



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From January 2021 To December 2021**

**Charity name: The Northumbria Gardens Trust**

**Charity registration number: 1187196**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Northumbria.</p> <p>2) 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 Northumbria.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The planned programme of visits to historic gardens were again disrupted by COVID restrictions but the final visit of the year - to the North Marine Park at South Shields - was held and the annual lecture in November went ahead.</p> <p>A small group of the trustees continued to respond to the weekly planning lists circulated by The Gardens Trust, which were scanned and applications likely to have adverse impact on historic designed landscapes in the Northumbria region assessed and responded to via TGT as appropriate.</p> <p>Requests for information and support received via the website concerning historic designed landscapes in Northumbria have been responded to.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
		No grants were made

Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The trustees continue to invest a considerable amount of time as volunteers to run the administration of The Northumbria Gardens Trust; organise a programme of events; and support The Gardens Trust as the statutory consultees for all planning applications affecting registered designed landscapes in Northumbria region.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Due to the pandemic we were forced to cancel the AGM and the majority of the subsequent planned visits for the year, though we were able to run a stall to showcase the work of The Gardens Trust and our own Trust at the "Blooming Gardens" event at Belsay Hall; to go ahead with the final visit of the year, to North Marine Parks and the Annual Lecture at the Lit. &amp; Phil. in November.</p> <p>The trustees continued to run the administration of The Northumbria Garden's Trust through email traffic and to plan for a programme of events in 2022; The trustees continued to support The Gardens Trust as statutory consultees for all planning applications affecting registered designed landscapes in Northumbria region; scanning the weekly lists, assessing applications and providing local knowledge to The Gardens Trust Conservation Team as appropriate. We have also been able to continue to respond to enquiries from the public about the conservation of designed landscapes in Northumbria.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	Para 1.41	Although the pandemic put paid to the events programme and AGM we were able to continue with the important conservation role
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Achievements against objectives set		of supporting The Gardens Trust in its role as statutory consultee and to respond to enquiries from the public about the conservation of designed landscapes in Northumbria.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising activities were undertaken.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

<p>Standing Orders may not be transferred to member's subscriptions as existing capacity to manage and could result in loss of member's subscriptions as existing administration which we do not have the would involve a lot of additional work. It was felt that attempting to change bank's result in an additional draw on funds but if change for all bank's terms on the account will require review. The bank's decision to distribute the occasional Journal will also be undertaken. The cost of producing and Trust and the appropriate insurance cover payment for subscriptions to The Gardens review of the calculation of the headline and/or a drive for additional members. A always tried to keep as low as possible) membership subscriptions (which we have</p>		
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#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.41	Member's subscriptions
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.40	Nil
	Para 1.42	The principal risk facing the charity continues to be the difficulty of getting new trustees/supporters to take up the

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The funds in the Northumbria Gardens Trust Community Account fell slightly during the period. The two main items of expenditure were the Annual subscription and insurance payments to The Gardens Trust and the cost of Room Hire for the annual lecture. Membership subscriptions recovered from last year due to the diligence of the Membership Secretary.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Northumbria Gardens Trust Community Account maintains a modest balance which serves as a reserve against forthcoming expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2647
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	With no expenditure on a <i>Journal</i> in this period the fall in funds held during the period was small but may require a review of the membership subscriptions (which we have always tried to keep as low as possible) and/or a drive for additional members. A review of the calculation of the headage payment for subscriptions to The Gardens Trust and the appropriate insurance cover was undertaken. The cost of producing and distributing the occasional <i>Journal</i> will also require review. The bank's decision to charge for all transactions on the account will result in an additional draw on funds but it was felt that attempting to change banks would involve a lot of additional administration which we do not have the capacity to manage and could result in loss of member's subscriptions as existing Standing Orders may not be transferred.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
	Para 1.46	The principal risk facing the charity continues to be the difficulty of getting new trustees/supporters to take up the



## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Nomination at AGM and election to post by members present

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Close working links with, and support from, The Gardens Trust nationally and regular liaison with the Yorkshire Gardens Trust
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Northumbria Gardens Trust
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1187196
Charity's principal address	Margery Flatts Farm Lanchester Co. Durham DH7 0RS



### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	Harry Beamish	Chair		
	2	Fiona Green	Secretary		
	3	Martin Roberts	Membership Sec.		
	4	Nick Owen	Contact for TGT/other CGTs		
	5	Vacant	Journal Editor		
	6	Vacant	Events		
	7	Vacant	Treasurer		
	8	Moira Jocelyn			
	9	Tom Yellowley			
	10	Tony Smith			
	11	Jane Armstrong			
	12	Michael Rudd	(Resigned June 2021)	Jan to June 2021	
	13	John Fitzpatrick	(Died October 2021)	Jan to October 2021	
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	15				
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	17				
	18				
	19				
	20				

### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		





## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	<i>James J. C. N.</i>
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) H.J.H. Beamish

Full name(s) Henry John Hosford Beamish

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc) Chair

Date 15 October 2022

(optional) Additional information

(optional) Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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(optional) Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

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Charity Name

The Northumbria Gardens Trust

No (if any)

1187196

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start

1/1/21

To

Period end date

31/12/2021

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership subscriptions	305	-	-	305	280
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>280</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>280</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
TGT Subscription and insurances	256	-	-	256	960
Room Hire (L&P) for annual lecture	100	-	-	100	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>960</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>960</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 51</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 51</b>	<b>- 680</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,698</b>	<b>2,698</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,647</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,647</b>	<b>2,018</b>

### 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>		2,647	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	2,647	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
H.J.H. Beamish	H.J.H. Beamish	15/10/2022

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2025/07/14	2025/07/14	2025/07/14
2025/07/14	2025/07/14	2025/07/14

no resident law to end submitted  
system will be to be used