

Friends of Burton Manor Gardens

Accounts for the Year Ended 30th November 2024

Receipts and Payments Account

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Receipts

Subscriptions	646	600
CWAC Grant	0	0
Donations	317	452
Rent	4800	6000
HMRC Gift Aid	77	157
Bank Interest	893	382
Teas and Books	1131	878
Plants and Gardening	2387	2355
Room Hire	621	1165
Courses and Events	0	0
Direct debit Refund	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>

Total Income	<u>10872</u>	<u>11998</u>
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Payments

Insurance	666	549
Glasshouse Repairs	4491	0
Repairs and Renewals	210	210
Cleaning	569	855
Stationery and Computer Consumables	39	111
Catering and General	221	226
Course and Events	300	0
Gardening Supplies	1436	720
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	0	0
Building Materials	804	218
Equipment	2016	898
Sundry Items/Office/Phone	<u>970</u>	<u>1119</u>
Overpayment		

Total Expenditure	<u>11722</u>	<u>4906</u>
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Surplus of Income for the year	-850	7093
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Movements within the Total Funds during the Year

Funds as at 30th November 2023

Barclays Premium Account	5362	
Barclays Current Account	60378	
Petty Cash Float	<u>160</u>	
		65900

Movement within Year		65900
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Surplus for the year		-850
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Total Funds as at 30th November 2024		<u>65050</u>
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Funds represented by:

Barclays Current Account	2744
Barclays Premium Account	62271
Petty Cash Float	35

Total Funds as at 30th November 2024	<u>65050</u>
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Chairman's Report March 2025

It seems hard to credit that another year has gone by ! Another year of planting, harvesting, weeding, maintenance, and improvements. All carried out, in the main, by our intrepid band of volunteers, supplemented where necessary by contractors for some of the more specialist tasks.

Despite adverse weather during the late Winter and early Spring, we can safely say that the gardens have never looked better - for which our thanks go to the hard work of our excellent team of volunteers. We are pleased to have welcomed several new members to the group during the year but, as always, we could do with more of them. Unfortunately we are inevitably an aging group and, often due to the economic pressures of modern life, younger supporters just haven't got the time to spare. But we are always on the lookout for new volunteers !

Arrangements for the daily opening of the walled garden have had to been revised to take account of the availability of individuals to unlock and close each day. We are grateful to some of the new residents who are now helping out with this task.

Repairs to the glasshouse are on-going. More work has been carried out on the roof, heating arrangements and electrical improvements are complete, floors are about to be sanded and sealed, and new kitchen units will be installed very soon. All of which will enable us to offer our improved facilities for hire by even more local groups for their meetings and family events.

Plant and bookshop sales continue to provide a steady source of income which helps to fund supplies of compost, seed, bulbs etc. Copious quantities of wood chippings and manure are always needed, and thankfully we've been able to source these locally. Rental income enables us to replace equipment as required, as well as funding improvements around the gardens. Work is almost finished on replacing the raised beds with just some tidying up to complete. Repairs to pathways, steps, edgings etc is a never-ending task, together with the replacement of tables and benches.

The gardens continue to be very popular with visitors. Although it only applies to a small minority, there is still an issue with dog owners who don't pick up, or leave their bags in the bushes. This can make maintenance of the shrubberies or cutting grass a rather unpleasant experience, and we ask all dog owners to keep their dogs on a lead and to pick up after them.

Building of the new houses in the lower park is complete and most of them are now occupied. Work is proceeding rapidly on 'Mawson Lodge' overlooking the sunken garden and we look forward to welcoming more new neighbours in the coming year.

Finally a special thank you to the Trustees who do things way and beyond simply gardening - managing all the issues of running The Friends:- insurance, accounting, taking bookings, buying supplies, organising events, and a dozen and one other jobs that often go unrecognised. In accordance with our constitution, each year in rotation, one third of the trustees are required to retire from office. This year, after many years of serving as Trustees, Giles Nance and Georgie Harland have decided not to stand for re-election. But thankfully both will be continuing their involvement as active volunteers, both in the garden and the office for which we are very grateful.

Thank you to all the subscribing members of The Friends. We look forward to your continued support - and hopefully some more volunteers !

Gavin Hunter
Chairman FoBMG
March 2025