

Nottinghamshire Gardens Trust

Charity Number 1180729



Annual Report

From 6/4/2020 to 5/4/2021

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Second Trustees' Report For the period ending 5th April 2021

The Trustees present their report and receipts and payments accounts for the period of 6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021.

Trustees

Mr Jason Richard Ernest Mordan, Chair
Ms Erika Marie Diaz Petersen, Treasurer
Dr Tamsin Victoria Alice McMillan, Secretary
Dr Glyn Stephan Green
Mr Andrew Ashley Wimble

Structure, governance and management

The Trust was constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and registered with the Charity Commission on 16th November 2018.

Appointment of Trustees

The Trust has a policy for the recruitment of Trustees. Nominations are considered from any source, but any potential Trustee would be expected to bring specific skills and/or experience to the Trust. In selecting new Trustees, the Trust follows the guidance laid down by the Charity Commission.

Induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under Charity Law, the content of the Constitution of the Trust and recent trustees' annual report and financial information of the Trust.

Volunteers

Volunteers, some who are members and others who are not, make a contribution to the Trust, including Trustees who devote many hours organising events for the benefit of our supporters, and contributing to its conservation work.

Risk management

Nottinghamshire Gardens Trust Trustees have assessed the major risks to which they believe the Trust is exposed and are satisfied that systems have been established to mitigate against them. The Trust has appropriate public liability insurance arranged through the national association: the Gardens Trust.

Public benefit

The Trustees of Nottinghamshire Gardens Trust accept the need to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. They recognise that it is their responsibility to ensure that the benefits are realised in Nottinghamshire by promoting all aspects of historic designed

landscapes both within the membership of the Trust and the wider community.

Charitable objectives

To advance the education of the public on matters concerned with the heritage, protection, conservation and enhancement of historic parks, gardens and other designated landscapes of Nottinghamshire for the benefit of the general public and to promote research into the heritage of such parks, gardens and other designated landscapes of Nottinghamshire, ensuring the useful results of such research are disseminated to the public.

Main Activities

As a small group of volunteers, the Trust's events-organising capacity is currently restricted. Until further volunteers can be recruited, we accept this limitation, organising only a small number of events ourselves, but achieving our charitable objectives by sharing invitations to other appropriate events (particularly from the Gardens Trust and other County Gardens Trusts [CGTs]) with our mailing list; being active on social media; and responding to planning applications in order to conserve historic parks, gardens and other designed landscapes.

Main achievements and performance

Restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic meant that we were not able to hold physical events and our activities during this period were severely limited. The committee was, however, able to move its meetings online, allowing us to plan and deliver the following activities.

Support for conservation projects:

- We advised on the conservation of the Arts and Crafts gardens at Nottingham Trent University's Brackenhurst Campus, near Southwell. This included:
 - o advice on whether to apply to Register the landscape;
 - o comments on NTU's brief to commission a Heritage Plan for the landscape;
 - o support to write a project enquiry for NHLF funding to work with NTU students to rebuild Rose Garden piers and add interpretation.
 - o advice re the conservation of historic glasshouses in the kitchen garden.
- We liaised with Rushcliffe Borough Council's Conservation Officer, Sera Baker, as to the next steps in conserving a pair of Grade II Listed 17th Century garden gate piers, part of the historic estate of Langar Hall. We had formed a working party the previous year to remove a heavy and damaging growth of ivy from the piers.
- We supported plans to research and conserve the Georgian town garden of Bromley House Subscription Library, in central Nottingham, liaising with their former gardener and advising the current gardener, particularly in relation to the discovery of a run of

Georgian path edging tiles and the preparation of a Conservation Statement.

- NGT provided comments for a consultation by the NLHF on plans for the Victoria Embankment Memorial Gardens, Nottingham.

Other activities:

- Trustees attended several online training webinars and networking sessions, organised by the national Gardens Trust, to build our historic designed landscapes history and conservation knowledge.
- We emailed our mailing list of 'Friends of NGT' with events offers from ourselves, the national Gardens Trust, other County Gardens Trusts and other related groups; and updated our social media (Facebook and Twitter) with similar materials and posts of interest. We have been particularly engaged with plans to create a 'Green Quarter' for the City, on the site of the former Broadmarsh Shopping Centre.
- We continued to develop our website, adding Gift Aid and PayPal accounts to the subscription page and detailing our membership offer.
- Due to the closure of the NLHF during the pandemic and the inability to run physical events, we had to postpone our plans to seek funding under the GT's 'Unforgettable Gardens' theme (2020-23), for 'GOGLE' ('Growing Our Gardens Legacy'), a joint research and recording pilot project with other East Midlands CGTs, which would involve training volunteers new to historic parks and gardens to research, survey and write statements of significance for non-registered historic designed landscapes in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. It is hoped that a scaled-down version of the project may eventually be able to run, if suitable funding can be secured.

Planning consultations:

- In collaboration with the national Gardens Trust, Nottinghamshire GT has commented on approx. 10 planning applications which could affect Registered designed landscapes, including Ratcliffe on Soar incinerator scheme, Rufford Abbey, Newstead Abbey, Babworth Hall, Welbeck Abbey and Stanford Hall. This type of work is a major part of our contribution to the conservation of historic parks and gardens in the county and also supports the national Gardens Trust's role as statutory consultee in relation to planning applications which affect the designed historic landscape.

Financial review

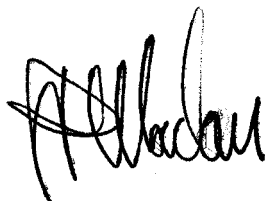
On 5th April 2021 the charity held bank balances totalling £2,193, comprising £1,109 in unrestricted funds and £1,084 in restricted funds. These unrestricted and restricted funds are held in order to maintain the activities of the charity.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees on 26th January 2022:

Mr Jason Mordan (Chair)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Mordan', written over a faint horizontal line.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Nottinghamshire Gardens Trust

No (if any)
1180729


Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/6/2020	To	Period end date 4/5/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
Sale of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments				
Software and website		296	-	296
Insurance and membership		316	-	316
Printing	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Postage	-	8	-	8
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	620	-	620
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Fixed asset purchase	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	620	-	620
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	620	-	620
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,109	1,704	-	2,813
Cash funds this year end	1,109	1,084	-	2,193

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Held in Co-operative Bank account	686	1,507
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	1,109	1,084
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
	Projector screen	Unrestricted	-
	Roller banners	Unrestricted	-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
	National Trust - catering at Clumber event - carried over from previous year	Unrestricted	285
			-
			-
			-
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name
			Jason Mordan

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Last year

to the nearest £

179
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179

930
-
930

1,109

621
777
65
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1,463

1,030
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1,463

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**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

Date of
approval

1/26/2022