

Chairman's Report

Another year, another annual report – which, in some ways, is a reiteration of last year's !

Thanks to all the volunteers who turn up week in, week out, come rain or shine, to look after the gardens. Weeding, planting, harvesting – that never ending cycle ! As always we could do with more volunteers. Inevitably we lose some, but this year we've gained a few more and on balance the numbers remain about the same. Unfortunately the pressures of modern life seem to preclude the younger people having the time to be involved. Welcome to those who have joined us, and everyone please continue to spread the word.

Thanks to the trustees and officials who do sterling work behind the scenes to keep the organization going. To Georgie, our honorary secretary. To Tony. Our treasurer, and his assistant, Linda, who keep control of our finances and prepare the annual returns required by the Charity Commission. Welcome to Gwilym, co-opted as a trustee this year and up for election this year along with myself, Peter and Michelle, who have all agreed to stand for re-election

A special mention goes to the team who have made a great job of renewing the raised beds, fences and paths, and have now started on the strawberry beds – all victims of time and weather. And thanks to all the other volunteers who, apart from the sizeable task of maintaining the gardens, help with cleaning, catering, and maintenance. To those who look after the bookshop, which makes a significant contribution to our finances, along with the plant stall which is always kept well stocked by Sarah.

Spring is here. Visitor number appear to be on the rise. The gardens are looking excellent. Disruption by the building work is over. The houses are all sold, apart from Mawson Lodge which remains unoccupied. The future of The Manor itself is uncertain as a result of financial difficulties of the business occupying it. Who knows what the next year will bring ? What we do know is that we're all getting older and an injection of younger volunteers must be essential to our continued existence.

So, ... on behalf of The Friends of Burton Manor Gardens, thank you to all our supporters. Keep coming !

Gavin Hunter. Chairman

March 2026

Friends of Burton Manor Gardens CIO , Charity no 1175483

Accounts for the Year Ended 30 November 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

| Receipts | y/e 30.11.25 | y/e 30.11.24 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Subscriptions | 630 | 646 |
| Donations | 348 | 317 |
| Rent | 3000 | 4800 |
| HMRC Gift Aid | 77 | 77 |
| Bank Interest | 871 | 893 |
| Books | 1394 | 1131 |
| Plants | 3026 | 2387 |
| Room Hire | 685 | 621 |
| Courses and Events | 103 | 0 |
| Direct Debit Refund | <u>105</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total Income | <u>10239</u> | <u>10872</u> |
| Payments | | |
| Insurance | 526 | 666 |
| Glasshouse Repairs | 8278 | 4491 |
| Repairs and Renewals | 120 | 210 |
| Cleaning | 218 | 569 |
| Stationery and Computer Consumables | 146 | 39 |
| Catering and General | 241 | 221 |
| Courses and Events | 0 | 300 |
| Gardening Supplies | 3109 | 1436 |
| Fire Extinguisher Maintenance | 134 | 0 |
| Building Materials | 1872 | 804 |
| Equipment | 1017 | 2016 |
| Sundry items/Office/Phone | <u>978</u> | <u>970</u> |
| Total Expenditure | <u>16639</u> | <u>11722</u> |
| Surplus of Income for the Year | -6400 | -850 |

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Movements within the Total Funds during the Year

Funds as at 30 November 2024

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|---|-----------|--------------|
| Barclays Premium Account | 62271 | |
| Barclays Current Account | 2744 | |
| Petty Cash Float | <u>35</u> | |
| | | 65050 |
| Movement within Year | | 65050 |
| Surplus for the Year | | -6400 |
| Total Funds as at 30 November 2025 | | <u>58650</u> |

Funds represented by:

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|---|-----------|--------------|
| Barclays Current Account | 441 | |
| Barclays Premium Account | 58142 | |
| Petty Cash Float | <u>67</u> | |
| Total Funds as at 30 November 2025 | | <u>58650</u> |