

Nottinghamshire Gardens Trust

Charity Number 1180729



Annual Report

From 6/4/2021 to 5/4/2022

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Third Trustees' Report For the period ending 5th April 2022

The Trustees present their report and receipts and payments accounts for the period of 6th April 2021 to 5th April 2022.

Trustees

Mr Jason Richard Ernest Mordan, Chair
Dr Glyn Stephan Green, Treasurer
Dr Tamsin Victoria Alice McMillan, Secretary
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

Events

Ongoing restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic meant that our events calendar continued to be limited:

- We organised an online evening lecture by historian James Wright on medieval gardens 'Elite Landscapes: Beyond the Castle Gate', 26th June. 54 attended, giving a profit of £158.40.
- A visit to the gardens of Nottingham Trent University's Brackenhurst campus, near Southwell, on 13th November, with a talk and tour by Julia Davies, Acting Deputy Dean. There was only a small attendance but the visit was very enjoyable.

Support for conservation projects:

- We continued to advise on the conservation of the Arts and Crafts gardens at Nottingham Trent University's Brackenhurst Campus. This included helping to write a project enquiry for NLHF funding to rebuild piers and add interpretation in the Rose Garden.
- We continued to liaise 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. This followed on from previous NGT work to remove a heavy and damaging growth of ivy from the piers. NGT arranged for a stonemason to provide a quote for repairs and passed this to the owner, along with information about potential funding sources for the work.
- We continued to support Bromley House Subscription Library (central Nottingham) with the preparation of a Conservation Statement for their Georgian town garden, meeting the gardener,

June Greenway, and President, Ann Trenaman, on site on 27th April and commenting on the draft Statement. NGT supports their aspiration for the garden to be Registered.

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 and to share knowledge with other County Gardens Trusts. These have included lectures on specific sites/landscape styles; and an online meet up for CGTs to discuss involvement in the GT's 'Unforgettable Gardens' campaign.
- 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 (including Nottingham Enclosure Town Trail walk); and updated our social media (Facebook and Twitter) with similar materials and posts of interest.
- We continued to develop our website, in preparation for taking online membership subscriptions. It proved much more complicated than expected to create links to PayPal and GiftAid.
- Our Chair has given talks on Nottinghamshire's historic parks and gardens to several groups, including Bleasby Local History Society on July 27th; and Newark Civic Society, on November 25th. Ticket sales/booking fees have been kindly donated to NGT.
- Our former Treasurer, Erika Diaz Petersen, gave a talk to Lincolnshire GT on the conservation and management of historic designed landscapes, to which NGT members were also invited.
- We made links with Nottingham Organic Gardeners and other individuals and organisations involved with Notts community gardens, to plan potential talks/joint activities about urban agriculture and detached town gardens.
- Newark Civic Society wrote an article for their members about NGT, providing welcome exposure.
- Our Treasurer, Stephan Green, has helped with two researchers' queries: locating Kate Garton, author of the Rothschild Gardens and former garden adviser for Hodsock Priory; and providing information on William Port Ayres, who was involved with Canon Reynolds Hall.

Planning consultations and conservation:

- In collaboration with the national Gardens Trust, Nottinghamshire GT has responded (including 'no comments' responses) to approx. 12 planning applications/consultations which could affect Registered designed landscapes, as well as some affecting undesignated landscapes, including:
 - o Ratcliffe on Soar incinerator scheme (affecting Thrumpton Hall),
 - o Kingston Hall Park,
 - o Rufford Abbey Forestry Commission application,
 - o Barton in Fabis gravel extraction (affecting Clifton Hall),

- o Sneinton (affecting undesignated Victoria Park)
- o Development allocations near Annesley 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.

- NGT liaised with Newark and Sherwood Council about Kelham Hall, a wedding venue which went into administration and has a potentially Registrable landscape. Kelham subsequently reopened under new ownership, as a hotel, and it is hoped that the landscape is now less at risk.
- In a bid to raise the profile of undesignated designed landscapes, in the hopes of greater protection in the planning process, our Chair liaised with Alice Ullathorne of Nottingham City Council, to encourage the Council to include parks and gardens in their Local List of heritage assets. There are many nominations on the City Council's local interest nomination website, but these do not seem to have been taken up. Alice has since left the authority and has not been replaced, thus Local List development at the City Council appears to have been suspended. We also liaised with Nottingham Civic Society to ask if they had considered including undesignated green spaces in their list of heritage assets. It appears that Bassetlaw District Council may be the only Notts local authority to be including non-designated designed landscapes in its local list.

Financial review

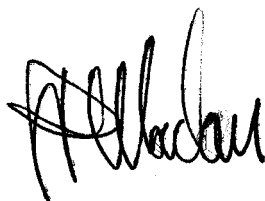
On 5th April 2022 the charity held bank balances totalling £2086 comprising £1417 in unrestricted funds and £669 in restricted funds. These unrestricted and restricted funds are held in order to maintain the activities of the charity.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees on 26th January 2023:

Mr Jason Mordan (Chair)





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Nottinghamshire Gardens Trust	No (if any) 1180729
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 06/04/21	To	Period end date 05/04/22
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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 £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising events	358	-	-	358	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	358	-	-	358	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	358	-	-	358	-
A3 Payments					
Software and website	-	97	-	97	296
Insurance and membership	-	318	-	318	316

Speakers	50	-	-	50	-
Postage	-	-	-	-	8
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	50	415	-	465	620

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	

Total payments	50	415	-	465	620
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Net of receipts/(payments)	308	- 415	-	- 107	- 620
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,109	1,084	-	2,193	2,813
Cash funds this year end	1,417	669	-	2,086	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 £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank	1,417	669	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,417	669	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))

OK	OK	OK
Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details

Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details


Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Projector screen	-	-
Roller banners	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

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		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
National Trust - catering at Clumber event - carried over from 2019	Unrestricted	285	
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		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	G S Green	26/01/23