and where young people in particular can find out about the Chamberlain family in its historic context .

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£45,262	£66,087	-	-
2024-03-31	£35,977	£405,443	£248,243	0
2023-03-31	£253,588	£247,854	-	-
2022-03-31	£185,728	£257,945	-	-
2021-03-31	£209,248	£114,433	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angharad Rose Bullward		2025-05-22
CATHERINE LOUISE ORGAN		2021-04-21
Charlotte Askew		2025-05-22
Claudine Barbara Ratnayake		2026-03-18
Councillor David Sean Barker		2026-01-23
David Neil Kidney		2021-04-21
Deidre Mattison		2023-04-19
Dr Derren Cresswell		2020-10-21
GLYNIS POWELL		2026-03-18
Indi Deol		2023-12-20
Shilpa Amin		2023-12-20
john Wilson		2026-01-23

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Accounts

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The Chamberlain Highbury Trust ("CHT") presents the details of its Trustees and Advisers for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 as follows:

Directors and Trustees

Shilpa Amin (appointed December 2023)
Dr Phillada Ballard (reappointed October 2022)
Dr D J F Cresswell (reappointed October 2023)
Cllr Phil Davis (Birmingham City Council appointee, retired October 2024)
Indi Deol (appointed December 2023)
Sebastian Harding (appointed December 2023)
Mr D N Kidney (reappointed October 2024) (Chair)
Deidre Mattison (appointed October 2023) (Treasurer)
Ms C L Organ (reappointed October 2024) (Vice Chair)
Katharine Perry (retired January 2025)
Ms L. Portelly (retired October 2024)
Mr Martin Straker-Welds (Birmingham City Council appointee, retired October 2024)
Cllr Lisa Trickett (Birmingham City Council appointee, appointed October 2024)

Company secretary

Ms C L Organ

Charity registered number

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Principal office

Highbury, 4 Yew Tree Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8QG

Independent Examiner

Thomas and Young Limited, Carleton House, 266-268, Stratford Road, Shirley, West Midlands B90 3AD

Accountants

Cooper Parry Group Limited, Park View, One Central Boulevard, Blythe Business Park, Solihull, B90 8BG

Bankers

Natwest Bank, 112a High Street, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7LQ

Trustees' Report

For the Period Ended 31 March 2025

The Directors, who are also Trustees of the charity for the purposes of charity law, are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31 March 2025. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities," 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

CHT is a charity registered by the Charity Commission and a Company Limited by Guarantee registered by Companies House. CHT is governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated 30 April 2016 (as subsequently amended).

The principal objects of the charity are:

- to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the land and buildings known as the Highbury Estate on the borders of Moseley and Kings Heath, Birmingham, West Midlands, including the Grade II* listed house and the Grade II registered historic park forming part of the Highbury Estate;
- to advance the education of the public in:
 - o the history of the Chamberlain family and in particular (but not limited to) their legacy in relation to civic leadership;
 - o the history and heritage of the Highbury Estate; and
 - o the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
- to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society;
- to advance the education of the public by promoting, fostering and encouraging the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts in particular (but not limited to) within and around Birmingham; and
- to further such other exclusively charitable purposes according to the law of England and Wales as the Trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time determine.

Appointment or election of Trustees

When Trustees retire (either by choice or at the end of their permitted term of office) or their appointment is terminated, the appointment of new Trustees is by open advertisement, competition and interview except that the Memorandum and Articles of Association permit Birmingham City Council to appoint two Trustees, whose appointments are governed by the Council's procedures.

During 2024/25, no Trustees retired at the end of their term of office without seeking reappointment, two Trustees appointed by Birmingham City Council retired and will be replaced by two new Council appointees, and two Trustees retired mid-term for reasons unrelated to their CHT positions.

Trustee Training

Whilst all Trustees had experience of trusteeship or similar responsibilities at the time of their appointment, the Company Secretary has regularly drawn to Trustees' attention guidance and advice from the Charity Commission and other relevant sources. Trustees with specific professional qualifications and other responsibilities have attended training relevant to those professions and responsibilities. A day-long training session for all Trustees was arranged during the year (held 17 May 2025).

The Trust is committed to undertaking regular skills audits of trustees to ensure Trustees are competent to discharge their statutory responsibilities and duties. Most recently, a skills audit was carried out in summer 2024.

Policies and objectives

The Trustees regularly review their policies and make changes and additions as required. The Trustees plan a full programme of activities for each year. In setting the aims and

objectives and in planning future activities, the Trustees give due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

The Trust remains committed to the renovation of Highbury's mansion and grounds so that the estate can be opened to the people of Birmingham as was envisaged when it was first gifted to the citizens by the Chamberlain family. A development grant was secured from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) in September 2021 and this funding of £368,000, together with additional funding from Birmingham City Council, the Highbury Trust and CHT's own resources, paid for a professional team to draw up restoration plans to RIBA Stage 3 readiness along with an interpretation plan and a business plan and costings by a Quantity Surveyor (estimated project costs £12M). CHT's application to NLHF for a delivery grant of just over £5M was submitted August 2023.

The situation changed dramatically in September 2024 when Birmingham City Council made two announcements under Section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and the subsequently appointed Commissioners withdrew the Council's offer of a capital grant to match fund NLHF's delivery grant. CHT successfully persuaded NLHF to offer a reduced grant of £2M to enable the gardens' restoration to proceed, separate from the plan for the mansion's restoration. CHT is now working to carry out the gardens' restoration works and to fundraise anew for the capital cost of the mansion's restoration.

Risk Management

The Trustees have created and maintain a risk register which Trustees review regularly. CHT has appointed an Audit and Risk Committee of Trustees, which meets regularly, reviews the risk register (amongst other tasks) and advises the Trust Board on mitigation and control of identified risks, including new risks to be entered onto the risk register (and advises when risks are no longer relevant and can be removed from the risk register). The Trustees seek to identify all relevant strategic risks, to take measures to eliminate them or, where elimination is not possible, to take action to mitigate the risk and to manage the residuary risk.

After CHT successfully obtained a development grant from NLHF on 20 September 2021, the major risks in the risk register revolved around managing the development phase of the Highbury restoration project and obtaining a delivery grant from NLHF for Highbury's continued restoration over the next few years. Risks included raising match funding, construction cost overruns, damage to the fabric of the building, and failure to maintain good relations with partners, stakeholders, tenants, local residents and neighbours. Since completion of the development phase, the Trustees have reviewed the risk register and made changes aimed towards managing the delivery of the major restoration project. The amended risks have subsequently had to be augmented by additional risks around the Council's Section 114 status.

When the gardens' restoration project is completed, many of their original features will once again be enjoyed by visitors (the gardens are free to enter and attract around 200,000 visitors a year). The Trustees have developed a Maintenance and Management Plan for the gardens' subsequent upkeep as well as a strategy for funding the required works. When the mansion is eventually restored, the Trustees plan for it to be regularly open for visitors (an admission charge will apply). CHT has appropriate insurance arrangements in place.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the Trustees, successfully completed the development phase of its restoration project and approved plans for the restoration of the Highbury Estate to RIBA Stage 3 readiness, costed at £12M. The mansion was opened for visitors for numerous Open Days, the grounds continued to be open for visitors for free every day and the Trustees managed a small paid team of managers and 50 plus volunteers.

As reported above, there were some changes to the composition of the Trust Board and these changes were managed without any adverse disruption to CHT's operations. New Trustees are inducted appropriately. The Trustees agreed to accept a Boardroom Apprentice for 12 months under a scheme operated by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and agreed to take a second Boardroom Apprentice for the following year.

Youth Board

The Trustees continue to operate a young leadership education and training programme for cohorts of young people from Birmingham and its surrounds. The restoration plans include the provision of a dedicated learning centre for the future operation of this programme. From those young people who participate in the young leadership education and training activities, the Trustees appoint a Youth Board and members of the Youth Board are consulted on all aspects of the Trustees' work with a view to the co-production of plans for the future development of Highbury and its activities. Over time, two Youth Board members have subsequently been appointed to CHT's Trust Board.

National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)

The Trustees acknowledge the development grant received from NLHF in September 2021 and this acknowledgement is also recorded on CHT's website and in all relevant communications and activities of CHT.

The Trustees acknowledge the contribution made by individual Lottery players without which NLHF would not be able to assist projects like the Trust's restoration project for Highbury. CHT took part in a week of celebration of the contribution made by Lottery Players during March 2024 with open access and guided tours of Highbury available to Lottery players.

The Trustees have committed to consider lasting ways of embedding this acknowledgement in the restoration works and future activities of CHT.

Heritage Open Day

The Trustees once again participated in the Birmingham Heritage Week in 2024, holding a Heritage Open Day in September 2024. The Heritage Open Day at Highbury on 15 September ("A Celebration of Connections and Partnerships") attracted 200 visitors who took mansion tours, grounds tours, and our "Hidden Highbury" tour (which gives visitors insight into the poor condition of the mansion in areas not currently open to the public at any other time) as well as casual visitors to the mansion and grounds who looked round for themselves.

Communications

The Trustees engaged with a wide range of stakeholders (the stakeholders have been mapped) throughout the year by means of CHT's Twitter and Facebook accounts, its website (www.chamberlainhighburytrust.co.uk), a monthly newsletter updating all subscribers on key news and forthcoming events, emails and organised communication and consultation meetings at Highbury.

Financial review

CHT's Income for the year for its general operations (excluding grant receipts) totalled £45,262 and charitable expenditure totalled £42,097. As at 31 March 2025, CHT had total unrestricted funds of £52,406 (of which £9,141 was designated) and restricted funds of £168,085.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to support the operational expenditure and any commitments of CHT for a period of 12 months.

Plans for future periods

Proposals for Highbury

The mansion

The Trustees' restoration plan is to accommodate a combination of activities for the mansion including heritage visits, young leadership education and training, and lettings of office space, and the restoration of many of the historical features of the gardens. The Business Plan commits the Trustees to raise enough income to ensure the viability of CHT and provide public access to the building and opportunities for educational and cultural activities. The refurbishment of the mansion will involve extensive external repairs and the complete renewal of services, including complete rewiring, the replacement of the boilers and a new heating system. The Trustees intend the new systems to be as sustainable as possible both in terms of compatibility with Net Zero ambitions and affordability.

The grounds

Following completion of a Phase 1 Gardens Project in 2021, the Trustees have embarked on a Gardens Phase 2 project to restore many of the historical features of the grounds in order to give visitors a sense of what the Chamberlain family planned and experienced. As far as possible, and subject to careful cost control, original Italian, Dutch and rock gardens will be restored, the rhododendron collection will be revived, trees and a pergola will be added, ponds will be restored to health, and historical features which cannot be replaced, such as the original hobby farm will be referenced.

Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees, who are also directors of CHT for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on CHT's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by: David Kidney, Trustee and Chair of the Trust Board

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**THE CHAMBERLAIN HIGHBURY TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

UNAUDITED ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

THOMAS & YOUNG LIMITED

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES	Shilpa Amin (appointed 20/12/2023) Dr Phillada Ballard (appointed 30/04/2016) Dr Derren Cresswell (appointed 21/10/2020) Cllr Philip Davis (Birmingham City Council appointee, retired 15/05/2024) Indi Deol (appointed 20/12/2023) Sebastian Harding (appointed 20/12/2023) (Chair) David Kidney (appointed 21/04/2021) Deidre Mattison (appointed 19/04/2023) (Treasurer) Catherine Organ (appointed 21/04/2021) (Vice Chair) Katharine Perry (retired 18/12/2024) Louise Hothi (retired 16/10/2024) Martin Straker-Welds (Birmingham City Council appointee, retired 22/10/2024) Cllr Lisa Trickett (Birmingham City Council appointee, appointed 16/10/2024) Francesca Rhodes (appointed 16/10/2024)
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This report was approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

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Signed by: _____

Mr D N Kidney, Trustee and Chair of the Trust Board

Date: _____

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by Section 386 of the Act 2006, or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

Mr J Carty ACA FCCA
 Thomas and Young Chartered Accountants
 Carleton House
 266-268 Stratford Road
 Shirley, Solihull
 West Midlands B90 3AD

Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Year ended 31 March 2025 £	Year ended 31 March 2024 £
INCOME FROM					
Donations	2	2,569	-	2,569	35,162
Grants	3	38,274	-	38,274	527,084
Other income		4,419	-	4,419	815
TOTAL INCOME		<u>45,262</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,262</u>	<u>563,061</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	46,501	19,586	66,087	405,454
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>46,501</u>	<u>19,586</u>	<u>66,087</u>	<u>405,454</u>
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		(1,239)	(19,586)	(20,825)	157,607
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,239)	(19,586)	(20,825)	157,607
Total funds at 1 April 2024		51,747	196,485	248,232	90,625
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2025		<u>50,508</u>	<u>176,899</u>	<u>227,407</u>	<u>248,232</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		2025		2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-		968	
Cash at bank	6	233,262		255,353	
		233,262		256,321	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	7	(5,855)		(8,089)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			227,407		248,232
NET ASSETS			227,407		248,232
CHARITY FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8		50,509		51,747
Restricted funds	8		176,898		196,485
			227,407		248,232
TOTAL FUNDS			227,407		248,232

The Trustees consider that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 21st October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr D N Kidney, Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The Chamberlain Highbury Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised as cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to the accounts.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designed for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Designated funds are funds which are to be used for purchase of acquisitions that may become available.

The cost of raising funds and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

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The aim and use of each fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable the income will be received.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which the expenditure arose.

1.5 Going concern

The Trustees have considered the current financial position of the Trust alongside the future forecasts and budgets and are confident that the Trust has sufficient resources to continue to operate for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as no material uncertainties exist.

2 DONATIONS

	2025 £	2024 £
Donations from the Highbury Trust	2,569	33,300
Other Donations	4,419	1,862
	<u>6,988</u>	<u>35,162</u>

Donations of £35,162 were received in the prior year all of which related to unrestricted funds.

3 GRANTS

2025 £	2024 £
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The Highbury Trust	-	-
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	261,584
Birmingham City Council	38,274	70,000
Other Grants	-	195,500
	38,274	527,084
	38,274	527,084

Grants of £527,084 were received in the prior year all of which related to restricted funds.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

4 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2025 £	2024 £
Charitable activities		
Legal and professional fees	9,684	11,598
Business support	-	2,550
Independent examination fees	2,244	2,040
Other costs	54,159	389,266
	66,087	405,454
	66,087	405,454

Expenditure in the prior year totalled £405,454 of which £32,326 related to unrestricted funds of £373,128 related to restricted funds.

5 NET INCOMING RESOURCES

During the period, no Trustees received any remuneration (2024: none).
 During the period, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2024: none).
 During the period, four Trustees received travel expenses totalling £989 (2024: £1,080).

6 DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
VAT Recoverable	-	968
	-	968
	-	968

7 CREDITORS

	2025	2024
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	£	£
Accruals	5,855	8,089
	5,855	8,089
	5,855	8,089

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

8 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	Carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	41,942	45,262	(45,837)	-	41,367
Designated funds	9,805	-	(664)	-	9,141
	51,747	45,262	(46,501)	-	50,508
Restricted funds					
Major Project	184,633	-	(19,586)	-	165,047
The Gardens Project	4,343	-	-	-	4,343
Rhododendron Project	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Celebrating Comms	2,509	-	-	-	2,509
	196,485	-	(19,586)	-	176,899
TOTAL	248,232	45,262	(66,087)	-	227,407

Major Project – These funds represent monies which will be used to match fund future NLHF grants if future bids are successful.

The Gardens Project – These funds represent various grants that were provided for the Trust’s landscape restoration programme for the 30 acres of gardens. The restoration programme was ongoing at the end of the year.

Celebrating Comms (Previously The Birmingham Roots project) – These funds represent a grant from Birmingham City Council to promote community events inspired by the Commonwealth Games.

Rhododendron Project – These funds represent monies to ensure the Rhododendrons planted by Joseph Chamberlain are protected and will be an important feature of the restored gardens at Highbury.

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Designated funds - These funds represent a fund to be used to purchase objects related to Highbury or the Chamberlain Family which may become available in due course.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

8a STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	Carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	38,096	35,977	(32,131)	-	41,942
Designated funds	10,000	-	(195)	-	9,805
	48,096	35,977	(32,326)	-	51,747
Restricted funds					
Major Project	30,613	527,084	(373,064)	-	184,633
The Gardens Project	4,407	-	(64)	-	4,343
Rhododendron Project	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Celebrating Comms	2,509	-	-	-	2,509
	42,529	527,084	(373,128)	-	196,485
TOTAL	90,625	563,061	(405,454)	-	248,232

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	56,363	176,899	233,262
Other net current assets	(5,855)	-	(5,855)
	50,508	176,899	227,407

9a ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS - PRIOR YEAR

Unrestricted Restricted

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	Funds £	Funds £	Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	57,522	197,831	255,353
Other net current assets	(5,775)	(1,346)	(7,121)
	<hr/> 51,747	<hr/> 196,485	<hr/> 248,232
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

10 RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions during the period. See note 5 for details of Trustee expenses paid in the year.

11 MEMBERS

The charity is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee having no share capital and in accordance with the Memorandum of Association, every member is liable to contribute a sum of £10 in the event of the company being wound up. As at 31 March 2025 there were 10 members.

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Company registration number 10157307 (England and Wales)

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	233,262		256,321	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(5,855)		(8,089)	
Net current assets		227,407		248,232
Net assets		227,407		248,232
Reserves		227,407		248,232

Notes to the financial statements

1 Employees

The average number of persons, including directors, employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Employees	-	-

The Chamberlain Highbury Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Highbury, 4 Yew Tree Road, Moseley, Birmingham, West Midlands, B13 8QG.

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and in accordance with FRS 105 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime', and have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The directors of the company have elected not to include a copy of the income and expenditure account within the financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 15/10/2025... and are signed on its behalf by:

DAVID KIDNEY

David Kidney
Director

Company registration number 10157307 (England and Wales)

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1169845

Accounts

Registered Charity Number: 1169845
Company Number: 10157307

**THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST
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UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

**THOMAS
+ YOUNG**

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS + REGISTERED AUDITORS

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

Shilpa Amin (appointed December 2023)
Dr Phillada Ballard (reappointed October 2022)
Prof M Butler (retired Oct 2023)
Dr D J F Cresswell (reappointed October 2023)
Cllr P M Davis (retired October 2023)
Indi Deol (appointed December 2023)
Ms S E Edwards (retired October 2023)
Prof I D Grosvenor (retired October 2023)
Sebastian Harding (appointed December 2023)
Cllr Brigid Jones (retired October 2023)
Mr D N Kidney (appointed April 2021)
Ms D Mattison (appointed April 2023)
Ms C L Organ (appointed April 2021)
Katharine Perry (appointed December 2023)
Ms L Portelly (appointed October 2021)
Mr Martin Straker-Welds (appointed by
Birmingham City Council October 2022)
Mr M S Williams (retired October 2023)

COMPANY SECRETARY

Ms C L Organ

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER

1169845

COMPANY REGISTERED NUMBER

10157307

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Highbury, 4 Yew Tree Road
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Directors, who are also Trustees of the charity for the purposes of charity law, are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting" by Charities", 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated 30 April 2016.

The principal objects of the charity are:

- to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the land and buildings known as the Highbury Estate on the borders of Moseley and Kings Heath, Birmingham, West Midlands, including the Grade II* listed house and the Grade II registered historic park forming part of the Highbury Estate;
- to advance the education of the public in:
 - o the history of the Chamberlain family and in particular (but not limited to) their legacy in relation to civic leadership;
 - o the history and heritage of the Highbury Estate; and
 - o the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
- to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society;
- to advance the education of the public by promoting, fostering and encouraging the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts in particular (but not limited to) within and around Birmingham; and
- to further such other exclusively charitable purposes according to the law of England and Wales as the Trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time determine.

Appointment or election of Trustees

When Trustees retire (either by choice or at the end of their permitted term of office) or their appointment is terminated, the appointment of new Trustees is by open advertisement, competition and interview except that the Memorandum and Articles of Association permit Birmingham City Council to appoint two Trustees, whose appointments are governed by the Council's procedures.

During 2023/24, three Trustees retired at the end of their term of office without seeking reappointment, two Trustees appointed by Birmingham City Council retired and will be replaced by two new Council appointees, and one Trustee retired mid-term due to moving out of the area. During the year, four new Trustees were recruited by open advertisement, competition and interview.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Structure, governance and management (Continued)

Trustee Training

Whilst all Trustees had experience of trusteeship or similar responsibilities at the time of their appointment, the Company Secretary has regularly drawn to Trustees' attention guidance and advice from the Charity Commission and other relevant sources. Trustees with specific professional qualifications and other responsibilities have attended training relevant to those professions and responsibilities.

The Trust is committed to undertaking regular skills audits of trustees to ensure Trustees are competent to discharge their statutory responsibilities and duties. Most recently, a skills audit was carried out in summer 2024 (outside the period covered by this report).

Policies and objectives

The Trustees regularly review their policies and make changes and additions as required. The Trustees plan a full programme of activities for each year. In setting the aims and objectives and in planning future activities, the Trustees give due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

The Trust remains committed to the renovation of Highbury's mansion and grounds so that the estate can be opened to the people of Birmingham as was envisaged when it was first gifted to the citizens by the Chamberlain family. A development grant was secured from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) in September 2021 and this funding of £368,000, together with additional funding from Birmingham City Council, the Highbury Trust and CHT's own resources, paid for a professional team to draw up restoration plans to RIBA Stage 3 readiness along with an interpretation plan and a business plan and costings by a Quantity Surveyor (estimated project costs £12M). CHT's application to NLHF for a delivery grant of just over £5M was submitted August 2023, but the situation has since become problematic due to Birmingham City Council making two announcements under Section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

Risk Management

The Trustees have created and maintain a risk register which Trustees review at every meeting of the Trust Board. The Trustees seek to identify all relevant strategic risks, to take measures to eliminate them or, where elimination is not possible, to take action to mitigate the risk and to manage the residuary risk.

After the Trust successfully obtained a development grant from NLHF on 20 September 2021, the major risks in the risk register revolved around managing the development phase of the Highbury restoration project and obtaining a delivery grant from NLHF for Highbury's continued restoration over the next few years. Risks included raising match funding, construction cost overruns, damage to the fabric of the building, and failure to maintain good relations with partners, stakeholders, tenants, local residents and neighbours. Since completion of the development phase, the Trustees have reviewed the risk register and made changes aimed towards managing the delivery of the major restoration project. The amended risks have subsequently had to be augmented by additional risks around the Council's Section 114 status.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Structure, governance and management (Continued)

Risk Management (Continued)

When the restoration project is completed, the mansion will regularly be open for visitors (an admission charge will apply) and the grounds will be open to the public for free all year round. CHT has appropriate insurance arrangements in place.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the Trustees, successfully completed the development phase of its restoration project and approved plans for the restoration of the Highbury Estate to RIBA Stage 3 readiness, costed at £12M. The mansion was opened for visitors for numerous Open Days, the grounds continued to be open for visitors for free every day and the Trustees managed a small paid team of managers and 50 plus volunteers.

As reported above, there were some changes to the composition of the Trust Board and these changes were managed without any adverse disruption to the Trust's operations. New Trustees were all inducted appropriately. The Trustees agreed to accept a Boardroom Apprentice for 12 months under a scheme operated by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Youth Board

The Trustees continue to operate a young leadership education and training programme for cohorts of young people from Birmingham and its surrounds. The restoration plans include the provision of a dedicated learning centre for the future operation of this programme. From those young people who participate in the young leadership education and training activities, the Trustees appoint a Youth Board and members of the Youth Board are consulted on all aspects of the Trustees' work with a view to the co-production of plans for the future development of Highbury and its activities.

National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)

The Trustees acknowledge the development grant received from NLHF in September 2021 and this acknowledgement is also recorded on the Trust's website and in all relevant communications and activities of the Trust.

The Trustees acknowledge the contribution made by individual Lottery players without which NLHF would not be able to assist projects like the Trust's restoration project for Highbury. The Trust took part in a week of celebration of the contribution made by Lottery Players during March 2023 with open access and guided tours of Highbury available to Lottery players.

The Trustees have committed to consider lasting ways of embedding this acknowledgement in the restoration works and future activities of the Trust.

Heritage Open Day

The Trustees once again participated in the Birmingham Heritage Week in 2023, holding a Heritage Open Day in September 2023. The Heritage Open Day at Highbury on 10 September attracted nearly 200 visitors who took mansion tours, grounds tours, and our "Hidden Highbury" tour (which gives visitors insight into the poor condition of the mansion in areas not currently open to the public at any other time) as well as casual visitors to the mansion and grounds who looked round for themselves.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Structure, governance and management (Continued)

Communications

The Trustees engaged with a wide range of stakeholders (the stakeholders have been mapped) throughout the year by means of the Trust's Twitter and Facebook accounts, its website (www.chamberlainhighburytrust.co.uk), a monthly newsletter updating all subscribers on key news and forthcoming events, emails and organised communication and consultation meetings at Highbury.

Financial review

Income for the year totalled £563,061 (2023: £253,588) and charitable expenditure totalled £405,454 (2023: £247,854). As at 31 March 2024, the Trust had total £248,232 (2023: £90,625) of which £51,747 (2023: £48,096) were unrestricted funds and £196,485 (2023; £42,529) were restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to support the operational expenditure and any commitments of the Charity for a period of 12 months.

Plans for future periods

Proposals for Highbury

The mansion

The Trustees' restoration plan is to accommodate a combination of activities for the mansion including heritage visits, young leadership education and training, and lettings of office space, and the restoration of many of the historical features of the gardens. The Business Plan commits the Trustees to raise enough income to ensure the viability of the Trust and provide public access to the building and opportunities for educational and cultural activities. The refurbishment of the mansion will involve extensive external repairs and the complete renewal of services, including complete rewiring, the replacement of the boilers and a new heating system. The Trustees intend the new systems to be as sustainable as possible both in terms of compatibility with Net Zero ambitions and affordability.

The grounds

Following completion of a Phase 1 Gardens Project in 2021, the Trustees are planning to restore many of the historical features of the grounds in order to give visitors a sense of what the Chamberlain family planned and experienced. As far as possible, and subject to careful cost control, original Italian, Dutch and rock gardens will be restored, the rhododendron collection will be revived, trees and a pergola will be added, ponds will be restored to health, and historical features which cannot be replaced, such as the original hobby farm will be referenced.

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Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees, who are also directors of The Chamberlain Highbury Trust for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by: 

Mr D N Kidney, Trustee and Chair of the Trust Board

Date: 16 October 2024

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

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Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in Section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by Section 386 of the Act 2006, or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



Mr J Carty ACA FCCA
Thomas and Young Chartered Accountants
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Date: 1 November 2024

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Year ended 31 March 2024 £	Year ended 31 March 2023 £
INCOME FROM					
Donations	2	35,162	-	35,162	28,118
Grants	3	-	527,084	527,084	225,416
Other income		815	-	815	54
TOTAL INCOME		<u>35,977</u>	<u>527,084</u>	<u>563,061</u>	<u>253,588</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	32,326	373,128	405,454	247,854
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>32,326</u>	<u>373,128</u>	<u>405,454</u>	<u>247,854</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		3,651	153,956	157,607	5,734
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,651	153,956	157,607	5,734
Total funds at 1 April 2023		48,096	42,529	90,625	84,891
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2024		<u>51,747</u>	<u>196,485</u>	<u>248,232</u>	<u>90,625</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		968		25,416	
Cash at bank	6	255,353		118,345	
		256,321		143,761	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	7	(8,089)		(53,136)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			248,232		90,625
NET ASSETS			248,232		90,625
CHARITY FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8		51,747		48,096
Restricted funds	8		196,485		42,529
TOTAL FUNDS			248,232		90,625

The Trustees consider that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with Section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of Section 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 16th October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr D N Kidney, Trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The Chamberlain Highbury Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised as cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to the accounts.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designed for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Designated funds are funds which are to be used for purchase of acquisitions that may become available.

The cost of raising funds and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

The aim and use of each fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable the income will be received.

THE CHAMBERLAIN HIGHBURY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which the expenditure arose.

1.5 Going concern

The Trustees have considered the current financial position of the Trust alongside the future forecasts and budgets and are confident that the Trust has sufficient resources to continue to operate for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as no material uncertainties exist.

2 DONATIONS

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations from the Highbury Trust	33,300	28,118
Other Donations	1,862	-
	<u>35,162</u>	<u>28,118</u>

Donations of £28,118 were received in the prior year, £26,840 related to unrestricted funds and £1,278 related to restricted funds.

3 GRANTS

	2024 £	2023 £
The Highbury Trust	-	40,000
National Lottery Heritage Fund	261,584	106,416
Birmingham City Council	70,000	70,000
Other Grants	195,500	9,000
	<u>527,084</u>	<u>225,416</u>

Grants of £225,416 were received in the prior year all of which related to restricted funds.

THE CHAMBERLAIN HIGHBURY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Legal and professional fees	11,598	5,117
Business support	2,550	4,972
Independent examination fees	2,040	1,734
Other costs	389,266	236,031
	405,454	247,854
	405,454	247,854

Expenditure in the prior year totalled £247,854 of which £18,276 related to unrestricted funds of £229,578 related to restricted funds.

5 NET INCOMING RESOURCES

During the period, no Trustees received any remuneration (2023: none).

During the period, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2023: none).

During the period, two Trustees received travel expenses totalling £1,080 (2023: £1,536).

6 DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
VAT Recoverable	968	25,416
	968	25,416
	968	25,416

7 CREDITORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	8,089	53,136
	8,089	53,136
	8,089	53,136

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	Carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	38,096	35,977	(32,131)	-	41,942
Designated funds	10,000	-	(195)	-	9,805
	<u>48,096</u>	<u>35,977</u>	<u>(32,326)</u>	-	<u>51,747</u>
Restricted funds					
Major Project	30,613	527,084	(373,064)	-	184,633
The Gardens Project	4,407	-	(64)	-	4,343
Rhododendron Project	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Celebrating Comms	2,509	-	-	-	2,509
	<u>42,529</u>	<u>527,084</u>	<u>(373,128)</u>	-	<u>196,485</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>90,625</u></u>	<u><u>563,061</u></u>	<u><u>(405,454)</u></u>	-	<u><u>248,232</u></u>

Major Project – These funds represent monies which will be used to match fund future NLHF grants if future bids are successful.

The Gardens Project – These funds represent various grants that were provided for the Trust's landscape restoration programme for the 30 acres of gardens. The restoration programme was ongoing at the end of the year.

Celebrating Comms (Previously The Birmingham Roots project) – These funds represent a grant from Birmingham City Council to promote community events inspired by the Commonwealth Games.

Rhododendron Project – These funds represent monies to ensure the Rhododendrons planted by Joseph Chamberlain are protected and will be an important feature of the restored gardens at Highbury.

Designated funds – These funds represent a fund to be used to purchase objects related to Highbury or the Chamberlain Family which may become available in due course.

THE CHAMBERLAIN HIGHBURY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8a STATEMENT OF FUNDS – PRIOR YEAR

	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	Carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	34,478	26,894	(18,276)	(5,000)	38,096
Designated funds	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>44,478</u>	<u>26,894</u>	<u>(18,276)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>48,096</u>
Restricted funds					
Major Project	27,514	226,694	(223,595)	-	30,613
The Gardens Project	6,832	-	(2,425)	-	4,407
Rhododendron Project	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Celebrating Comms	6,067	-	(3,558)	-	2,509
	<u>40,413</u>	<u>226,694</u>	<u>(229,578)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>42,529</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>84,891</u></u>	<u><u>253,588</u></u>	<u><u>(247,854)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>90,625</u></u>

9 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	57,522	197,831	255,353
Other net current assets	(5,775)	(1,346)	(7,121)
	<u>51,747</u>	<u>196,485</u>	<u>248,232</u>

9a ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS – PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	26,740	91,605	118,345
Other net current assets	21,356	(49,076)	(27,720)
	<u>48,096</u>	<u>42,529</u>	<u>90,625</u>

THE CHAMBERLAIN HIGHBURY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10 RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions during the period. See note 5 for details of Trustee expenses paid in the year.

11 MEMBERS

The charity is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee having no share capital and in accordance with the Memorandum of Association, every member is liable to contribute a sum of £10 in the event of the company being wound up. As at 31 March 2024 there were 8 members.

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1169845

Accounts

Charity number: 1169845
Company number: 10157307

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST
(a company limited by guarantee)

Unaudited

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

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THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Directors and Trustees

Dr P D Ballard
Prof M. Butler
Dr D J F Cresswell
Cllr P M Davis
Ms S E Edwards
Prof I D Grosvenor
Cllr Brigid Jones (removed by Birmingham City Council 26 October 2022)
Mr D N Kidney
Ms D Mattison (appointed 19 April 2023)
Mr S. Li (removed 26 October 2022)
Ms C L Organ
Ms L. Portelly
Mr Martin Straker-Welds (appointed by Birmingham City Council 19 October 2022)
Mr M S Williams

Company secretary

Ms C L Organ

Charity registered number

1169845

Company registered number

10157307

Principal office

Highbury, 4 Yew Tree Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8QG

Independent Examiner

Mr Glen Bott FCA of Cooper Parry Group Limited

Accountants

Cooper Parry Group Limited, Cubo Birmingham, Office 401, 4th Floor, Two Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3AX

Bankers

Natwest Bank, 112a High Street, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7LQ

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

Trustees' Report For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The Directors, who are also Trustees of the charity for the purposes of charity law, are pleased to present their sixth annual report for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities," 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated 30 April 2016.

The principal objects of the charity are:

- to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the land and buildings known as the Highbury Estate on the borders of Moseley and Kings Heath, Birmingham, West Midlands, including the Grade II* listed house and the Grade II registered historic park forming part of the Highbury Estate;
- to advance the education of the public in:
 - the history of the Chamberlain family and in particular (but not limited to) their legacy in relation to civic leadership;
 - the history and heritage of the Highbury Estate; and
 - the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
- to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society;
- to advance the education of the public by promoting, fostering and encouraging the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts in particular (but not limited to) within and around Birmingham; and
- to further such other exclusively charitable purposes according to the law of England and Wales as the Trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time determine.

Appointment or election of Trustees

When Trustees retire (either by choice or at the end of their permitted term of office) or their appointment is terminated, the appointment of new Trustees is by open advertisement, competition and interview except that the Memorandum and Articles of Association permit Birmingham City Council to appoint two Trustees, whose appointments are governed by the Council's procedures.

During 2022/23, no Trustees retired at the end of their term of office, two Trustees were removed: Mr S. Li was removed by the Trust Board for persistent non-attendance and Cllr Brigid Jones was removed by Birmingham City Council and replaced by Mr Martin Straker-Welds. During the year, no new Trustees were recruited by open advertisement, competition and interview.

Trustee Training

Whilst all Trustees had experience of trusteeship or similar responsibilities at the time of their appointment, the Company Secretary has regularly drawn to Trustees' attention guidance and advice from the Charity Commission and other relevant sources. Trustees with specific professional qualifications and other responsibilities have attended training relevant to those professions and responsibilities.

The Trust is committed to undertaking regular skills audits of trustees to ensure Trustees are competent to discharge their statutory responsibilities and duties. The next skills audit is due in 2023-24.

THE CHAMBERLAIN HIGHBURY TRUST

Trustees' Report (continued) For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Policies and objectives

The Trustees regularly review their policies and make changes and additions as required. The Trustees plan a full programme of activities for each year. In setting the aims and objectives and in planning future activities, the Trustees give due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

The Trust remains committed to the renovation of Highbury's mansion and grounds so that the estate can be opened to the people of Birmingham as was envisaged when it was first gifted to the citizens by the Chamberlain family. A development grant was secured from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) in September 2021 and a delivery grant will be sought in August 2023.

Risk Management

The Trustees have created and maintain a risk register which Trustees review at every meeting of the Trust Board. The Trustees seek to identify all relevant strategic risks, to take measures to eliminate them or, where elimination is not possible, to take action to mitigate the risk and to manage the residuary risk.

Since the Trust successfully obtained a development grant from NLHF on 20 September 2021, the major risks in the risk register have revolved around managing the development phase of the Highbury restoration project and obtaining a delivery grant from NLHF for Highbury's continued restoration over the next few years. Risks include raising match funding, construction cost overruns, damage to the fabric of the building, and failure to maintain good relations with partners, stakeholders, tenants, local residents and neighbours.

The Trustees managed the challenges brought about by Covid-19, including those times when the mansion had to be kept closed. The gardens were very popular with people from local communities during times of lockdown and social distancing and visitor numbers exceeded 100,000. When the restoration project is completed, the mansion will regularly be open for visitors (an admission charge will apply) and the grounds will be open to the public for free all year round.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the Trustees, having successfully achieved a development grant from NLHF, together with funding from Birmingham City Council, which enabled the Trustees to assemble a Design Team comprising a range of professionals with appropriate skills and experience of heritage restoration projects and developed its restoration project to RIBA Stage 2. The mansion was opened for visitors for numerous Open Days, the grounds continued to be open for visitors for free every day and the Trustees managed a small paid team of managers and 50 plus volunteers.

As reported above, there were some changes to the composition of the Trust Board and these changes were managed without any adverse disruption to the Trust's operations.

Youth Board

The Trustees continue to operate a young leadership education and training programme for cohorts of young people from Birmingham and its surrounds. The restoration plans include the provision of a dedicated learning centre for the future operation of this programme. From those young people who participate in the young leadership education and training activities, the Trustees appoint a Youth Board and members of the Youth Board are consulted on all aspects of the Trustees' work with a view to the co-production of plans for the future development of Highbury and its activities.

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

Trustees' Report (continued) For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)

The Trustees acknowledge the development grant received from NLHF in September 2021 and this acknowledgement is also recorded on the Trust's website and in all relevant communications and activities of the Trust.

The Trustees acknowledge the contribution made by individual Lottery players without which NLHF would not be able to assist projects like the Trust's restoration project for Highbury. The Trust took part in a week of celebration of the contribution made by Lottery Players during March 2023 with open access and guided tours of Highbury available to Lottery players.

The Trustees have committed to consider lasting ways of embedding this acknowledgement in the restoration works and future activities of the Trust.

Heritage Open Day

The Trustees once again participated in the Birmingham Heritage Week in 2022, holding a Heritage Open Day in September 2022. The Heritage Open Day at Highbury on 11 September attracted 140 visitors who took mansion tours, 13 visitors who took grounds tours, 40 visitors who took our "Hidden Highbury" tours, 36 visitors on Calligraphy workshops and 300 other visitors.

Communications

The Trustees engaged with a wide range of stakeholders (the stakeholders have been mapped) throughout the year by means of the Trust's Twitter and Facebook accounts, its website (www.chamberlainhighburytrust.co.uk), a monthly newsletter updating all subscribers on key news and forthcoming events, emails and organised communication and consultation meetings at Highbury.

Financial review

Income for the year totalled £253,588 (2022: £185,728) and charitable expenditure totalled £247,854 (2022: £257,945). As at 31 March 2023, the Trust had total funds carried forward of £90,625 (2022: £84,891) of which £48,096 (2022: £44,478) were unrestricted and £42,529 (2022: £40,413) were restricted.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to support the operational expenditure and any commitments of the Charity for a period of 12 months.

Plans for future periods

Proposals for Highbury

The mansion

The Trustees' restoration plan is to accommodate a combination of activities for the mansion including heritage visits, young leadership education and training, and lettings of office space, and the restoration of many of the historical features of the gardens. The Business Plan commits the Trustees to raise enough income to ensure the viability of the Trust and provide public access to the building and opportunities for educational and cultural activities. The refurbishment of the mansion will involve extensive external repairs and the complete renewal of services, including complete rewiring, the replacement of the boilers and a new heating system. The Trustees intend the new systems to be as sustainable as possible both in terms of compatibility with Net Zero ambitions and affordability.

The grounds

Following completion of a Phase 1 Gardens Project in 2021, the Trustees are planning to restore many of the historical features of the grounds in order to give visitors a sense of what the Chamberlain family planned and experienced. As far as possible, and subject to careful cost control, original Italian, Dutch and rock gardens will be restored, the rhododendron collection will be revived, trees and a pergola will be added, ponds will be restored to health, and historical features which cannot be replaced, such as the original hobby farm will be referenced.

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

Trustees' Report (continued) For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Trustee Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of The Chamberlain Highbury Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on **18 October 2023** and signed on their behalf by:

David Kidney, Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

GLEN BOTT FCA

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Cubo Birmingham
Office 401, 4th Floor
Two Chamberlain Square
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Date:

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
INCOME FROM					
Donations	2	26,840	1,278	28,118	45,000
Grants	3	-	225,416	225,416	140,103
Other income		54	-	54	625
		<u>26,894</u>	<u>226,694</u>	<u>253,588</u>	<u>185,728</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	18,276	229,578	247,854	257,945
		<u>18,276</u>	<u>229,578</u>	<u>247,854</u>	<u>257,945</u>
NET INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR					
Transfer between funds		(5,000)	5,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		3,618	2,116	5,734	(72,217)
Total funds at 1 April 2022		44,478	40,413	84,891	157,108
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2023	8	<u>48,096</u>	<u>42,529</u>	<u>90,625</u>	<u>84,891</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	25,416		21,161	
Cash at bank		118,345		71,603	
		<u>143,761</u>		<u>92,764</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	7	(53,136)		(7,873)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			90,625		84,891
			<u></u>		<u></u>
NET ASSETS			90,625		84,891
			<u></u>		<u></u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8		48,096		44,478
Restricted funds	8		42,529		40,413
			<u></u>		<u></u>
TOTAL FUNDS			90,625		84,891
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The Trustees consider that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on **18 October 2023** and signed on their behalf by:

David Kidney, Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The Chamberlain Highbury Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1.

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The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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The cost of raising funds and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

The aim and use of each fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable the income will be received.

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Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which the expenditure arose.

1.5 Going concern

The trustees have considered the current financial position of the Trust alongside the future forecasts and budgets and are confident that the Trust has sufficient resources to continue to operate for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as no material uncertainties exist.

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2023

2. DONATIONS

	2023 £	2022 £
Donation from the Highbury Trust	28,118	45,000
Other Donations	-	-
	<hr/> 28,118	<hr/> 45,000
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Donations of £45,000 were received in the prior year, £45,000 related to unrestricted funds and £nil related to restricted funds.

3. GRANTS

	2023 £	2022 £
The Highbury Trust	40,000	-
National Lottery Heritage Fund	106,416	5,886
Historic England	-	41,500
Birmingham City Council	70,000	87,717
Other Grants	9,000	5,000
	<hr/> 225,416	<hr/> 140,103
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Grants of £140,103 were received in the prior year all of which related to restricted funds.

4. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable activities		
Legal and professional fees	5,117	8,607
Business support	4,972	7,500
Independent examination fees	1,734	1,400
Other costs	236,031	240,438
	<hr/> 247,854	<hr/> 257,945
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Expenditure in the prior year totalled £257,945 of which £42,128 related to unrestricted funds and £215,817 related to restricted funds.

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

During the period, no Trustees received any remuneration (2022: none).
During the period, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2022: none).
During the period, one Trustee received travel expenses totalling £1,536 (2022: £677).

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

**Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

6. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued Income	-	20,000
VAT Recoverable	25,416	1,161
	<u>25,416</u>	<u>21,161</u>

7. CREDITORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	53,136	7,873
	<u>53,136</u>	<u>7,873</u>

8. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Transfer between funds	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	34,478	26,894	(18,276)	(5,000)	38,096
Designated funds	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>44,478</u>	<u>26,894</u>	<u>(18,276)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>48,096</u>
Restricted funds					
Major Project	27,514	226,694	(223,595)	-	30,613
The Gardens Project	6,832	-	(2,425)	-	4,407
Rhododendron Project	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Celebrating Comms	6,067	-	(3,558)	-	2,509
	<u>40,413</u>	<u>226,694</u>	<u>(229,578)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>42,529</u>
TOTAL	<u>84,891</u>	<u>253,588</u>	<u>(247,854)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,625</u>

Major Project – These funds represent monies which will be used to match fund future NLHF grants if future bids are successful.

The Gardens Project – These funds represent various grants that were provided for the Trust's landscape restoration programme for the 30 acres of gardens. The restoration programme was ongoing at the end of the year.

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Celebrating Comms (Previously The Birmingham Roots project) - These funds represent a grant from Birmingham City Council to promote community events inspired by the Commonwealth Games.

Rhododendron Project – These funds represent monies to ensure the Rhododendrons planted by Joseph Chamberlain are protected and will be an important feature of the restored gardens at Highbury.

Designated funds – These funds represent a fund to be used to purchase objects related to Highbury or the Chamberlain Family which may become available in due course.

8a. STATEMENT OF FUNDS – PRIOR YEAR

	Brought Forward	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Transfer between funds	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	40,519	45,087	(42,128)	(9,000)	34,478
Designated funds	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>40,519</u>	<u>45,087</u>	<u>(42,128)</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>44,478</u>
Restricted funds					
Major Project	22,466	5,538	(490)	-	27,514
The Gardens Project	93,123	127,386	(213,677)	-	6,832
Rhododendron Project	1,000	-	-	(1,000)	-
Birmingham Roots	-	7,717	(1,650)	-	6,067
	<u>116,589</u>	<u>140,641</u>	<u>(215,817)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>40,413</u>
TOTAL	<u>157,108</u>	<u>185,728</u>	<u>(257,945)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,891</u>

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9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Cash at bank & in hand	26,740	91,605	118,345
Other net current assets	21,356	(49,076)	(27,720)
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	48,096	42,529	90,625

9a. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS – PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Cash at bank & in hand	51,190	20,413	71,603
Other net current assets	(6,712)	20,000	13,288
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	44,478	40,413	84,891

10. RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions during the period. See note 5 for details of Trustee expenses paid in the year.

11. MEMBERS

The charity is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee having no share capital and in accordance with the Memorandum of Association, every member is liable to contribute a sum of £10 in the event of the company being wound up. At 31 March 2023 there were 8 members.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1169845

Accounts

Charity number: 1169845
Company number: 10157307

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST
(a company limited by guarantee)

Unaudited

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

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Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Directors and Trustees

Dr P D Ballard
Prof M. Butler (appointed 19 January 2022)
Dr D J F Cresswell
Mr P M Davis
Ms S S Edwards
Prof I D Grosvenor
Ms B Jones
Mr D N Kidney (appointed 21 April 2021)
Mr S. Li (co-opted 20 October 2021, appointed 19 January 2022)
Dr A M Millward (retired 20 October 2021)
Ms C L Organ (appointed 21 April 2021)
Ms L. Portelly (appointed 19 January 2022)
Miss J L Smith (retired 31 March 2022)
Mr L T Sparks (retired 20 October 2021)
Mr M S Williams

Company secretary

Miss J L Smith (resigned 16 March 2022)
Ms C L Organ (appointed 16 March 2022)

Charity registered number

1169845

Company registered number

10157307

Principal office

Highbury, 4 Yew Tree Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8QG

Independent Examiner

Mr Glen Bott FCA of Cooper Parry Group Limited

Accountants

Cooper Parry Group Limited, Cubo Birmingham, Office 401, 4th Floor, Two Chamberlain Square, Birmingham, B3 3AX

Bankers

Natwest Bank, 112a High Street, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7LQ

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Trustees' Report For the Period Ended 31 March 2022

The Directors, who are also Trustees of the charity for the purposes of charity law, are pleased to present their sixth annual report for the year ended 31 March 2022. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities," 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated 30 April 2016.

The principal objects of the charity are:

- to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the land and buildings known as the Highbury Estate on the borders of Moseley and Kings Heath, Birmingham, West Midlands, including the Grade II* listed house and the Grade II registered historic park forming part of the Highbury Estate;
- to advance the education of the public in:
 - the history of the Chamberlain family and in particular (but not limited to) their legacy in relation to civic leadership;
 - the history and heritage of the Highbury Estate; and
 - the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
- to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society;
- to advance the education of the public by promoting, fostering and encouraging the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts in particular (but not limited to) within and around Birmingham; and
- to further such other exclusively charitable purposes according to the law of England and Wales as the Trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time determine.

Appointment or election of Trustees

When Trustees retire (either by choice or at the end of their permitted term of office) appointment of new Trustees is by open advertisement, competition and interview.

During 2021/22, three Trustees retired at the end of their term of office. These were senior Trustees who had been occupying the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Company Secretary. During the year, three new Trustees were recruited by the process above described and the Trustees appointed a new Chair, Vice-Chair and Company Secretary.

Trustee Training

Whilst all Trustees had experience of trusteeship or similar responsibilities at the time of their appointment, the Company Secretary has regularly drawn to Trustees' attention guidance and advice from the Charity Commission and other relevant sources. Trustees with specific professional qualifications and other responsibilities have attended training relevant to those professions and responsibilities.

The Trust is committed to undertaking regular skills audits of trustees to ensure Trustees are competent to discharge their statutory responsibilities and duties.

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Trustees' Report For the Period Ended 31 March 2022

Policies and objectives

The Trustees regularly review their policies and make changes and additions as required. The Trustees plan a full programme of activities for each year. In setting the aims and objectives and in planning future activities the Trustees give due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

The Trust remains committed to the renovation of the mansion and grounds so that the estate can be opened to the people of Birmingham as was envisaged when it was first gifted to the citizens by the Chamberlain family.

Risk Management

The Trustees have created and maintain a risk register which Trustees review at every meeting of the Trust Board. The Trustees seek to identify all relevant strategic risks, to take measures to eliminate them or, where elimination is not possible, to take action to mitigate the risk and to manage the residuary risk.

Since the Trust successfully obtained a development grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) on 20 September 2021, the major risks in the risk register have revolved around managing the development phase of the Highbury restoration project and obtaining a delivery grant from NLHF for Highbury's continued restoration over the next few years. Risks include raising match funding, construction cost overruns, damage to the fabric of the building, and failure to maintain good relations with partners, stakeholders, tenants, local residents and neighbours.

The Trustees managed the challenges brought about by Covid-19, including those times when the mansion had to be kept closed. The gardens were very popular with people from local communities during times of lockdown and social distancing and we the Trustees were pleased to be able to complete a project for improving access to the gardens which enabled greater access by greater numbers of people.

Achievements and performance

During the year, the Trustees completed a first phase improvement of the gardens with the help of grants from NLHF, Historic England and other grant-giving bodies as well as support from Birmingham City Council and help from over 50 Trust volunteers. As part of the phase 1 improvements wider, all-weather footpaths were created to allow circulation around the gardens on foot and with mobility aids.

As reported above, there were several changes to the composition of the Trust Board and these changes were managed without any adverse disruption to the Trust's operations.

The Trust was successful in obtaining a grant from NLHF of £368,000 towards the development phase of the Trustees' planned restoration of Highbury. The total development costs are estimated to be £619,000 and the Trust has secured the necessary match funding. This development phase will, it is hoped, lead to a successful application to NLHF for a delivery grant in excess of £3M during 2023.

COVID-19

During Covid-19 restrictions, a limited range of activities were organised in the gardens. Once restrictions were lifted, activities took place in the mansion and in the gardens. Open Days and guided tours are regular features of these activities. The Trustees also engage in a range of activities around young leadership education and training and the Trust has a strong Youth Board. History West Midlands has sponsored the making of a film showing the contributions of the Youth Board and young people to the Trust's works.

National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF)

The Trustees acknowledge the grants received from NLHF during the past year and this acknowledgement is also recorded on the Trust's website and in all relevant communications and activities of the Trust.

The Trustees acknowledge the contribution made by individual Lottery players without which NLHF would not be able to assist projects like the Trust's restoration project for Highbury. The Trust took part in a week of celebration of the contribution made by Lottery Players during March 2022 with open access and guided tours of Highbury available to Lottery players.

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The Trustees have committed to consider lasting ways of embedding this acknowledgement in the restoration works and future activities of the Trust.

Heritage Open Day

The Trust's sixth Heritage Open Day in September 2021 was held during Birmingham Heritage Week and we were pleased to host the launch of the heritage week. The launch of Birmingham Heritage Week at Highbury on 08 September was attended by 70 Heritage organisations and volunteers. The Heritage Open Day at Highbury on 12 September attracted over 350 people and there was a great atmosphere, 160 people went on house tours and a further 70 went on outdoor tours.

Communications

The Trustees engaged with a wide range of stakeholders (the stakeholders have been mapped) throughout the year by means of the Trust's Twitter and Facebook accounts, its website (www.chamberlainhighburytrust.co.uk), a monthly newsletter updating all subscribers on key news and forthcoming events, emails and organised communication and consultation meetings at Highbury.

Financial review

Income for the year totalled £185,728 and charitable expenditure totalled £257,945. As at 31 March 2022, the Trust had total unrestricted funds carried forward of £44,478.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to support the operational expenditure and any commitments of the Charity for a period of 12 months.

Plans for future periods

Proposals for Highbury

The mansion

The Trustees' restoration plan is to accommodate a combination of activities in the mansion that will provide both an income to ensure the viability of the Trust and provide public access to the building and opportunities for educational and cultural activities. The refurbishment of the house will involve extensive external repairs and the complete renewal of services, including complete rewiring, the replacement of the boilers and a new heating system.

The gardens

Following completion of the Phase 1 Gardens Project, as described above, the Trust is planning to complete the restoration in due course.

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Trustees' Report For the Period Ended 31 March 2022

Trustee Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of The Chamberlain Highbury Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by:

David Kidney, Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

GLEN BOTT FCA

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Office 401, 4th Floor
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B3 3AX

Date:

THE Highbury Chamberlain Trust

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £	Year ended 31 March 2021 £
INCOME FROM					
Donations	2	45,000	-	45,000	42,338
Grants	3	-	140,103	140,103	166,910
Other income		87	538	625	-
TOTAL INCOME		<u>45,087</u>	<u>140,641</u>	<u>185,728</u>	<u>209,248</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	42,128	215,817	257,945	114,433
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>42,128</u>	<u>215,817</u>	<u>257,945</u>	<u>114,433</u>
NET INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		2,959	(75,176)	(72,217)	94,815
Transfer between funds		(1,000)	1,000	-	-
Total funds at 1 April 2021		40,519	116,589	157,108	62,293
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2022	8	<u>44,478</u>	<u>40,413</u>	<u>84,891</u>	<u>157,108</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2022

		2022		2021	
	Note	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	21,161		696	
Cash at bank		71,603		165,677	
		<u>92,764</u>		<u>166,373</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	7	(7,873)		(9,265)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			84,891		157,108
			<u></u>		<u></u>
NET ASSETS			84,891		157,108
			<u></u>		<u></u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8		44,478		40,519
Restricted funds	8		40,413		116,589
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TOTAL FUNDS			84,891		157,108
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by:

David Kidney, Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

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Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which the expenditure arose.

1.5 Going concern

The trustees have assessed the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on the Trust and are confident that the Trust has sufficient resources to continue to operate for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as no material uncertainties exist.

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Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2022

2. DONATIONS

	2022 £	2021 £
Donation from the Highbury Trust	45,000	42,000
Other Donations	-	338
	<hr/> 45,000	<hr/> 42,338
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

Donations of £42,338 were received in the prior year, £42,000 related to unrestricted funds and £338 related to restricted funds.

3. GRANTS

	2022 £	2021 £
The Highbury Trust	87,717	-
National Lottery Heritage Fund	5,886	89,910
Historic England	41,500	75,000
Other Grants	5,000	2,000
	<hr/> 140,103	<hr/> 166,910
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

4. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2022 £	2021 £
Charitable activities		
Legal and professional fees	8,607	7,938
Business support	7,500	17,320
Independent examination fees	1,400	1,400
Other costs	240,438	87,775
	<hr/> 257,945	<hr/> 114,433
	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

Expenditure in the prior year totalled £114,433 of which £37,725 related to unrestricted funds and £76,708 related to restricted funds.

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

During the period, no Trustees received any remuneration (2021: none).
During the period, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2021: none).
During the period, one Trustee received travel expenses totalling £677 (2021: none).

CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

**Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

6. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Accrued Income	20,000	-
Gift Aid	-	63
VAT Recoverable	1,161	633
	<u>21,161</u>	<u>696</u>

7. CREDITORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	7,873	9,265
	<u>7,873</u>	<u>9,265</u>

8. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Transfer between funds	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	40,519	45,087	(42,128)	(9,000)	34,478
Designated funds	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
	<u>40,519</u>	<u>45,087</u>	<u>(42,128)</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>44,478</u>
Restricted funds					
Major Project	22,466	5,538	(490)	-	27,514
The Gardens Project	93,123	127,386	(213,677)	-	6,832
Rhododendron Project	1,000	-	-	(1,000)	-
Birmingham Roots	-	7,717	(1,650)	-	6,067
	<u>116,589</u>	<u>140,641</u>	<u>(215,817)</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>40,413</u>
TOTAL	<u>157,108</u>	<u>185,728</u>	<u>(257,945)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,891</u>

Major Project – These funds represent monies which will be used to match fund future NLHF grants if future bids are successful.

The Gardens Project – These funds represent various grants that were provided for the Trust's landscape restoration programme for the 30 acres of gardens. The restoration programme was ongoing at the end of the year.

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Birmingham Roots – These funds represent a grant from Birmingham City Council to promote community events inspired by the Commonwealth Games.

Rhododendron Project – These funds represent monies to ensure the Rhododendrons planted by Joseph Chamberlain are protected and will be an important feature of the restored gardens at Highbury.

Designated funds – These funds represent a fund to be used to purchase objects related to Highbury or the Chamberlain Family which may become available in due course.

8a. STATEMENT OF FUNDS – PRIOR YEAR

	Brought Forward	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Transfer between funds	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	39,165	42,000	(37,725)	(2,921)	40,519
Restricted funds					
HLF Bid	22,128	338	-	-	22,466
The Gardens Project	-	164,910	(71,787)	2,921	93,123
Rhododendron Survey	1,000	2,000	(4,921)	-	1,000
	23,128	167,248	(76,708)	2,921	116,589
TOTAL	62,293	209,248	(114,433)	-	157,108

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9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Cash at bank & in hand	51,190	20,413	71,603
Other net current assets	(6,712)	20,000	13,288
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	44,478	40,413	84,891

9a. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS – PRIOR YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Cash at bank & in hand	49,088	116,589	165,677
Other net current assets	(8,569)	-	(8,569)
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	40,519	116,589	157,108

10. RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions during the period.

11. MEMBERS

The charity is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee having no share capital and in accordance with the Memorandum of Association, every member is liable to contribute a sum of £10 in the event of the company being wound up. At 31 March 2022 there were 8 members.

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1169845

Accounts

Charity number: 1169845
Company number: 10157307

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST
(a company limited by guarantee)

Unaudited

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

THE CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

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Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Directors and Trustees

Dr P D Ballard
Mr P M Davis
Ms S S Edwards
Prof I D Grosvenor
Mr D N Kidney (appointed 21 April 2021)
Ms C L Organ (appointed 21 April 2021)
Dr A M Millward
Miss J L Smith
Mr L T Sparks
Ms L S Trickett (resigned 8 September 2020)
Mr M S Williams
Ms B Jones (appointed 8 September 2020)
Dr D J F Cresswell (appointed 21 October 2020)

Company secretary

Miss J L Smith

Charity registered number

1169845

Company registered number

10157307

Principal office

Highbury, 4 Yew Tree Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8QG

Independent Examiner

Mr Glen Bott FCA of Cooper Parry Group Limited

Accountants

Cooper Parry Group Limited, Park View, One Central Boulevard, Blythe Business Park, Solihull, B90 8BG

Bankers

Natwest Bank, 112a High Street, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7LQ

THE CHAMBERLAIN HIGHBURY TRUST

Trustees' Report For the Period Ended 31 March 2021

The Directors, who are also Trustees of the charity for the purposes of charity law, are pleased to present their fifth annual report for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charity comply with the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities," 2019.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated 30 April 2016.

The principal objects of the charity are:

- to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the land and buildings known as the Highbury Estate on the borders of Moseley and Kings Heath, Birmingham, West Midlands, including the Grade II* listed house and the Grade II registered historic park forming part of the Highbury Estate;
- to advance the education of the public in:
 - the history of the Chamberlain family and in particular (but not limited to) their legacy in relation to civic leadership;
 - the history and heritage of the Highbury Estate; and
 - the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
- to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society;
- to advance the education of the public by promoting, fostering and encouraging the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts in particular (but not limited to) within and around Birmingham; and
- to further such other exclusively charitable purposes according to the law of England and Wales as the Trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time determine.

Appointment or election of Trustees

The appointment of the initial Chair and Vice-chair was reported to the Trusts & Charities Committee of Birmingham City Council, which is responsible for the administration of the City Council's Charities, on 11 November 2015. Following public advertisement, six further public trustees were appointed later that month. On 2 March 2016, the Committee nominated two Council members to the Trust to bring to ten the number of trustees. In 2019, Companies House and the Charity Commission were notified of the termination of appointment of the vice chair and two trustees were subsequently appointed as co vice-chairs.

During 2020/21, the Council replaced one of its members on the Trust and a further person previously co-opted to the Board became a full Board member at the Annual Meeting. During the year the Trustees developed a strategy for the appointment of a number of new Trustees, recognising that seven of the existing Board members would reach the end of their second 3-year term by the end of the 2021/22 year. The strategy includes the use of the provision to offer a third term in exceptional circumstances, the justification being the necessity to phase the replacement process to provide continuity and maintain a degree of institutional memory. Trustees agreed that the first stage of the process would be the selection of a replacement chair and this was carried out during March 2021.

Trustee Training

Whilst all Trustees had experience of trusteeship or similar responsibilities at the time of their appointment, the Company Secretary has regularly drawn to Trustees' attention guidance and advice from the Charity Commission and other relevant sources. Trustees with specific professional qualifications and other responsibilities have attended training relevant to those professions and responsibilities. The Trust is committed to undertaking regular skills audits of trustees to ensure Trustees are competent to discharge their statutory responsibilities and duties.

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Policies and objectives

In setting the aims and objectives and in planning future activities the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit.

The Trust remains committed to the renovation of the hall and grounds so that the estate can be opened to the people of Birmingham as was envisaged when it was first gifted to the citizens by the Chamberlain family.

Risk Management

The Trust created a high-level risk register when it was formally established. The key strategic risk for the Trust continues to be the failure to achieve a successful National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) bid for the major restoration of the house and grounds. The Trust has developed a Risk Management Strategy and Procedures to manage and mitigate the risks inherent in a major renovation and refurbishment project. Those risks include raising match funding, construction cost overruns, damage to the fabric of the building, and failure to maintain good relations with partners, stakeholders, tenants, local residents and neighbours.

At the start of the year the register was revised to address the additional risks consequent on the Covid-19 pandemic. Trustees acknowledged that the lockdown and social distancing rules introduced to overcome the virus would impact very significantly on the programme for Highbury in the immediate future and that they would have to adopt new strategies and envisage alternative scenarios to cope with the situation.

The pandemic had a significant impact on the management and activities of the Trust during the year. All Board meetings and other meetings between Trustees and with outside bodies were held online. Highbury was mostly closed during the year and the Trust's programme of Open Days was suspended.

Achievements and performance

Despite the lockdown the Trust was able to carry out many initiatives during the year, observing the safe working practices imposed by the pandemic.

The closure of Highbury assisted the contractors in carrying out essential roofing repairs to the building during the year. Work began in March and was completed by October. Historic England awarded a grant of £256,000 to the City Council which met the other two thirds of the cost. In addition to reroofing the north wing and the main hall, treating dry rot and effecting repairs to the timberwork and rainwater goods, the contract included the repair and replacement of historic wall coverings that had been damaged by water ingress.

History West Midlands sponsored the making of a film showing the works in progress for inclusion on the Trust's website.

Heritage Lottery

During the year, the Trust was able to make substantial progress through the work of Cultural Consulting Network (CCN), its appointed Project Development Manager, in preparatory work for a major bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to be submitted during 2021/22. The project was amended, costs were updated and a revised business plan was produced. In addition, work and activities were carried out to demonstrate to the NLHF the competence of the Trust to undertake a major project and provide evidence of public demand and support for its activity programme.

The NLHF required reassurance that CHT, as a small trust without previous experience of project delivery, would be able to undertake a major project. To meet this requirement, the Trust worked with the City Council on the preparation of a Partnership Agreement. Under the agreement the Council will take on responsibility for capital project management, budgetary management and financial reporting.

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To provide firm evidence to the NLHF of the Trust's ability to work in partnership with the Council on project delivery, a first phase of the restoration of the Highbury Gardens was undertaken (see below). This also provided evidence of public demand and support for the work and associated activities planned for the Highbury Estate.

NLHF activity was itself impacted by the pandemic, with funds redirected to Emergency Stabilisation and Cultural Recovery programmes during the year and away from awards for new projects. NLHF also revised its priorities for the award of grants when the programme reopened at the end of the year. This meant that the Trust's Expression of Interest, approved under the previous programme was now cancelled, requiring the submission of a new EoI responding to the new priorities. This was prepared by CCN, submitted and approved by NLHF in March 2021.

Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership

In November, the Trust submitted an Expression of Interest to the GBSLEP for project funding. The WM Strategic Economic Plan states that economic growth comes from entrepreneurship and civic leadership.

The modifications to the Highbury project developed in response to the economic impacts of the pandemic include the provision in the north wing of flexible and hot desking working spaces for those who work in the creative, digital and social enterprise parts of the local economies of Kings Heath, Moseley and Stirchley. In addition, the Trust's leadership, citizenship and governance programmes for young people in Birmingham will allow Joseph Chamberlain's leadership and governance model from the 1870s to be compared with what civic leadership means in a diverse and youthful 21st century city.

In March, the Trust was advised by the LEP that its EoI had passed the strategic fit assessment and been graded as a strong strategic fit.

The Gardens Project

The first phase of the Trust's landscape restoration programme for the 30 acres of gardens was able to proceed during the year. It is being funded through grants of £100,000 from NLHF and £100,000 (later increased to £116,000) from Historic England, complementing £80,000 from the Highbury Trust and £20,000 from a local charitable trust. The Gardens Project has reinstated the original driveway from the Lodge up to the house, opened up a view between the grounds and the house, improved the footpath network to the east of the house to make it fully accessible, and improved drainage alongside the lake to prevent the footpath from further flooding. Work has also taken place in the rhododendron garden under the advice of the Trust's specialist advisor, Michael Lear.

The project was carried out in partnership with the City Council which managed the landscape contract and financial controls. It benefitted from an immensely successful volunteer programme managed by the Trust's Activity Planner assisted by an appointed Volunteer Coordinator.

There was huge public interest in the works and discussion on social media, culminating in a high level of satisfaction and praise, some of it from individuals who had expressed scepticism about the project at an early stage.

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Activity Planning

The Trust had embarked on a pilot programme of wide ranging activities in the house and grounds in order to be able to demonstrate to the NLHF, in support of the future application, the demand for, and feasibility of conducting such events at Highbury. Led by the Trust's Activity Planner, the programme focuses on the engagement of young people in leadership, governance and citizenship, drawing inspiration from the Chamberlain legacy and its current relevance to local government, health and social housing, corporate responsibility and civic leadership. Unfortunately, events in the house were suspended because of the pandemic but activities continued online and in the grounds.

During the year, the role and make-up of the Youth Board was reviewed, and a recruitment exercise followed. This strengthened the range of interests of the membership and introduced more young people based in the neighbourhoods surrounding Highbury.

Contact with local schools and universities, the Governance Forum and the Future Leaders Network continued.

Heritage Open Day

The Trust's fifth Heritage Open Day on 13th September, billed as Highbury's Garden Exhibition, was an open-air event in the grounds conducted within the safeguarding protocols required by the pandemic.

The theme for Heritage Open Days in 2020 was 'Hidden Nature'.

The Highbury event was a guided exhibition rather than an 'open day', showcasing and adding context to the work to be done over the next 12 months on the Highbury's Garden Project. It was a successful opportunity to recruit volunteers to work on the project. There was a rewarding number of attendees and exhibitors, despite the pandemic, helped no doubt by the beautiful weather.

The event was largely managed by the Activity Planner assisted by young volunteers including members of the Youth Board, who were out in a public space, interacting with people under social distancing restrictions, meeting and registering visitors, registering tour bookings, manning information desks and acting as roving helpers and car park marshals.

Chamberlain Highbury Trust see the care and ongoing survival of this heritage as important in the overall plans they have for restoration of the house and grounds in coming years. It is planned that all of the specimens now on-site that link back to the Chamberlain family will eventually have a replacement propagated and that these will be used to recreate the pergola.

Colonial History and Heritage Advisory Working Group

The Black Lives Matter movement drew attention to the role of Joseph Chamberlain as Colonial Secretary in the Government from 1895 to 1903 and his promotion of British Imperialism. The Trust considered that it had a duty to take an objective, evidence-based approach to examine and understand Chamberlain's role in this office and to interpret the legacy of his policies on the young and diverse society of modern Birmingham and Britain.

To pursue this, the Trust set up an advisory group to share its knowledge of relevant research, content and sources on colonialism and its impacts, and to help shape the stories and activities to be presented at Highbury. The Group comprised academic specialists in the relevant areas of history, museums and education, and activists with experience of policy and practice. It was established in October 2020 and reported to the Trust Board in March 2021.

The report addressed themes for interpretation as part of the Highbury story, events and activities that would bring this history to life, and how the colonial story could link into the Trust's education and leadership programmes. The report contained many recommendations around which the Trust could develop an action plan.

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Review of activities

Management arrangements

A freelance Trust Coordinator was appointed by CHT from the beginning of November 2016 to manage the administration of the Trust and liaise with the local community. This arrangement has continued through the last year.

Birmingham City Council (BCC) Liaison meetings

Meetings continue between the Council and Trust to progress discussions about leases, business planning, transfer of funds and management of the Estate. There were also discussions during the year about the future of the Council's Civic Catering operation and its position at Highbury.

Estate management protocol

The protocol for the management of the grounds of Highbury that was drawn up and agreed with the City Council's Parks Department, the Friends of Highbury Park, the Highbury Orchard Community CIC, the Four Seasons Project and the Birmingham Beekeepers Association has been maintained through a programme of regular meetings of the group throughout 2020/21.

Communications/website

The monthly newsletter updating all subscribers on key news and forthcoming events, the www.chamberlainhighburytrust.co.uk website and twitter and Facebook accounts keep the Trust in regular contact with its supporters.

Financial review

Income for the year totalled £209,248 and charitable expenditure totalled £114,433. As at 31 March 2021, the Charity had total unrestricted funds carried forward of £40,519.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to support the operational expenditure and any commitments of the Charity for a period of 12 months.

Plans for future periods

Proposals for the Estate

The house

The Trust is planning to accommodate a combination of activities in the house that will provide both an income to ensure the viability of the Trust and provide public access to the building and opportunities for educational and cultural activities.

The refurbishment of the house will involve extensive external repairs and the complete renewal of services, including complete rewiring, the replacement of the boilers and a new heating system.

The grounds

Following completion of the Gardens Project, which has restored and improved part of the Estate, the Trust is planning to complete the restoration in due course.

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Trustees' Report For the Period Ended 31 March 2021

Trustee Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of The Chamberlain Highbury Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In preparing this report, the trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 20.10.21 and signed on their behalf by:



Les Sparks, Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHAMBERLAIN HIGHBURY TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



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Date: 22 October 2021

THE Highbury Chamberlain Trust

**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Year ended 31 March 2021 £	Year ended 31 March 2020 £
INCOME FROM					
Donations	2	42,000	338	42,338	75,598
Grants	3	-	166,910	166,910	-
Other income		-	-	-	2,165
TOTAL INCOME		<u>42,000</u>	<u>167,248</u>	<u>209,248</u>	<u>77,763</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	37,725	76,708	114,433	60,610
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>37,725</u>	<u>76,708</u>	<u>114,433</u>	<u>60,610</u>
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		4,275	90,540	94,815	17,153
Transfer between funds		(2,921)	2,921	-	-
Total funds at 1 April 2020		39,165	23,128	62,293	45,140
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 MARCH 2021	8	<u>40,519</u>	<u>116,589</u>	<u>157,108</u>	<u>62,293</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

THE Highbury Chamberlain Trust
(Company Number: 10157307)

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2021

		2021		2020	
	Note	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	696		424	
Cash at bank		165,677		67,736	
		166,373		68,160	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors	7	(9,265)		(5,867)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			157,108		62,293
NET ASSETS			157,108		62,293
CHARITY FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	8		40,519		39,165
Restricted funds	8		116,589		23,128
TOTAL FUNDS			157,108		62,293

The Trustees consider that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20.10.21 and signed on their behalf by:

Les Sparks, Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

CHAMBERLAIN Highbury TRUST

Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The Chamberlain Highbury Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised as cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to the accounts.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

The cost of raising funds and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

The aim and use of each fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable the income will be received.

1.4 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which the expenditure arose.

1.5 Going concern

The trustees have assessed the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on the Trust and are confident that the Trust has sufficient resources to continue to operate for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as no material uncertainties exist.

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2. DONATIONS

	2021 £	2020 £
Donation from the Highbury Trust	42,000	73,500
Other Donations	338	2,098
	<hr/> 42,338	<hr/> 75,598

Donations of £75,598 were received in the prior year, £73,500 related to unrestricted funds and £2,098 related to restricted funds.

3. GRANTS

	2021 £	2020 £
National Lottery Heritage Fund	89,910	-
Heritage England	75,000	-
Other Grants	2,000	-
	<hr/> 166,910	<hr/> -

4. CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2021 £	2020 £
Charitable activities		
Legal and professional fees	7,938	18,598
Business support	17,320	25,980
Independent examination fees	1,400	1,237
Other costs	87,775	14,795
	<hr/> 114,433	<hr/> 60,610

Expenditure in the prior year totalled £60,610 of which £60,383 related to unrestricted funds and £227 related to restricted funds.

5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

During the period, no Trustees received any remuneration.

During the period, no Trustees received any benefits in kind.

During the period, Trustee Dr P Ballard received expenses totalling £nil (2020: £1,015) to cover the cost of travelling from her home in Reading to meetings and other events in Birmingham. No other Trustee received any reimbursement of expenses.

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6. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Gift Aid	63	-
VAT Recoverable	633	424
	<u>696</u>	<u>424</u>

7. CREDITORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	9,265	5,867
	<u>9,265</u>	<u>5,867</u>

8. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer between funds £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	39,165	42,000	(37,725)	(2,921)	40,519
	<u>39,165</u>	<u>42,000</u>	<u>(37,725)</u>	<u>(2,921)</u>	<u>40,519</u>
Restricted funds					
HLF Bid	22,128	338	-	-	22,466
The Gardens Project	-	164,910	(71,787)	2,921	93,123
Rhododendron Survey	1,000	2,000	(4,921)	-	1,000
	<u>23,128</u>	<u>167,248</u>	<u>(76,708)</u>	<u>2,921</u>	<u>116,589</u>
TOTAL	<u>62,293</u>	<u>209,248</u>	<u>(114,433)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,108</u>

HLF Bid – These funds represent monies which will be used to match fund future HLF grants if future bids are successful.

The Gardens Project – These funds represent various grants that were provided for the Trust's landscape restoration programme for the 30 acres of gardens. The restoration programme was ongoing at the end of the year.

Rhododendron Survey – These funds represent a private donation towards the cost of a research project to identify the Rhododendrons planted by Joseph Chamberlain when the grounds were first created.

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**8a. STATEMENT OF FUNDS –
PRIOR YEAR**

	Brought Forward	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Transfer between funds	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	23,756	75,665	(60,383)	127	39,165
Restricted funds					
HLF Bid	21,030	1,098	-	-	22,128
Launch & Brochure	354	-	(227)	(127)	-
Rhododendron Survey	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
	21,384	2,098	(227)	(127)	23,128
TOTAL	45,140	77,763	(60,610)	-	62,293

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Cash at bank & in hand	49,088	116,589	165,677
Other net current assets	(8,569)	-	(8,569)
	40,519	116,589	157,108

**9a. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS –
PRIOR YEAR**

Cash at bank & in hand	45,032	23,128	68,160
Other net current assets	(5,867)	-	(5,867)
	39,165	23,128	62,293

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10. RELATED PARTIES

There were no related party transactions during the period.

11. MEMBERS

The charity is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee having no share capital and in accordance with the Memorandum of Association, every member is liable to contribute a sum of £10 in the event of the company being wound up. At 31 March 2021 there were 8 members.