



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From January 2023 To December 2023

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>A programme of visits to historic designed landscapes in the region was successfully held and the annual lecture in November was held in Newcastle.</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 an adverse impact on historic designed landscapes in the Northumbria region were assessed and responded to via The Gardens Trust, the statutory consultee for Registered Parks and Gardens, 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	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants were made
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 consultee for all planning applications affecting Registered Parks and Gardens in the 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>The AGM was held at Alington House, Durham; the planned visits for the year were researched and delivered and the Annual Lecture at the Lit. & Phil. in Newcastle all went ahead and were generally well attended. These are the principal benefits to the membership and attending non members.</p> <p>The trustees continued to run the administration of The Northumbria Gardens Trust and to plan for a programme of future events.</p> <p>The trustees continued to support The Gardens Trust as the statutory consultee for all planning applications affecting Registered Parks and Gardens in Northumbria region; scanning the weekly lists, assessing applications and providing research and local knowledge to The Gardens Trust Conservation Team as appropriate. This activity is of benefit to society as a whole in</p>

		<p>helping to conserve the region's designed landscapes.</p> <p>We have also been able to continue to respond to enquiries from the public about the conservation of designed landscapes in Northumbria.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	A full events programme, annual lecture and AGM was achieved and we were able to continue with the important conservation role 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 specific fundraising activities were undertaken. The aim is to cover event costs if possible, with a modest charge to avoid drawing on the limited reserves.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

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 increased 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. The bank now charges for all transactions on the account. Membership subscriptions were slightly down, as were event costs. Outstanding membership payments were followed up thanks 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 (such as events costs and future <i>Journal</i> production and circulation costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3146
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 increase in funds held during the period was modest. There may be a future requirement for 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 annual headage payment for subscriptions to The Gardens Trust was made 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 has resulted in an additional draw on funds but it continues to be 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 amended.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

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	
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)		

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)	<i>HJB Beamish</i>	
Full name(s)	Henry John Hosford Beamish	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	30 June 2024	



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No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1/1/23

To


Period end date
31/12/2023

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					
Membership subscriptions	511	-	-	511	-
Event income	375	-	-	375	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	886	-	-	886	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	886	-	-	886	-
A3 Payments					
TGT Subs and Insurances	319	-	-	319	-
Event/lecture costs	359	-	-	359	-
Website	30	-	-	30	-
Bank charges	64	-	-	64	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	772	-	-	772	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	772	-	-	772	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	114	-	-	114	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,032	-	-	3,032	-
Cash funds this year end	3,146	-	-	3,146	-

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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
		Henry John Hosford Beamish	31/6/24

