

GERANIUM TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1176738

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-01-19

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED, BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE

Activities: Geranium Trust offers friendship & support to less fortunate & disadvantaged members of society including the elderly, people with Special Educational Needs & those living with loneliness & feeling isolated. We organise regular tea parties, roast dinners, gardening groups, nature walks and wildlife studies. We also run an LGBT plus support group with monthly coffee mornings & Sunday roast dinners

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£6,542	£4,370	-	-
2024-09-30	£5,718	£3,011	-	-
2023-09-30	£14,235	£5,094	-	-
2022-09-30	£4,865	£2,552	-	-
2021-09-30	£1,860	£619	-	-
2020-09-30	£4,512	£1,205	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
TERENCE JOHN PALFREY	Chair	2018-02-11
ANN TATE		2018-02-11
Angie Beeston		2020-02-22
David Robert Hughes		2026-03-26
Lynne Harvey		2026-03-26
NEIL JONES		2018-02-11
Stephen John Kemp		2020-08-12

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I'm pleased to report that our charity is growing as each year passes. The trustees decided that we should continue to concentrate our efforts by offering support to those who can come to Court House and not to try to expand into other areas for the time being. Court House, and the Gardens, is open every day. We offer friendship and support to anyone who is feeling alone, isolated and in need of a friend. We do this by organising weekly and monthly events all involving food. These are a weekly "Coffee and Chat" with light lunch. Two monthly Sunday Roast Dinners. One for the elderly in the area and another for the Gay Community. A monthly afternoon tea party and a Christmas Day Lunch. We served approximately 1650 meals during the year, most cooked by Brian our volunteer cook.

Our Open garden was not such a great success as usual because the only day that it rained, for most of the summer, was on 7th June, the day of our open garden. Takings were down from the usual £1000 plus to just over £700.

Once again Terry Bennett, our treasure, kindly offered to drive our older friends down to Weymouth in July, on one of his vintage buses. 44 of us traveled down in style on the 1961 Open Topped Seaside Bus. Everyone had the most amazing time. One of our travelers is not able to walk far so we took a wheelchair and Brian, George and I took turns to push him around the town. Several of us ended up having fish and chips in Wetherspoon's and later, Ice creams on the sea front.

It was decided by the trustees that as we have a fairly good bank balance we can support a small charity, Breakaway, that offers discounted holidays for carers and poorer families in

their holiday caravan based in Exmouth. We supported several holidays during summer of 2025. Breakaway is based in Stoford and was founded in the 1990's.

I can report that the Wildlife Haven at Court House is looking very good and is well used by many locals and not so local people. Throughout the year you will see people walking the green paths that are kept mowed by Keith our volunteer ranger. Some with their dogs, others just taking a walk and enjoying the wildlife.

Geoff's Meadow is looking good now that some of the trees are getting to a reasonable size. All of the trees are planted in memory of loved ones. Most have been purchased and donated to Geoff's Meadow - Memory Garden which is now registered with the organisation "Small Pilgrim Places".

Terence J. Palfrey - Founder Chair
(A.K.A Paul Peters)

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Income & Expenditure Account for the period 1 October 2024 - 30 September 2025

Income:		1/10/23 - 30/9/24
Donations & Grants	£ 4,037.17	£ 1,346.05
Open Garden (net)	£ 710.00	£ 313.00
LGBT Lunches	£ 650.76	£ 631.00
Other Lunches	£ 487.54	£ -
Tea Parties	£ 290.68	£ 457.44
Sale of Donated Books	£ 138.83	£ 255.34
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	£ 117.58	£ 2,676.11
Coffee Mornings	£ 71.28	£ -
Sales Table	£ 36.81	£ -
Sundry Income	£ 1.00	£ -
Use of Premises	-	£ -
In Memoriam	-	£ 40.00
Donations in respect of Presentations	-	£ -
	£ 6,541.65	£ 5,718.94
Expenditure:		
Food	£ 2,154.01	£ 1,302.31
Donations/Grants made	-£ 950.00	£ -
Insurance	£ 521.50	£ 517.25
Sundry Expenditure	£ 387.51	£ 418.73
Kitchen Sundries	£ 139.31	£ -
Garden	£ 128.05	£ 388.16
Travelling expenses	£ 63.00	£ -
Website Expenses	£ 12.46	£ 217.96
Equipment	£ 9.00	£ 167.00
Stationery & Printing	£ 5.00	£ -
Cleaning Materials	-	£ -
Bank/PayPal Charges	-	£ -
Electricity	-	£ -
Professional Fees	-	£ -
In Memoriam	-	£ -
	£ 4,369.84	£ 3,011.41
Net surplus for period to date	£ 2,171.81	£ 2,707.53
Reconciliation:		
1 October 2024:		
Cash	£ -	
NatWest Bank Current Account	£ 24,828.04	
Debtors	£ -	
Creditors	-£ 191.99	
	<hr/>	£ 24,636.05
+ Surplus for year to date	<hr/>	£ 2,171.81
		£ 26,807.86
30 September 2025:		
Cash	£ 0.00	
NatWest Bank Current Account	£ 26,849.77	
Debtors	£ -	
Creditors	-£ 41.91	
	<hr/>	£ 26,807.86
Loans outstanding		£ -
		£ 26,807.86
Restricted Funds		£ 1,506.40

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I'm pleased to report that the Geranium Trust is going from strength to strength as the years pass by with more and more guests visiting Court House for the many weekly, monthly and annual events that we hold.

During the year we decided that we should, in the future, concentrate our efforts supporting events held at and around Court House and in the Yeovil area. We also decided that by offering a meal or food, even if it's just a cake or a bowl of homemade soup, more guests came and struck up friendships with other guests. This all goes back to when the G.T. was founded in the summer of 2017, a few months after Geoff died, when I decided to hold a 'Tea Party' for the old folk in Barwick and Stoford. Just two guests came to that first tea party and although now both in the late 90's they still come every month.

Our LGBT+ Support is still offering friendship to around 40 regulars with the monthly 'Drop In Coffee Morning' and the monthly Sunday Roast dinner.

At the end of the summer of 2024 we decided that the 'Tuesday Gardening Group' should be re-named and become 'Tuesday Coffee & Chat' and as winter approached we registered the Barn at Court House as a warm space. We regularly have more than 20 guest coming along between 10 am and 4 pm and as some were not keen to leave when it was time to go home

Brian, our volunteer cook decided to ask them to stay on for a hot meal and 12 or so did. After the first meal a couple of our guests said that they would like to cook the meal and did so. Even I cooked a couple of meals!

Our memory garden 'Geoff's Meadow' has really started to look fantastic with many of the little trees now growing into a 2 acre woodland garden. Keith, our volunteer gardener and wildlife ranger, keeps it looking good cutting the grass almost daily and planting flowering plants and bulbs around trees and in the many flower beds. Most of the trees are planted in memory of a loved one and many have their departed loved one's ashes place under the tree.

The rest of the Court House estate of around 23 acres is now a flourishing wildlife haven with many species of wild flowers, trees, birds, snakes butterflies and mammals. Some are quite rare in this part of Somerset. We have planted 12 Black Poplar trees which will be magnificent when they are fully grown. But, sadly that's going to be long after I am here to see them.

On July the 16th we took a trip to Weymouth on a 1961 open topped bus. 35 or so older people, most of whom had lost their husband, wife or partner, enjoyed the day at the seaside. Terry, the owner and driver of the bus, took the long way home via Portland Bill where many alighted the bus for a 10 minutes break. We arrived back in Stoford just after 7 pm having had the most

wonderful day. We hope to make this a regular annual event.

The trust's finances are in good shape as you will see from our treasure's report.

Terence "Paul" Palfrey
Founder - Chair
The Geranium Trust

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Income & Expenditure Account for the period 1 October 2023 - 30 September 2024

Income:			1/10/22 - 30/9/23
Donations & Grants	£	1,346.05	£ 12,551.89
LGBT Lunches	£	631.00	£ 783.50
Tea Parties	£	457.44	£ 280.44
Sale of Donated Books	£	255.34	£ 278.22
Open Garden (net)	£	313.00	£ 240.75
Use of Premises		-	£ 80.00
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	£	2,676.11	£ 20.64
Sales Table		-	£ -
Other Lunches		-	£ -
Donations in respect of Presentations		-	£ -
In Memoriam	£	40.00	£ -
Sundry Income		-	£ -
		£ 5,718.94	£ 14,235.44
Expenditure:			
Food	£	1,302.31	£ 724.54
Garden	£	388.16	£ 512.03
Insurance	£	517.25	£ 174.16
Equipment	£	167.00	£ 3,622.00
Sundry Expenditure	£	418.73	£ 19.77
Cleaning Materials		-	£ 15.13
Website Expenses	£	217.96	£ 12.46
Stationery & Printing		-	£ 11.00
Bank/PayPal Charges		-	£ -
Kitchen Sundries		-	£ 3.41
Electricity		-	£ -
Professional Fees		-	£ -
In Memoriam		-	£ -
		£ 3,011.41	£ 5,094.50
 Net surplus for period to date	 £	 2,707.53	 £ 9,140.94
Reconciliation:			
1 October 2023:			
Cash	£	58.77	
NatWest Bank Current Account	£	25,855.65	
Debtors	£	-	
Creditors	-£	3,985.90	
			£ 21,928.52
+ Surplus for year to date			£ 2,707.53
			£ 24,636.05
30 September 2024:			
Cash	£	-	
NatWest Bank Current Account	£	24,828.04	
Debtors	£	-	
Creditors	-£	191.99	
			£ 24,636.05
Loans outstanding			£ -
			£ 24,636.05
Restricted Funds			£ 1,506.40

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This year we have seen things slowly returning back to normal after a couple of difficult years following the pandemic. But, sadly we are finding that many of those who come to our events are still finding life a bit of a struggle with some saying that they are suffering from stress and anxiety brought on by the cost of living, heating their homes, the Ukraine war and continual bad news.

We have been busy, as usual, at Court House welcoming visitors to Geoff's Meadow - Memory Garden and the Wildlife Haven which has become very popular with locals taking walks. Two ladies from the village, one in her 80's the other aged 90, never miss a day whatever the weather. "You can get out everyday if you dress correctly" the 90 year old told me when I suggested that she might take a break when the rain and gales are blowing.

After a couple of tree planting days in December and January (we planted over 3000 trees this year) we decided to start a Tuesday Gardening Group. We had 5 or 6 regulars turn up to garden each week, but when the hot summer weather came, and the clay soil turned to concrete, they asked if they could take a break until the cooler weather returned. They didn't have to wait too long!

Joe Knights and the learners from Able2Achieve in Yeovil are still coming weekly to do gardening, with the Tuesday Gardening Group, and also wildlife studies and surveys. We have seen the changes in the young people. They love coming here and often join the old folk at our monthly tea parties.

The Tea Parties have been as popular as ever with around 30 to 40 guests attending each month. We used to purchase cakes and biscuits for the parties but now we have a couple of local ladies who bake beautiful cakes for

us and the A2A bakery send down a tray of cakes with the learners when they come.

Our LGBT+ Support Group Sunday Roast Dinners attracts anything up to 18 guest each month and on one occasion we had 25 booked in. As it was a bit of a struggle trying to find room to sit everyone in the farmhouse kitchen, and luckily it was mid summer, we laid tables in the garden and eat alfresco. Brian, who does all the cooking for our events, has told me that I MUST NEVER turn anyone away. "We'll find room, just tell them to come along." This year we started a new monthly LGBT+ Drop-In Coffee Morning. This is held on the second Saturday in each month. We have guests come from as far away as Bristol, Minehead and Devon showing that there is a great need for this kind of event.

As well as the usual Geranium Trust events we also host smaller dinners for individuals who are alone, Sunday morning breakfasts for the members of the Wildlife Group, and non-stop tea and coffee for visitors to the house. These are paid for out of the general housekeeping and is not charged to the charity.

Without our kind and generous volunteers we would not be able to do what we do. I will not name them individually as I'm sure that I will upset them if I do. So, I will just say a truly big thank you to everyone who is part of our big family of friends at the Geranium Trust whether they be volunteers or guests.

Terence "Paul" Palfrey
Founder - Chair
For the Geranium Trust

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Income & Expenditure Account for the period 1 October 2022 - 30 September 2023

Income:			1/10/21 - 30/9/22
Donations & Grants	£	12,551.89	£ 3,697.75
LGBT Lunches	£	783.50	£ 406.00
Tea Parties	£	280.44	£ 400.67
Sale of Donated Books	£	278.22	£ 217.90
Open Garden (net)	£	240.75	£ -
Use of Premises	£	80.00	£ -
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	£	20.64	£ 142.38
Sales Table		-	£ -
Other Lunches		-	£ -
Donations in respect of Presentations		-	£ -
In Memoriam		-	£ -
Sundry Income		-	£ -
		£ 14,235.44	£ 4,864.70
Expenditure:			
Food	£	724.54	£ 512.84
Garden	£	512.03	£ 1,820.87
Insurance	£	174.16	£ -
Equipment	£	3,622.00	£ -
Sundry Expenditure	£	19.77	£ -
Cleaning Materials	£	15.13	£ -
Website Expenses	£	12.46	£ 217.96
Stationery & Printing	£	11.00	£ -
Bank/PayPal Charges		-	£ -
Kitchen Sundries	£	3.41	£ -
Electricity		-	£ -
Professional Fees		-	£ -
In Memoriam		-	£ -
		£ 5,094.50	£ 2,551.67
Net surplus for period to date	£	9,140.94	£ 2,313.03
Reconciliation:			
1 October 2022:			
Cash	£	23.43	
NatWest Bank Current Account	£	12,664.15	
Debtors	£	100.00	
Creditors	£	-	
			£ 12,787.58
+ Surplus for year to date			£ 9,140.94
			£ 21,928.52
30 September 2023:			
Cash	£	58.77	
NatWest Bank Current Account	£	25,855.65	
Debtors	£	-	
Creditors	£	3,985.90	
			£ 21,928.52
Loans outstanding			£ -
			£ 21,928.52
Restricted Funds			£ 1,562.00

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Once again this year started off with great difficulty after the effects of the pandemic. Most of the groups who used to come here from other charities and the NHS stayed away. But, we were pleased to see our friends from Able2Achieve, Yeovil return to do gardening and wildlife studies 2 or 3 days each week. Our monthly tea parties and the LGBT Sunday Roast re-started and we had record numbers of guests come to both of these.

The Gardens and Wildlife Haven attracted many visitors including experts in botany and wildlife who have given us their support and offered a great deal of expert advice at no cost to the charity.

Our income suffered but picked up towards the end of the year.

On the whole I think that we did very well considering the the difficulties that we and our volunteers were working under.

All of us at the Geranium Trust are looking forward to, hopefully, a better year ahead.

Terence 'Paul' Palfrey
Founder - Chair Geranium Trust

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Income & Expenditure Account for the period 1 October 2021 - 30 September 2022

Income:

			1/10/20 - 30/9/21
Donations & Grants	£	3,697.75	£ 652.75
Sale of Donated Books	£	217.90	£ 388.53
Use of Premises		-	£ 345.00
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	£	142.38	£ 187.74
Tea Parties	£	400.67	£ 149.20
LGBT Lunches	£	406.00	£ 126.00
Sales Table		-	£ 11.00
Other Lunches		-	£ -
Donations in respect of Presentations		-	£ -
In Memoriam		-	£ -
Open Garden (net)		-	£ -
Sundry Income		-	£ -
	£	4,864.70	£ 1,860.22

Expenditure:

Equipment		-	£ 285.97
Food	£	512.84	£ 221.73
Garden	£	1,820.87	£ 93.96
Website Expenses	£	217.96	£ 12.46
Bank/PayPal Charges		-	£ 4.42
Cleaning Materials		-	£ 0.65
Electricity		-	£ -
Stationery & Printing		-	£ -
Sundry Expenditure		-	£ -
Professional Fees		-	£ -
In Memoriam		-	£ -
	£	2,551.67	£ 619.19

Net surplus for period to date	£	2,313.03	£ 1,241.03
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Reconciliation:

1 October 2021:

Cash	£	54.38	
NatWest Bank Current Account	£	10,420.17	
Debtors	£	-	
Creditors	£	-	
			£ 10,474.55
+ Surplus for year to date			£ 2,313.03
			£ 12,787.58

30 September 2022:

Cash	£	23.43	
NatWest Bank Current Account	£	12,664.15	
Debtors	£	100.00	
Creditors	£	-	
			£ 12,787.58
Loans outstanding			£ -
			£ 12,787.58

Donations with Gift Aid	£	568.79
Tax to be reclaimed at: 25%	£	142.20

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The Geranium Trust was founded in 2017 to offer friendship and support to those living with loneliness & isolation. It also offers support to young people with learning disabilities & differences. It works entirely for the public benefit. We do this by organising regular tea parties, roast dinners and by providing space for a community garden and 23 acres of wildlife haven. We also provide space at our chairman's home, Court House, for other organisations such as the N.H.S. and local hospice where they can hold their own support and training sessions. 2020 – 21 started with the promise of more lock downs due to Covid. The tea parties, and LGBT Sunday roast dinners, had to be put on hold but we kept in contact of our usual guests by regularly phoning them. ALL activities at Court House had to stop. It was decided that the charity would continue with it's free library which we placed each day by the gates of Court House and we also made use of the unused red telephone box in Barwick village as a library and at once became a big success. Most of the day we would see people coming to the gate alone to choose a book. All donated and returned books, as before, were placed in a large red bin and these were isolated for more than a week before being returned to the shelves. The gates to Court House, and the garden gates were left open and most days we'd see people walking the public footpath across the land. Being in the countryside we were in a good place to spend the months of on and off lock downs, but many of the younger people who come here from Able2Achieve, Yeovil must have felt very cut off as they were unable to leave their homes to visit Court Farm. The trustees believe that its public obligations are as defined by the charity commission and we look forward in the hope that things will soon be better for all of us and that we can soon return to some sort of normality.

Terence J Palfrey Geranium Trust - Chair

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Income & Expenditure Account for the period 1 October 2020 - 30 September 2021

Income:

		1/10/19 - 30/9/20
Donations	£ 652.75	£ 3,061.26
Sale of Donated Books	£ 388.53	£ 531.95
Use of Premises	£ 345.00	£ 102.90
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	£ 187.74	£ 13.01
Tea Parties	£ 149.20	£ 169.79
LGBT Lunches	£ 126.00	£ 347.67
Sales Table	£ 11.00	£ 176.32
Other Lunches	-	£ 40.00
Donations in respect of Presentations	-	£ 20.00
In Memoriam	-	£ 50.00
Open Garden (net)	-	
Sundry Income	-	
	£ 1,860.22	£ 4,512.90

Expenditure:

Equipment	£ 285.97	£ 102.69
Food	£ 221.73	£ 578.70
Garden	£ 93.96	£ 56.34
Website Expenses	£ 12.46	£ 208.80
Bank/PayPal Charges	£ 4.42	£ 12.94
Cleaning Materials	£ 0.65	£ 14.98
Electricity	-	£ 188.48
Stationery & Printing	-	£ 34.95
Sundry Expenditure	-	£ 8.00
Professional Fees	-	
In Memoriam	-	
	£ 619.19	£ 1,205.88
Net surplus for period to date	£ 1,241.03	£ 3,307.02

Reconciliation:

1 October 2020:

Cash	£ -	
NatWest Bank Current Account	£ 9,179.14	
Debtors	£ -	
Creditors	£ -	
		£ 9,179.14
+ Surplus for year to date		£ 1,241.03
		£ 10,420.17

30 September 2021:

Cash	£ 0.00	
NatWest Bank Current Account	£ 10,420.17	
Debtors	£ -	
Creditors	£ -	
		£ 10,420.17
Loans outstanding		£ -
		£ 10,420.17