

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM

England & Wales - Charity number 1178381

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-05-15

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

Contact

Address Leominster District Community Assoc
Leominster Community Centre
School Road
Leominster
HR6 8NJ

Phone 01568616460

Email Leominsterinbloom1@gmail.com

Website <https://www.leominsterinbloom.co.uk/>

Activities

Objects: (1) TO PROMOTE HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE FOR THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LIVE IN OR VISIT LEOMINSTER BY PROVIDING AND ENCOURAGING THE PROVISION OF DISPLAYS FLOWERS SHRUBS TREES AND LANDSCAPES IN PLACES VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND FOR THE GENERAL ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT. (2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY, CONSERVATION, AND BIODIVERSITY

Activities: TO PROMOTE HORTICULTURE & FLORICULTURE FOR THE PUBLIC GENERALLY & ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LIVE IN OR VISIT LEOMINSTER BY PROVIDING & ENCOURAGING THE PROVISION OF DISPLAYS FLOWERS SHRUBS TREES & LANDSCAPES IN PLACES VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC & FOR THE GENERAL ENHANCEMENT & CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.FORGING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CLUBS, SCHOOLS & CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS FOR BENEFIT OF THE TOWN.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Herefordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£16,515	£12,181	-	-
2024-12-31	£16,431	£12,453	-	-
2023-12-31	£16,473	£12,241	-	-
2022-12-31	£16,792	£18,271	-	-
2021-12-31	£14,770	£9,056	-	-
2020-12-31	£8,461	£8,463	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GEOFFREY CROFTS	Chair	2018-11-14
Councillor Felicity Mary Norman		2018-03-22
GILLIAN DING		2018-01-18
Vivien Ann Melia		2021-01-15

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM

England & Wales - Charity number 1178381

Accounts

Leominster in Bloom – Chairman's Report AGM – 11 March 2026

I think I can safely say that this has been another excellent year for Leominster in Bloom, with our **Gold Award** once again being the well-deserved result. Achievements like this are only possible because of the wonderful volunteers who make everything happen. It truly is a team effort.

Since becoming your Chairman, I feel we have grown into a very efficient and supportive group. However, that strength has developed over time thanks to the commitment of so many people – committee members, volunteers and supporters – who all contribute in their own way. The success of Leominster in Bloom certainly isn't down to any one individual. It is the combined effort of everyone involved that makes us such a strong and effective group.

There are, of course, a number of individuals whose work deserves particular mention. I am very grateful to **Viv**, who keeps our accounts in such an efficient and reliable manner, and we are fortunate to have **Diana Emms**, who helps ensure we remain on the right track.

Viv also works closely with **Romey** in securing the sponsorship that is so essential to our work. Their efforts help ensure we can continue working with the wonderful **Philpott's girls**, whose planting always looks absolutely fantastic. We are also very grateful for the planning Romey does beforehand – her choice of plants consistently produces beautiful displays and many positive comments from around the town.

Cynthia is not only a tireless worker but also an excellent organiser. The planning she puts into our Flower Fairs ensures they are always well supported, and it is wonderful that so many stallholders return year after year.

Helena must also be mentioned for the fantastic success of our competitions. She works closely with local schools and young people, resulting in incredible numbers of entries and so many imaginative and creative ideas.

Since introducing the WhatsApp group, communication has improved greatly and we are kept well informed about activities, work parties and events. There are many names that appear regularly and, at the risk of leaving someone out, I will mention just a few: **Sheila, Jan, Midge, Romey, Dennis, Viv, Cynthia, Eve, John, Julia, Jill, Kathy, Marcus, Virginia and Gill Ding**.

These are only a few names, and there are many others who turn up time after time and contribute so much to the success of the group.

We have also had great support from the workers at **S & A**, along with other groups, nursing homes and the incredible **Pom Ladies**, all of whom play their part in helping us achieve what we do.

Judging Day is always a focal point of the year. The route is carefully planned so that we can showcase the many projects and partnerships that demonstrate how widely the community is involved in Leominster in Bloom.

An important part of the judging process is our **Portfolio**, which highlights everything we have worked on throughout the year. This year we were delighted to welcome **Kathy** to the team, and I am very grateful for the hard work she put into presenting our year so effectively. With the help of the many photographs taken by members throughout the year, Kathy produced an excellent portfolio.

Once again we worked with **The Priory**, where we were also able to hold our Judging Day celebration.

The **Town Council** supported us again through planter sponsorship, and Stuart and his team did a fantastic job keeping the planters watered during what was an incredibly hot and dry summer. Their help was very much appreciated.

Communication is vital in keeping everyone informed about what is happening. The WhatsApp group has certainly helped with this, but I would also like to mention two people who do an excellent job in this area. **Julia** keeps everyone up to date with regular emails and messages, and **Gill**, as our Secretary, does a fantastic job keeping us organised. On a personal note, I would like to thank Gill for keeping me on the straight and narrow!

Finally, I would simply like to say a huge thank you to everyone who gives their time, energy and enthusiasm to Leominster in Bloom. Whether you help with planting, organising events, supporting competitions, fundraising, or simply turning up when help is needed, every contribution matters. What we achieve together really does make a difference to our town and to the sense of community we share. I am very proud to be part of such a dedicated group and I look forward to working with you all again as we move into another exciting year.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Leominster in Bloom
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Leominster in Bloom for the year ended 31st December 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in

accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the

2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by

the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that **no** material matters have come to my attention in

connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;

or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to

which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Diana Emes

Address: 37 Pinsley Rd, Leominster, HR6 8NN

Date:

14/3/26

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year ending **31 December 2025**.

Income

Total income for the year amounted to **£16,514.99**.

Our largest source of income continues to be **sponsorship**, which generated **£12,775.00**, demonstrating the fantastic support we continue to receive from local businesses and organisations.

Other important sources of income included:

- **Market stalls:** £1,583.77
- **Plant Fair:** £1,315.00
- **Donations:** £270.75
- **Bucket collections:** £161.10
- **Bank interest:** £149.57
- **Subscriptions:** £110.00
- **Sundries:** £90.00
- **Easyfunding/Amazon:** £59.80

Compared with **£16,431.07 in 2024**, overall income remained very similar, reflecting a stable level of community support.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year was **£12,181.49**.

The main area of spending was on **planting**, which totalled **£9,692.01**. This represents the core work of Leominster in Bloom in enhancing and maintaining the town's floral displays.

Other expenditure included:

- **Sponsor signs:** £502.20
- **Tombola and market costs:** £334.00
- **Advertising:** £274.32
- **Stationery:** £261.65
- **Competition prizes and gifts:** £357.37
- **Printing:** £180.00
- **Equipment:** £144.94
- **Sundries:** £110.00
- **RHS entry:** £200.00
- **Grant expenditure:** £100.00
- **Plant Fair refunds:** £25.00

Total expenditure in **2024** was **£12,453.71**, so spending in 2025 was slightly lower.

Surplus

The year ended with a **surplus of £4,333.50**, which is slightly higher than the **£3,977.36 surplus recorded in 2024**. This healthy surplus helps ensure the group remains financially stable and able to plan future planting and community projects.

Funds Held

As of **31 December 2025**, total funds held by Leominster in Bloom were **£20,619.01**, made up of:

- **Savings Account:** £19,761.60
- **Current Account:** £813.39
- **Petty Cash:** £44.02

These funds include:

- **Bertie funds:** £277.95
- **Leominster in Bloom general funds:** £20,341.06

Conclusion

Overall, the financial position of Leominster in Bloom remains strong. The continued support of our sponsors, stall holders, and the wider community enables us to maintain and develop the floral displays and projects that benefit the town.

I would like to thank everyone who supports our fundraising activities and especially Diana Emms, who has examined the accounts for us again this year and has confirmed that she has no concerns and has come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in the report. Also, thanks must go to our volunteers and sponsors, whose contributions make such a significant difference to what we are able to achieve each year.

Prepared by the Treasurer, Leominster in Bloom.

Vivien Melia


.....

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM

BREAKDOWN OF 2025 INCOME & EXPENDITURE at 31.12.25

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	SURPLUS	Full Year 2024	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£110.00			£85.00	
DONATIONS	£270.75			£ 700.00	
GIFT AID RECLAIM	£0.00			£ -	
MARKET STALLS	£1,583.77			£ 650.92	
PLANT FAIR	£1,315.00			£ 2,066.40	
BUCKET COLLECTIONS	£161.10			£ 56.74	
EASY FUNDING/AMAZON	£59.80			£ -	
SPONSORSHIP	£12,775.00			£ 11,430.00	
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	£0.00			£0.00	
JUST GIVING	£0.00			£0.00	
SUNDRIES	£90.00			£34.20	
BERTIE BARGATES	£0.00			£0.00	
GRANT FUNDING	£0.00			£ 1,230.00	
BANK INTEREST	£149.57			£ 177.81	£ 16,431.07
	£16,514.99			EXPENDITURE	
RHS EXP		£200.00		£ 200.00	
ADVERTISING		£274.32		£ 259.00	
PLANT FAIR REFUNDS		£25.00		£ 50.00	
EQUIPMENT		£144.94		£ 1,053.17	
PRINTING		£180.00		£ 234.99	
STATIONARY		£261.65		£ 145.24	
WEBSITE		£0.00		£ 151.20	
PLANTING		£9,692.01		£ 8,669.99	
SPONSOR SIGNS		£502.20		£ 266.73	
TOMBOLA & MARKET PRIZES		£334.00		£ 136.01	
SUNDRIES		£110.00		£ 175.64	
BERTIE BARGATES		£0.00		£ -	
Expenditure from grants		£100.00		£ 985.99	
Competition Prizes & Gifts		£357.37		£ 125.75	£ 12,453.71
GAIN/LOSS		£12,181.49	£4,333.50		£ 3,977.36
Petty Cash	£44.02			£ 15.00	
CASH IN HAND	£0.00			£ -	
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£813.39			£ 658.48	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£19,761.60			£ 15,612.03	
TOTAL FUNDS	£20,619.01			£ 16,285.51	
Bertie funds	£277.95			£277.95	
LIB funds	£20,341.06			£16,007.56	
Shed Deposit	£0.00			£0.00	
Website to Jun 26	£0.00			£100.80	
TOTAL FUNDS	£20,619.01			£16,386.31	



LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM

EST | *growing our community* | 2003



Trustees Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report 2025

Signed: *[Signature]*

Full Name: Geoffrey Crofts

Position: TRUSTEE + CHAIR

Date: 13-5-26

Signed: *[Signature]*

Full Name: FELICITY MARY NORMAN

Position: TRUSTEE

Date: 9.5.26

Signed: *[Signature]*

Full Name: GILLIAN DINE

Position: TRUSTEE + VICE CHAIR

Date: 13.5.2026

Signed: *[Signature]*

Full Name: VIEN ANN MERIA

Position: TREASURER & TRUSTEE

Date: 13/5/2026

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM

England & Wales - Charity number 1178381

Accounts

Leominster In Bloom 2024

Another successful year with Gold once again being our reward.

In spite of all the problems thrown at us, the streets were decorated to such a high standard. All the chaos of the essential maintenance work to the streets did indeed create an extraordinary challenge. It was quite an upheaval that everyone experienced and in support of the businesses, I believe we did a great job.

In the Priory Church the “Threads through Creation”, a most wonderful exhibition gave us the opportunity to provide a lair for the wonderful Leominster Lion. We were so lucky to have Gail Harrison to assist with this. So many from the community played a part, such as Leominster Meeting Centre, 1st Orleton Brownies and The Pom Ladies and a huge number of the general public provided flowers, knitted and crocheted in abundance.

The planned single colours in the streets around the town worked well in spite of having to move some planters as worked progressed. We are extremely grateful to the Philpott’s girls and our chief designer Romey, with assistance from many others to make it happen as we envisaged.

The summer planting saw 155 bags of Miracle Grow Peat Free Compost being used and supplied by Hintons, although of course we paid for them!

Many others have helped us amongst these The Pom Ladies who did an exhibit in memory of World War II which was taken to Normandy and then on to Llandudno. The Ladies produced Phone and Mail Box Toppers, even on the new Walter Worcester Phone Box. This now has planters as well as the Topper.

We celebrated the opening of "Suzie" our very own Shed which is in the Secret Garden, thank you to the Town Council for allowing us to place it there. It is proving to be very useful

There are a number of other projects and Groups that we work successfully with including some of the Local Homes, The Nut Grove project which has been running since 2016, Ginhall Green Wild Flower meadow.

The schools competitions go from strength to strength under the guidance of Helena with literally thousands of entries. Also, Helena has encouraged schools to improve their gardens and wildlife areas

The Garden and Shop Window competitions run well with much enthusiasm from Sheila and others

We have been involved with Leominster Walkers and various trails have been developed during the year

A total Community Effort so well done to everyone in whatever way they have contributed.

Two Plant Fair events that we have held have produced good income but also has kept the LIB profile in peoples minds, a good way to promote ourselves. Thank you, Cynthia, for your organising skills.

I finally must mention our sponsors who never cease to amaze in giving their support and are so generous. I am sure we are to see more difficult times ahead with the economy, with many of our local shops and businesses trying to recover from the upheaval of the past twelve months. I do hope there is a light at the end of the tunnel and I have to say the town streets and Square are looking so good.

I have tried not to mention too many individuals, but I must just quickly mention, Gill who keeps great minutes, Julia who keeps us informed and Viv for her book keeping and getting the invoices out so proficiently and Diana for checking our books

*Geoffrey Croft
Chair
Leominster in Bloom*

Leominster in Bloom Treasurer's Report for 2024

Overview

Leominster in Bloom has had a productive financial year in 2024, with continued support from subscriptions, donations, and fundraising events. This report outlines the income and expenditure for the year, providing a comparison with the previous year's financials.

Once again Diana Emes has reviewed our accounts, and I would like to thank her for doing this and for the help and advice she has given me.

Income Summary

- **Subscriptions:** £85.
- **Donations:** £700, a slight decrease from £1067 last year. (Includes £150 from Caroline Savager in memory of her mother, plaque still to be placed and £200 from Jane Lacy for raffle/tombola prizes. We have a surplus of £214.57 from Janes generous donations carried forward into 2025.)
- **Market Stalls:** £650.92, down from £1424.33 in 2023.
- **Plant Fair:** £2066.40, a modest increase from £1983.24.
- **Bucket Collections:** £56.74, up from £29.43.
- **Easy Funding / Amazon:** No income was generated from these sources this year, compared to £46.96 in 2023.
- **Sponsorship:** £11,430, remaining consistent with £11,650 last year.
- **Fundraising Events & Just Giving:** No additional income from these streams.
- **Grant Funding:** £1230. (Herefordshire Community Fund £730 for wild flower meadow, we have spent £485.99 for seed, 80 Yellow Rattle on order at £120 so surplus of £124.01 for top up seed. Leominster Town Council £500 for Pom Pom Ladies Longest Yarn Project travel case forwarded in full in October)
- **Interest:** £177.8, up from £102.58 due to higher interest rates.

Total Income: £16,431.07.

Expenditure Summary

- **RHS & In Bloom Costs:** £200.00, an increase of £55 as this now includes the cost of tickets to the annual awards ceremony
- **Advertising:** £259.00. This year we had sponsorship of £300 for the plant fairs and garden competitions so invested in some new signs and leaflets to promote the events.
- **Plant Fair Refunds:** £50.00
- **Equipment:** £1,053.17 (Wheel Barrow £95. Shed costs including deposit in 2023 £1331.77)
- **Printing:** £234.99. Mainly printing for school's competitions covered by sponsorship
- **Stationery:** £145.24
- **Website:** £151.20
- **Planting:** £8,669.99. There was a reduction in planting costs from Philpotts as we had two less beehives and no hanging baskets.
- **Sponsor Signs:** £266.73
- **Tombola & Market Prizes:** £136.01 Down from £227.58, we did less events.
- **Expenditure from Grants:** £985.99. See grant funding above.
- **Competition Prizes:** £125.75
- **Sundries:** £175.64
- **Bertie Bargates:** £0.00

Total Expenditure: £12,453.71

Surplus and Comparison

Surplus: £3977.36 down £254.82 v 2023.


The overall income shows a slight decline in certain categories like donations and market stalls, while plant fair earnings and bucket collections showed improvement. Sponsorship remains a key component of our financial stability.

With a total expenditure of £12,453.71, the committee has managed spending effectively, ensuring funds are used to support planting projects, community engagement, and operational expenses.

We will continue to monitor and optimize our expenses to ensure the sustainability of our initiatives. Thank you to all our sponsors, donors, and volunteers for their continued support.

Conclusion

Leominster in Bloom remains in a stable financial position, allowing us to maintain and expand our community projects. We look forward to another successful year ahead.

Prepared by the Treasurer, Leominster in Bloom. 

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Leominster in Bloom

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Leominster in Bloom for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: DIANA C EMES

Date: 7th April 2025

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM BREAKDOWN OF 2024 INCOME & EXPENDITURE

FULL YEAR 2024	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	SURPLUS	2023	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£85.00			£70.00	
DONATIONS	£700.00			£1,067.00	
GIFT AID RECLAIM	£0.00			£0.00	
MARKET STALLS	£650.92			£1,424.33	
PLANT FAIR	£2,066.40			£1,983.24	
BUCKET COLLECTIONS	£56.74			£29.43	
EASY FUNDING/AMAZON	£0.00			£46.96	
SPONSORSHIP	£11,430.00			£11,650.00	
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	£0.00				
JUST GIVING	£0.00				
SUNDRIES	£34.20				
BERTIE BARGATES	£0.00				
GRANT FUNDING	£1,230.00			£100.00	
BANK INTEREST	£177.81			£102.58	£16,473.54
TOTAL	£16,431.07				
RHS & IN BLOOM COSTS		£ 200.00		£ 145.00	
ADVERTISING		£ 259.00		£ -	
PLANT FAIR REFUNDS		£ 50.00		£ 30.00	
EQUIPMENT		£ 1,053.17		£ 1,108.49	
PRINTING		£ 234.99		£ 500.60	
STATIONARY		£ 145.24		£ 364.17	
WEBSITE		£ 151.20		£ 50.40	
PLANTING		£ 8,669.99		£ 9,253.85	
SPONSOR SIGNS		£ 266.73		£ 300.93	
TOMBOLA & MARKET PRIZES		£ 136.01		£ 227.58	
EXPENDITURE FROM GRANTS		£ 985.99		£ -	
COMPETITION PRIZES		£ 125.75		£ -	
SUNDRIES		£ 175.64		£ 260.34	
BERTIE BARGATES		£ -		£0.00	
TOTAL		£ 12,453.71			£ 12,241.36
GAIN/LOSS			£ 3,977.36		£4,232.18
Petty Cash	£ 15.00			£16.89	
CASH IN HAND	£ -			£0.00	
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£ 658.48			£830.47	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£ ,612.03			£11,309.59	
Prepayment website	£ 100.80			£252.00	
TOTAL FUNDS	£ 16,386.31			£12,408.95	

Bertie maintenance funds	£277.95
LIB funds	£16,007.56
Website to Jun 26	£100.80
	£16,386.31

£277.95	BELONGS TO BERTIE
£11,879.00	TOTAL LIB FUNDS
£252.00	
£12,408.95	

Trustees Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above

Signed: [Signature]

Full Name: Geoffrey Crofts

Position: CHAIRMAN TRUSTEE

Date: 9-4-25

Signed: [Signature]

Full Name: ALLIANDINE

Position: SECRETARY

Date: 9-4-25

Signed: [Signature]

Full Name: FELICITY NORMAN

Position: Trustee

Date: 14.4.25

Signed: [Signature]

Full Name: VIVIEN ANN MELIA

Position: TREASURER + TRUSTEE

Date: 14/4/25

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM

England & Wales - Charity number 1178381

Accounts

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM 2023

Period 01.01.2023 – 31.12.2023

Charity Name Leominster in Bloom

Charity No: 1178381

Charity's principal address:

LEOMINSTER DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOC
LEOMINSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE
SCHOOL ROAD
LEOMINSTER
HR6 8NJ

Phone: 01568616460

The Objects of the CIO are

- 1) TO PROMOTE HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE FOR THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LIVE IN OR VISIT LEOMINSTER BY PROVIDING AND ENCOURAGING THE PROVISION OF DISPLAYS FLOWERS SHRUBS TREES AND LANDSCAPES IN PLACES VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND FOR THE GENERAL ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.
- 2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY, CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY.
- 3) FORGING RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL CLUBS, SCHOOLS AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TOWN.

Trustees

Geoffrey Crofts	Chair	Appointed: 14.11.2018
Councillor Felicity Norman		Appointed: 22.03.2018
Gillian Ding	Secretary	Appointed: 18.01.2018
Vivien Melia	Treasurer	Appointed: 15.01.2021

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM 2023

I will always think of the year as the year of THE BEGONIA although of course it was a "Right Royal Carnival" the year of the Coronation of Charles III

The town was awash with colour, and the flowers looked tremendous, with us using as much peat free compost as we could get. Following our experiment the previous year we decided we would try to help the environment and follow the guidelines given by the RHS, not always possible, but we did our very best.

Our sponsors once again seemed to pull out all the stops and got behind us with their support, a display like we provided can only be done with this financial backing. It is amazing how generous our local businesses are, and we look forward to the continued support that they give us, a huge thank you to all.

Our involvement in the community grows year on year with Echo, Clever Betsy, The Meeting Place, Scouts and Brownies and this year Herefordshire Wildlife Trust. Leominster Priory has become part of our group and the various Nursing/Care Homes that also are now so involved, we are grateful for their involvement.

We have so many volunteers who give their time and make the whole project so rewarding and worthwhile. It is a pleasure talking to visitors and indeed locals who say how beautiful the town looks and how we should be proud of all we do.

The local schools have become very involved, and this last year saw over 1000 entries being put on display in the Library and other venues/shop windows around town, thank you all so much.

Leominster Town Council continue to give their support and the Groundsman Team have once again made our displays so vibrant with regular watering, which is so vital, and indeed many other forms of help, thank you all.

We are so grateful for the regular, usually Sunday morning group, who litter pick, making a massive contribution to the cleanliness of the town. One wonders why people have to be so mindless in leaving rubbish.

We have held very successful fund-raising events and stalls at other events, getting our message out there, the Plant Fair's being so important.

POM POMS are two words which conjure up so many different pictures in our minds, the countless people in the community that provided them in their hundreds and they were all put to good use with the crowning glory when almost all of the bollards in the town ended up with a crown. Well done to everyone who assisted in any way.

The front Garden competition was a great success and maybe this is something that might be expanded on in the future.

I haven't mentioned anyone by name, but you all know who you are, however I am just going to say thank you Gill and Julia for keeping us informed of meetings. To Viv for keeping our books and Diana for making sure all is well and auditing them. Cynthia for her organisation skills and of course Helena for the fabulous work she puts into the school's competitions.

A massive thank you to all of you as committee members and also all who help but perhaps do not come to committee. The one person who does so much to keep the town so tidy is Richard who is so often seen brushing the pavement with a hand brush, we are so grateful. The person who I have missed out and as we all know she never wants to take the limelight, but Romey we are so very grateful for your huge efforts, planning and time that you give to make us the success we are.

I didn't mention earlier it was Gold again, what next

Geoffrey Crofts
Chair Leominster in Bloom.

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM
BREAKDOWN OF 2023 INCOME & EXPENDITURE at

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	SURPLUS	FULL YEAR 2022	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 70.00			£ 120.00	
DONATIONS	£ 1,067.00			£ 1,378.50	
GIFT AID RECLAIM	£ -			£ 126.49	
MARKET STALLS	£ 1,424.33			£ 534.96	
PLANT FAIR	£ 1,983.24			£ 1,786.53	
BUCKET COLLECTIONS	£ 29.43			£ 219.07	
EASY FUNDING/AMAZON	£ 46.96			£ 49.70	
SPONSORSHIP	£ 11,650.00			£ 9,850.00	
FUNDRAISING EVENTS				£ -	
JUST GIVING				£ -	
SUNDRIES				£ 276.00	
BERTIE BARGATES				£ 975.25	
GRANT FUNDING	£ 100.00			£ 1,471.40	
BANK INTEREST	£ 102.58		£ 16,473.54	£ 4.36	£ 16,792.26
RHS EXP		£ 145.00		-£ 145.00	
ADVERTISING		£ -		-£ 249.00	
PLANT FAIR REFUNDS		£ 30.00		-£ 55.00	
EQUIPMENT		£ 1,108.49		-£ 3,867.51	
PRINTING		£ 500.60		-£ 96.00	
STATIONARY		£ 364.17		-£ 142.21	
WEBSITE		£ 50.40		-£ 82.40	
PLANTING		£ 9,253.85		-£ 8,652.20	
SPONSOR SIGNS		£ 300.93		-£ 815.15	
TOMBOLA & MARKET		£ 227.58		-£ 199.17	
SUNDRIES		£ 260.34		-£ 417.39	
			£ 12,241.36	-£ 3,550.28	-£ 18,271.31
TOTAL		Profit	£ 4,232.18	-£ 1,479.05	
				31.12.22	
Petty Cash	£ 16.89			£ 18.49	
CASH IN HAND	£ -			£ -	
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£ 830.47			£ 651.27	
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£ 11,309.59			£ 8,007.01	
Prepayments	£ 752.00				
TOTAL FUNDS	12908.95			£ 8,676.77	

Bertie funds £ 277.95
LIB funds £ 11,879.00

£ 277.95 BELONGS TO BEI
£ 11,879.00

Declarations.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report.

Signed Julia M. Hugg
Full Name Julia M. Hugg
Position Vice Chair
Date 10/1/24

Fw: Leominster in Bloom

From: dphemes (dphemes@aol.co.uk)

To: dphemes@aol.com

Date: Monday, 5 February 2024, 16:15 GMT

I report in respect of my examination of the Leominster in Bloom accounts 2023

I have completed my examination following Charity Commission guidance CC15d. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

*accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
the format of the accounts is not correct*

Signed



Diana Emes

5th February 2024

Observations

1. The membership has decreased significantly which suggests administrative workload on individuals has increased. I suggest as well as a recruitment campaign, a corporate membership could be introduced.

2. I recommend expenses are claimed using a standard form especially since a limited circle of members are making the purchases. Receipts when available are attached. Reasons easier record keeping, improve transparency and protect LIB members against

Treasurers Report AGM 13.02.24

Diana Emes has reviewed our accounts, Her report states.

I report in respect of my examination of the Leominster in Bloom accounts 2023.

I have completed my examination following Charity Commission guidance CC15d. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- a) Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or*
- b) The accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or*
- c) The format of the accounts is not correct.*

She has made two observations.

- 1) The membership has decreased significantly which suggests administrative workload on individuals has increased. I would suggest as well as a recruitment campaign, a corporate membership could be introduced.*
- 2) I recommend expenses are claimed using a standard form especially since a limited circle of members are making purchases. Receipts when available are attached. Reasons, easier record keeping, improve transparency and protect LIB members against allegations of misconduct.*

I would like to thank Diana Emes for once again reviewing our accounts.

You will find several copies of the accounts here for you to review and take away if you wish.

I will be using these figures when I complete the annual report on the Charity Commission website along with Geoffrey's annual review from this evening's meeting. Also plans for 2024 will be included.

2023 Income

Our income for the year totalled £16474.54 an increase of £656.53 on 2022 when the Bertie Bargates income is removed.

Notable changes

- **Sponsorship** increased by £1800.00.
- **Markets & Plant Fairs** increased by £1086.08. We attended five separate events and held two plant fairs.
- **Grant funding** reduced by £1371.00 (only £100 from LTC for coronation decorating)
- Our **Donations and bucket collections** were down £ 501.14. Bucket collections have dropped considerable, we didn't collect at any supermarkets in 2023.
- The **Easy Funding** income remained static at £47. The reason I mention this is that this could

2023 Expenditure

Our Expenditure totalled £ 12241.36 a reduction of £2479.67 over the previous year when the Bertie Bargates costs are taken out of the equation.

- **Equipment:** The group decided to invest in six new barrels. Also, six troughs from Barrington's were obtained to replace the old ones in Broad Street and West Street. With these we just had to pay for the labour, as Barrington's donated materials. Total cost £1108.49
- **Planting:** An increase of £601.65, more planters sold so more cost to fill.
- **Printing:** An increase of £400.00 over 2022. This was a quantity of double-sided leaflets promoting the Plant & Craft Fair and Front Garden Competition. We also replenished stocks of school's badges and certificates and purchased a new GOLD winner banner.
- **Sponsors Signs:** The smaller, and in some cases single sided sponsor signs meant we were able to make a reduction of £514.22 here.
- **Prizes:** Within the donations above we had money from Jane Lacy, this was expressly for purchasing raffle and tombola prizes, hence the spend of £227 for this purpose. Just over £100 of the money she so generously donated is unspent and carried over to be used in 2024.

Overall, we had a particularly good year with surplus funds of £4232.18.

Bertie Bargates Project

Regarding Bertie, we still hold surplus funds of £277.95 which is ring fenced with in our bank account to be spent on Bertie should any maintenance be needed in the future.

In total as of 31st December 2023 the LIB accounts had the following funds available £11,879.00

PETTY CASH	£ 16.49
CASH IN HAND	£ 0.00
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£ 830.47
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	£11309.59
PREPAYMENTS	£ 752.00
TOTAL FUNDS	£12908.95

BERTIE FUNDS	£ 277.95
LIB FUNDS	£11879.00
SHED DEPOSIT	£ 500.00
WEBSITE TO JUNE 2026	£ 252.00
	£12908.95

Vivien Melia

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM

England & Wales - Charity number 1178381

Accounts

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM 2022

Period 01.01.2022 – 31.12.2022

Charity Name Leominster in Bloom

Charity No: 1178381

Charity's principal address:

LEOMINSTER DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOC
LEOMINSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE
SCHOOL ROAD
LEOMINSTER
HR6 8NJ

Phone: 01568616460

The Objects of the CIO are

- 1) TO PROMOTE HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE FOR THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LIVE IN OR VISIT LEOMINSTER BY PROVIDING AND ENCOURAGING THE PROVISION OF DISPLAYS FLOWERS SHRUBS TREES AND LANDSCAPES IN PLACES VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND FOR THE GENERAL ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.
- 2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY, CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY.
- 3) FORGING RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL CLUBS, SCHOOLS AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TOWN.

Type of governing document: Charitable Incorporated Organisation adopted 18th May 2018

How the charity is constituted: Constitution for a CIO with voting membership (in addition to the charity trustees)

Trustee selection methods: Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting as stated in the constitution.

Trustees

Geoffrey Crofts	Chair	Appointed: 14.11.2018
Councillor Felicity Norman		Appointed: 22.03.2018
Gillian Ding	Secretary	Appointed: 18.01.2018
Vivien Melia	Treasurer	Appointed: 15.01.2021

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2022

I am so pleased to once again report a very successful year with Gold Award received once again. The huge amount and effort put in once again reaped the reward. Not only the Committee members but the Community as a whole have to be congratulated, a superb Team Effort.

Our theme of Wool and the various interpretations that came were phenomenal. Echo supported with the Butter Cross and once again people could be heard admiring the display whenever you walked through that area. We managed to decorate Morris Mews and then, there were all the planters, troughs and displays around the town.

It was a rather experimental year with Peat Free compost being introduced in some planters and the difference was quite noticeable, I think. An experiment that showed the judges that we had listened to the RHS and as always, we embrace the right way to go about our business.

Always a dangerous thing to do but I feel that there are some individuals that do go above and beyond to make us a highly successful group. I know that I don't mention everyone individually, but one aspect of our plans is to get the schools involved and I really just say a huge thank you on behalf of us all to Helena. I think I can say that we have had more involvement and participation than ever before by the schools due to Helena's dedication and efforts in making contact and what is more in getting all the entries for the competitions and the shop windows and library exhibits were quite wonderful. A huge amount of time taken but thank you Helena and perhaps next year there might be more!! What a thought!

This year saw involvement from the Brownies under the guidance of Carol and the other leaders of the group. There was also the effort and work put in by The Scouts with herbs planted in the beds they transformed at the Etnam Street Car Park, sadly a few people removed some of the plants, but we mustn't be downhearted.

The cut-out sheep were also a resounding success with the fences by the Fire Brigade and a whole flock in the library, once again a big community effort. Lady BaaBaa got a bit of a makeover too during the year.

Thanks go to the Fire Brigade who continue to help in some way.

During the year we have increased our portfolio of planters with a most generous donation made by Barrington's who provided us with new troughs free of charge, The Deputy Lord Lieutenant kindly gave us two new planters which were placed outside the old Barclays Bank. Our rather old and rusty stock was supplemented by the purchase of other barrels and planters for which Lauren was able to attain a £500 from the Bulmer Trust.

At this point I must mention our grateful thanks for Lauren for work on our website and also for looking out for other grants. It is much appreciated, and we hope we can work with her in the coming years.

Our website was originally put together by Ian Wilkinson for whom we are grateful and wish him well when he and Julie move to Buckinghamshire to be near family.

I would also like to make mention our grateful thanks to the Town Council for the support they give and in particular the wonderful help that we receive from Stuart and his gang. It is much appreciated and the early hours watering our displays certainly do not go unnoticed. We also thank the girls from Philpotts who do provide us with excellent plants.

Bertie Bargates came to a conclusion when it was finally finished being restored and was dedicated to Jack Daw who had tragically lost his life whilst helping out. I must mention Chris Hodson who despite not having amazing health, he amazingly spent many hours in painting the box and in motivating people to help raise the money and now works with the team of locals who are checking to see all is well with the defibrillator.

Our sponsors, of whom there are so many, respond to Romey and Viv in a very positive way and we have to be so thankful that they do. It wouldn't happen without the support and pride that people show.

A young man, another unsung hero is Richard who helps to keep the town looking so clean and cared for. He is seen on his hands and knees sweeping up, we are so grateful to him.

Another of our unsung heroes is of course Romey who so rightly was recognised when she received an award for her massive efforts over the years. I know she would only accept it on all our behalf, but it was deserved regardless of what she says. We know it is the truth and I will make a hasty retreat after the meeting so that it doesn't become too violent!! In all honesty Romey we are so proud of all you do and just love being so nicely ordered about by your good self

Her partner in crime, Viv, also does a great job in keeping the books in order and also working hard on Facebook and everything else too. What with her and sister Cynthia, "the doyen of Plant Fairs" and so much else we are so lucky

Julia my Vice chair is so supportive too and keeps us informed of all that is going on and when we should turn up. (Usually to work)

I must just quickly mention the Bollard Covers which went down a storm, much as a result of our former committee member Kaye, who has now left us and living near Leeds, we shall miss her but wish her and Robin well.

Another person who has contributed so much over the years is Gill, who having retired from the TIC has agreed to continue as our secretary for which I am certain we are so grateful.

I know I have missed someone out but whoever it is then excuse me as I felt there was a lot to cover.

I really don't know what we are going to arrange this year for judging day, but I think last year we went out with a roar with the amazing Lion.

Thank you to everyone!

Geoffrey Crofts

Chair

Leominster in Bloom

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM BREAKDOWN OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE						
31st December 2022				31st December 2021		
LIB	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	SURPLUS	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	SURPLUS
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£120.00			£165.00		
DONATIONS	£1,378.50			£700.00		
GIFT AID RECLAIM	£126.49			£ -		
MARKET STALLS	£534.96			£448.39		
PLANT FAIR	£1,786.53			£1,929.93		
BUCKET COLLECTIONS	£219.07			£443.81		
EASY FUNDING/AMAZON	£49.70			£21.19		
SPONSORSHIP	£9,850.00			£7,750.00		
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	£ -			£ -		
JUST GIVING	£ -			£4.70		
SUNDRIES	£276.00			£ -		
GRANT FUNDING	£1,471.40			£ -		
BANK INTEREST	£4.36			£0.76		
RHS EXP		£145.00			£175.00	
ADVERTISING		£249.00				
PLANT FAIR REFUNDS		£55.00				
EQUIPMENT		£3,867.51			£ -	
PRINTING		£96.00			£261.72	
STATIONARY		£142.21			£118.85	
WEBSITE		£82.40			£ -	
PLANTING		£8,652.20			£7,240.45	
SPONSOR SIGNS		£815.15			£522.00	
TOMBOLA & MARKET PRIZES		£199.17			£148.70	
SUNDRIES		£417.39			£136.19	
TOTAL	£15,817.01	£14,721.03	£1,095.98	£11,463.78	£8,602.91	£5,713.76
BERTIE BARGATES PROJECT						
Income	£975.25			£3,191.21		
Expenses		£3,550.28			£338.32	
TOTAL	£975.25	£3,550.28	-£2,575.03	£3,191.21	£338.32	£2,852.89
FUNDS	31.12.22			31.12.21		
Petty Cash	£18.49					
CASH IN HAND	£ -			£50.90		
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£651.27			£1,002.27		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£8,007.01			£9,102.65		
TOTAL FUNDS	£8,676.77			£10,155.82		
FUNDS SPLIT						
BERTIE BARGATES PROJECT	£277.86			£2,852.89		
LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM	£8,398.91			£7,302.93		
	£8,676.77			£10,155.82		

Declarations.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed:

Full Name JUSTINE PROFFIT

Position CHAIRMAN

Date 21/3/23

Treasurers Report AGM 08.02.23

The accounts for 2022 have been compiled and once again examined by Diana Emes. At her suggestion I have split out the figures for Bertie Bargates to give a true reflection of how LIB performed.

Diana has confirmed that she has found no reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- a) Proper accounting records were not kept.
Or that
- b) The accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I'd like to thank Diana for taking the time to carry out this examination and I will be using these figures when I complete the annual report on the Charity Commission website along with Geoffrey's annual review from this evening's meeting. Also plans for 2023 can be included if available.

2022 Income

Our income for the year totalled £15,817, an increase of £4354 on 2021.

Main changes

- Sponsorship increased by £2100
- Donations increased by £ 678
- Market sales increased by £ 86
- We received £1,471 in grant funding from Hereford Community Fund and The High Sheriffs Fund.
- I claimed £126.49 in gift aid, the first time I've done this.
- Our bucket collections were down by £224 as we didn't have a collection at Morrisons.

2022 Expenditure

Our Expenditure totalled £ 14721 an increase of £3258 over the previous year.

- The group had decided to invest in replacing several planters. We purchased 3 new self-watering troughs and 11 new barrels from Amberol at a cost of £2874.
- Also 2 tiered planters were purchased with the grant money received from the High Sheriff. We had intended to purchase a further 6 troughs but when approached to supply them R J Barrington offered to donate them, which was very much appreciated.
- We spent £249 on Plant Fair signs and a new LIB feather flag.
- Philpott's bill increased by £1412, some of this was due to the increased number of planters and also there was an increase in the cost of the plants of approximately 10%. We have increased our charges for sponsorship in 2023 to take account of this increase.
- The new sign for Lady Ba Ba cost £84
- We contributed £100 towards the expenses Echo incurred decorating the Buttercross.

The net result for LIB is that we had a surplus of £1095 for the year.

Bertie Bargates Project

Regarding Bertie, we saw a surplus of £2852 in 2022 and in 2023 we over spent by £2575 as we purchased the equipment needed to complete the project. It should be noted that we received a grant from Leominster Town Council for £843.86 To aid us in completing this project. There is a small

amount of £277 which remains of the funds raised and this is ring fenced with in our bank account to be spent on Bertie should any maintenance be needed in the future.

In total as of 31st December 2022 the LIB accounts had the following funds available

Petty Cash £ 18.49

Current Account £ 651.27

Deposit Account £ 8,007.01

Total £ 8,676.77

Bertie Bargates Project £277.86

LIB Funds £ 8,398.91.

Vivien Melia



Treasurer

Leominster in Bloom

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM PLANS FOR 2023



Theme

"A Right Royal Carnival." Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III
Carnivals from around the world



Planting Scheme

Exuberant and colourful blooms. Insect, bee friendly, more sustainable areas

Schools

Comprehensive selection of age-related projects. Focusing on carnivals and fairs from around the world and the Coronation.

School entries will be displayed in empty shop windows throughout the town also utilising Leominster library and the train station.



Shops

Window displays to celebrate the Coronation and carnival theme.

Projects

Wildflower planting at The Priory

Bat and bird boxes being erected

Decorating bollards around the town. Lead by Leominster Freewheelers

Pom Pom decorations around the town.

Street benches to be repainted.

Bridge Street river bridge to be repainted. A request has been submitted to Herefordshire Council/Balfour Beatty to carry out the work

Forge links with The Cart Shed and Age UK Sheds Together.



Buttercross

Carnival decorations by Clever Betsy, Leominster 1st Brownies, Forbury Care Home
BUPA Care Home, Headlines Hair Saloon, Stitches Wool & Fabric Shop.

Community

Involvement with schools, youth groups, care homes and other local groups joining together with projects around the town. For instance: Forbury Care Home maintaining the herb beds in Etnam Street Car Park and Central Car Park lavender beds. The Wild Life Trust involvement with more sustainable planting. LIB attending Independence Day and Leominster Festival Events. B & Q helping to care for the flower bed in Coningsby Road and much more.

Leominster Town Council

Leominster Town Council working with Leominster in Bloom watering planters and helping with maintenance projects.

Publicity

Leominster in Bloom Website. www.leominsterinbloom.co.uk

Facebook, Twitter, RHS Newsletter, local newspapers, radio stations and networking events.



Environment

Self-watering planters. Peat free compost to be used where possible.
Composting with Grange Court, also investigating our own composting area.
Insect friendly planting, more sustainable planting areas.

Funding

Financial support from many local businesses and shops sponsoring planters.

Public donations

Leominster in Bloom Plant & Craft Fairs. Fund raising stalls at other local markets and events.

Super market collection days.

Grants where available



LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM BREAKDOWN OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE						
31st December 2022			31st December 2021			
LIB	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	SURPLUS	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	SURPLUS
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£120.00			£165.00		
DONATIONS	£1,378.50			£700.00		
GIFT AID RECLAIM	£126.49			£ -		
MARKET STALLS	£534.96			£448.39		
PLANT FAIR	£1,786.53			£1,929.93		
BUCKET COLLECTIONS	£219.07			£443.81		
EASY FUNDING/AMAZON	£49.70			£21.19		
SPONSORSHIP	£9,850.00			£7,750.00		
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	£ -			£ -		
JUST GIVING	£ -			£4.70		
SUNDRIES	£276.00			£ -		
GRANT FUNDING	£1,471.40			£ -		
BANK INTEREST	£4.36			£0.76		
RHS EXP		£145.00			£175.00	
ADVERTISING		£249.00				
PLANT FAIR REFUNDS		£55.00				
EQUIPMENT		£3,867.51			£ -	
PRINTING		£96.00			£261.72	
STATIONARY		£142.21			£118.85	
WEBSITE		£82.40			£ -	
PLANTING		£8,652.20			£7,240.45	
SPONSOR SIGNS		£815.15			£522.00	
TOMBOLA & MARKET PRIZES		£199.17			£148.70	
SUNDRIES		£417.39			£136.19	
TOTAL	£15,817.01	£14,721.03	£1,095.98	£11,463.78	£8,602.91	£5,713.76
BERTIE BARGATES PROJECT						
Income	£975.25			£3,191.21		
Expenses		£3,550.28			£338.32	
TOTAL	£975.25	£3,550.28	-£2,575.03	£3,191.21	£338.32	£2,852.89
FUNDS	31.12.22			31.12.21		
Petty Cash	£18.49					
CASH IN HAND	£ -			£50.90		
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£651.27			£1,002.27		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£8,007.01			£9,102.65		
TOTAL FUNDS	£8,676.77			£10,155.82		
FUNDS SPLIT						
BERTIE BARGATES PROJECT	£277.86			£2,852.89		
LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM	£8,398.91			£7,302.93		
	£8,676.77			£10,155.82		

I have examined the financial accounts of Leominster in Bloom for the year ending 31st December 2022. I have found no reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- a) proper accounting records were not kept
- b) the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

Signed



Diana C Emes

26/1/23

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM

England & Wales - Charity number 1178381

Accounts

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM 2021

Period 01.01.2021 – 31.12.2021

Charity Name Leominster in Bloom

Charity No: 1178381

Charity's principal address:

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM
C/O LEOMINSTER DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOC
LEOMINSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE
SCHOOL ROAD
LEOMINSTER
HR6 8NJ
Phone: 01568 616460

The Objects of the CIO are

- 1) TO PROMOTE HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE FOR THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LIVE IN OR VISIT LEOMINSTER BY PROVIDING AND ENCOURAGING THE PROVISION OF DISPLAYS FLOWERS SHRUBS TREES AND LANDSCAPES IN PLACES VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND FOR THE GENERAL ENHANCEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.
- 2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY, CONSERVATION AND BIODIVERSITY.

Type of governing document: Charitable Incorporated Organisation adopted 18th May 2018.

How the charity constituted: Constitution for a CIO with a voting membership (in addition to the charity trustees)

Trustee selection methods: Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting as stated in the constitution.

Trustees

Geoffrey Crofts	Chair	Appointed: 14.11.2018
Councillor Felicity Norman		Appointed: 22.03.2018
Gillian Ding	Secretary	Appointed: 18.01.2018
Vivien Melia	Treasurer	Appointed: 15.01.2021

Achievements and Performance.

This year has once again been a challenge to everyone but the town has looked quite wonderful and the Stay Vacation theme was a great success. The innovative ideas and thought that goes in to the whole scheme are quite remarkable and what a team we have. To each and everyone who has helped in anyway I say a big thank you.

The end result with our third consecutive Gold Award shows just how good all can be even in difficult times.

I think this year Helena and the school entries of Postcard designs was so good and certainly brightened up the windows of some otherwise pretty dull and dirty windows. Thank you to the various owners who gave us the use and allowed the putting up of all those cards, although I think it was a challenge at times when they kept falling off.

In Your Neighborhood was also a success and with some new entrants and interest, I hope that we can build on that for the future

The continued support of Philpotts Nursery certainly makes the bus and planters look so good and such wonderful colours, so a huge thank you to Romey for her planning and also a wonderful effort in contacting the businesses and with Viv they are a formidable team. Once again the sponsors were so generous and it is much appreciated.

We will be looking at Peat Free Compost for the future but of course that comes at a price, to be discussed at our December meeting.

Other fund raising has also been very good and once again thank you to Cynthia for her work in putting on a great Flower Fayre.

Gill has managed to keep us in hand and makes a good job of being our secretary, as well as promoting us through her job at the TIC. we are grateful for the support offered to us by the Leominster Town Council and for the endless watering of the plants.

When results were announced we had a very successful coffee and chat morning in the Secret Garden, again thanks to all that helped. Another event was the Coffee Morning held also in the Secret Garden in aid of Bertie Bargates!! I think we should thank Viv and Chris Hodson for spearheading the project and it looks like we are almost there with fundraising as well as the refurbishment much of which was undertaken by Ross Chance and friends, thank you.

Julia has once again been busy in keeping everyone informed of when we are meeting, when working or generally keeping us organised.

I know it is dangerous to mention people individually but I shall mention Mo who works so hard on the Aldi bed, Kaye who seems to pull the rabbit out of the hat and with the help of Freewheelers 9Inner Wheelers) and friends provided us with so much bunting. The Railway Station had a bit of a makeover as indeed did the Benches around the town. So many lovely complimentary comments from people as indeed we have so often, our work does not go unnoticed.

It was with much sadness that Mike Thornhill died just a few weeks ago, he had Leominster very much at heart and put a lot of time and effort into the various

organisations in which he was involved. He will be greatly missed but I am sure his legacy will live on.

We now look forward to our new year and the "Wool in Leominster" theme being able to be carried out, I know there are so many sheep and squares already done, so onward and upwards

Apologies if I have missed anyone specifically but it is a great big team effort, each and every one of you is appreciated. I look forward to my final year as chairman, if indeed I am re-elected

Geoffrey Croft

Chair

Leominster in Bloom

Plans for 2022

Theme	Wool in Leominster, encompassing our connection with Ryeland sheep. Queens Platinum Jubilee and Queens Green Canopy.
Planting scheme	Red, white and blue blooms. Sustainable planting where possible. Investigating peat free compost options.
Schools	A variety of art projects engaging with local schools. Work displayed around the town.
Shops	Window displays relating to the themes.
Projects	<p>Queens Green Canopy: planting at Ginhall Green, The Nut Grove and Sydonia with Leominster Town Council.</p> <p>Coningsby Road bed replanted with B & Q.</p> <p>Re-painting of town benches.</p> <p>Knitting and crocheting flowers to be used as red, white and blue bollard covers around the town. This project is headed up by Leominster Free Wheelers.</p> <p>Making sheep and trees to be displayed around town, with local groups of Cubs and Brownies.</p> <p>Leominster cubs planting herbs in beds adjacent to Etnam Street car park.</p> <p>Bertie Bargates Defibrillator in a kiosk project continues.</p>
Buttercross	Community project transforming the Buttercross into a county lane. Headed up by ECHO, also Bupa and Norfolk House.
Community	Involvement with all our projects and activities
Publicity	Local newspapers, RHS newsletter, local radio stations, LIB website, Facebook, Twitter, Co-op board and word of mouth
Environment	<p>Introduction of peat free compost. Self watering planters, use of upcycled planters.</p> <p>Composting with Grange Court.</p> <p>Litter picking/street weeding, cleaning with other groups.</p> <p>Bee/insect friendly planting. Improving areas.</p>
In Your Neighbourhood	Encourage new entries and offer support where possible to all entrants.
Funding	<p>Sponsorship of planters by businesses and groups.</p> <p>Grants where available</p> <p>Revenue from Plant and Craft Fairs. Market stalls. Supermarket collections</p>
A bit of fun.	Look out for flocks of sheep as you follow our town trail.

LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM
BREAKDOWN OF 2021 INCOME & EXPENDITURE
31st December 2021

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 165.00	
DONATIONS	£ 700.00	
GIFT AID RECLAIM	£ -	
MARKET STALLS	£ 448.39	
PLANT FAIR	£ 2,044.93	£ 115.00
BUCKET COLLECTIONS	£ 443.81	
EASY FUNDING/AMAZON	£ 21.19	
SPONSORSHIP	£ 7,750.00	
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	£ -	
JUST GIVING	£ 4.70	
SUNDRIES	£ -	
BERTIE BARGATES	£ 3,191.21	
BANK INTEREST	£ 0.76	
RHS EXP		£ 175.00
EQUIPMENT		£ -
PRINTING		£ 261.72
STATIONARY		£ 118.85
WEBSITE		£ -
PLANTING		£ 7,240.45
SPONSOR SIGNS		£ 522.00
TOMBOLA PRIZES		£ 148.70
SUNDRIES		£ 136.19
BERTIE BARGATES		£ 338.32
TOTAL	£ 14,769.99	£ 9,056.23
	31.12.21	31-12-20
CASH IN HAND	£ 50.90	£ 58.01
CURRENT ACCOUNT	£ 1,002.27	£ 382.16
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£ 9,102.65	£ 4,001.89
TOTAL FUNDS	£ 10,155.82	£ 4,442.06
£ 2,852.89	Ring fenced for Bertie Bargates Defibrillator Project. Leominster in Bloom funds.	
£ 7,302.33		

Independent examiners report.

I report in respect of my examination of the Leominster in Bloom accounts

I have completed my examination following Charity Commission guidance CC15d. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or

the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or

the format of the accounts is not correct

I have recommended to the Treasurer that the organisation move to an imprest petty cash account in order to enable both an easier understanding of the accounts to be reached and as part of a system of recommended financial controls.

Signed



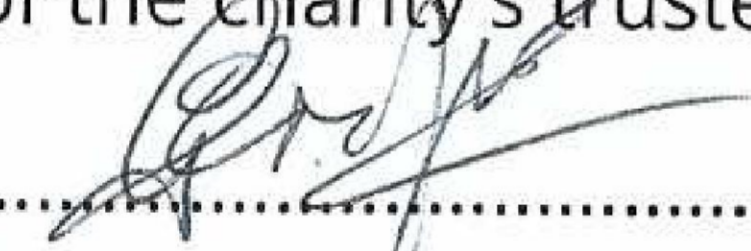
Diana Emes

18/3/2022

Declarations.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Full Name: GEORGEY CROFTS

Position: CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Date: 16/3/22