

**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 2023  
for  
John Brookes Denmans Foundation

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

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

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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  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1DP

18 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

|                                    | Notes | 31.12.23<br>Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | 31.12.22<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>  |       |                                       |                                 |
| 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<br>Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | 31.12.22<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|--|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <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

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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   |



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

**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

|                      | 31.12.23          | 31.12.22          |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                      | £                 | £                 |
| Lectures and classes | -                 | 411               |
|                      | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

|                                | 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>      |

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

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

|                             | 31.12.23          | 31.12.22          |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                             | £                 | £                 |
| Depreciation - owned assets | 261               | 276               |
|                             | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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

|                                   | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <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                     |

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

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

|                                    | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |                           |
| Total funds brought forward        | 126,996                   |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> | <u>136,942</u>            |

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

|  | Fixtures<br>and<br>fittings<br>£ | Computer<br>equipment<br>£ | Totals<br>£  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>COST</b>                            |                                  |                            |              |
| At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023 | <u>6,160</u>                     | <u>120</u>                 | <u>6,280</u> |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>                    |                                  |                            |              |
| At 1 January 2023                      | 1,143                            | 82                         | 1,225        |
| Charge for year                        | <u>251</u>                       | <u>10</u>                  | <u>261</u>   |
| At 31 December 2023                    | <u>1,394</u>                     | <u>92</u>                  | <u>1,486</u> |
| <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<br>£ | 31.12.22<br>£ |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Trade creditors  | (1)           | -             |
| Other creditors  | 205           | 205           |
| Accrued expenses | <u>1,890</u>  | <u>960</u>    |
|                  | <u>2,094</u>  | <u>1,165</u>  |

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

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

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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<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund              | 20,565                     | (1,299)                    | 19,266                    |
|                           | <hr/>                      | <hr/>                      | <hr/>                     |
| <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<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.12.22<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                                  |                     |
| General fund              | 126,996        | 9,946                            | 136,942             |
|                           | <hr/>          | <hr/>                            | <hr/>               |
| <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<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund              | 20,211                     | (10,265)                   | 9,946                     |
|                           | <hr/>                      | <hr/>                      | <hr/>                     |
| <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<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | At<br>31.12.23<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                |                                  |                     |
| General fund              | 126,996        | 29,212                           | 156,208             |
|                           | <hr/>          | <hr/>                            | <hr/>               |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>        | <u>126,996</u> | <u>29,212</u>                    | <u>156,208</u>      |

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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<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                            |                            |                           |
| General fund              | 40,776                     | (11,564)                   | 29,212                    |
|                           | <hr/>                      | <hr/>                      | <hr/>                     |
| <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<br>£ | 31.12.22<br>£ |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <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         |
|                                 | <u>8,601</u>  | <u>4,152</u>  |
| <b>Total incoming resources</b> | <b>20,565</b> | <b>20,211</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>              |               |               |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>    |               |               |
| Website and sundry computer     | 108           | 86            |
| Advertising and sponsorship     | -             | 4,200         |
| Conservation planning           | -             | 3,996         |
|                                 | <u>108</u>    | <u>8,282</u>  |
| <b>Other</b>                    |               |               |
| Fixtures and fittings           | 251           | 264           |
| Computer equipment              | 10            | 13            |
|                                 | <u>261</u>    | <u>277</u>    |
| <b>Support costs</b>            |               |               |
| <b>Governance costs</b>         |               |               |
| Consultancy fees                | -             | 650           |
| Accountancy and legal fees      | 930           | 1,056         |
|                                 | <u>930</u>    | <u>1,706</u>  |
| <b>Total resources expended</b> | <b>1,299</b>  | <b>10,265</b> |
| <b>Net income</b>               | <b>19,266</b> | <b>9,946</b>  |

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

|             |                   |         |      |                 |    |               |
|-------------|-------------------|---------|------|-----------------|----|---------------|
|             | Period start date |         |      | Period end date |    |               |
|             | 01                | January | 2023 |                 | 31 | December 2023 |
| <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 |             |  |
|   |                                   |             |  |
|   | 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                   |   |
| 4  |                         |                 |                                   |   |
| 5  |                         |                 |                                   |   |
| 6  |                         |                 |                                   |   |
| 7  |                         |                 |                                   |   |
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| 17 |                         |                 |                                   |   |
| 18 |                         |                 |                                   |   |
| 19 |                         |                 |                                   |   |
| 20 |                         |                 |                                   |   |

### 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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|  |
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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Type of governing document<br>(eg. trust deed, constitution)        | Constitution                    |
| How the charity is constituted<br>(eg. trust, association, company) | CIO                             |
| Trustee selection methods<br>(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) 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.

## Section F

## Other optional information

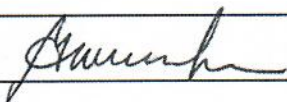


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| <b>Section G</b> | <b>Declaration</b> |
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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

Date 12 October 2024