

FRIENDS OF MENACUDDLE WELL

England & Wales · Charity number 1170532

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-12-02

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF THE GRADE II* LISTED BAPTISTERY AND OTHER HISTORICAL REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BAPTISTERY IN MENACUDDLE VALLEY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.2. THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE BAPTISTERY AND THE ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE SURROUNDING AREA.3. TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE PUBLIC BY THE CONSERVATION, ENHANCEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ORIGINAL VICTORIAN ORNAMENTAL GARDEN IN MENACUDDLE VALLEY.

Activities: We are working to enhance the whole site in Menacuddle Valley for public enjoyment and education by restoring the Baptistery and recreating as far as possible the original Victorian Gardens. Regular volunteer days are arranged to clear weeds and litter from the prepared site and replant the gardens and pond. Public events are held to encourage the public to visit, enjoy and learn.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cornwall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£625	£782	-	-
2023-12-31	£1,291	£1,919	-	-
2022-12-31	£124	£3,019	-	-
2021-12-31	£3,300	£1,433	-	-
2020-12-31	£0	£2,809	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kenneth Stuart Wellicome	Chair	2018-01-10
DEREK MARLEY		2016-12-02
DR Denise Anne Marley		2018-01-10
FRANCESCA LYS ARUNDEL BSC HONS.		2016-12-02
Rev Hugh Kynard Symes-Thompson		2022-01-18
WENDY EARL		2016-12-02

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date					
From	1st	Jan	2024	To	31st	Dec	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Friends of Menacuddle Well

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1170532

Charity's principal address

Menadue
 Menacuddle Hill
 St Austell, Cornwall
 Postcode PL25 5QP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Wendy Earl			
2	Derek Marley	Treasurer		
3	Francesca Arundel			
4	Denise Marley			
5	Kenneth Wellicome	Chair		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution, adopted 2nd December 2016
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Association
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by existing trustees or members. One third of the Trustees retire at each Annual General Meeting but are eligible for reappointment.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

<p>The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:</p> <p>(a) a copy of the constitution and any amendments made to it.</p> <p>(b) a copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.</p> <p>(c) a copy of the Charity Commission Trustee Guidance CC3.</p> <p>(d) a copy of the Charity Commission Trustee Welcome Pack</p> <p>All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.</p>

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

1. The preservation and conservation of the Grade II* Listed Baptistery and other historical remains associated with the Baptistery in Menacuddle Valley for the benefit of the public.
2. The advancement of education of the public about the history of the Baptistery and the ecological importance of the surrounding area.
3. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by the conservation, enhancement and maintenance of the original Victorian ornamental garden in Menacuddle Valley.

The main focus of the Friends of Menacuddle Well in 2024 was on maintaining and enhancing the site, now well established after the initial major restoration work of previous years. Five General Meetings were held, normally attended by the Trustees and the representative from our partner organisation 'Cormac'. This was where progress on our objectives was reviewed and plans for future projects discussed.

The main activities carried out in furthering the listed objectives for the public benefit were as below:

1. The condition of the Baptistery and remains of the Leat were monitored, and they were kept clear of weeds, leaves and floodwater as necessary.
2. A talk was given by the Trustees to a local women's fellowship group describing the restoration work carried out at Menacuddle, along with a brief history of the site, and an explanation of the planting ethos and ecological significance of the area. The talk was very well received and introduced Menacuddle Well to a new audience.

The now traditional Remembrance Day Service was held in November, led by one of the Charity Trustees and with the support of standard bearers and a bugler from the local branch of the Royal British Legion. Members of the public and ex-service personnel attended to lay a wreath and sprigs of rosemary at the Baptistery and remember the dead of conflicts through the ages, including Richard Graves-Sawle, in whose honour the Menacuddle Well site was gifted to the people of St Austell by his father in 1921.

Contact was made with the Communications Officer of 'IML and British Lithium', a large locally based mineral extraction company. He visited The Well to meet with the Trustees, take photographs and gather information for use in their internal publications to further spread knowledge of the site.

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

3. The real work of keeping the gardens attractive and accessible for visiting members of the public was largely carried out at the 'Welly Days' held each month throughout the year. These days were advertised locally and on social media, and volunteers would join the trustees for a few hours of work on a Sunday afternoon in beautiful surroundings. The general tasks completed included weeding, watering and litter picking; pruning and feeding shrubs, trees and hedging; leaf clearing; and planting of 50 Kg of daffodil bulbs, as well as a variety of ferns and flowers. General maintenance work was also carried out, including: keeping the paths and high footfall areas even, free of trip hazards and topped up with wood chippings as necessary; filling potholes in the access road; repairing a damaged drainage pipe under one of the flower beds; and painting wooden garden furniture. A highlight of the year was the launching of our new rowboat: 'The Wendy Earl', named after our founder and inspiration for the restoration project. This was used on numerous occasions to navigate the pond and remove weed from the water and the island.

In November, two of our Trustees participated in a meeting of the 'White River Project'. This is a new initiative involving local councils, environmental groups etc working together to generate a grant application to Cornwall Council to support improvements in the catchment area of the White River, which includes the Menacuddle Well site. The vision is to promote 'Wildlife, Heritage, Healthy Living and Economic Activity', as well as to address the problem of pollution from mining activities in the area. Our hopes of restoring the old riverside walk from the town to Menacuddle Well, and for a new disabled-friendly bridge across to the Baptistery were conveyed to the group.

The Charity Commission guidance on public benefit is taken into account when planning all activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Volunteers have again made an invaluable contribution to furthering the aims of the Charity in the activities carried out, and it has been a pleasure to welcome two new members to the team this year. The Trustees are extremely grateful for all their help on various 'Welly Days', keeping the gardens looking their best for the increasing numbers of visitors.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Throughout the year we worked to make progress on as many of our planned objectives as possible, and achieved good results in all of them.

The overall planting was enhanced with infilling in all areas of the gardens, including planting many more daffodil bulbs and transferring self-seeded tree ferns to new locations. It is always uplifting to see the daffodils and crocuses bursting into bloom after the long cold winter before other plants start to flower! Access was also improved with the filling of potholes in the entrance road, and ongoing maintenance of the paths and high footfall areas around the picnic tables and information board.

We were delighted to be recognised by the Imerys Charity Fund, who generously gave us a donation to cover the cost of printing a new edition of the information leaflets, a plaque to mark the King's Coronation Tree planted last year as a companion to the Queen's Jubilee Tree, and new specimen trees to be purchased in 2025.

Menacuddle Well continued to receive media coverage in recognition of the restoration work completed when it was listed in The Guardian newspaper 'Walking Guide' as one of the Top Ten of 'Britain's Most Mystical Sites', following its inclusion in the book 'Magical Britain' by Rob Wildwood.

Following the judging stage in the annual RHS and SW in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' competition, the Gardens were again given an award of 'Level 5 – Outstanding'. The judge gave very complimentary feedback, stating that it is 'A truly outstanding area, rescued and maintained by an admirable group of volunteers' and adding 'This area is one of Cornwall's gems'. It is always incredibly rewarding to get this kind of response to the Gardens from visitors new and old, both local and from further afield, as awareness of the site increases; and this year we were especially pleased to welcome a young man from Beijing who came to St Austell specifically to see Menacuddle Well after being recommended by his friends!

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

£567 of unrestricted cash funds were held in the current account at year end, along with £265 remaining from the Imerys Charitable Donation Fund. This is in line with the policy to hold between £200 and £1,000 in reserve to cover expenses such as Public Liability Insurance, purchase of plants, equipment and herbicides etc for maintenance of the gardens, and unforeseen expenditure such as repair of damage caused by acts of vandalism.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

The Trustees would like to extend their gratitude to the 'Imerys Charitable Donation Fund' for their award of £625 which enabled us to print a new edition run of the information leaflet, install a plaque to mark the King's Coronation tree and cover the cost of specimen trees to be planted in the spring of 2025. This was an essential addition to our reserve funds in enabling us to carry out the planned works for the year.

Our thanks also go to Cormac for their ongoing support, and supply of a length of pipe to aid in repairing a broken drain; as well as to the unknown donor who deposited a load of wood chippings for use around the gardens.

Section F

Other optional information

The main plans for improvements at Menacuddle Well in 2025 are to:

- Stabilise and maintain the river banks by the removal of invasive plant species, replacement of fallen rocks, and further planting, if required, to avoid erosion. Also, to clear fallen branches and litter from the river as necessary.
- Label interesting/important specimen plants at the site to provide botanical information for education of the public.
- Ensure the heritage of the site by succession planting of additional *Rhododendron arboreum*, and planting further specimen trees as appropriate
- Repair worn grassed areas at the picnic site with Geotech grids and gravel infill.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	K. Wellcome	D. May
Full name(s)	Ken Wellcome	DEREK MARLEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TREASURER
Date	5.8.25.	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Friends of Menacuddle Well

No (if any)
1170532

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1.1.24.	To	Period end date 31.12.24.
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants			-	-	1,291
Donations		625	-	625	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	625	-	625	1,291
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	625	-	625	1,291
A3 Payments					
Construction of New Paths			-	-	246
Insurance	107		-	107	83
Flora Planting and Maintenance	98		-	98	1,554
Info Boards Design and Construction			-	-	
Public Events and Information	99	361	-	460	25
Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance	17		-	17	
Provision for wildlife			-	-	11
Sub total	321	361	-	682	1,919
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase of Rowboat	100		-	100	
	-		-	-	
Sub total	100	-	-	100	
Total payments	421	361	-	782	1,919
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 421	264	-	157	628
A5 Transfers between funds	523	- 523	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	464	524	-	988	2,284
Cash funds this year end	566	265	-	831	1,656

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Current Account	566	265	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	566	265	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Benches	Restricted	1,236	-
	Benches	Unrestricted	423	-
	Picnic Tables	Unrestricted	758	-
	Rowboat	Unrestricted	100	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>K. Wollicorn</i>	Ken Wollicorn	5.8.25
<i>D. Marley</i>	DEREK MARLEY	5.8.25

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Work continued apace in 2023 at the beautiful site of Menacuddle Well to further our aims to provide an area of 'managed wildness' in the environment of the original Victorian Gardens for the benefit of the public and wildlife alike. Five General Meetings were held in the course of the year where the Trustees, volunteers, partners and other local interested groups were invited to plan and monitor progress towards our objectives, and to increase our knowledge and understanding of the site.

The main activities undertaken for the public benefit in furthering our listed objectives were as below:

1. Attention was paid to the Baptistery, Leat and other historical remains to regularly assess the need for any further conservation work. The surrounding areas were regularly weeded and kept clear of leaves etc as well as ensuring that any flooding caused by heavy rainfall was mitigated as necessary.
2. The most significant connection this year with large numbers of members of the public was at the annual St. Austell Garden Festival. Trustees manned a stand in the town centre armed with photographs and information about Menacuddle Well to spread the word about the work being carried out and the significance of the site to the local area. We spoke to many people who had never visited, or even heard of, the Well previously and handed out around 100 information leaflets. It was particularly satisfying to speak to a worker from the neighbouring Care Home and furnish him with leaflets to encourage more of the Home's residents to appreciate the site.

As in previous years the main event held in the Gardens to engage with members of the public was the November Remembrance Service. The service seeks to commemorate all those who have lost their lives in combat through the ages and remembers the special connection of the site with Richard Graves-Sawle, who's death in World War I is immortalised on a plaque on the Baptistery wall. The ceremony was again attended by Standard Bearers and a bugler from the Royal British Legion and, for the first time, was conducted by one of the Friends own Trustees. The 'St. Austell Voice' local newspaper recognised the event with photographs on the front page and further coverage on inside pages.

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

A number of Trustees attended an event held for volunteer groups by the Cornwall Council organisation 'Cormac' where we heard a fascinating talk on 'Natural Gardening' from an ecological garden designer and networked with many other local groups working on similar regeneration projects to our own.

At one of the general group meetings, Trustees and volunteers were presented with an incredibly detailed and well-researched paper on the history of the Gardens and the old bridge across the river, by two members of the Cornwall Archaeological Society. This was very well received, and the new information will be included in the next edition of the information leaflet.

Other links with the public were made through an organised 'Walk to Menacuddle' by a group from the local Trinity Church; a photoshoot with the Rotary Society in the newly created picnic area; and contact for information from a journalist writing an article about Holy Wells in Cornwall.

3. Eight 'Welly Days' were held throughout 2023 as well as numerous other sessions where small groups of volunteers would work on maintenance and improvement of the site. The main tasks carried out at these sessions were to: Weed and litter-pick around the established plants; mulch the beds and in-fill with plants such as primula and forget-me-nots, as well as countless numbers of bulbs; clear surface weed from the pond; prune shrubs as necessary; treat the picnic benches with wood preserver; and improve access by adding more chippings to the previously laid paths, and removing soil which had accumulated along the access road.

A special volunteer day was arranged as part of the national 'Big Help Out Day' to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. The event was widely advertised locally, with tea, coffee and cakes provided and a 'Well Wildlife Quiz Sheet' produced for visiting children. Unfortunately the weather was atrocious, with heavy rain for much of the afternoon, but a few hardy souls sheltered under a gazebo for refreshments after planting a *Sorbus vilmorinii* in honour of the new King and carrying out what other tasks they could while dodging the rain.

A contractor was employed to clear the smothering overgrowing laurel from along the river bank to the south of the road bridge and open up the entrance view of the site. The cost was generously covered equally by St. Austell Brewery and Treverbyn Parish Council.

The Charity Commission guidance on public benefit is taken into account when planning all activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
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The Trustees would like to extend thanks to the volunteers who have given their time and effort over the past year to help in keeping Menacuddle Well the magical place it is. Even an hour or two spent on the site makes a difference, but especial thanks go to the hardened group of 3 who have turned out in all weathers on Welly Days to carry out sterling work that couldn't have been done without them.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

It is good to report that the majority of the objectives that the Friends set for 2023 were achieved as planned, with just a couple carried over until next year.

A large Wildlife Hotel was constructed in the South Garden next to a new wildflower patch sown with numerous native species to provide food for the hotel residents. The Hotel was provided with accommodation for hedgehogs and other small animals in the base, and with nooks and crannies in the upper compartments suitable for solitary bees (such as Mason and Orchard species), butterflies, bugs, spiders, lacewings etc. The Hotel was topped off with a green roof planted with sedum, which proved hardy enough to survive all that the weather could throw at it throughout the year.

The sustainability of the site was further improved with the donation by Cormac of more large wooden compost containers to enable us to process more plant waste and to produce leaf mould for use in the gardens.

A 5 year plan of action was finalised and shared with Cormac, the representatives of Cornwall Council. This should help us to focus our future efforts, and also means that we can carry out planned actions without having to seek further permission from the Council.

The Gardens continue to improve each year as the flowers, shrubs and trees grow and bloom, and it is always pleasing to see nature developing in its own way – such as with the discovery of a wild white foxglove near the Baptistery. The hundreds of crocuses planted by the Rotarians in 2022 gave beautiful colour at the beginning of the year, and it was good to see the return of the duck and drake to the pond. There were some setbacks when the severe storms suffered in the winter months unfortunately led to the loss of 2 mature rhododendrons; an ash tree was lost to dieback, and a recently planted walnut tree was also lost. The large trees were removed by Cormac and will be replaced as part of the succession planting plan.

Section D**Achievements and performance**

The main achievement was, as always, in the positive response of others to the work the Friends of Menacuddle Well are carrying out. This is shown by the ever-increasing numbers of appreciative visitors, especially young families, and also by the award again received in the RHS and SW in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Competition of 'Level 5 – Outstanding'.

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

£465 of unrestricted cash funds were held in the current account at year end, along with £523 remaining from the Eden Geothermal Community Fund grant. This is in line with the policy to hold between £200 and £1,000 in reserve to cover expenses such as Public Liability Insurance, purchase of plants, equipment and herbicides etc for maintenance of the gardens, and unforeseen expenditure such as repair of damage caused by acts of vandalism.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Sufficient funds were held in unrestricted reserves to cover the planting and maintenance work carried out this year, as well as for the purchase of a small rowboat to be used in accessing the pond island and clearing pondweed.

We were very grateful for the continuing support from Cormac throughout the year, particularly for: The donation of a sturdy metal shed with a good selection of gardening tools; the supply and erection of several large wooden compost bins; and a supply of mulch for use in the Gardens.

The clearance of the overgrowing laurel from the riverbank to the south of the Gardens was generously funded by a grant of £600 from Treverbyn Parish Council and £691 from St. Austell Brewery.

The grant awarded in 2021 by the Eden Geothermal project continued to fund work on the paths, and residual funds from the Rotary Club of St Austell grant of 2022 were spent on the Wildlife Hotel and wildflowers.

Section F Other optional information

The main plans for improvements at Menacuddle Well in 2024 are to:

- Work on succession planting to ensure continuation of the legacy of the heritage rhododendrons
- Continue plant infilling, especially beside the river in the North Garden
- Plant the slope and bank above the river in the South Garden with low maintenance plants
- Repair potholes in entrance road
- Consider new print run of the amended information leaflet
- Maintain the river banks by the removal of invasive plant species, replacement of fallen rocks, and planting if required to avoid erosion of the banks.
- Provide small identification labels to enable the public to identify notable plants
- Continue work on improving paths, and soften edges with sympathetic planting
- Maintain and improve high tread areas under picnic benches, the information board, benches etc

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	K.S.Well.com	D. May
Full name(s)	Kenneth Wellcome	DEREK MARLEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	6.8.24.	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Friends of Menacuddle Well	No (if any) 1170532
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1.1.23.	To	Period end date 31.12.23.
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants		1,291	-	1,291	
Donations		-	-	-	124
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	1,291	-	1,291	124
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	1,291	-	1,291	124
A3 Payments					
Construction of New Paths		246	-	246	1,029
Insurance	83		-	83	63
Flora Planting and Maintenance	263	1,291	-	1,554	972
Info Boards Design and Construction			-	-	
Public Events and Information	25	-	-	25	213
Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance			-	-	
Provision for wildlife	11	-	-	11	74
Sub total	382	1,537	-	1,919	2,351
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase of Picnic Table + Benches			-	-	668
	-		-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	382	1,537	-	1,919	2,351
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 382	- 246	-	- 628	- 2,227
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	846	770	-	1,616	4,511
Cash funds this year end	464	524	-	988	2,284

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Current Account	464	524	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	464	524	-

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Benches	Restricted	1,236	-
	Benches	Unrestricted	423	-
	Picnic Tables	Unrestricted	758	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>K. Schell.com</i>	Kenneth Wellicome	6.8.24
<i>D. May</i>	DEREK MARLEY	6.8.24.

FRIENDS OF MENACUDDLE WELL

England & Wales - Charity number 1170532

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date: 1st Jan 2022
 Period end date: 31st Dec 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Friends of Menacuddle Well

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1170532

Charity's principal address
 Menadue
 Menacuddle Hill
 St Austell, Cornwall
Postcode PL25 5QP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Wendy Earl			
2	Derek Marley	Treasurer		
3	Francesca Arundel			
4	Denise Marley			
5	Kenneth Wellicome	Chair		
6	Hugh Symes-Thompson		18.1.22. - 31.12.22.	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information):

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution, adopted 2nd December 2016
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees or members. One third of the Trustees retire at each Annual General Meeting but are eligible for reappointment.

Additional governance issues (Optional information):

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

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

<p>The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:</p> <p>(a) a copy of the constitution and any amendments made to it.</p> <p>(b) a copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.</p> <p>(c) a copy of the Charity Commission Trustee Guidance CC3.</p> <p>(d) a copy of the Charity Commission Trustee Welcome Pack.</p> <p>All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.</p>

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

1. The preservation and conservation of the Grade II* Listed Baptistery and other historical remains associated with the Baptistery in Menacuddle Valley for the benefit of the public.
2. The advancement of education of the public about the history of the Baptistery and the ecological importance of the surrounding area.
3. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by the conservation, enhancement and maintenance of the original Victorian ornamental garden in Menacuddle Valley.

After the constrictions on activities of the last two years brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic it was fantastic to be able to get back to 'business as normal' in 2022 and continue working on our objectives for the future of Menacuddle Well. Five general meetings were held during the year to discuss past progress and future plans, and these were regularly attended by the charity trustees, volunteers and our contact and advisor from the Cornac organisation. The main activities carried out to further the charity's objectives for the public benefit, as given above, were as detailed below:

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

1. The condition of the Baptistery was monitored regularly to ensure it's continued integrity. The adjacent area was kept clear of litter and leaves and the drain was rodded as necessary to prevent flooding from overflow of the spring water from the Holy Well. The remaining segment of the leat leading to the settlement tank was kept clear and weed-free, and weed suppressant membrane and granite scalplings were laid along the bottom between the stone side walls to prevent more overwhelming weed growth.

2. It was gratifying that the trustees were able to interact more with the public again this year to further spread information on the site and to gain some insight from them on their feelings about the work we have been doing so far. To this end we were involved in a number of local events:

In September the trustees set up a display stand at the St Austell Garden and Environment Festival. This attracted much interest from visitors and enabled us to speak to a large number of people and collect written comments about the Gardens and ideas for future planning. Encouragingly, everybody we spoke to was very positive and gave some useful feedback on our philosophy for developing the gardens.

One of our group manned a table at a 'Help the Climate' event at the local library and handed out information leaflets.

Members of the U3A Gardening Club arranged a visit to Menacuddle Well and were escorted around the Gardens by another of our trustees.

We delivered a well-received talk to Rotary Club members on the historical significance of the Well to the local area.

In November we again held a memorial service in conjunction with the local Methodist church and the Royal British Legion. This was, as ever, a very moving occasion to remember all those affected by wars past and present in all parts of the world.

3. Eleven 'Welly Days' were held this year when we were able to carry out the majority of the maintenance and development work on the gardens with the help of local volunteers. The days involved much weeding, litter picking and transporting of fresh top-soil, along with infill and bulb planting and the creation of a small triangular shaped woodland garden near the pond, as well as adding more hedging plants along the road boundary. A number of trees were planted, including a walnut tree and an Amalanchier canadensis 'October Flame' to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Work also continued on maintaining and improving the pathways around the gardens, and a riverside bench made from a fallen tree on the site was installed.

Maintenance pruning of the magnificent Cornish Red rhododendrons was carried out after consultation with the Lost Gardens of Heligan and some unsafe branches were removed from our prized Western Red Cedar tree.

The Charity Commission guidance on public benefit is taken into account when planning all activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Our occasional volunteer force was strengthened this year by a number of new and enthusiastic participants who have become regular and valued members of the team. Their expertise, good humour and love of the site makes 'Welly Days' enjoyable occasions, and it was good that we could re-instate tea and cakes as a small thank you on some days.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

2022 was a busy and successful year for the Friends of Menacuddle Well, marking good progress with the objectives set for the year.

Early in the year we were approached by the St Austell Rotary Club with an offer of help with a project on the site. This was a fantastic opportunity to create the new picnic area and pathways in the South Garden that we had planned, and the Rotary Club awarded us a grant and volunteer help to complete this. The Rotarians supplied materials and labour to make a flat, gravelled area for the Friends to install a picnic table overlooking the gardens and river, and helped with the laying of a new hardwood-chipping path to the far Southern end of the gardens. We were also honoured that later in the year the Rotary Club chose our gardens as an area to donate and plant 2,000 crocus bulbs in support of their polio eradication campaign.

Our planned enhancements to the gardens were made with the addition of hundreds of infill and ground-cover plants, native wild-flower bulbs, more native saplings for the wildlife hedging and a number of larger trees and shrubs. After completing the work we were rewarded by being able to watch butterflies visiting the flowers, small birds hopping around foraging in the hedgerow, and dragonflies keeping the duck and drake mallard company on the pond. Public access was also improved by filling in the very boggy areas on the pathways and beginning the laying of hardwood chippings to form a more resilient surface finish.

Public interest in the Gardens continued to grow, with ever increasing numbers of visitors, and 509 followers on the Facebook page posting photographs and comments by the end of the year. The St Austell Voice covered many of our projects with pictures and articles, including featuring Menacuddle Well in their 'Queen's Platinum Jubilee' Supplement.

After the disruptions of the last few years The Friends decided it was time to again enter the Royal Horticultural Society and South West in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' competition for 2022. We were delighted to be awarded the top 'Level 5 - Outstanding' ranking by the judges, and this was publicised by our partners 'Comac' on their social media platforms and staff bulletin.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

£846 of unrestricted cash funds were held in the current account at year end, along with £770 remaining from the Eden Geothermal Community Fund grant. We are scheduled to complete the Eden allowance spending during 2023, and this will leave cash funds within our planned reserve holding range.

The policy is to hold between £200 and £1,000 in reserve to cover expenses such as Public Liability Insurance, purchase of plants, equipment and herbicides etc for maintenance of the gardens, and unforeseen expenditure such as repair of damage caused by acts of vandalism.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

Sufficient funds were held in unrestricted reserves to cover the planting carried out this year, as well as for the purchase of the picnic table and benches for the South Garden. We were very grateful to be additionally donated a number of primulas and mixed bulbs from Comae, Hawthorn and Blackthorn saplings from Treverbyn Community Trust and piles of woodchips delivered by supportive local tradesmen. A very generous cash donation of £50 was also received from a couple visiting from Australia who were enthralled by the gardens.

The grant awarded in 2021 by the Eden Geothermal project continued to fund work on the paths.

The grant of £1,600 from the Rotary Club of St Austell supported the work on the South Garden picnic area, and residual funds will be used on providing more amenities for wildlife in the coming year.

Section F

Other optional information

The main plans that the Friends have to continue improvements at Menacuddle Well in 2023 are to:

- Work on succession planting to ensure continuation of the legacy of the heritage rhododendrons
- Create a small wildflower area and a bee/bug hotel to encourage more insects into the gardens
- Continue plant infilling, especially beside the river in the North Garden
- Finalise expenditure of the Eden Geothermal grant on improving pathways
- Provide small identification labels to enable the public to identify notable plants
- Improve sustainability wherever possible, eg by co-operating with Cormac on the addition of more compost bins to the site
- Continue investigation into replacing the old concrete bridge with a more site-sympathetic, wheelchair friendly alternative
- Develop a 5 year plan of action to share with Cornwall Council's representatives, Cormac, as owners of the site

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>K.S. Wellcome</i>	<i>D. Marley</i>
Full name(s)	<i>Kenneth Wellcome</i>	<i>DEREK MARLEY</i>
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	<i>Chair</i>	<i>TREASURER</i>
Date	<i>8.8.23.</i>	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Friends of Menacuddle Well	CC (if any) 1170532
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1.1.22.	To	Period end date 31.12.22.
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants			-	-	3,000
Donations	124	-	-	124	300
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	124	-	-	124	3,300
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	124	-	-	124	3,300
A3 Payments					
Construction of New Paths		1,029	-	1,029	1,201
Insurance	63	-	-	63	64
Flora Planting and Maintenance	972	-	-	972	144
Info Boards Design and Construction		-	-	-	
Public Events and Information	213	-	-	213	24
Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance		-	-	-	
Provision for wildlife	74	-	-	74	
Sub total	1,322	1,029	-	2,351	1,433
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase of Picnic Table + Benches	668		-	668	
	-		-	-	
Sub total	668	-	-	668	
Total payments	1,990	1,029	-	3,019	1,433
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,866	- 1,029	-	- 2,895	1,867
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,712	1,799	-	4,511	2,644
Cash funds this year end	846	770	-	1,616	4,511

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Current Account	846	770	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	846	770	-

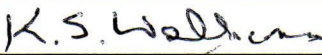

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Benches	Restricted	1,236	-
	Benches	Unrestricted	423	-
	Picnic Tables	Unrestricted	758	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	British Legion Poppy Day Expenses	Unrestricted	25	01 January 2023
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kenneth Wellcome	8-8-23
	DEREK MARLEY	8.8.23.

FRIENDS OF MENACUDDLE WELL

England & Wales - Charity number 1170532

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date		
From	1st Jan 2021	To	31st Dec	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Friends of Menacuddle Well

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1170532

Charity's principal address

Menadue
 Menacuddle Hill
 St Austell, Cornwall
 Postcode PL25 5QP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Wendy Earl	Chair	1.1.21. - 29.3.21.	
2	Derek Marley	Treasurer		
3	Francesca Arundel			
4	Denise Marley			
5	Kenneth Wellicome	Chair	29.3.21. - 31.12.21.	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

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

The scope of activities carried out by The Friends of Menacuddle Well in 2021 were again constrained by restrictions imposed to combat the spread of the Covid 19 virus, particularly at the beginning of the year. We did, however, continue with Trustee meetings to plan any activities that would fall within the Government guidelines (at first virtually via 'Zoom' and later in person, socially distanced and outside). Individual trustees, or those in 'bubbles', also managed to make occasional visits to the site and carry out minor maintenance tasks until we could get back to something approaching normality in May. Activities undertaken to further the charity's objectives for the public benefit were broadly as below:

1. A sluice gate which had originally been installed in the historic leat to facilitate the emptying of sediment into the river was recovered from where it had been partially buried on the river bank and will be restored and hopefully returned to the site in the future.

2. In June we were involved in the Green Whitegold Festival organised by the 'Austell Project' to celebrate what makes the St Austell area so special. Trustees spent the day manning a stall in the town centre set out with pictures and information about Menacuddle Well, and distributed leaflets to the many interested visitors. This resulted in offers of volunteer help in the future, and also strengthened links with other local community groups.

It was gratifying to be able to again hold our annual Remembrance Day Service in the Gardens after being forced to cancel it last year because of Covid restrictions. This was a moving occasion to commemorate all those affected by wars past and present, and was particularly appropriate this year as it marked 100 years since the donation of the Well and Gardens to the Parish of St Austell by Sir Charles Graves Sawle in memory of his only son lost in battle in the First World War. The trustees would like to express their thanks to John Keast for leading the service and to the Royal British Legion for providing standard bearers and a bugler.

3. Nine 'Welly Days' were held this year, as restrictions allowed, so that volunteers could get involved with the trustees in maintaining and improving the Gardens. Much new planting was carried out, along with the never-ending tasks of weeding, pruning and litter picking.

The planting saw the beginning of Phase 2 of the project, which consisted mainly of infilling between the existing structural specimens with groundcover and wildlife friendly plants such as comfrey, adding a small flower border between the fruit trees in the picnic area, and planting more bulbs and small shrubs all around the Gardens providing varied

seasons of interest from flowers, fruits and foliage.

Work was continued to provide more pathways to improve access for visitors; and wildlife wasn't forgotten, with a number of bird feeders, nesting boxes and a bat box installed around the site. Bird and bat boxes, and a bee brick were kindly donated by the Treverbyn Community Trust after contact was made with their Habitat Creation Manager for support and advice.

The Charity Commission guidance on public benefit is taken into account when planning all activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

We were extremely fortunate to receive invaluable help throughout the year from our friendly band of volunteers both old and new. They ranged in age from 7 to 70 and included experienced gardeners, enthusiastic amateurs, people that just wanted to help in any way that they could - and the Mayor of St Austell and his Consort. We are indebted to them all and would simply not have been able to achieve all that we did without them.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Even though restrictions on the work that could be carried out were in place throughout much of the year, the Friends were able to achieve all of the significant aims set for 2021. A number of grant applications were made and we were delighted to receive an award from the Eden Geothermal Community Fund towards our 'Opening Up' project to improve access to the Gardens by restoring and creating additional pathways.

It was fantastic to see that Menacuddle Well was attracting more and more visitors as word spread about its beauty and tranquility. Organised 'Health Walks' regularly visited, along with a complete cross-section of the general public, and the occasional singing/walking group serenading around the pond. The only downside to this popularity was that, during wet weather, many areas of the Gardens were becoming increasingly muddy and slippery. A major objective for 2021 was to complete the 'Opening Up' project to tackle this problem, and the grant from the Eden fund went a long way in helping to achieve this.

In May, we were extremely fortunate to receive an offer of expert volunteer help from a locally based engineering company, supported by two of their suppliers, to lay two new gravel paths on the west side of the river. We had previously discovered a line of pebbles which we thought may have been a historic path edging following the course of the river, and an old photograph from 1955 along with a map from 1881 seemed to confirm this. We were delighted when the workers preparing the ground for the path discovered two parallel rows of pebbles which had formed the original edging, and followed the route that we had expected. The new path was laid between these pebbles and recreated the original design from when the gardens were first landscaped - but with a robust, compacted granite gravel finish. The project was covered by the local press, and it was good to see that families with young children in push chairs could now easily walk along the river and to the bridge to the baptistery. One wheelchair user posted on our Facebook page how they could, for the first time, make their own way down to relax by the side of the river.

A start was also made this year on the second phase of 'Opening Up', with grass grids laid over an extremely muddy area around the information board, and the beginning of an extensive new path running around the pond and up to the far north end of the site - this is being constructed from wooden boards forming an edging, with wood chippings laid between them. We had an amazing turnout of volunteers in September to help with this, and we were again grateful to the St Austell Voice for providing excellent coverage of the day.

Wildlife continued to show their appreciation of the improvements made to the Gardens, with robins, blue tits, wagtails, crows, herons, dippers and bats all spotted throughout the year. We also saw the welcome return of the female mallard duck and four new ducklings nesting on the island and sharing the pond with the resident frog population.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

£2,712.50 of unrestricted cash funds were held in the current account at year end, along with £1,798.58 remaining from the Eden Geothermal Community Fund grant . This exceeds our maximum planned reserve holding, however, the Eden allowance is scheduled to be spent by the middle of next year and more unrestricted cash will be needed for further improvements to the site.

The policy is to hold between £200 and £1,000 in reserve to cover expenses such as Public Liability Insurance, purchase of plants, equipment and herbicides etc for maintenance of the gardens, and unforeseen expenditure such as repair of damage caused by acts of vandalism.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

All of the planting carried out throughout the year was covered by unrestricted reserve funds and the receipt of a generous personal donation of £300.

The path laying work was supported by the Eden Geothermal grant and the amazing help of three local companies: NMCN engineering providing three workers for two days of labour; Steve Wills Haulage donating 20 tons of gravel; and Sunbelt Rentals allowing free hire of a mini excavator and plate compactor for three days. The trustees are extremely grateful for this support, without which the gravel paths could not have been completed.

Further grants will be sought in future years to cover costs of ongoing planting and infrastructure works.

Section F

Other optional information

In spite of the problems posed by the ongoing Covid pandemic, excellent progress was made with the objectives set for 2021.

Work will continue on improving the pathways through the gardens, specifically to link the baptistery to the North Garden paths over a number of currently very boggy areas. Plans are also in place to create a new picnic area and paths in the South Garden.

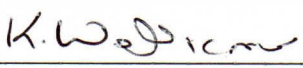
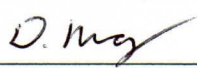
Further funding will be sought to realise the trustees ambitions to:

- Provide portable gazebos to give cover at public events
- Continue the planting of small trees and shrubs and more infill/groundcover plants
- Replace the old concrete and iron railing bridge across the river with a wheelchair friendly, sympathetically styled stone bridge - though it will require a significant grant to achieve this.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	KEN WELLCOME	DEREK MARLEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	27.6.22.	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Friends of Menacuddle Well	No (if any) 1170532
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1.1.21.	To	Period end date 31.12.21.
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants		3,000	-	3,000	
Donations	300	-	-	300	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	300	3,000	-	3,300	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	300	3,000	-	3,300	-
A3 Payments					
Construction of New Paths		1,201	-	1,201	
Insurance	64	-	-	64	63
Flora Planting and Maintenance	144	-	-	144	766
Info Boards Design and Construction		-	-	-	345
Public Events	24	-	-	24	12
Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance		-	-	-	138
Provision for wildlife		-	-	-	35
Construction of Compost Bins		-	-	-	700
Construction of Drystone Wall / Steps		-	-	-	750
Sub total	232	1,201	-	1,433	2,809
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	232	1,201	-	1,433	2,809
Net of receipts/(payments)	68	1,799	-	1,867	- 2,809
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,644			2,644	5,453
Cash funds this year end	2,712	1,799	-	4,511	2,644

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Current Account	2,712	1,799	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,712	1,799	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Benches	Restricted	1,236	-
	Benches	Unrestricted	423	-
	Picnic Tables	Unrestricted	90	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>K Wellcome</i>	KEN WELLCOME	27.6.22
<i>D. Marley</i>	DEREK MARLEY	27.6.22

FRIENDS OF MENACUDDLE WELL

England & Wales - Charity number 1170532

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date: 1st Jan 2020 To Period end date: 31st Dec 2020

From To

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Friends of Menacuddle Well

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1170532

Charity's principal address

Gerrans Point

North Hill Park

St Austell, Cornwall

Postcode

PL25 5QJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Wendy Earl	Chair		
2	Derek Marley	Treasurer		
3	Francesca Arundel			
4	Denise Marley			
5	Kenneth Wellicome			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution, adopted 2nd December 2016
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Association
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Appointed by existing trustees or members. One third of the Trustees retire at each Annual General Meeting but are eligible for reappointment.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

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

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

- (a) a copy of the constitution and any amendments made to it.
- (b) a copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.
- (c) a copy of the Charity Commission Trustee Guidance CC3.
- (d) a copy of the Charity Commission Trustee Welcome Pack

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

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

1. The preservation and conservation of the Grade II* Listed Baptistery and other historical remains associated with the Baptistery in Menacuddle Valley for the benefit of the public.
2. The advancement of education of the public about the history of the Baptistery and the ecological importance of the surrounding area.
3. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the public by the conservation, enhancement and maintenance of the original Victorian ornamental garden in Menacuddle Valley.

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

2020 was a difficult year for any charity to continue with normal activities, following the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions imposed by the government from the middle of March. The trustees of the Friends of Menacuddle Well did, however, continue working throughout the year within government guidelines to further the charity's objectives for the public benefit:

1. The condition of the baptistery was monitored and drain clearance carried out to relieve flooding in and around the structure when necessary. Two tons of granite chippings were spread around the perimeter of the building to enhance the appearance of the area and improve public access.
2. Planned educational activities for members of the public unfortunately had to be cancelled this year, including three previously arranged talks for local groups, and the annual Remembrance Day service. The website and Facebook pages were, however, well used and the information board at the site provided visitors with facts and background details of historical and ecological importance. A granite slab was commissioned to commemorate the beginning of work to restore the site.
3. 'Welly Days' had been planned for each month of the year, when members of the public would be able to engage with working on the restoration and maintenance of the Gardens. Most of these events were forbidden by government restrictions, but the charity was able to schedule five such days before lockdown began at the beginning of the year and later during the autumn. Much needed weeding and pond clearance was carried out by volunteers, along with planting of numerous bulbs, trees and shrubs and a young thuja as succession planting for the existing magnificent mature specimen. The trustees also worked at the site whenever possible improving paths, installing bird feeders and creating two wildlife log piles.

At the beginning of the year the Cornwall Wildlife Trust and the Cornish Bat Group were contacted to enlist their help with attracting more wildlife to the area. Unfortunately their offers of help had to be put on hold until normal activities could resume, hopefully later in 2021.

The Charity Commission guidance on public benefit is taken into account when planning all activities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Although the number of 'Welly Days' were of necessity fewer than had been planned for this year, the trustees were extremely grateful to the volunteers that came along, when restrictions allowed, to help out with the regular planting and maintenance routine for the gardens. Some were old hands who have been giving support to the project for several years and others were first timers, a number of whom then came back to help out again on another day. They all did fantastic work and said how much they enjoyed the afternoon, and it was a real pleasure to be able to reward them with tea and cakes on at least one occasion.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In spite of the difficulties in carrying out work this year, progress was made with all of the objectives that had been set for 2020.

Substantial planting was carried out in all areas of the site, and this effort should be rewarded with extra shows of colour, pockets of fragrance and increased wildlife habitat in the coming year. Landscaping of the South Garden was greatly enhanced by the building of a beautiful drystone wall to create a feature viewpoint from which to appreciate the main features of the site. Stone steps and a pathway were also created in this area, along with the installation of a large double compost bin here and another in the North Garden so that waste plant materials could now be processed on site rather than being transported to a distant facility.

A start was made on the plans for extra support for wildlife with the construction of two wood piles to provide homes for bugs and insects, which would in turn provide food sources for small reptiles, amphibians and mammals. A range of feeders to support a variety of bird species were also installed around the gardens. It was wonderful to see wildlife responding to the efforts so far made, with a mother mallard duck and her ducklings setting up home on the pond island, and increasing insect life in evidence. It was fascinating to discover dozens of Digger wasp nests along the riverbank and watch the female wasps pulling their prey into the small holes as food for their young, and also to find numerous Dragonfly Larvae cast skins left behind by the nymphs after crawling from the pond and emerging as fully-formed young dragonflies.

In this difficult year, members of the public have also frequently expressed their gratitude for the work carried out. Not only have many more people visited the gardens, but it has been a joy to see families picnicking and children being able to run around in a safe environment. Many people expressed what a wonderful escape during lockdown it had

Section D

Achievements and performance

provided, others said they couldn't have managed without it as a calming bolthole and one lady who lives on her own confessed she couldn't have got through without it: Sitting beside the river just took all her anxiety away.

The annual 'Britain in Bloom' competition was, unfortunately, cancelled for 2020 but the Friends of Menacuddle Well were proud to be awarded a 'Certificate of Recognition' by the Royal Horticultural Society and South West in Bloom in celebration of the work carried out in previous years and throughout the current pandemic to 'help make your community more resilient in these testing times'.

At the beginning of this year the trustees were grateful to Steve Double MP for agreeing to meet with the new CEO of St Austell Brewery to discuss the charity's ongoing efforts to encourage them to reopen the old riverside walk from the town to Menacuddle Well, which runs through land owned by them. It was regrettable that the brewery repeated their assertion that they could not agree to lend their support to this project, and the trustees have reluctantly accepted that the hope of re-establishing this traditional route to the Well will have to be abandoned, at least for the time being.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

£2,644.08 of unrestricted cash funds were held in the current account at year end. This is higher than was planned because of the limitations placed on the work which could be carried out during the year.

The policy is to hold between £200 and £1,000 in reserve to cover expenses such as Public Liability Insurance, purchase of plants, equipment and herbicides etc for maintenance of the site, and unforeseen expenditure such as repair of damage caused by acts of vandalism.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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

The majority of the work completed this year has again been funded by the grant received from the Postcode Lottery Trust in 2017. This has covered the cost of all plants purchased and some of the landscaping. Other costs, including for infrastructure projects, were met from unrestricted funds held from previous grants and public donations.

Further grants will be sought in future years to cover costs of ongoing planting and infrastructure works.

Section F Other optional information

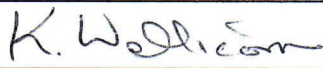
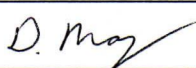
The problems created by the Covid pandemic meant that not all of the objectives set for 2020 could be realised, and so work will continue to hopefully fulfil them in the year ahead in spite of the ongoing government restrictions in place. Further grant applications are planned to help with the cost of the various initiatives to:

- Improve existing paths and create new ones
- Provide portable gazebos to give cover at public events
- Install more benches
- Install bird and bat boxes
- Plant wildlife friendly small trees and shrubs providing varied seasons of interest from flowers, fruits and foliage.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	K. WELLCOME	DEREK MARLEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair.	TREASURER
Date	29.3.21.	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Friends of Menacuddle Well

1170532

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Financial year date	To	Period end date
	1.1.20.		31.12.20.

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants			-	-	1,218
Donations		-	-	-	473
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	1,691
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	1,691
A3 Payments					
Leaflet Printing			-	-	135
Insurance	63		-	63	64
Flora Planting and Maintenance		766	-	766	1,229
Info Boards Design and Construction		345	-	345	1,801
Public Events	12	-	-	12	12
Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance		138	-	138	86
Provision for wildlife		35	-	35	
Construction of Compost Bins	700		-	700	
Construction of Drystone Wall / Steps	750		-	750	
Sub total	1,525	1,284	-	2,809	3,327
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Benches and Picnic Tables			-	-	1,749
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,749
Total payments	1,525	1,284	-	2,809	5,076
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,525	- 1,284	-	- 2,809	- 3,385
A5 Transfers between funds	3,127	- 3,127	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,042	4,411	-	5,453	8,838
Cash funds this year end	2,644	-	-	2,644	5,453

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	NatWest Current Account	2,644		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	2,644	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Benches	Restricted	1,236	-
	Benches	Unrestricted	423	-
	Picnic Tables	Unrestricted	90	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>K. Wellcome</i>	K. WELLCOME	29-03-21
<i>D. Marley</i>	DEREK MARLEY	29.3.21