FRIENDS OF KING HENRY'S WALK GARDEN

England & Wales · Charity number 1173019

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-05-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	King Henrys Walk Garden 11c King Henrys Walk Islington London N1 4NX
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Website	www.khwgarden.org.uk

Activities

Objects: 1. PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF ISLINGTON WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONALITY, AGE, DISABILITY, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE STATUTORY AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS; 2. MANAGE COMMUNITY GARDENS FOR THE RECREATION AND EDUCATION OF THE INHABITANTS OF ISLINGTON;3. ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 25 LIVING IN ISLINGTON BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:(A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;(B) ADVANCING EDUCATION.

Activities: Running a community garden, involving all the local community through education, recreation and social activities

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hackney
- Islington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£14,468	£6,346	-	-
2023-12-31	£16,719	£11,735	-	-
2022-12-31	£15,299	£13,747	-	-
2021-12-31	£13,510	£13,978	-	-
2020-12-31	£12,379	£21,096	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Philomine Wales	Chair	2017-03-25
David Harrison		2017-05-12
Fiona Kirk		2017-03-25
Simon Guy Halford Shaw		2025-04-27
Sonia Khan		2024-04-21

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SECTION A: REFEENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Friends of King Henry's Walk Garden

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Trustees 2024

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Sonia Khan (from April 2024, vice chair from June 2024)
Annabel Goulding (Treasurer – until April 2024, stepping down as a trustee at the same time)
Fiona Kirk (Secretary)
David Harrison
Jenny Morgan
Nicola Freshwater

Management committee 2024

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SECTION B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Friends of King Henry's Walk Garden is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Association) governed under its Constitution.

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New trustees undergo an induction on their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the Constitution, the committee, and decision-making processes, the budget and financial performance of the charity

The Board of Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to such risks

The Trustees also continue to review and update the garden policies, ensuring that they remain compliant with current legislation

SECTION C: OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's objectives are set out in its Constitution

- to improve the conditions of life for local people in the interests of social welfare by providing facilities for recreation and leisure activities, and by advancing education
- to manage community gardens for recreation and education of local people
- to act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 by providing assistance and organising activities to develop their skills and capabilities

To these ends King Henry's Walk Garden organises workshops and events, as well as ensuring the ongoing maintenance of the site.

The Board of Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit and taken the Charities Commission guidance into account when making decisions for which it is relevant.

SECTION D: ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Chair's Report

Welcome, Overview, and Impact

Community, recreation, and leisure

2024 concentrated on our core activities, which align with our charitable objectives (as noted above) to provide facilities for recreation and leisure activities for the local community, and support educational programmes. Activities include:

- Opening to the public at weekends throughout the year, keyholder membership is available to all.
- Our plots provide local people with the opportunity to grow 'from plot to plate'.
- Our monthly workdays, and annual events, are as much about fostering community (and social cohesion) as maintaining and fund raising for the garden.
- Participating in initiatives such as the National Garden Scheme, Open Garden Square, Green Flag award and In Bloom, provide the opportunity to engage with a wider audience, with visitors often subsequently joining as members
- In @)@4, events and workshops have focused on wildlife and sustainability. These also provide opportunities to involve the wider public
- The garden continues to act as a resource used regularly both by The Garden Classroom, and local school visits.

People

Trustees

The following Trustees were re-elected / elected at the 2024 AGM: Philomine Wales (chair) Sonia Khan (vice chair) Fiona Kirk (secretary) Jenny Morgan, Nicola Freshwater, David Harrison

2024 has been a year of change.

Annabel Goulding stepped down as treasurer April 2024, and as a Trustee at the same time. I must take this opportunity to thank her for the thorough and meticulous job she has done over the years, not least for continuing to keep the books during 2024, until we were able to find someone to replace her as treasurer.

Nicola Freshwater has also confirmed she will be standing down as a Trustee after 20 years of service to the garden, service not just as a trustee, but as a founder member, horticultural lead, running workdays, and much, much more. It is no exaggeration to say that the garden would not exist without her amazing input. There is a great interview with Nicola in the March 2025 issue of the garden's newsletter. A massive thank you is due. We are extremely lucky to have had such dedication

Jenny Morgan is also standing down as a trustee, also a very longstanding member of the garden, but has confirmed she is happy to continue to lead the greenhouse team

Many, many thanks to all three, all of them in their own ways fundamental to how the garden is today.

We are fortunate that Simon Shaw has come forward to take on the role of treasurer and has been well briefed by Annabel. We are reviewing how the horticultural lead might evolve, not least as taking on all Nicola has been doing is a mammoth job. Please do get on touch if this is an area you might be interested in getting involved with.

Management Committee

Sonia Khan formally joined the Management committee in April 2024, agreeing to become vice chair in June 2024. Annabel Goulding stepped down from her role as treasurer (as noted above) at last year's AGM, while continuing to keep the books until we found someone to replace her. We are fortunate that Simon Shaw has agreed to take on this role, joining the Management Committee December 2024, liaising closely with Annabel over the many and various aspects of the role.

All other members on the Management Committee listed at the beginning of this report have confirmed they are happy to continue to serve in the coming year. However, we are always looking for new members to join both the committee, and for help in non-committee roles. Please do consider getting in touch if you have a bit of time to offer help, however little.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of both committees personally for all the great work they do, also to the many other volunteers, who help make the garden what it is.

As in previous years, special thanks are due:

- To Nicola Freshwater, as noted above, for her tireless dedication to the garden
- To Annabel Goulding, again as noted above, for all her hard work as our treasurer over the years, as well as continuing to keep the books this year until a replacement was found. Annabel will continue to be the main contact for hires.
- To Sonia Khan, our vice chair, for taking on the Newsletter, also for enthusiastically advancing our sustainability agenda
- To Fiona Kirk, both as committee and membership secretary, organising renewals and garden rota, as well as looking after the apiary together with Hannah McDowall
- To Peter Clarke, for ensuring the continuing cyclical maintenance and regular smooth running of the garden
- To Jenny Morgan, and her team, for raising plants for sale in the greenhouse.
- To the monthly volunteer work session team, Nicola, Peter and Annabel. Those who attend will also vouch for the delicious homemade cakes provided in the break. We are actively looking for a horticultural lead or group to take on this important role.
- To David Harrison, for organising our annual Bio Blitz, led by Will Atkins and team, monitoring the range and diversity of the wildlife in the garden. The results are published on the website. Also for instigating the sustainability workshop held in September
- To George Littlejohn, who continues to act as our independent adviser, checking and signing off the annual accounts.
- And to many other garden members. Special mention to the fruit tree team, to Judith Palmer, who manages KHWG's social media presence and to Clare Jeapes who ensures all the garden's bird feeders are kept filled.
- We would also like to thank our ward councillors for their continuing support, and to Fiona Mackenzie-Cardy from Islington Parks Department, who ran our annual garden bird watch for us once again. Please forgive any omissions, it is the contributions by all members and supporters that make the garden such a special place and a real community - thank you!

Infrastructure and Maintenance

Education

The garden continues to be well used by our sister charity, The Garden Classroom. TGC brings in children from local schools, to use the many resources of the garden - the wildlife pond, apiary, woodland, clay oven, the green house, and four of the container planters, as well as the classroom itself - all highly valued to support authentic hands-on learning, developing the skills and capabilities of primary school children. They also use the garden's facilities for staff training, and a hub for their other activities.
We also maintain links with other local schools, nursery, and our church neighbour, who all visit the garden on a regular basis
All demonstrates how the Garden's activities meet the Charities Commission's public benefit requirements and are in line with our stated objectives.

The Garden Classroom (TGC) ran the following activities at King Henry's Walk Garden (KHWG):

- 100 half-day educational sessions for schools including 3 Samuel Rhodes plant care course
- 6 days Secret Garden Theatre Project including 1 day skills training
- 4 days first aid training
- 6 days team training
- 8 half-day team meetings and activities

Weekly visits by The Children's House School took place whenever possible during term time.
The preschool group connected with St Paul's Steiner School held an early evening lantern walk through the woodland for St Martin in November.

Membership
Membership has remained stable. As of the end of December 2024, there were 70 plots taken. We had 110 keyholders, and there were 31 names on the waiting list for plots. Our plot holders include a school and 2 churches, with containers tended by TGC as part of their education programme

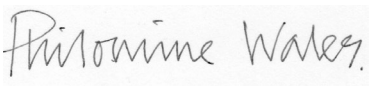
Internal Objectives
Specific objectives are set by the Trustees in January, in line with our charitable objectives (as set out in Section C of this report.

2024 Objectives.

- Membership – aim to encourage more active participation and involvement in all aspects of the running, and maintenance of the garden.
- Local community – focus on garden members and the local community with the aim of building on existing collaborations and exploring new opportunities
- Sustainability – to hold a sustainability event to assess the garden using the results to develop a policy which would align with Islington Council policies. This was held September 2024
- EDI Review – to identify and ensure completion of two projects, namely the steps with handrail and the benches including suitable arm rests, around the central planter. These projects are ongoing.

2025 Objectives

- To continue and build on the 2024 objectives
- Aim to assist and encourage plot holders to make the best use of their plots.
- Sustainability: to build on the momentum created by the autumn workshop and identify ways to develop our sustainability in practice beginning with event planning.



Philomine Wales

Chair

April 2025

SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's policy is to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to enable normal activities to continue for a period of up to 12 months should a shortfall in income occur and also to take account of contingencies that may arise.

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The annual receipts and payments account, statement of assets and liabilities plus reserves are given on the following pages.

King Henry's Walk Garden

Registered Charity 1173019

Receipts and Payments Account
for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Totals 2023
RECEIPTS				
Building Hire	2,796			3,425
Education	1,073			615
Events	4,530			5,969
Donations	428			134
Interest	776			509
Membership	3,415			3,455
Workshops	5			1,149
Sales	897			1,345
Community Projects	300			
Other	248			118
TOTAL RECEIPTS			14,468	16,719
PAYMENTS				
Running costs:				
Administration	1,096			1,117
Building Hire	4			
Education				300
Events	1,294			2,234
Workshops	573			1,140
Bees	790			369
Manure/compost				924
Bird Food	220			178
Community Projects	48			2
Maintenance General	292			173
Oven Costs / Supplies	81			152
Plants	294			92
Security				6
Tools	588			690
Total running costs			5,280	7,376
Total capital items			1,066	4,358
TOTAL PAYMENTS			6,346	11,735
NET INCOME			8,122	4,984

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 December 2024

CASH FUNDS		
Bank balance brought forward	9,609	
Bank balance as at 31 December		7,955
Deposit balances brought forward	30,746	
Deposit balances as at 31 December		40,522
TOTAL FUNDS		48,477

ASSETS RETAINED FOR OWN USE
Land and Building
Garden structures
Fixtures and fittings
Equipment
Tools
Stocks

LIABILITIES
Works

Signed on behalf of the Trustees Date

Name: Simon Shaw, Treasurer Date

Reserves
Our reserves policy is available on our website. See https://khwgarden.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/KHWG-Reserves2019policy.pdf

	2024/25	**Previous 2023/24**
General operating costs reserves	10,000	15,855
General maintenance reserves	5,000	
Designated reserves – see items below*	21,000	17,000
Future reserves	12,000	7,500
Surplus	477	
Total Funds	49,477	**40,355**

Our reserves policy requires us hold up to 10 months' general operating costs - which equates to £10,000 for the year. This would allow the opportunity to continue activities while identifying ways in which further funds might be raised. Additional reserves at the level of general maintenance costs for 2 years (£5,000) should also be retained to cover unforeseen needs over that period.

*The need for several urgent maintenance items and infrastructure projects relating to our 2025 objectives have been identified. Designated funds will be used as follows:

Steps and Handrails (EDI)	1,500
Boundary wall advice (Maintenance)	780
Boundary wall work (Maintenance)	10,000
Tree work (C0nservation)	3,000
Security work from 2024 to be paid in 2025	900
Replacement greenhouse (Infrastructure)	5,000
Total	**21,000**

Funding for one-off maintenance and repairs (which are not part of planned maintenance work) will be paid for from the designated reserves.

The reserves will be monitored during the year at the monthly management committee and biannual trustee board meetings. In addition, the policy will be reviewed annually as part of the financial accounting and budgeting processes.

SECTION F: FURTHER INFORMATION

2024 in summary

- Number of plots allocated at 31st December 2024 - **70**
- Number of Key holders at 31st December 2024 - **110**
- Number on waiting list at 31st December 2024 – **31**

Annual Events

- AGM and Members' Day 21st April
- Summer Fete 8th June
- Annual Bio Blitz 23rd June
- Winter Fair 7th December

Affiliated events

- Opening for the National Garden Scheme 6th May
- Opening for Open Garden Squares weekend 8th & 9th June

Workshops

- Our annual great garden bird watch - 27th January
- Sustainability workshop - 1st September

Awards

- Islington in Bloom – Gold
- Green Flag – pass
- RHS its your neighbourhood – Outstanding (88 points)

Volunteer hours worked (based on recorded and estimated hours)

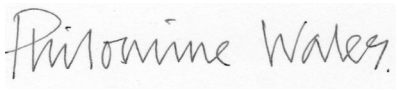
Committee	1,550	(estimated)
Weekend openings	642	(recorded)
Events	600	(estimated)
Workshops	80	(estimated)
Volunteers working in the garden	1,206	(recorded)
Total (approximation)	**4,078**	

SECTION G: DECLARATION

The Board of Trustees declare that they have approved the annual report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature



Full name: Philomine Frances Wales (Ms)

Position: Chair

Date: 27.04.25

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Trustees

Philomine Wales (Chair)
Annabel Goulding (Treasurer)
Fiona Kirk (Secretary)
Kirsty Slarke - until July 2023
David Harrison
Jenny Morgan
Nicola Freshwater

Management committee

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Fiona Kirk (Secretary)
Kirsty Slarke (Vice Chair) - until July 2023
Andy Parkinson - until July 2023
David Harrison
Jenny Morgan
Peter Clarke
Laurie Evans
Aliyah Naroth – until November 2023
Sonia Khan – from March 2023

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SECTION D: ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Chair's Report

Welcome, Overview and Impact

Community, recreation, and leisure. 2023 saw a return to our regular annual cycle of events after the upheaval of previous years. Post pandemic there has been an ever increasing awareness of how outdoor green space is fundamental to good mental health and wellbeing. This is very much aligned with King Henry's Walk Garden's core objectives (as noted above) to provide facilities for recreation and leisure activities for the local community.

- We open to the public at weekends throughout the year, keyholder membership is available to all.
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- Participating in initiatives such as the National Garden Scheme, Open Garden Square, Green Flag award and In Bloom, provide the opportunity to engage with a wider audience, with visitors often subsequently joining as members
- We have also run a small number of workshops around garden related topics. Both our events and workshops also provide opportunities to involve the wider public

Education. As well as our workshops, the garden is also well used by our sister charity, The Garden Classroom which brings children from local schools, to use the many resources of the garden - the wildlife pond, apiary, woodland, clay oven, the green house, and four of the container planters, as well as the classroom itself. All these are great facilities which support authentic hands-on learning, and developing skills and capabilities of primary school children. We also maintain links with other local schools, nursery, and our church neighbour, who all visit the garden on a regular basis

All of the above demonstrates how the Garden's activities meet the Charities Commission's public benefit requirements and are in line with our stated objectives.

Governance All existing garden policies have been reviewed during 2023, to ensure that they reflect current legislation and the way the garden now operates. This has been a major piece of work, taken on by members of both committees. These are all available on our website. Policies regarding the safe guarding of children, and of vulnerable adults are in the process of being finalised, with the intention that they will be uploaded shortly

People

Trustees
All 7 of the 2022 Trustees and Management Committee members were re-elected at the 2023 AGM last March (as listed at the beginning of this report). However, in July we were sorry to lose Kirsty Slarke both as a Trustee, and also from the Management Committee, when she left for new horizons in California. We wish her every success in her new life there. Annabel Goulding has also indicated that she will be stepping down as Treasurer this year. We are therefore looking for someone to take this on, although Annabel has indicated she will remain available as necessary. The five remaining trustees have confirmed that they are happy to stand for re-election - Fiona Kirk (secretary) Nicola Freshwater, Jenny Morgan, David Harrison, and myself (Phil Wales- Chair). Sonia Khan, who joined the Management Committee last March, has confirmed that she is also willing to stand. We always welcome others to consider joining, so please do consider this.

Management Committee
In the summer, Andy Parkinson resigned from the Management Committee, although he has continued to work to complete a number of projects and leading our monthly workdays up to the end of the year. We are truly appreciative of the time and energy he has dedicated to the garden since the very start of the garden. We are grateful to Peter Clarke for taking on overseeing the maintenance of the garden, and especially initiating members and volunteers in the important task of composting, and much more.

We must also thank Aliyah for her contribution in organising our workshops over the past year but understand family commitments now preclude her continuing a regular involvement.
We were pleased to welcome Sonia Khan to the management committee last March, and amongst other things taking over our newsletter from Jenny.
All other members on the Management Committee listed at the beginning of this report have confirmed they are happy to continue to serve in the coming year. However, we are always looking for new members to join both committees and for help in non-committee roles and will shortly be sending call outs for help with specific roles. Please do consider getting in touch if you have a bit of time to offer help, however little.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of both committees personally for all the great work they do, also to the many other volunteers, who help make the garden what it is. As in previous years, special thanks are due:

- To Annabel Goulding for her meticulous attention to our finances, ensuring the ongoing viability of the garden.
- To Fiona Kirk, both as committee and membership secretary, organising renewals and duty rota, as well as looking after the apiary together with Hannah McDowall
- To Peter Clarke, for ensuring the continuing cyclical maintenance and regular smooth running of the garden
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Infrastructure and Maintenance
The various projects carried out during 2023, and in the pipeline, are noted in the financial statement under designated funds.

Education

The Garden Classroom (TGC) ran the following activities at King Henry's Walk Garden (KHWG):

- 82 half-day educational sessions for schools including 8 Samuel Rhodes plant care courses
- 2 days sustainability champions for schools
- 5 days Secret Garden Theatre Project
- 6 days first aid training
- 3 days forest schools training
- 3 days continuing professional development
- 3 days team training
- 10 half-day team meetings and activities

Weekly visits by The Children's House School took place whenever possible during term time.
The preschool group connected with St Paul's Steiner School held an early evening lantern walk through the woodland for St Martin in November.

Membership
Membership has remained stable. As of the end of December 2022, there were 70 plots taken. We had 130 keyholders, and there were 41 names on the waiting list for plots. Our plot holders include a school and 2

churches, with 6 containers tended by TGC as part of their education programme with older children from Samuel Rhodes School .

Internal Objectives

In January of this year, the Trustees reviewed the objectives that had been set for 2023

- Membership – aim to encourage more active participation and involvement in the running of, and maintenance of the garden. The Trustees were in agreement that this objective had not been fully achieved, and should remain a focus for the garden going forward
- Local community – focus on garden members and the local community. Continue to build on collaboration with Chorley Mission and the Playground – little progress had been made with the playground partly due to a change of management but otherwise objective partially achieved in that the connection with Mildmay has been revived and there has been some collaboration with Olden Garden, sharing information on policies.

The following objectives were agreed for 2024, with the focus on developing the garden for recreation, and leisure activities for all, and to support the various education programmes.

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Chair

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Donations	134			56
Grants				1,520
Interest	509			67
Membership	3,455			3,527
Workshops	1,149			432
Sales	1,345			1,948
Other	118			138
TOTAL RECEIPTS			16,719	15,229
PAYMENTS				
Running costs:				
Accessibility				-
Administration	1,117			1,247
Building Hire				
Education	300			
Events	2,234			1,712
Grants				1,760
Workshops	1,140			350
Bees	369			1,060
Manure/compost	924			515
Bird Food	178			225
Community Projects	2			300
Maintenance General	173			714
Sales				9
Oven Costs / Supplies	152			4
Plants	92			312
Security	6			
Tools	690			287
Training				177
Website Hosting & Development				8
Total running costs		7,376		8,673
Total capital items		4,358		5,075
TOTAL PAYMENTS			11,735	13,747
NET INCOME			5,509	1,551

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 December 2023

CASH FUNDS		
Bank balance brought forward	5,133	
Bank balance as at 31 December		9,609
Deposit balances brought forward	30,238	
Deposit balances as at 31 December		30,746
TOTAL FUNDS		40,355

ASSETS RETAINED FOR OWN USE
Land and Building
Garden structures
Fixtures and fittings
Equipment
Tools
Stocks

LIABILITIES
Works

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name: Annabel Goulding, Treasurer Date 22/4/2024

Reserves

	Current 2023/24	Previous 2022/23	Increase / (decrease)	
Unrestricted Funds Reserves	15,855	15,870	(15)	(0.1%)
Restricted Funds				
Designated Funds - building/site fund - conservation/development fund	 17,000 7-500	 12,500 7,500	 5,000	 41.7**%**
Total Funds	**40,355**	**35,370**	**4,985**	**14.1%**

The Garden should hold in reserve up to 10 months' general operating costs which equates to £10,000 for the year. This would allow the opportunity to continue activities while identifying ways in which further funds might be raised. Additional reserves at the level of general maintenance costs for 2 years (£5,000) should be retained to cover unforeseen needs over that period. Current reserves equal £15,855 which represents a surplus of £855.

Designated funds to be used as follows

I. Replacement of plot edgings £1,500 Spring 2024
II. Replacement of benches around circular planter £4,500 Spring/Summer 2024
III. Resurfacing of paths and steps £9,000 Summer 2024
IV. Renovation of greenhouse and cold frames £4,500 Summer/Autumn 2024
V. Renovation of water infrastructure £1,500 Autumn 2024
VI. Renovations in woodland £1,500 Autumn/Winter 2024

Additional funds will be needed to meet costs which are not part of planned maintenance work

The reserves will be monitored during the year at the monthly management committee and biannual trustee board meetings. In addition, the policy will be reviewed annually as part of the financial accounting and budgeting processes.

SECTION F: FURTHER INFORMATION

2023 in summary
Number of plots allocated at 31 December 2023: 70
Number of key holders at 31 December 2023: 130
Number on waiting list at 31 December 2023: 41

Annual Events
We ran the following annual events

- AGM and Members' Day event 12th March
- Summer Fete 10th June
- Annual Bio Blitz 19th June
- Autumn Produce Show 16th September
- Winter Fair 9th December

Affiliated events

- Opening for the National Garden Scheme 1st May
- Opening for Open Garden Square Weekend 10th & 11th June

Awards

- Islington in Bloom: Silver award
- Green Flag: Pass (met all requirements of the award)
- RHS Its your Neighbourhood: Outstanding

Workshops
We ran the following workshops (some lead by garden members)

- Our garden Bird Watch 28th January
- 2 sessions of drawing in the garden
- Book making,
- 3 Chelsea Fringe Events – Natural dyeing, Eco printing, and Taking a poem for a walk
- Our ever popular ice cream workshop with La Grotta Ices
- Brilliant Bees family event
- Fire Craft with pewter
- Festive decoration

Do let us know if you have ideas or can offer help with this year's programme

Volunteer hours worked (all estimated and from recorded hours)

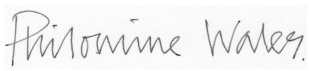
Committee	1550
Weekend openings	580
Events	725
Workshops	100
Volunteers working in the garden	1750
TOTAL (Approx)	**5730**

SECTION G: DECLARATION

The Board of Trustees declare that they have approved the annual report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures(s):



Full name(s):

Philomine Frances Wales

Position(s) Chair (Trustees)

Date:

22nd April 2024

FRIENDS OF KING HENRY'S WALK GARDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1173019

Accounts

KING HENRY'S WALK garden

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SECTION A: REFEENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Friends of King Henry's Walk Garden

Registered charity number 1173019

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SECTION B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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New trustees undergo an induction on their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the Constitution, the committee and decision-making processes, the budget and financial performance of the charity

The Board of Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to such risks

SECTION C: OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's objectives are set out in its Constitution

- to improve the conditions of life for local people in the interests of social welfare by providing facilities for recreation and leisure activities, and by advancing education
- to manage community gardens for recreation and education of local people
- to act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 by providing assistance and organising activities to develop their skills and capabilities

To these ends King Henry's Walk Garden organises an annual programme of workshops and events as well as ongoing maintenance of the site.

The Board of Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit and taken the Charities Commission guidance into account when making decisions for which it is relevant.

SECTION D: ACHEIVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Chair's Report

Welcome and Overview

It has been good to finally be getting back to some sort of pre-pandemic normality this year, holding our first AGM for two years last March, and for almost all of our regular events and activities to take place over the year.

People

All of the 2021 Trustees and Management Committee members were re-elected at last year's AGM and are happy to continue to serve in the coming year. We are however always looking for new members to join both committees and also for help in non-committee roles. Please do consider getting in touch if you have a bit of time to offer help, however little.

The members of our Trustees and Management Committee are listed at the beginning of this report. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them personally for all of the great work they do, and also to the many other volunteers, who help make the garden what it is. As in previous years, special thanks are due:

- To Annabel Goulding for her meticulous attention to our finances, ensuring the ongoing security of the garden.
- To Fiona Kirk, both as committee and membership secretary, organising renewals and duty rota, as well as, with Hannah McDowall, looking after the apiary
- To Kirsty Slarke, whose 'can do' approach taking on organising workshops, events, and much else when something needs doing
- To our site manager Andy Parkinson, and deputy site manager Peter Clarke, who continue to ensure both annual maintenance and infrastructure repair and upgrades happen.
- to Jenny Morgan who has edited (and almost entirely written) our much enjoyed quarterly newsletter for many years, as well as masterminding what happens in the greenhouse. Jenny is stepping down from doing the Newsletter, so we are looking at how to fill this gap, to keep everyone up to speed as to what's happening in the garden.
- To Nicola Freshwater, who together with Andy, run our monthly volunteer work sessions. Those who attend will also vouch for the delicious homemade cakes they provide.
- To David Harrison, for organising our annual Bio Blitz, lead by Will Atkins and team, which has become an annual event, monitoring the range and diversity of the wildlife in the garden. The results are published on the website
- And to many other garden members. Special mention to Becky Tabram and Peter who look after the fruit trees, to Judith Palmer, who manages KHWG's social media presence (do look out for and follow her daily Instagram posts @khwgarden), and to Clare Jeapes who ensures all the garden's bird feeders are kept filled.

We should also like to thank our ward councillors for their continuing support, and Fiona Mackenzie-Cardy from Islington Parks Department, who ran our annual garden bird watch for us one again.

And to the Shed Quintet whose loyal performances at our events are always much appreciated

Please forgive any omissions, it is the contributions by all members and supporters that make the garden such a special place and a real community - thank you!

Infrastructure and Maintenance
A year ago, the garden received an unexpected donation from Waitrose, via their green token scheme. The money has been used to fund a new bench, located by the clay oven; a 'Magpost' positioned between the pond and the lawn, for detailed wildlife observation; and some replacement fruit trees.

Nicola, Andy and Peter have created an annual maintenance plan, as well as continuing with the larger scale projects. The major projects both carried out during 2022, and in the pipeline are noted in the financial statement under designated funds.

As well as considering accessibility when renewing or repairing garden infrastructure, the Trustees have set the objective of looking at sustainability solutions at the heart of all we do in maintaining the garden, with the aim to match Islington's target to achieve net zero carbon by 2030.

Education
The Garden Classroom (TGC) ran the following activities at King Henry's Walk Garden (KHWG):

- 61 half-day educational sessions for schools including 17 Samuel Rhodes plant care courses.
- 1 day sustainability champions for schools
- 9 days workplace wellbeing sessions for Islington Parks Department
- 5 days Secret Garden Theatre Project (KHWG sponsoring two places)
- 8 mornings Little Explorers Out and About (with external funding secured by the Garden)
- 6 days first aid training
- 9 half-days team training
- 17 half-days team meetings and activities

Weekly visits by The Children's House School took place whenever possible during term time.
The preschool group connected with St Paul's Steiner School held an early evening lantern walk through the woodland for St Martin in November.

Workshops
We were delighted to run our garden Bird Watch in January with Islington Parks Ranger, Fiona Cardy-MacKenzie. Other workshops included drawing in the garden, poetry in the garden and our ever popular ice cream workshop with La Grotta Ices

Annual Events
As noted previously, we were able to run most of our regular annual events;

- Our AGM and Members' Day event on March
- Opening for the National Garden Scheme at the beginning of May
- Our Summer Fete, in June, held in conjunction with Open Garden Square Weekend
- Our Winter Fair in December

Unfortunately, we decided with regret that it would be inappropriate to hold the Autumn Show as the date fell within the Official Mourning Period following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth

Membership
Membership has remained stable. As of the end of December 2022, there were 70 plots taken, with one plot retained for the bees as before. We had 102 keyholders, and there were 39 names on the waiting list for plots.

Our plot holders include a school and 2 churches, with 6 containers tended by TGC as part of their education programme with older children from Samuel Rhodes School.

Internal Objectives

In January the Trustees reviewed the objectives set at the beginning of 2022

- DDA must be considered in all projects
- Membership – aim to encourage more active participation and involvement in the care and maintenance of the garden
- Sustainability
    - Link to Islington target to be carbon neutral by 2030
    - set interim goals to monitor progress
    - consideration of all 17 Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs), with an initial focus on Climate Action (goal 13) where it is felt most impact can be achieved.
- Local community
    - focus on garden members and the local community
    - Build on collaboration with Chorley Mission and the Playground

At the beginning of this year (2023) the Trustees reviewed these objectives and felt that DDA and Sustainability should now be embedded into all of the garden's activities. It was therefore agreed that the focus of the 2023 objectives should continue to be:

- Membership – aim to encourage more active participation and involvement in the running of, and maintenance of the garden
- Local community – focus on garden members and the local community. Continue to build on collaboration with Chorley Mission and the Playground

Philomine Wales

Chair

February 2023

SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's policy is to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to enable normal activities to continue for a period of up to 12 months should a shortfall in income occur and also to take account of contingencies that may arise.

Its policy is to hold surplus funds in an interest bearing account with a UK bank or building society. Key criteria in selection are ethical investment, low risk with fair rate of return and ease of access.

The annual receipts and payments account, statement of assets and liabilities plus reserves are given on the following pages.

King Henry's Walk Garden
Registered Charity 1173019

Receipts and Payments Account
for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2022

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Totals 2020
RECEIPTS				
Building Hire	2,304			750
Education	835			703
Events	4,471			2,245
Donations	56			1,205
Grants		1,520		3,899
Interest	67			38
Membership	3,527			3,740
Workshops	432			-
Sales	1,948			930
Other	138			-
TOTAL RECEIPTS			15,229	13,510
PAYMENTS				
Running costs:				
Accessibility				-
Administration	1,247			1,315
Building Hire				40
Education				830
Events	1,712			1,213
Grants		1,760		3,279
Workshops	350			-
Bees	1,060			279
Manure/compost	515			715
Bird Food	225			283
Community Projects	300			-
Maintenance General	714			291
Sales	9			13
Oven Costs / Supplies	4			328
Plants	312			314
Security				119
Tools	287			681
Training	177			-
Website Hosting & Development				8
Total running costs		8,673		9,706
Total capital items		5,075		4,272
TOTAL PAYMENTS			13,747	13,978
NET INCOME			1,551	(468)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 December 2022

CASH FUNDS		
Bank balance brought forward	3,649	
Bank balance as at 31 December		5,133
Deposit balances brought forward	30,171	
Deposit balances as at 31 December		30,238
TOTAL FUNDS		35,371

ASSETS RETAINED FOR OWN USE
Land and Building
Garden structures
Fixtures and fittings
Equipment
Tools
Stocks

LIABILITIES
Works

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name: Annabel Goulding, Treasurer Date

Reserves

	Current 2022/23	Previous 2021/22	Increase / (decrease)	
Unrestricted Funds Reserves	15,870	15,499	371	2.4**%**
Restricted Funds		320	(320)	
Designated Funds - building/site fund - conservation/development fund	 12,000 7-500	 12,500 5-500	 (500) 2,000	 (0.4**%)** 36.4**%**
Total Funds	**35,370**	**33,819**	**1,551**	**4.6**

The Garden should hold in reserve up to 10 months' general operating costs which equates to £10,000 for the year. This would allow the opportunity to continue activities while identifying ways in which further funds might be raised. Additional reserves at the level of general maintenance costs for 2 years (£5,000) should be retained to cover unforeseen needs over that period. Current reserves equal £15,870 which represents a surplus of £870.

Designated funds will be used as follows

I. Upgrading of electrical installations £1,500 Winter 2022/23
II. Renovation of water infrastructure £1,500 Spring 2023
III. Renovations in woodland £1,500 Spring/Summer 2023
IV. Replacement of benches around circular planter £3,000 Summer 2023
V. Resurfacing of paths and replacement of plot edgings £9,000 Summer/Autumn 2023
VI. Renovation of greenhouse £3,000 Autumn 2023

Additional funds will be needed to meet costs which are not part of planned maintenance work

The reserves will be monitored during the year at the monthly management committee and biannual trustee board meetings. In addition, the policy will be reviewed annually as part of the financial accounting and budgeting processes.

SECTION F: FURTHER INFORMATION

2022 in summary

Membership

Number of plots allocated at 31 December 2022: **70** (one plot retained for the bees)
Number of key holders at 31 December 2022: **102**
Number on waiting list at 31 December 2022: **39**

Seasonal events

AGM, Members' Day held 26th March
Summer Fete held 11th June
Bio Blitz held 19th June
Autumn Produce Show cancelled due to coinciding with the official period of mourning following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth
Winter Fair held 11th December

Affiliated events

National Garden Scheme opened 3rd May
Open Gardens Square Weekend opened 11th and 12th June

Awards

Islington in Bloom: **Gold Award and 3rd Place**
Green Flag: **Community Award**
RHS Its your Neighbourhood: **Outstanding**

Workshops

6 (bird watch, 2 x art, Bio Blitz, poetry, ice cream) Total attending approx. **56**

Volunteer hours worked (estimated)

Committee: admin and meetings:	1500
Weekend openings and duty rota:	580
Events:	576
Organising and running workshops:	18
Volunteers working in the garden	1726

(includes workdays, maintenance and infrastructure, bees, greenhouse, birds, media, and newsletter etc)

TOTAL (approximately) **4400**

Grant funding

£1,520 from Islington Local Initiatives Fund to run Little Explorers Out and About in association with The Garden Classroom

SECTION G: DECLARATION

The Board of Trustees declare that they have approved the annual report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures(s)

Full name(s)

Position(s)

Date

FRIENDS OF KING HENRY'S WALK GARDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1173019

Accounts

KING HENRY'S WALK garden

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SECTION A: REFEENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Friends of King Henry's Walk Garden

Registered charity number **1173019**

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Kirsty Slarke (co-opted from July)
David Harrison
Jenny Morgan
Nicola Freshwater

Management committee

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Annabel Goulding (Treasurer)
Fiona Kirk (Secretary and Apiary)
Kirsty Slarke (Vice Chair)
Andy Parkinson (Site Manager)
David Harrison (Sustainability)
Jenny Morgan (Greenhouse)
Peter Clarke (Deputy Site Manager)
Laurie Evans
Charlotte Barrow (from Autumn 2021)
Aliyah Naroth (from Autumn 2021)

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SECTION C: OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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- to act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 by providing assistance and organising activities to develop their skills and capabilities

To these ends King Henry's Walk Garden organises an annual programme of workshops and events as well as ongoing maintenance of the site.

The Board of Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit and taken the Charities Commission guidance into account when making decisions for which it is relevant.

SECTION D: ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Chair's Report

Welcome and Overview

March 2021 - March 2022 continued to be incredibly tough for all of us, with many of us struggling to keep going, knocked back by the ongoing impact of the pandemic. We have been lucky to be able to enjoy the community and the peaceful oasis that is KHWG to help us through.

People

As it was again not possible to hold the 2021 AGM due to the Pandemic, the current Trustees and members of the Management Committee remained in post.

Following Amanda Hall stepping down from the Trustees last year, we decided to co-opt Kirsty Slarke to the board to fill the vacancy, delighted to welcome her enthusiasm and great Aussie 'can do' approach. We were also pleased that Charlotte Barrow and Aliyah Naroth came forward to join the Management Committee. Charlotte has been able to provide help with the website, and Aliyah is joining Kirsty to start organising our 2022 workshop programme. Sadly Charlotte is moving away, so will be stepping down shortly.

All other current Trustees and Members of the Management Committee have confirmed that they will be willing to stand for re-election in 2022. However, we would very much welcome new members to stand for both committees, and also for help in non-committee roles. Please do consider getting in touch if you have a bit of time to offer help, however little. We really do need more people to spread the load in keeping the garden in shape. The 2021 Annual Report noted the range of different roles the members of the Management Committee (and others) take on, to ensure the smooth running of the garden, and this is again listed in this report.

The Management Committee meets once a month, ensuring what needs doing is done. We then have some specialist teams, who work in the Greenhouse, care for the bees, fruit tree maintenance, organise our workshops, and mastermind the annual events. Also organising the weekly Duty rota, publishing our monthly Bulletin and quarterly Newsletter, running the monthly workdays, as well as overseeing maintenance, finances, building and garden hires, and membership, arranging for manure deliveries, keeping the clay oven running, and much else.

All of the committee members are volunteers and do all of the above, and more, in their spare time. They are all brilliant and the garden could not function without their dedication. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them personally for all of the great work they do, and also to the many other volunteers, who help make the garden what it is, and my apologies to those not named in person.

As always, an especial thanks to our site manager Andy Parkinson, for his huge dedication and enthusiasm in ensuring the infrastructure of the garden remains in good shape, organising teams of volunteers to perform Herculean tasks. In recognition of his tireless assistance over many years, Peter Clarke has now been officially given the role of deputy site manager.

Thanks also are due to Annabel Goulding who has managed our accounts with forensic accuracy, allowing us to have confidence in both our short term financial security and longer term project planning for renewal of infrastructure and improvement.

To Alison Fell who works with Jenny Morgan in the greenhouse to produce plants for sale and for the garden. Jenny also edits (and frequently writes the majority of) the quarterly Newsletter, which

has received many compliments over the past year for its positive and uplifting content. Do get in touch with Jenny with suggestions to share news and ideas around the garden

We also need to mention the Bee team (Fiona Kirk and Hannah McDowall) whose hard work looks after the bees. The bees have struggled this year, but we hope 2022 will be kinder to them as well as us. The fruit trees are ably looked after by Becky Tabram and Peter; Judith Palmer manages KHWG's social media presence and has continued to post uplifting images of the garden throughout the year; and Clare Jeapes ensures all the garden's bird feeders are kept filled.

And to Nicola Freshwater who spends so much thought and time looking after the communal planting, and together with Andy, runs the workdays, always with a delicious cake bake-off. And indeed to all the volunteers who regularly turn up in all weathers, to ensure the garden is looking its best.

We continue to develop a superb wildlife haven, rich in bio-diversity, and as identified by the findings from this year's Bio Blitz, and thank Will Atkins (pond-life), Annie Chipchase and Maria Roberts of the London Natural History Society (flora), Clare Jeapes (birds), and Russell Miller (bees) for the help they have regularly given us in our annual Bio Blitz which has monitored our biodiversity.

We should also like to thank our ward councillors for their continuing support, and Fiona Mackenzie-Cardy from Islington Parks Department, who continues to run our annual garden bird watch

And a thank you too, to the Shed Quintet whose loyal performances at our events are always much appreciated

Please forgive any omissions, it is the contributions by all members and supporters that make the garden such a special place and a real community - thank you!

Infrastructure and Maintenance

Nicola, Andy and Peter have been working on creating an annual maintenance plan, as well as continuing with the larger scale projects. The major projects in the pipeline are noted in the financial statement under designated funds.

As well as considering accessibility when renewing or repairing garden infrastructure, the Trustees have set the objective of looking at sustainability solutions at the heart of all we do in maintaining the garden, with the aim to match Islington's target to achieve net zero carbon by 2030.

Education

The Garden Classroom ran the following activities at King Henry's Walk when it was possible to do so

- 72 half-day educational sessions for school classes
- 4 days forest schools training for preschool teachers
- 5 days Secret Garden Theatre Project
- 10 mornings Little Explorers Out and About with external funding secured by the Garden
- 5 sessions of work experience for children with autism funded by the Garden as a pilot project
- 8 days team training
- 11 half-day team meetings

Weekly visits by The Children's House School happened when possible under coronavirus restrictions in place.

The preschool group connected with St Paul's Steiner School held an early evening lantern walk through the woodland for St Martin in November.

The Orchard Project held two workshops at the Garden over a weekend in August on plant physiology and biodiversity

Workshops

Once again we managed to run our garden Bird Watch in January with Islington Parks Ranger, Fiona Cardy-MacKenzie. Our workshop programme was otherwise curtailed by the restrictions and uncertainty imposed by the pandemic.

Annual Events

For a second year the pandemic disrupted our plans. We had to cancel our AGM for the second year running. We also were unable to hold two of our three annual fund raisers - the Summer Fete, and Autumn Produce Show, and the Pensioners' strawberry tea was unable to go ahead.

However we were pleased that we were able to open for the National Garden Scheme in May, and to hold our annual Bio Blitz in June. It was great we could get together at a much postponed Members' Day event in September, and we were able to proceed with the Winter Fair in December.

Membership

Membership has remained stable. As of the end of December 2020, there were 66 plots taken, 2 were out of use due to fox activity, one was retained for the bees, and some members had moved. We had 151 keyholders, and there were 52 names on the waiting list for plots.

Our plot holders include a school and 2 churches, with 6 containers tended by TGC as part of their education programme with older children from Samuel Rhodes School. KHWG retained 1 plot for the bees.

The garden was closed to the public while COVID restrictions applied, although those down for duty rota worked in the garden when able. Only 6 out of 12 of the monthly workdays were able to take place. Workdays were held with strict protocols in place from July through to December.

Objectives

In January the Trustees reviewed the objectives set at the beginning of 2021

- DDA - no further progress, this must remain a key objective
- To prepare an annual maintenance plan – a draft is in progress
- Sustainability – some improvements with more organised recycling at events, reduction of single use plastic.
- Local community
    - There has been an increase in key holder membership with a total of 151 at end of December 2021.
    - Working with Chorley Mission at the winter fair was a successful collaboration.
- To continue with 2020 objectives (as noted in previous minutes)
    - Local Community – a focus on garden members and the local community
    - Sustainability – link with Islington target to be carbon neutral by 2030.

The Trustees set the following objectives to be achieved in 2022

- DDA must be considered in all projects

- Membership – aim to encourage more active participation and involvement in the care and maintenance of the garden
- Sustainability
    - Link to Islington target to be carbon neutral by 2030
    - set interim goals to monitor progress
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Philomine Wales
Chair

March 2022

SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

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King Henry's Walk Garden

Registered Charity 1173019

Receipts and Payments Account
for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds	£ Totals 2020
RECEIPTS				
Building Hire	750			240
Education	703			821
Events	2,245			-
Donations	1,205			192
Grants		3,899		3,591
Interest	38			103
Membership	3,740			3,640
Workshops	-			-
Sales	930			3,793
Community Projects	-			-
TOTAL RECEIPTS			13,510	12,379
PAYMENTS				
Running costs:				
Accessibility	-			548
Administration	1,315			1,283
Building Hire	40			-
Education	830			-
Events	1,213			-
Grants		3,279		3,491
Workshops	-			83
Bees	279			1,182
Manure/compost	715			770
Bird Food	283			222
Community Projects	-			-
Maintenance General	291			71
Sales	13			-
Oven Costs / Supplies	328			-
Plants	314			343
Security	119			56
Tools	681			154
Training	-			-
Website Hosting & Development	8			8
Total running costs			9,706	8,212
Total capital items			4,272	12,884
TOTAL PAYMENTS			13,978	21,096
NET EXPENDITURE			(468)	(8,717)

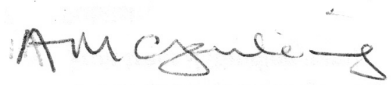
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 December 2021

CASH FUNDS		
Bank balance brought forward	4,155	
Bank balance as at 31 December		3,649
Deposit balances brought forward	30,133	
Deposit balances as at 31 December		30,171
TOTAL FUNDS		33,820

ASSETS RETAINED FOR OWN USE
Land and Building
Garden structures
Fixtures and fittings
Equipment
Tools
Stocks

LIABILITIES
Works

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Name: Annabel Goulding Date: 21St February 2022

Reserves

	2021/22	2020/21	Increase / (decrease)	
Unrestricted Funds Reserves	15,499	15,287	212	1.4%
Restricted Funds	320		320	
Designated Funds				
- building/site fund	12,500	12,000	500	4.2%
- conservation/development fund	5-500	7,000	(1,500)	(21.4%)
Total Funds	**33,819**	**34,287**	**(468)**	**(1.4%)**

The Garden should hold in reserve up to 10 months' general operating costs which equates to £10,000 for the year. This would allow the opportunity to continue activities while identifying ways in which further funds might be raised. Additional reserves at the level of general maintenance costs for 2 years (£5,000) should be retained to cover unforeseen needs over that period. Current reserves equal £15,499 which represents a surplus of £499.

Designated funds will be used as follows

I. Renovation of woodland shed and apiary £2,500 Winter 2021/22
II. Renovation of tables and benches £1,500 Spring 2022
III. Renovation of compost bins and wood stores £1,500 Spring/Summer 2022
IV. Replacement of benches around circular planter £2,500 Summer 2022
V. Resurfacing of paths and replacement of plot edgings £7,500 Summer/Autumn 2022
VI. Renovation of greenhouse £2,500 Autumn 2022

Additional funds will be needed to meet costs which are not part of planned maintenance work

The reserves will be monitored during the year at the monthly management committee and biannual trustee board meetings. In addition, the policy will be reviewed annually as part of the financial accounting and budgeting processes.

SECTION F: FURTHER INFORMATION

2021 in summary
Number of plots allocated at 31 December 2020: 66
Number of key holders at 31 December 2020: 151
Number on waiting list at 31 December 2020: 52

Seasonal events
AGM, Summer Fete, Autumn Produce Show all cancelled due to the pandemic
Members' Day held 18th September
Winter Fair held 11th December

Affiliated and other events
National Garden Scheme opened 3rd May
Bio Blitz held 13th June

Awards
Islington in Bloom: no award
Green Flag: Community Award
RHS Its your Neighbourhood: cancelled due to the pandemic

Workshops and other events
1 (approx. 10 attendees with social distancing)
No others organised due to pandemic

Volunteer hours worked (all figures estimated and approximate)

Committee: Admin and meetings: 1660
Weekend openings and duty rota: 510
Events: 245
Workshops: 15
Volunteers working in the garden : 760
(includes workdays, bees, birds, greenhouse, etc)
TOTAL 3,150

Grant funding
A £2,000 award by the Worshipful Company of International Bankers was supplemented with a £1,500 grant from Islington Local Initiatives Fund to run Little Explorers in association with The Garden Classroom

SECTION G: DECLARATION

The Board of Trustees declare that they have approved the annual report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures(s)	
Full name(s)	Philomine Frances Wales
Position(s)	Chair
Date	2 March 2022

FRIENDS OF KING HENRY'S WALK GARDEN

England & Wales - Charity number 1173019

Accounts

KING HENRY'S WALK garden

Annual Report 2021









SECTION A: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Friends of King Henry's Walk Garden
Registered Charity no **1173019**

Trustees

Philomine Wales (Chair)
Annabel Goulding (Treasurer/Vice Chair)
Fiona Kirk (Secretary)
David Harrison
Jenny Morgan
Nicola Freshwater
Amanda Hall – stepped down January 2021

Management committee

Philomine Wales (Chair)
Kirsty Slarke (Vice Chair from March 2020)
Annabel Goulding (Treasurer/until March Vice Chair)
Fiona Kirk (Secretary)
Andy Parkinson
David Harrison
Elizabeth Ward - stepped down October 2020
Jenny Morgan
Laurie Evans
Peter Clarke
Suzanne Brayley - stepped down March 2021

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Cover images: the four seasons in the garden - Photos by Judith Palmer

SECTION B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Friends of King Henry's Walk Garden is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Association) governed under its Constitution.

Trustees up to a maximum of seven are elected by members at Annual General Meeting. The Board of Trustees may co-opt others as needed to fill vacancies or skills gaps until the next Meeting.

New trustees undergo an induction on their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the Constitution, the committee and decision-making processes, the budget and financial performance of the charity

The Board of Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to such risks

SECTION C: OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's objectives are set out in its Constitution:

- To improve the conditions of life for local people in the interests of social welfare by providing facilities for recreation and leisure activities, and by advancing education
- To manage community gardens for recreation and education of local people
- To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 by providing assistance and organising activities to develop their skills and capabilities

To these ends King Henry's Walk Garden organises an annual programme of workshops and events as well as ongoing maintenance of the site.

Please note that during 2020 the exceptional circumstances the pandemic has affected the charity's ability to run the annual programme of workshops and events.

The Board of Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit and taken the Charities Commission guidance into account when making decisions for which it is relevant.

SECTION D: ACHEIVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE:

Chair's Report

Welcome and Overview

March 2020 - March 2021 has been an incredibly tough year for all of us, with many of us struggling to keep going, feeling anxious and isolated. But Covid has also thrown into sharp relief the power of community and the importance of green space for mental wellbeing, making us value even more than ever the peaceful oasis that is KHWG.

People

Unfortunately, external pressures have reduced the membership of both the Trustee and the Management Committees.

In January 2021, Amanda stepped down as a Trustee, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Amanda for all her contributions as a Trustee over the years.

Liz and Suzanne have both stepped down from the Management Committee. A special thank you to Liz who for over 10 years managed the duty rotas and the events plans (allocating the various jobs to the volunteers) with amazing good humour, even when people cancelled at short notice. Suzanne contributed to our workshop programme for 3 years, something we hope to revive as soon as we are able. Thank you to you both.

All current Trustees and Members of the Management Committee confirmed that they were willing to stand for re-election in 2021. As it was not possible to hold the AGM due to the Pandemic, the current officers remain in post. We have a number of vacancies for new members to join both committees, and always need help in non-committee roles, so please do get in touch if you are able to volunteer.

Last year we listed the range of different roles the members of the Management Committee (and other garden members) take on, to ensure the smooth running of the garden. It is worth repeating. It's an impressive amount of work. We have some specialist teams, working in the Greenhouse, caring for the bees, fruit tree maintenance, organising our workshops, and masterminding the annual events. Also organising the Duty rota, publishing our quarterly Newsletter and monthly Bulletin, organising the monthly workdays, as well as overseeing maintenance, finances, and membership, organising manure for plots, keeping the clay oven running, and much else.

All of the committee members are volunteers and do all of the above, and more, in their spare time. They are all brilliant and the garden could not function without their dedication. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for the great work they do, and also the many other volunteers, who help make the garden what it is, and my apologies to those not named in person.

Again especial thanks to our site manager Andy, for his huge dedication and enthusiasm in ensuring the infrastructure of the garden remains in good shape, organising teams of volunteers to perform Herculean tasks. The bridge and decking are now looking brilliant, with new balustrading being next project. I must also thank our local councillors, and especially Jenny Kay, for supporting us with this work.

Thanks also are due to Annabel who has managed our accounts with forensic accuracy, allowing us to have confidence in both our short term financial security and longer term project planning for renewal of infrastructure and improvement. To Alison who works with Jenny in the greenhouse to produce plants for sale and for the garden. Jenny also edits (and frequently writes the majority of) the quarterly Newsletter, which has received many compliments over the past year for its positive and uplifting content.

The Bee team (Fiona and Hannah) whose hard work looks after the bees, providing honey for sale and much more; the Fruit tree team (Becky and Peter); Judith who manages KHWG's social media presence and has posted uplifting images of the garden throughout the year; and Clare who ensures all the garden's bird feeders are kept filled. Last but by no means least, Nicola and Andy for continuing to run the workdays, always with a delicious cake bake-off, and also to everyone who regularly turn up in all weathers, to ensure the garden is looking its best. Forgive any omissions, it is the contributions by all members that make the garden a real community - thank you!

It is with much sadness we remember Terrance Sweeny and Michael Woolley, both of whom died during 2020. Terrance was a founder member of the garden, and many will remember how much in later days, he enjoyed seating at the circular bench appreciating the peace of the garden. Michael was fundamental in advising on and caring for the fruit trees, which are such a feature of the garden. They will both be missed, but the legacy of their major contributions to the garden remain.

Infrastructure and Maintenance

We had already started to tackle the major project of rebuilding the bridge and pathway round the wildlife pond, including replacing the decking, both of which needed attention after 11-12 years. This has continued during 2020 with the main focus on replacing the pond balustrades with the handsome oak railings now in place, providing a long term, sustainable structure.

We have also managed to start on works to improve accessibility around the garden. We previously commissioned an audit of the garden, identifying areas which needed to be addressed to meet Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements. Our aim is to consider this as part of any works that are needed. The toilet has been upgraded, as was the entry keypad - both location and ease of use.

We also managed to refurbish the classroom over the summer, making some changes to improve the working arrangements, as well as carrying out essential repairs.

Education

The Garden Classroom ran the following activities at the garden when it was possible to do so:

- 4 half-day educational sessions for school classes in January/February
- 3 day sessions for teachers (including 2 days forest schools training)
- 2 days Secret Garden Theatre Project
- 10 mornings Little Explorers Out and About
- 14 half-day team meetings

Weekly visits by The Children's House School were not able to go ahead under coronavirus restrictions in place at the garden.

The preschool group connected with St Paul's Steiner School were able to hold an early evening lantern walk through the woodland for St Martin's Day on 5 November.

Workshops

We were able to run our garden Bird Watch in January with Islington Parks Ranger, Fiona Cardy-MacKenzie. Our workshop programme was then completely curtailed by the restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

Annual Events

Again due to the pandemic, we had to cancel the AGM, and members' day events, and were unable to hold any of our three annual fund raisers. Other annual activities, such as our bio blitz, and the much enjoyed strawberry tea also had to be cancelled.

Membership
Membership remained stable, at the end of December 2020, with 71 plots taken, 2 were out of use due to fox activity, and one was retained for the bees. We had 130 keyholders, and there were 34 names on the waiting list for plots.
Our plot holders include a school and 2 churches, with 6 containers tended by TGC as part of their education programme with older children from Samuel Rhodes School.

The garden was closed to the public for the duration of each national lockdown to comply with COVID restrictions. Only 8 out of 12 of the monthly workdays were able to take place, with none during March to June inclusive due to COVID. We were able to hold workdays with strict protocols in place July to December.

Objectives
We set ourselves the following objectives to be achieved in 2020**:**

- Disability Access. To start to implement the DDA Report's recommendations, by categorising items into:
  - those which could be done immediately and independently of other projects, and action these
  - those that would be included within other projects currently being undertaken, or as part of cyclical maintenance
- Local community. To build on links with other community gardens, and other local groups.
- Develop a plan for annual and cyclical maintenance
- Sustainability. Continue to review all garden projects to ensure the best environmental outcomes (reduce, reuse, recycle)

Philomine Wales
Chair

March 2021

SECTION E: FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's policy is to maintain reserves at a level sufficient to enable normal activities to continue for a period of up to 12 months should a shortfall in income occur and also to take account of contingencies that may arise.

Its policy is to hold surplus funds in an interest-bearing account with a UK bank or building society. Key criteria in selection are ethical investment, low risk with fair rate of return and ease of access.

The annual receipts and payments account, statement of assets and liabilities plus reserves are given on the following pages.

King Henry's Walk Garden
Registered Charity 1173019

Receipts and Payments Account
for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020

	£ Unrestricted Funds	£ Restricted Funds	£ Total Funds
RECEIPTS			
Building Hire	240		
Education	821		
Events	-		
Donations	192		
Grants		3,591	
Interest	103		
Membership	3,640		
Workshops	-		
Sales	3,793		
Community Projects	-		
TOTAL RECEIPTS			12,379
PAYMENTS			
Running costs:			
Accessibility	548		
Administration	1,283		
Building Hire	560		
Events	-		
Grants		3,491	
Workshops	83		
Bees	1,182		
Manure/compost	770		
Bird Food	222		
Community Projects	-		
Maintenance General	71		
Plants	343		
Security	56		
Tools	154		
Training	-		
Website Hosting & Development	8		
Total running costs			8,212
Total capital items			12,884
TOTAL PAYMENTS			21,096
NET EXPENDITURE			(8,717)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 December 2020

CASH FUNDS		
Bank balance brought forward	12,974	
Bank balance as at 31 December		4,155
Deposit balances brought forward	30,027	
Deposit balances as at 31 December		30,133
TOTAL FUNDS		34,287

ASSETS RETAINED FOR OWN USE
Land and Building
Garden structures
Fixtures and fittings
Equipment
Tools
Stocks

LIABILITIES
Woodland conservation

For signature by the Treasurer on behalf of the trustees

Name: Date

Reserves

	2021	2020	Increase / (decrease)	%
Unrestricted Funds Reserves	15,287	15,501	(214)	(1.4)
Restricted Funds				
Designated Funds				
- building/site fund	12,000	20,000	(8,000)	(4.0)
- conservation/development fund	7,000	7,500	(500)	(6.6)
Total Funds	**34,287**	**43,001**	**(8,001)**	**(18.6)**

The Garden should hold in reserve up to 10 months' general operating costs which equates to £10,000 for the year. This would allow the opportunity to continue activities while identifying ways in which further funds might be raised. Additional reserves at the level of general maintenance costs for 2 years (£5,000) should be retained to cover unforeseen needs over that period. Current reserves equal £15,287, which represents a surplus of £287.

Designated funds will be used as follows

I. Woodland tree work £4,500 January 2021
II. Renovation of bee shed £2,000 Spring 2021
III. Replacement of benches around circular planter £2,500 Spring/Summer 2021
IV. Resurfacing of paths and replacement of plot edgings £7,500 Summer/Autumn 2021
V. Renovation of greenhouse £2,500 Autumn 2021

Additional funds will be needed to meet costs which are not part of planned maintenance work

The reserves will be monitored during the year at the monthly management committee and biannual trustee board meetings. In addition, the policy will be reviewed annually as part of the financial accounting and budgeting processes.

SECTION F: FURTHER INFORMATION

2020 in summary
Number of plots allocated at 31 December 2020: 71
Number of key holders at 31 December 2020: 130
Number on waiting list at 31 December 2020: 34

Seasonal events
All cancelled due to the pandemic

Affiliated events
All cancelled due to the pandemic

Awards
Islington in Bloom: cancelled due to the pandemic
Green Flag: Community Award
RHS Its your Neighbourhood: cancelled due to the pandemic

Workshops
1 (approx. 15 attendees with social distancing) (no others organised due to pandemic)

Volunteer hours worked (estimated)

Committee: 3,750 *(estimated on the basis of 5 committee members working an average of 10 hours per week; 5 committee members working an average of 5 hours per week)*

Weekend openings and duty rota: 350 (estimate of duty rota, reduced time during lock down)

Events: 0

Workshops: 5

Volunteer workdays: 240

TOTAL (Approx) 3,995

Grant funding
A £3,990 grant was awarded by Comic Relief Community Fund to run Little Explorers in association with The Garden Classroom

SECTION G: DECLARATION

The Board of Trustees declare that they have approved the annual report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures(s)

Full name(s)

Position(s)

Date