

Nottinghamshire Gardens Trust

Charity Number 1180729



Annual Report

From 6/4/2024 to 5/4/2025

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Fourth Trustees' Report For the period ending 5th April 2025

The Trustees present their report and receipts and payments accounts for the period of 6th April 2024 to 5th April 2025.

Trustees

Mr Jason Richard Ernest Mordan, Chair
Dr Glyn Stephan Green, Treasurer
Mr Andrew Ashley Wimble
Miss Emma Hancock

Other posts

Dr Tamsin Victoria Alice McMillan, Secretary

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 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

- No talks/visits for members this year, as we were well occupied in supporting the end of Nottinghamshire Gardens Story research project and the start of a new project at Sutton Lawn (see other activities, below).
- Prepped for upcoming visits in following months: Ossington Hall and Brackenhurst visits.

Support for other conservation/heritage activities:

- In support of Gardens Trust's opposition to government consultation to remove it as a statutory consultee, NGT began liaison with Notts Labour MP Nadia Whittome, to see if she could support GT campaign.
- Our Chair gave a talk on Nottinghamshire's historic parks and gardens to the Friends of Nottingham Archives, 5th April.

Other activities:

- We continued our involvement 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 helped to support volunteers (which included one GT Trustee) as they carried out their 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 project concluded in May and we organised an end of project celebration visit for the volunteers to Easton Walled Gardens on 21st April.

- Started to get involved in a sub-project of the NHLF-funded Mill Waters, Next Steps project: Sutton Lawn Landscapes and Living History Project, which is being run by the Gardens Trust, for Mill Waters.
- Supported the Gardens Trust's project to examine ways in which the GT and county gardens trusts may work more closely together. This included responding to GT survey in January, Chair and Secretary attending CGT Chairs' Meet Up in Birmingham, 25th March, and Secretary attending regional Meet Up in Birmingham, 1st March.
- Chair undertook first aid training.

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:
 - Solar scheme at Thoresby Park (Grade I) and Clumber Park (Grade I):
 - Topsoil removal at Stanford Hall (Grade II)
 - Clifton Hall (Grade II)
 - Annesley Hall (Grade II*)
 - Rufford Abbey (Grade II)
 - Newstead Abbey (Grade II*)
 - Clifton Hall (Grade II) – Scoping request for gravel extraction.
 - Brackenhurst, Southwell - undesignated but on County HER.
- Liaison with Nottingham City Council's Conservation Officer and HE re plans for Bromley House's non-registered Georgian courtyard garden.
- 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 2025 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.

There were outstanding liabilities of £694, including £87 brought forward from the previous financial year.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees on 23rd January 2026:

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 06/04/24	To	Period end date 05/04/25
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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					
PayPal Giving Fund UK	-	-	-	-	1
GT Project Funding	-	-	-	-	325
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	326
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	326
A3 Payments					
			-	-	-
			-	-	339
			-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	339
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	339
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	13
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,018	316	-	2,334	2,347
Cash funds this year end	2,018	316	-	2,334	2,334

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	2,008	316	-
	PayPal	10	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,018	316	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Domain & Website (2022-24)	Restricted	87	
	Domain & Website (2024-26)	Restricted	85	
	Insurance and GT membership	Unrestricted	369	
	GT Project Event	Restricted	153	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Signed by G S Green (Trustee)	G S Green	22/01/26	