

# Nottinghamshire Gardens Trust

Charity Number 1180729



## Annual Report

From 6/4/2023 to 5/4/2024

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# **Nottinghamshire Gardens Trust**

## **Fourth Trustees' Report For the period ending 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The Trustees present their report and receipts and payments accounts for the period of 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 relatively 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; responding to planning applications in order to conserve historic parks, gardens and other designed landscapes; and, during this period, taking part in a research project for volunteers, organised with the Gardens Trust.

### **Main achievements and performance**

#### *Events*

- Helped to organise and run a Heritage Open Day with the Friends of Wollaton Walled Garden, Wollaton Hall, Nottingham, on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Spoke to numerous people about NGT and encouraged them to take part in a self-guided tour and quiz of the Walled Garden, designed jointly with the Friends.

#### *Support for other conservation/heritage activities:*

- Had an online meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June with Sarah Greaves, Heritage Buddies Coordinator at Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service, about social prescribing. NGT does not, currently, have the infrastructure for this, but it is something we may be able to take part in, in future.
- Advertised to our members:
  - the Ancient Tree Forum's visit to Bradgate Park, in July.
  - Rock Cemetery, Nottingham's Halloween cemetery tour.

#### *Other activities:*

- We invested a large amount of time this year into planning and taking part in 'Nottinghamshire's Garden Story' – a joint research and recording training project for new volunteers in Notts, instigated by the national Gardens Trust, under their 'Volunteers Save Space!' project, which was part-funded by Historic England.
  - We ran outreach events to engage people with the project and sign up volunteers, including:

- On 6<sup>th</sup> April, a joint, family-friendly event with the Gardens Trust at Sutton Lawn, a public park in Sutton in Ashfield, to introduce the site's heritage to its users and to promote the project.
- On 13<sup>th</sup> May, a stall at a "Hands on Heritage" local history fair at Mansfield Library, with hands-on activities – pot decorating, a display of historic park postcards etc. Over the two events, we talked to around 60 adults and completed the plantpot activity with 59 children.
- Volunteers, and others from CGTs across the country, attended 7 training webinars, on how to research and record historic designed landscapes and share the results online. The 9 project volunteers also attended in-person training sessions at Nottinghamshire Archives and Holme Pierrepont Hall.
- They undertook research into the landscapes of Ossington Hall; Bestwood Country Park; London Road Cemetery, Newark; Clifton "Central" Flower Park; Rockley Memorial Park, Radcliffe on Trent; Norwood Park; Racecourse Recreation Ground, Mansfield; and Langar Hall. The finished reports will be deposited with the Nottinghamshire Historic Environment Record.
- On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, we ran "Exploring Sutton Lawn", a session for older people who attended a regular, local memory café, including a guided tour of the park by our Chair, and a memories and old images discussion session. There were 13 attendees, including a photography teacher and student from the local college.
- The project concluded in May 2024, though the majority of it was undertaken during the year covered by this report.

#### *Planning consultations and conservation:*

- In collaboration with the national Gardens Trust, Nottinghamshire GT has responded (including 'no comments' responses) to approx. 20 planning applications/consultations which could affect Registered designed landscapes, as well as some affecting undesignated landscapes, including:
  - *Thoresby Park (Grade I)*
  - *Clumber Park (Grade I):*
    - telecoms mast
    - installation of large oil tank & pipework Clumber Cottage and Little Cottage.
    - conservation & Repair works to Clumber Bridge grade II\* with associated landscape improvements.
  - *Annesley Hall (Grade II\*)*
  - *Newstead Abbey (Grade II\*)*
  - *Clifton Hall (Grade II)* – Scoping request for gravel extraction.
  - *Flintham Hall (Grade II)*
  - *Brackenhurst, Southwell* - undesignated but on County HER.
- 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 2024 the charity held cash funds totalling £2334, comprising £2018 in unrestricted funds and £316 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024:

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

For the period  
from

Period start date  
06/04/23

To

Period end date  
05/04/24

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
PayPal Giving Fund UK	1	-	-	1	590
GT Project Funding	-	325	-	325	9
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	1	325	-	326	600
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	1	325	-	326	600
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Website	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance and GT membership	-	339	-	339	339
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	339	-	339	339
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	339	-	339	339
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	1	14	-	13	261
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	2,017	330	-	2,347	2,086
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	2,018	316	-	2,334	2,347

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Co-operative Bank	2,008	316	-
	PayPal	10	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,018</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
	Domain & Website (2022-24)	Restricted	87	
	Friends of University Park (2022 event)	Unrestricted	50	
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	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signed by G S Green (Trustee)	G S Green	03/02/25