

Geranium Trust - Annual Report 2024/25

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
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Reconciliation:

1 October 2024:

Cash	£ -	
NatWest Bank Current Account	£ 24,828.04	
Debtors	£ -	
Creditors	-£ 191.99	
		£ 24,636.05
+ Surplus for year to date		£ 2,171.81
		£ 26,807.86

30 September 2025:

Cash	£ 0.00	
NatWest Bank Current Account	£ 26,849.77	
Debtors	£ -	
Creditors	-£ 41.91	
		£ 26,807.86
Loans outstanding		£ -
		£ 26,807.86
Restricted Funds		£ 1,506.40