

# THE JOHN BROOKES-DENMANS FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1171609

## Details

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**Other names** JOHN BROOKES-DENMANS FOUNDATION

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-02-14

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

## Contact

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**Website** [denmans.org](http://denmans.org)

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC (AND PARTICULARLY LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND HORTICULTURAL STUDENTS) IN THE SUBJECT OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND THE DESIGN ETHOS OF RENOWNED LANDSCAPE DESIGNER JOHN BROOKES MBE IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES THINK FIT, INCLUDING THROUGH THE DELIVERY OF LECTURERS, DESIGN COURSES, GRANTING OF AWARDS AND PROVISION OF HANDS-ON HORTICULTURAL DESIGN EXPERIENCE.

**Activities:** The charity is currently developing a multi-year plan.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£8,413	£14,348	-	-
2023-12-31	£20,565	£1,299	-	-
2022-12-31	£20,211	£9,946	-	-
2021-12-31	£1,500	£213,225	-	-
2020-12-31	£6,644	£10,582	-	-

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>GWENDOLYN VAN PAASCHEN</b>	Chair	2017-02-14
Michael Andrew Palmer		2018-09-19
PETER GILLESPIE		2017-02-14

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**THE JOHN BROOKES-DENMANS FOUNDATION**

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# Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
Period start date			Period end date			
01	January	2024	31	December	2024	
<b>From</b>			<b>To</b>			

## Section A Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	John Brookes-Denmans Foundation	
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>		
<b>Registered charity number (if any)</b>	1171609	
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Denmans Garden, Denmans Lane	
	Fontwell, Nr. Arundel West Sussex	
	<b>Postcode</b> BN18 0SU	West Sussex

### 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	Gwendolyn van Paasschen	Chair	From 14/02/2017	Original Sponsor
2	Peter Gillespie	Trustee	From 14/02/2017	Original Sponsor
3	Michael Palmer	Trustee	From 24/10/2018	
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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
Accounting	Robert Sadler	30B Southgate, Chichester PO19 1DP

**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
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by majority of trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<p>The Trustees of the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation (JBDF) continued planning for the future of the JBDF and Denmans Garden.</p> <p>Work is continuing on the conservation plan that was begun in 2022. It will include the first comprehensive history of Denmans Garden along with a collated archive of supporting documents. This project has involved volunteers and a garden historian.</p> <p>The purpose of this effort is to ensure that Denmans Garden, a Grade II Garden, will be managed according to the ethos of its creators, Joyce Robinson and John Brookes MBE.</p>
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**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

The objects of the CIO are to advance the education of the public (and particularly landscape design and horticultural students) in the subject of landscape design and the design ethos of renowned landscape designer John Brookes MBE in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including through the delivery of lectures, design courses, granting of awards and provision of hands-on horticultural design experience.

**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)**

Work on the restoration of Denmans Garden, which is associated with the Charity, continued as it will for several years. The garden again attracted over 11,000 in 2024.

The Garden won Gold in the South and South East in Bloom competition for the fourth year in a row.

As an RHS Partner Garden, we create an exhibition garden at the RHS Hampton Court Flower Festival called 'Denmans Garden: Room Outside' intended educate the public about John Brookes' legacy and introduce them to Denmans Garden and the legacy of Joyce Robinson. The JBDF was given a £1000 grant for this purpose from the RHS.

Art classes have continued and expanded. More classes are planned for 2025.

Oscar Romp, a local figurative artist became the third artist-in-residence. His residency will be nearly two year long. Two exhibitions are planned for 2025 of his work.

Denmans opened for the National Garden Scheme in February, April, and October 2024 with proceeds going to NGS. The garden first opened to the NGS in 1967.

We began a series of quarterly walks through the garden to help teach the public about planting, gravel gardening, and garden design. If these continue to be popular we may expand this type of offering.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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

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

The volunteer program at Denmans continued and expanded in 2024 under the leadership of Head Gardener, Jonathan Arnold. The intent remains to build and maintain the volunteer base to help renovate and sustain the garden and promote and tell its history.

A volunteer is also helping catalogue articles about the garden to help with the conservation report and the development of an archive about Denmans Garden and Joyce Robinson.

The Aldingbourne Foundation (which supports people with learning disabilities and/or autism to lead independent lives) continues to plant and care for the planters at the entrance of the garden.

Other partnerships and working relationships with charities with complementary missions will continue to be explored.

## Section D Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We post regular blogs about the garden on our website, [www.denmans.org](http://www.denmans.org) and continue to send out a monthly newsletter to local and international recipients. Our social media presence continues to grow.

We continue to restore the garden which was badly neglected.

We have successfully continued to propagate plants for sale, continuing in the footsteps of the garden's founder, Joyce Robinson.

The chairman of the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation gave several talks for various groups about Denmans Garden, John Brookes, Joyce Robinson and their legacies.

Denmans again participated in the South and South East in Bloom competition (part of Britain in Bloom) and won Gold for the 4th time.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

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**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

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**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.

We qualified for gift aid in summer 2020 and added a tick box on our booking system that offers visitors a chance to donate to the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation. We will continue to explore means of raising funds to support the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation.


**Section F Other optional information**

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**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Gwendolyn van Paasschen	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	

**Date** 17 October 2025



**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE010291 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1171609**

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024  
for  
John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
30B Southgate  
Chichester  
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John Brookes Denmans Foundation

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The objective of the charity is to advance the education of the public (particularly landscape design and horticultural students) in the subject of landscape design and the design ethos of renowned landscape designer John Brookes MBE in such ways as the Trustees think fit, including through the delivery of lectures, design courses, granting of awards and provision of hands-on horticultural design experience.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its constitution, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation, formed in accordance with the Charities Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

CE010291 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1171609

**Registered office**

Denmans Garden  
Denmans Lane  
Fontwell  
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West Sussex  
BN18 0SU

**Trustees**

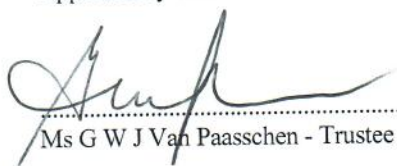
Ms G W J Van Paasschen  
P Gillespie  
M A Palmer

**Company Secretary**

**Independent Examiner**

Robert Alistair Sadler  
Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
30B Southgate  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1DP

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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Ms G W J Van Paasschen - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
John Brookes Denmans Foundation

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of John Brookes Denmans Foundation ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 charity'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:

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.



Robert Alistair Sadler

Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
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Date: ..... 27 | 10 | 2025 .

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	3,198	-	3,198	11,964
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General running of foundation		-	1,000	1,000	-
Investment income	3	4,215	-	4,215	8,601
<b>Total</b>		<u>7,413</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>8,413</u>	<u>20,565</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
General running of foundation		13,103	1,000	14,103	1,038
Other		245	-	245	261
<b>Total</b>		<u>13,348</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>14,348</u>	<u>1,299</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(5,935)	-	(5,935)	19,266
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		156,208	-	156,208	136,942
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>150,273</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>150,273</u></u>	<u><u>156,208</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Balance Sheet  
31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	4,549	-	4,549	4,794
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	1,476	-	1,476	-
Cash at bank		147,143	-	147,143	153,508
		148,619	-	148,619	153,508
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,895)	-	(2,895)	(2,094)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		145,724	-	145,724	151,414
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		150,273	-	150,273	156,208
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		150,273	-	150,273	156,208
<b>FUNDS</b>	10				
Unrestricted funds				150,273	156,208
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				150,273	156,208

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for


- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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Balance Sheet - continued  
31 December 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 OCTOBER 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



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G W J Van Paasschen - Trustee



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M A Palmer - Trustee

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 5% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Donations	1,850	11,964
Gift aid	1,348	-
	<u>3,198</u>	<u>11,964</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Royalties	652	2,231
Other fixed asset invest - FII	128	12
Deposit account interest	3,435	6,358
	<u>4,215</u>	<u>8,601</u>

**4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	245	261
	<u>245</u>	<u>261</u>

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	11,964	-	11,964
Investment income	8,601	-	8,601
<b>Total</b>	<u>20,565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,565</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General running of foundation	1,038	-	1,038
Other	261	-	261
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,299</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	19,266	-	19,266
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	136,942	-	136,942
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>156,208</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>156,208</u>

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**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	6,160	120	6,280
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2024	1,394	92	1,486
Charge for year	238	7	245
At 31 December 2024	1,632	99	1,731
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2024	<u>4,528</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>4,549</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>4,766</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>4,794</u>

**8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Other debtors	<u>1,476</u>	<u>-</u>

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Trade creditors	990	(1)
Other creditors - Exp pd pers.	205	205
Accrued expenses	1,700	1,890
	<u>2,895</u>	<u>2,094</u>

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	156,208	(5,935)	150,273
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>156,208</u>	<u>(5,935)</u>	<u>150,273</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	7,413	(13,348)	(5,935)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	1,000	(1,000)	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>8,413</u>	<u>(14,348)</u>	<u>(5,935)</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	136,942	19,266	156,208
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>136,942</u>	<u>19,266</u>	<u>156,208</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	20,565	(1,299)	19,266
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>20,565</u>	<u>(1,299)</u>	<u>19,266</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	136,942	13,331	150,273
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>136,942</u>	<u>13,331</u>	<u>150,273</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	27,978	(14,647)	13,331
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted Fund	1,000	(1,000)	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>28,978</u>	<u>(15,647)</u>	<u>13,331</u>

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**12. GRANTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR**

Grant income recognised and released to income in the year was as follows:-

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
Royal Horticultural Society - Contribution to Hampton Court Palace Garden Show - Restricted Grant	1,000	-
Total grants received	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	31.12.24 £	31.12.23 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	1,850	11,964
Gift aid	1,348	-
	3,198	11,964
<b>Investment income</b>		
Royalties	652	2,231
Other fixed asset invest - FII	128	12
Deposit account interest	3,435	6,358
	4,215	8,601
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	1,000	-
	8,413	20,565
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Website and sundry computer	65	108
Conservation planning	4,386	-
Garden show expenses	7,952	-
	12,403	108
<b>Other</b>		
Fixtures and fittings	238	251
Computer equipment	7	10
	245	261
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,700	930
	14,348	1,299
Total resources expended		
	(5,935)	19,266
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<b>(5,935)</b>	<b>19,266</b>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

**THE JOHN BROOKES-DENMANS FOUNDATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1171609

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# Accounts

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The objective of the charity is to advance the education of the public (particularly landscape design and horticultural students) in the subject of landscape design and the design ethos of renowned landscape designer John Brookes MBE in such ways as the Trustees think fit, including through the delivery of lectures, design courses, granting of awards and provision of hands-on horticultural design experience.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its constitution, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation, formed in accordance with the Charities Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

CE010291 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1171609

**Registered office**

Denmans Garden  
Denmans Lane  
Fontwell  
Arundel  
West Sussex  
BN18 0SU

**Trustees**

Ms G W J Van Paasschen  
P Gillespie  
M A Palmer

**Company Secretary**

**Independent Examiner**

Robert Alistair Sadler  
Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
30B Southgate  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1DP

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms G W J Van Paasschen - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
John Brookes Denmans Foundation

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of John Brookes Denmans Foundation ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 charity'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:

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.

Robert Alistair Sadler

Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
30B Southgate  
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18 October 2024

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		31.12.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	11,964	15,648
Other trading activities	3	-	411
Investment income	4	8,601	4,152
<b>Total</b>		<u>20,565</u>	<u>20,211</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General running of foundation		1,038	9,988
Other		261	277
<b>Total</b>		<u>1,299</u>	<u>10,265</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		19,266	9,946
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		136,942	126,996
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>156,208</u></u>	<u><u>136,942</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Balance Sheet  
31 December 2023

	Notes	31.12.23 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	8	4,794	5,055
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		153,508	133,052
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,094)	(1,165)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>151,414</u>	<u>131,887</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		156,208	136,942
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>156,208</u>	<u>136,942</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10		
Unrestricted funds		<u>156,208</u>	<u>136,942</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>156,208</u>	<u>136,942</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Balance Sheet - continued

31 December 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

G W J Van Paasschen - Trustee

M A Palmer - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 5% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

## 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Donations	11,964	15,648

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

<b>3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES</b>	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Lectures and classes	-	411
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>4. INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Royalties	2,231	2,543
Other fixed asset invest - FII	12	-
Deposit account interest	6,358	1,609
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>8,601</u>	<u>4,152</u>
<b>5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Depreciation - owned assets	261	276
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS</b>		
There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.		
<b>Trustees' expenses</b>		
There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.		
<b>7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>		Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>		
Donations and legacies		15,648
Other trading activities		411
Investment income		4,152
		<u>          </u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>20,211</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
General running of foundation		9,988
Other		277
		<u>          </u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>10,265</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		9,946

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

Unrestricted  
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**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS**

Total funds brought forward

126,996

**TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD**

136,942

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	6,160	120	6,280
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2023	1,143	82	1,225
Charge for year	251	10	261
At 31 December 2023	1,394	92	1,486
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2023	<u>4,766</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>4,794</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>5,017</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>5,055</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
Trade creditors	(1)	-
Other creditors	205	205
Accrued expenses	1,890	960
	<u>2,094</u>	<u>1,165</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	136,942	19,266	156,208
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>136,942</u>	<u>19,266</u>	<u>156,208</u>

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	20,565	(1,299)	19,266
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>20,565</u>	<u>(1,299)</u>	<u>19,266</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	126,996	9,946	136,942
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>126,996</u>	<u>9,946</u>	<u>136,942</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	20,211	(10,265)	9,946
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>20,211</u>	<u>(10,265)</u>	<u>9,946</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	126,996	29,212	156,208
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>126,996</u>	<u>29,212</u>	<u>156,208</u>

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	40,776	(11,564)	29,212
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>40,776</u>	<u>(11,564)</u>	<u>29,212</u>

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	31.12.23 £	31.12.22 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	11,964	15,648
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Lectures and classes	-	411
<b>Investment income</b>		
Royalties	2,231	2,543
Other fixed asset invest - FII	12	-
Deposit account interest	6,358	1,609
	8,601	4,152
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	20,565	20,211
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Website and sundry computer	108	86
Advertising and sponsorship	-	4,200
Conservation planning	-	3,996
	108	8,282
<b>Other</b>		
Fixtures and fittings	251	264
Computer equipment	10	13
	261	277
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Consultancy fees	-	650
Accountancy and legal fees	930	1,056
	930	1,706
<b>Total resources expended</b>	1,299	10,265
<b>Net income</b>	19,266	9,946

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date	Period end date
<b>From</b>	01 January 2023	<b>To</b> 31 December 2023

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

Denmans Garden, Denmans Lane	
Fontwell, Nr. Arundel West Sussex	
<b>Postcode</b> BN18 0SU	West Sussex

### 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	Gwendolyn van Paasschen	Chair	From 14/02/2017	Original Sponsor
2	Peter Gillespie	Trustee	From 14/02/2017	Original Sponsor
3	Michael Palmer	Trustee	From 24/10/2018	
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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
Accounting	Robert Sadler	30B Southgate, Chichester PO19 1DP

**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
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	CIO
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Elected by majority of trustees

**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 Trustees of the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation (JBDF) continued planning for the future of the JBDF and Denmans Garden.

Work is continuing on the conservation plan that was begun in 2022. It will include the first comprehensive history of Denmans Garden along with a collated archive of supporting documents.

The purpose of this effort is to ensure that Denmans Garden, a Grade II garden, will be managed according to the ethos of its creators, Joyce Robinson and John Brookes MBE.

**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

The objects of the CIO are to advance the education of the public (and particularly landscape design and horticultural students) in the subject of landscape design and the design ethos of renowned landscape designer John Brookes MBE in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including through the delivery of lectures, design courses, granting of awards and provision of hands-on horticultural design experience.

**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)**

Work on the restoration of Denmans Garden, which is associated with the Charity, continued as it will for several years. The garden again attracted over 10,000 in 2023.

The Garden won Gold in the South and South East in Bloom competition for the third year in a row. It also won RHS Partner Garden of the Year for the South and Channel Islands for the second time.

Art classes have continued and expanded. More classes are planned for 2024.

Jo Dowers, Denmans' second artist-in-residence at Denmans, completed her year and an exhibition displaying her work was held during the month of October. Oscar Romp, a local figurative artist will be the next artist-in-residence. His residency will be just over a year long.

Denmans opened for the National Garden Scheme in February, April, and October 2023 with proceeds going to NGS. The garden first opened to the NGS in 1967.

A performance of *Don Giovanni* performed by City Music, a London based charity was held in September 2023.

Garden design classes run by the London College of Garden Design were offered.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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

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

The volunteer program at Denmans continued and expanded in 2023 under the leadership of new Head Gardener, Jonathan Arnold. The intent remains to build and maintain the volunteer base to help renovate and sustain the garden and promote and tell its history.

The Aldingbourne Foundation (which supports people with learning disabilities and/or autism to lead independent lives) continues to plant and care for the planters at the entrance of the garden and we are planning to work with them to develop signage.

Other partnerships and working relationships with charities with complementary missions will continue to be explored.

**Section D Achievements and performance**

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We post regular blogs about the garden on our website, [www.denmans.org](http://www.denmans.org) and continue to send out a monthly newsletter to local and international recipients. Our social media presence continues to grow.

We continue to restore the garden which was badly neglected.

We have successfully continued to propagate plants for sale, continuing in the footsteps of the garden's founder, Joyce Robinson.

The chairman of the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation gave several talks for various groups, including the National Garden Scheme about Denmans Garden, John Brookes, and his legacy

Denmans again participated in the South and South East in Bloom competition (part of Britain in Bloom) and won Gold for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. Denmans also was one of 6 finalists in the RHS Partner Garden 'Partner Garden of the Year' competition for the second time in three years.

A celebration in honour of John Brookes MBE's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was held at Denmans Garden with Denmans Garden staff, press, designers and others. Social media posts honouring Brookes were posted everyday in October.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### 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.

We qualified for gift aid in summer 2020 and added a tick box on our booking system that offers visitors a chance to donate to the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation. We will continue to explore means of raising funds to support the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation.

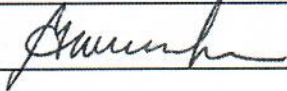
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## Other optional information

**Section G Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gwendolyn van Paasschen	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date 12 October 2024

**THE JOHN BROOKES-DENMANS FOUNDATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1171609

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
<b>From</b>	01	January	2022	<b>To</b>	31	December	2022

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**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

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- 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 Trustees of the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation (JBDF) continued planning for the future of the JBDF and Denmans Garden.

To that end, a garden historian was hired to create a conservation plan to help future custodians of the garden understand its complexity so they are able to manage it according to the garden's ethos. This plan will take some time to develop as it will require collecting data from a broad variety of sources.

The purpose of this effort is to ensure that Denmans Garden, a Grade II garden, will be managed according to the ethos of its creators, Joyce Robinson and John Brookes MBE.

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Work on the restoration of Denmans Garden, which is associated with the Charity, continued as it will for several years. The garden again attracted over 8000 in 2022.

The Garden won Gold in the South and South East in Bloom competition for the second year in a row.

Art classes have continued and a pruning workshop was held with Garden Masterclass. A garden design short course was held with the London College of Garden Design, attracting 20 students. More classes are planned for 2023.

Sue England, Denmans' first artist-in-residence at Denmans, completed her year and in addition to a talk about art in the garden, (the annual John Brookes Lecture) an exhibition displaying her work was held during the month of October. Jo Dowers, a watercolourist who teaches classes at Denmans will be the next artist-in-residence. Her residency a year long.

Denmans also participated in Chichester's 2022 Culture Spark.

Denmans opened for the National Garden Scheme in February, April, and October 2022 with proceeds going to NGS. The garden first opened to the NGS in 1967.

The John Brookes-Denmans Foundation sponsored an award given by the Society of Garden Designers.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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

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

The volunteer program at Denmans continued and expanded in 2022. The intent remains to build a volunteer base to help renovate and sustain the garden and promote and tell its history.

The Aldingbourne Foundation (which supports people with learning disabilities and/or autism to lead independent lives) continues to plant and care for the planters at the entrance of the garden and we are planning to work with them to develop signage.

Plans have been made with the Snowdrop Trust to hold a winter talk about the garden and to plant 1000 snowdrops in the Woodland to commemorate the Snowdrop Trust's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Other partnerships and working relationships with charities with complementary missions will continue to be explored.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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We continue to restore the garden which was badly neglected.

We have successfully continued to propagate plants for sale, continuing in the footsteps of the garden's founder, Joyce Robinson.

The chairman of the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation gave several talks for various groups, including the Gardens Trust, in England and one in the US about Denmans, John Brookes, and his legacy

Denmans was also asked to participate in the South and South East in Bloom competition (part of Britain in Bloom) and won Gold. Denmans also was one of 6 finalists in the RHS Partner Garden 'Partner Garden of the Year' competition.

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## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

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**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

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**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.

We qualified for gift aid in summer 2020 and added a tick box on our booking system that offers visitors a chance to donate to the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation. We will continue to explore means of raising funds to support the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation.

**Section F Other optional information**

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**Section G Declaration**

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

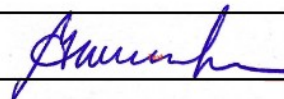
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Gwendolyn van Paasschen



Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

**Date** 12 October 2023

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE010291 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1171609**

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022  
for  
John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
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John Brookes Denmans Foundation

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John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The objective of the charity is to advance the education of the public (particularly landscape design and horticultural students) in the subject of landscape design and the design ethos of renowned landscape designer John Brookes MBE in such ways as the Trustees think fit, including through the delivery of lectures, design courses, granting of awards and provision of hands-on horticultural design experience.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its constitution, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation, formed in accordance with the Charities Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

CE010291 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1171609

**Registered office**

Denmans  
Denmans Lane  
Fontwell  
Arundel  
West Sussex  
BN18 0SU

**Trustees**

Ms G W J Van Paasschen  
P Gillespie  
M A Palmer

**Company Secretary**

**Independent Examiner**

Robert Alistair Sadler  
Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
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30B Southgate  
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West Sussex  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms G W J Van Paasschen - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
John Brookes Denmans Foundation

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of John Brookes Denmans Foundation ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 charity'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:

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.

Robert Alistair Sadler

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30 October 2023

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	31.12.22 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	2	15,648	(210,461)
Other trading activities	3	411	25
Investment income	4	4,152	609
<b>Total</b>		<u>20,211</u>	<u>(209,827)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General running of foundation		9,988	1,603
Other		<u>277</u>	<u>295</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>10,265</u>	<u>1,898</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>-</u>	<u>17,942</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		9,946	(193,783)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		126,996	320,779
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>136,942</u></u>	<u><u>126,996</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Balance Sheet  
31 December 2022

	Notes	31.12.22 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.21 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	8	5,055	5,331
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		133,052	122,829
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,165)	(1,164)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>131,887</u>	<u>121,665</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		136,942	126,996
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>136,942</u>	<u>126,996</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10		
Unrestricted funds		<u>136,942</u>	<u>126,996</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>136,942</u>	<u>126,996</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Balance Sheet - continued

31 December 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

G W J Van Paasschen - Trustee

M A Palmer - Trustee

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 5% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

### **Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

A legacy from the late John Brookes MBE which was valued at £225,000 and consisted of an interest in a property was previously recognised as income in the accounts of the year ended 31st December 2019. It has subsequently transpired that this was an error and that the late John Brookes MBE had no such interest in the property to leave as a legacy in his Will, and therefore the legacy of £225,000 was reversed in the year ended 31st December 2021 and the interest in the property removed as an asset from "Investment Property" in the balance sheet. The effect of this adjustment results in "Donations and legacies" for the year ended 31st December 2021, as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 11, to be a negative value of £(210,461)

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Hiring out of equipment	-	25
Lectures and classes	411	-
	<u>411</u>	<u>25</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Royalties	2,543	609
Deposit account interest	1,609	-
	<u>4,152</u>	<u>609</u>

**5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>276</u>	<u>295</u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	(210,461)
Other trading activities	25
Investment income	609
<b>Total</b>	<u>(209,827)</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
General running of foundation	1,603
Other	295
<b>Total</b>	<u>1,898</u>
 Net gains on investments	 <u>17,942</u>
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	 <u>(193,783)</u>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
Total funds brought forward	320,779
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	 <u><u>126,996</u></u>

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	6,160	120	6,280
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2022	879	70	949
Charge for year	264	12	276
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,143</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>1,225</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2022	<u>5,017</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>5,055</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>5,281</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>5,331</u>

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	(1)
Other creditors	205	205
Accrued expenses	960	960
	1,165	1,164
	1,165	1,164

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	126,996	9,946	136,942
	126,996	9,946	136,942
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	126,996	9,946	136,942

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	20,211	(10,265)	9,946
	20,211	(10,265)	9,946
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	20,211	(10,265)	9,946

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.21
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	320,779	(193,783)	126,996
	320,779	(193,783)	126,996
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	320,779	(193,783)	126,996

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	(209,827)	(1,898)	17,942	(193,783)
	(209,827)	(1,898)	17,942	(193,783)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	(209,827)	(1,898)	17,942	(193,783)

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	320,779	(183,837)	136,942
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>320,779</u>	<u>(183,837)</u>	<u>136,942</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	(189,616)	(12,163)	17,942	(183,837)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>(189,616)</u>	<u>(12,163)</u>	<u>17,942</u>	<u>(183,837)</u>

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	15,648	866
Legacies	-	(211,327)
	15,648	(210,461)
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Hiring out of equipment	-	25
Lectures and classes	411	-
	411	25
<b>Investment income</b>		
Royalties	2,543	609
Deposit account interest	1,609	-
	4,152	609
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	20,211	(209,827)
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Website and sundry computer	86	43
Advertising and sponsorship	4,200	-
Conservation planning	3,996	-
	8,282	43
<b>Other</b>		
Fixtures and fittings	264	278
Computer equipment	13	17
	277	295
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Consultancy fees	650	-
Accountancy and legal fees	1,056	1,560
	1,706	1,560
Total resources expended	10,265	1,898
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before gains and losses</b>	9,946	(211,725)

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John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
<b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	-	17,942
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>9,946</u>	<u>(193,783)</u>

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**THE JOHN BROOKES-DENMANS FOUNDATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1171609

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 January 2021	To	31 December 2021

## Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name	John Brookes-Denmans Foundation		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1171609		
Charity's principal address	Denmans Garden, Denmans Lane		
	Fontwell, Nr. Arundel West Sussex		
	Postcode BN18 0SU	West Sussex	

### 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	Gwendolyn van Paasschen	Chair	From 14/02/2017	Original Sponsor
2	Peter Gillespie	Trustee	From 14/02/2017	Original Sponsor
3	Michael Palmer	Trustee	From 24/10/2018	
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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
Accounting	Robert Sadler	30B Southgate, Chichester PO19 1DP

**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 <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	CIO
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Elected by majority of trustees

**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 Trustees of the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation (JBDF) continued planning for the future of the JBDF and Denmans Garden. The Trustees decided to hire a garden historian to help create a conservation plan for the garden in 2022.

**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

The objects of the CIO are to advance the education of the public (and particularly landscape design and horticultural students) in the subject of landscape design and the design ethos of renowned landscape designer John Brookes MBE in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including through the delivery of lecturers, design courses, granting of awards and provision of hands-on horticultural design experience.

**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)**

Work on the restoration of Denmans Garden, which is associated with the Charity, continued though the garden remained closed until February 2021 because of Covid. Nevertheless, the garden attracted over 8000 visitors after opening in March of 2021, an increase from 2400 in 2020.

Some programming resumed, including art classes. An Autumn Walk in the garden was held in conjunction with GardenMasterclass.org and more events, including a pruning workshop are planned with Garden Masterclass for 2022.

Sue England, a finalist in ITV's 2019 Landscape Artist of the Year competition, started as Denmans' first artist in residence at Denmans. Her residency will be for a year.

Denmans will also participate in Chichester's 2022 Culture Spark.

The annual John Brookes Lecture resumed after having been cancelled by the pandemic. It was a panel discussion with three award winning landscape designers and was attended by over 50 people. The discussion focused on John Brookes' legacy and was one of two book launches for 'How to Design a Garden' by John Brookes. The second book launch was held in London.

Denmans opened for the National Garden Scheme in February, April, and May 2021 with proceeds going to NGS. The garden first opened to the NGS in 1967.

The John Brookes-Denmans Foundation sponsored the Photo Journalist of the Year award given by the Garden Media Guild which was awarded to Mimi Connolly.

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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

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

The volunteer program at Denmans continued and expanded in 2021 in compliance with Covid restrictions. The intent remains to build a volunteer base to help renovate and sustain the garden and promote and tell its history.

The Aldingbourne Foundation (which supports people with learning disabilities and/or autism to lead independent lives) continues to plant and care for the planters at the entrance of the garden and we are planning to work with them to develop signage.

Discussions with the Snowdrop Trust to hold a event post-covid continue.

Other partnerships and working relationships with charities with complementary missions continue to be explored.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We post regular blogs about the garden on our website, denmans.org and continue to send out a monthly newsletter to local and international recipients. Our social media presence continues to grow.

We continue to restore the garden which was badly neglected.

We have successfully continued to propagate plants for sale, continuing in the footsteps of the garden's founder, Joyce Robinson.

The chairman of the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation gave several talks for various groups, including the Gardens Trust, in England and one in the US about Denmans, John Brookes, and his legacy

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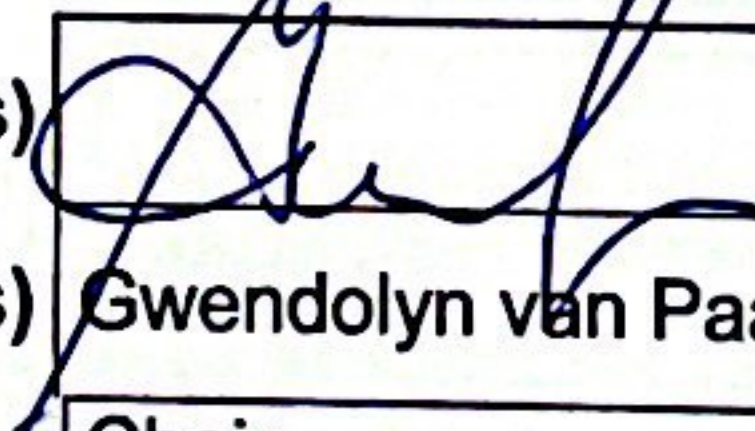

## Other optional information


## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gwendolyn van Paasschen	PETER GILBERIE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TRUSTEE

 - M.A. PALMER, TRUSTEE

Date 26 October 2022

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE010291 (England and Wales)**  
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**Registered Company number**

CE010291 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

1171609

**Registered office**

Denmans  
Denmans Lane  
Fontwell  
Arundel  
West Sussex  
BN18 0SU

**Trustees**

Ms G W J Van Paasschen  
P Gillespie  
M A Palmer

**Company Secretary**

**Independent Examiner**

Robert Alistair Sadler  
ICAEW  
Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
30B Southgate  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
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**LEGACIES AND DONATIONS**

A legacy from the late John Brookes MBE which was valued at £225,000 and consisted of an interest in a property was previously recognised as income in the accounts of year ended 31st December 2019. It has subsequently transpired that this was an error and that the late John Brookes MBE had no such interest in the property to leave as a legacy in his Will, and therefore the legacy of £225,000 has been reversed this year and the interest in the property removed as an asset from "Investment Property" in the balance sheet. The effect of this adjustment results in "Donations and legacies" for the year as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 4 as a negative value of £(210,461).

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms G W J Van Paasschen - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
John Brookes Denmans Foundation

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of John Brookes Denmans Foundation ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 charity'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:

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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28 October 2022

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

		31.12.21 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes		
Donations and legacies	2	(210,461)	1,051
Other trading activities	3	25	3,191
Investment income	4	609	2,402
<b>Total</b>		<u>(209,827)</u>	<u>6,644</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General running of foundation		1,603	10,266
Other		295	316
<b>Total</b>		<u>1,898</u>	<u>10,582</u>
Net gains on investments		<u>17,942</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(193,783)	(3,938)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		320,779	324,717
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>126,996</u></u>	<u><u>320,779</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Balance Sheet  
31 December 2021

	Notes	31.12.21 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.20 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	8	5,331	5,626
Investment property	10	-	225,000
		5,331	230,626
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		122,829	91,317
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,164)	(1,164)
		121,665	90,153
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		126,996	320,779
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		126,996	320,779
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		126,996	320,779
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	12	126,996	320,779
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
		126,996	320,779

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Balance Sheet - continued

31 December 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

G W J Van Paasschen - Trustee

M A Palmer - Trustee

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 5% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

### **Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

A legacy from the late John Brookes MBE which was valued at £225,000 and consisted of an interest in a property was previously recognised as income in the accounts of year ended 31st December 2019. It has subsequently transpired that this was an error and that the late John Brookes MBE had no such interest in the property to leave as a legacy in his Will, and therefore the legacy of £225,000 has been reversed this year and the interest in the property removed as an asset from "Investment Property" in the balance sheet. The effect of this adjustment results in "Donations and legacies" for the year as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 4 as a negative value of £(210,461).

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Fundraising events	-	1,980
Items sold	-	1,211
Hiring out of equipment	25	-
	<u>25</u>	<u>3,191</u>

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Royalties	609	1,017
Other fixed asset invest - FII	-	59
Deposit account interest	-	1,326
	<u>609</u>	<u>2,402</u>

**5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>295</u>	<u>316</u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	1,051
Other trading activities	3,191
Investment income	2,402
<b>Total</b>	6,644
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
General running of foundation	10,266
Other	316
<b>Total</b>	10,582
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	 (3,938)
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>	
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	324,717
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	 320,779

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	6,160	120	6,280
 <b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2021	601	53	654
Charge for year	278	17	295
At 31 December 2021	879	70	949
 <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2021	5,281	50	5,331
At 31 December 2020	5,559	67	5,626

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

**9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

**10. INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

	£
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2021	225,000
Disposals	(225,000)
	-
At 31 December 2021	-
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2021	-
At 31 December 2020	225,000

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	(1)	(1)
Other creditors	205	205
Accrued expenses	960	960
	1,164	1,164
	1,164	1,164

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.21
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	320,779	(193,783)	126,996
	320,779	(193,783)	126,996
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	320,779	(193,783)	126,996

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	(209,827)	(1,898)	17,942	(193,783)
	(209,827)	(1,898)	17,942	(193,783)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	(209,827)	(1,898)	17,942	(193,783)

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	324,717	(3,938)	320,779
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>324,717</u>	<u>(3,938)</u>	<u>320,779</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	6,644	(10,582)	(3,938)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>6,644</u>	<u>(10,582)</u>	<u>(3,938)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	324,717	(197,721)	126,996
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>324,717</u>	<u>(197,721)</u>	<u>126,996</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	(203,183)	(12,480)	17,942	(197,721)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>(203,183)</u>	<u>(12,480)</u>	<u>17,942</u>	<u>(197,721)</u>

**13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	31.12.21 £	31.12.20 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	866	1,051
Legacies	(211,327)	-
	(210,461)	1,051
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	-	1,980
Items sold	-	1,211
Hiring out of equipment	25	-
	25	3,191
<b>Investment income</b>		
Royalties	609	1,017
Other fixed asset invest - FII	-	59
Deposit account interest	-	1,326
	609	2,402
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	(209,827)	6,644
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Website and sundry computer	43	19
<b>Other</b>		
Fixtures and fittings	278	293
Computer equipment	17	23
	295	316
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Insurance	-	53
<b>Other</b>		
Collating John Brookes archive	-	9,474
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,560	720
<b>Total resources expended</b>	1,898	10,582
<b>Net expenditure before gains and losses</b>	(211,725)	(3,938)
<b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
Carried forward	(213,285)	(4,658)

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John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
<b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
Brought forward	(213,285)	(4,658)
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	17,942	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(193,783)</u>	<u>(3,938)</u>

**THE JOHN BROOKES-DENMANS FOUNDATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1171609

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	01	January	2020		31	December	2020

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name** John Brookes-Denmans Foundation

**Other names charity is known by**  

**Registered charity number (if any)** 1171609

**Charity's principal address**

Denmans Garden, Denmans Lane	
Fontwell, Nr. Arundel West Sussex	
<b>Postcode</b>	BN18 0SU

**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	Gwendolyn van Paasschen	Chair	From 14/02/2017	Original Sponsor
2	Peter Gillespie	Trustee	From 14/02/2017	Original Sponsor
3	Michael Palmer	Trustee	From 24/10/2018	
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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
Accounting	Robert Sadler	30B Southgate, Chichester PO19 1DP

**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
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by majority of trustees

**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 Trustees of the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation (JBDF) began planning for the future of the JBDF and Denmans Garden, though these efforts were delayed by the pandemic. Those efforts will continue as Covid restrictions are lifted.

**Section C Objectives and activities**

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

The objects of the CIO are to advance the education of the public (and particularly landscape design and horticultural students) in the subject of landscape design and the design ethos of renowned landscape designer John Brookes MBE in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including through the delivery of lecturers, design courses, granting of awards and provision of hands-on horticultural design experience.

**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 trustees were unable to hold planned classes, lectures and masterclasses on landscape design because of the pandemic, but continued to work on developing relationships with other organizations and individuals to put in place programs to be resumed Covid restrictions as lifted.

Work on the restoration of Denmans Garden, which is associated with the Charity, continued and as a result, Denmans Garden was accepted in the Royal Horticultural Society's Partner Garden Scheme beginning in 2020.

In August 2020 Denmans was added as a Grade II garden to National Heritage List for England and agreed to open for the National Garden Scheme three times in 2021, Covid-permitting.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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

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

The volunteer program at Denmans that was started in 2019 continued and expanded in 2020 but in compliance with Covid restrictions. The intent remains to build a volunteer base to help sustain the garden and promote and tell its history.

An archivist was hired to begin the complex task of sorting through materials belonging to John Brookes MBE and Joyce Robinson. Despite Covid restrictions, he managed to organize the collections sufficiently to permit work to be started on editing a collection of Mr. Brookes essays and lectures to be published in October 2021 by Pimpernel Press. All royalties of the book will be earmarked for the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation.

An agreement was reached with the Aldingbourne Foundation (which supports people with learning disabilities and/or autism to lead independent lives) to plant and care for the planters at the entrance of the garden.

Discussions with the Snowdrop Trust to hold an event post-covid were initiated.

Other partnerships and working relationships with charities with complementary missions will continue to be explored.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

We have begun to post regular blogs about the garden on our website, denmans.org.

A glass artist created unique glassware pieces from glass taken from the old greenhouse.

We have continued to restore the garden which was badly neglected.

We have successfully continued to propagate plants for sale, continuing in the footsteps of the garden's founder, Joyce Robinson.

We have continued to collaborate with an organization called Garden Masterclass and held a virtual masterclass about the work of John Brookes MBE in June of 2020 that was internationally viewed.

Although we had planned to celebrate 50 years of gravel gardening at Denmans in 2020, we had to curtail our efforts to virtual events, including one with Garden Masterclass in May of 2020 and one with a landscape design organization based in Moscow.

## Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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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.

We qualified for gift aid in summer 2020, and continue to explore means of raising funds to support the John Brookes-Denmans Foundation. These efforts were slowed in these efforts by the pandemic.


## Section F Other optional information

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## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Gwendolyn van Paasschen	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	26 October 2021	

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE010291 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1171609**

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020  
for  
John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
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John Brookes Denmans Foundation

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The objective of the charity is to advance the education of the public (particularly landscape design and horticultural students) in the subject of landscape design and the design ethos of renowned landscape designer John Brookes MBE in such ways as the Trustees think fit, including through the delivery of lectures, design courses, granting of awards and provision of hands-on horticultural design experience.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, its constitution, and constitutes a charitable incorporated organisation, formed in accordance with the Charities Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27 October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms G W J Van Paasschen - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
John Brookes Denmans Foundation

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of John Brookes Denmans Foundation ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's 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 charity'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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
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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.

Robert Alistair Sadler  
ICAEW  
Robert Sadler & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants  
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27 October 2021

John Brookes Denmans Foundation

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	31.12.20 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.19 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		1,051	316,396
Other trading activities	2	3,191	1,739
Investment income	3	2,402	1,755
<b>Total</b>		<u>6,644</u>	<u>319,890</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds		-	1,440
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
General running of foundation		10,266	2,815
Other		<u>316</u>	<u>338</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>10,582</u>	<u>4,593</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(3,938)</u>	<u>315,297</u>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		324,717	9,420
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>320,779</u></u>	<u><u>324,717</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet  
31 December 2020

	Notes	31.12.20 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.19 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	7	5,626	5,942
Investment property	8	225,000	225,000
		230,626	230,942
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		91,317	95,180
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,164)	(1,405)
		90,153	93,775
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		320,779	324,717
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		320,779	324,717
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		320,779	324,717
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	10	320,779	324,717
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			
		320,779	324,717

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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Balance Sheet - continued

31 December 2020

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 October 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

G W J Van Paasschen - Trustee

M A Palmer - Trustee

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 5% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

### **Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Fundraising events	1,980	1,739
Items sold	1,211	-
	<u>3,191</u>	<u>1,739</u>

**3. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Royalties	1,017	1,755
Other fixed asset invest - FII	59	-
Deposit account interest	1,326	-
	<u>2,402</u>	<u>1,755</u>

**4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>316</u>	<u>338</u>

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**Trustees' expenses**

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>83</u>

**6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	316,396
Other trading activities	1,739
Investment income	1,755
<b>Total</b>	<u>319,890</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
Raising funds	1,440
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
General running of foundation	2,815
Other	338

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6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

Unrestricted  
fund  
£

**Total** 4,593

**NET INCOME** 315,297

**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS**

**Total funds brought forward** 9,420

**TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD** 324,717

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	6,160	120	6,280
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 January 2020	308	30	338
Charge for year	293	23	316
At 31 December 2020	601	53	654
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 December 2020	5,559	67	5,626
At 31 December 2019	5,852	90	5,942

8. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	225,000
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2020	225,000
At 31 December 2019	225,000

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**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Trade creditors	(1)	-
Other creditors	205	205
Accrued expenses	960	1,200
	1,164	1,405
	1,164	1,405

**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.20
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	324,717	(3,938)	320,779
	324,717	(3,938)	320,779
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	324,717	(3,938)	320,779

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	6,644	(10,582)	(3,938)
	6,644	(10,582)	(3,938)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	6,644	(10,582)	(3,938)

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.19
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	9,420	315,297	324,717
	9,420	315,297	324,717
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	9,420	315,297	324,717

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	319,890	(4,593)	315,297
	319,890	(4,593)	315,297
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	319,890	(4,593)	315,297

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**10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	9,420	311,359	320,779
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>9,420</u>	<u>311,359</u>	<u>320,779</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	326,534	(15,175)	311,359
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>326,534</u>	<u>(15,175)</u>	<u>311,359</u>

**11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	1,051	968
Legacies	-	315,428
	1,051	316,396
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Fundraising events	1,980	1,739
Items sold	1,211	-
	3,191	1,739
<b>Investment income</b>		
Royalties	1,017	1,755
Other fixed asset invest - FII	59	-
Deposit account interest	1,326	-
	2,402	1,755
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	6,644	319,890
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Costs re lectures	-	1,440
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Trustees' expenses	-	83
Website and sundry computer	19	108
Postage and stationery	-	2
Advertising	-	1,422
	19	1,615
<b>Other</b>		
Fixtures and fittings	293	308
Computer equipment	23	30
	316	338
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Insurance	53	-
<b>Other</b>		
Collating John Brookes archive	9,474	-
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	720	1,200

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Total resources expended	<u>10,582</u>	<u>4,593</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(3,938)</u>	<u>315,297</u>

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