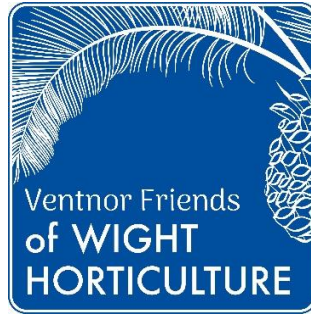




# VENTNOR FRIENDS OF WIGHT HORTICULTURE

REGISTERED CIO No. 1174571

**President:** Mike Fitt OBE

## **Report and financial statements for the Year Ended 31st September 2025.**

### **Trustees 2024/2025**

Mrs Anne Hornett  
Mrs Jennifer Parker  
Mrs Sally Peake

Mrs Valerie Pitts  
Mrs Bridgette Sibbick

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### **Executive Committee**

Val Pitts  
Bridgette Sibbick  
Jenny Parker  
John Bagshawe  
Anne Hornett  
Sally Peake  
Bridgette Sibbick  
Ros Whistance  
Jessica Lewis  
Katalin Zongar

Chairman  
Hon Treasurer  
Hon Secretary  
  
Membership and Events  
Events  
Events  
Ventnorensis  
Webmaster and IT adviser  
Publicity (co-opted in 2025)

## Objects

Our charity's purposes as set out in our governing document are for the public benefit to promote education in botany, horticulture, ecology and environmental science across the Isle of Wight, and in furtherance of the objects in particular but not exclusively by:

(a) stimulating interest and advancing knowledge through a variety of events and activities including walks, talks, outings and workshops

(b) supporting students in pursuing a career in horticulture in particular but not exclusively by awarding grants

(c) supporting appropriate projects or initiatives as the trustees see fit for the advancement of public mental and physical health and well-being in parks and gardens in Ventnor and elsewhere on the Isle of Wight

## Achievements and Performance

October 2024 to end September 2025 was a year of change and consolidation for our charity.

We completed the required procedures to change the official name and the objects of the charity, which were ratified at the EGM in December with the prior approval of the Charity Commission.

We then set about implementing all the bureaucratic changes necessary to change the name on the bank accounts and in countless other places and to prepare new literature reflecting the changes and to promote our new image.

We were particularly proud to launch our Simon Goodenough Bursary Scheme to encourage Islanders pursuing a career in horticulture.

Fun and fund-raising activities continued to the benefit of members and to fulfill charitable aims, including visits and talks, among others. These events are also open to members of the public. We are very grateful for the large input of time by all those Members that makes these events possible.

A small volunteer task force of members continued to assist Ventnor Town Council with the ongoing maintenance of flower beds at the entrance to their Council office building. This enhances the public's enjoyment of the area and also serves to raise awareness of the Charity.

In addition we funded an achievement award for a horticultural student at the Isle of Wight College.

Two issues of *Ventnorensis*, our highly-valued colourful and informative magazine for members, were produced. The new website continued to be a promotional tool for the Society, along with regular e-mails for members and other supporters.

Consideration of the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) have been reviewed to ensure compliance and a review of Governance continued.

# Ventnor Friends of Wight Horticulture

CIO number 1174751

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS

as at 30 September 2025

|                       | 2025<br>£ | 2024<br>£ |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Current Assets</b> |           |           |
| Cash at Bank          |           |           |
| Current account       | 369       |           |
| Business Reserve      | 20,269    |           |
| Liquidity             | 50,281    |           |

|                     |               |               |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Assets</b> | <b>70,919</b> | <b>67,060</b> |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|

### Represented by:

|                    |                  |               |               |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Restricted Funds   | Education        | 20,257        | 20,086        |
|                    | "Tropical House" | 5,247         |               |
| Unrestricted Funds |                  | 45,415        | 46,974        |
| <b>Total Funds</b> |                  | <b>70,919</b> | <b>67,060</b> |

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 30 September 2025

### 1) Accounting Policies

All Income and Expenditure is dealt with on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Commission for a charity of our size

### 2) Restricted Funds

#### I) The Education Fund

This fund has been renamed from 1st October 2025 as The Simon Goodenough Bursary Fund

#### II) The "Tropical House Fund"

This is the remnant of a long-completed appeal for funds to replace panes of glass in the Tropical House at VBG. It meets the Charity Commission criteria to be declared a failed fund and redesignated for other purposes with the Commission's permission

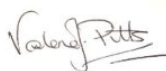
### Policy on Designated Funds

- It is VFWH's policy to allocate receipts of an ad hoc nature, such as legacies or one-off specific grants or donations to Designated Funds
  - The capital will be kept intact until such time as a suitable application of such funds is identified, if not previously stipulated
  - The income from the capital will be added to other funds and used for the benefit of the Charity as a whole in accordance with its objects
- No such ad hoc donation was received in 2024-25

### 3) Trustees' Remuneration

No remuneration was paid to Trustees

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
for the Year ended 30 September 2025

|                                         | 2025<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2025<br>Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Sub<br>totals<br>£ | 2025<br>Total<br>Funds<br>£ | 2024<br>Funds<br>£ | Sub<br>totals<br>£ |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>                  |                                    |                                  |                    |                             |                    |                    |
| Subscriptions                           | 3,610                              |                                  |                    | 3,610                       | 4,350              |                    |
| General Donations                       | 1,026                              |                                  |                    | 1,026                       | 1,714              |                    |
| Donations (Education/Bursary)           |                                    | 276                              |                    | 276                         | 0                  |                    |
| Legacies                                |                                    |                                  |                    | -                           | 500                |                    |
| HMRC (Gift Aid Reclaim)                 | 325                                |                                  |                    | 325                         | 1,185              |                    |
|                                         |                                    |                                  | 5,237              |                             |                    | 7,749.00           |
| Income from charitable activities       |                                    |                                  |                    |                             |                    |                    |
| Café botanique                          | 1,127                              |                                  |                    | 1,127                       | 1,366              |                    |
| Water Mill visit                        | 290                                |                                  |                    | 290                         |                    |                    |
| Decorations workshop                    | 155                                |                                  |                    | 155                         |                    |                    |
| Soup lunch                              | 231                                |                                  |                    | 231                         |                    |                    |
| Garden visit                            | 24                                 |                                  |                    | 24                          |                    |                    |
| Other                                   |                                    |                                  |                    |                             | 5,314              |                    |
| Total                                   |                                    |                                  | 1,827              |                             |                    | 6,680.00           |
| Adverts in Ventnorensis                 | 70                                 |                                  |                    | 70                          | 35                 |                    |
| Interest                                | 949                                | 77                               |                    | 1,026                       | 1,019              |                    |
| <b>Total Income</b>                     | <b>7,807</b>                       | <b>353</b>                       |                    | <b>8,160</b>                | <b>15,448</b>      |                    |
| <b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>               |                                    |                                  |                    |                             |                    |                    |
| Staging events                          | 1,029                              |                                  |                    | 1,029                       | 5,333              |                    |
| Ventnorensis                            | 930                                |                                  |                    | 930                         | 1,837              |                    |
| Website and IT                          | 680                                |                                  |                    | 680                         | 811                |                    |
| Trustee & Officers Insurance            | 653                                |                                  |                    | 653                         | 552                |                    |
| Public Liability                        | 80                                 |                                  |                    | 80                          | 80                 |                    |
| Donations to VBG                        | -                                  |                                  |                    | -                           | 13,223             |                    |
| Subscriptions                           | 137                                |                                  |                    | 137                         | 160                |                    |
| Legal & Professional fees               | 400                                |                                  |                    | 400                         | 1,096              |                    |
| General management costs                | 392                                |                                  |                    | 392                         | 158                |                    |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>                | <b>4,301</b>                       | <b>-</b>                         |                    | <b>4,301</b>                | <b>23,250</b>      |                    |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit) for Year</b>       | <b>3,506</b>                       | <b>353</b>                       |                    | <b>3,859</b>                | <b>-7,802</b>      |                    |
| <b>Balance of Funds Brought Forward</b> |                                    |                                  |                    | <b>67,060</b>               | <b>77,864</b>      |                    |
| <b>Balance of Funds Carried Forward</b> | <b>45,414</b>                      | <b>25,504</b>                    |                    | <b>70,919</b>               | <b>67,060</b>      |                    |