

**Annual Report – Covering Period 07/01/2020 to 31/12/2020**

Charity address: 7 Eldon St, Reading, RG1 4EA

Charity Type: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Number: 1187238

**Trustees:**

Nichola Jeanne Ebbern	Chair
Richard Charles Parkinson	Treasurer
Daisy Coates	
Michael Robert Turner	Secretary
Jonathan Bartlett Sim	

**Charity Structure and Governance**

Our small charity is run by five trustees who manage all aspects of our charitable purpose from design and planning of the gardens, organising volunteer events to clear and plant the gardens and fundraising.

Should we need to recruit additional trustees, these would be from the local community. We would determine the particular skill set we require, advertise the position through our social media platforms requesting CVs to be submitted. Where we had multiple suitable candidates, we would undertake a formal interview process to select the individual most suited to our skills gap and charitable aims.

**Charity Objectives**

*For the public benefit the conservation, preservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, in particular through the maintenance of the King George V Memorial Gardens (also known as (Eldon Square Community Gardens) located within the Eldon Square Conservation Area, Reading with the aim of enhancing the history and heritage of the designed landscape of Eldon Square, raising awareness of its local and national importance, promoting biodiversity within the gardens and conserving the gardens as a place for exercise, recreation and leisure for the benefit of the local community and visitors.*

## **Activities for the year**

Our activities this year have been extremely limited due to the impact of COVID restrictions.

We have run several volunteer events where members of the local community have come to the gardens to clear and plant two large circular beds. Initially these beds were grass which the volunteers removed by hand. The beds were then planted with over 4500 bulbs such as tulips, daffodils etc, 6 cherry trees and plants such as foxgloves.

Subsequently the trustees also spread wildflower seeds on these cleared beds and watered regularly to ensure continued flowering and growth of the trees.

We also completed the spring bird watch to enable us to track the bird life in the garden year on year.

## **Achievements**

As a result of this activity, we had two flower beds which provided colour and habitat for local wildlife from early spring through to late summer which previously did not exist.

We have had positive feedback about this achievement from the local users of the gardens which has included that the space is brighter, more accessible, and colourful. Anecdotally we have seen an increase in insect life in the gardens.

## **Financial Review**

To date we have been funded from a single source, trustee Richard Parkinson. We have been unable to deliver our planned fundraising events, these will now take place in the coming 12 months to ensure the charity is financially viable to deliver the planned activity in the coming year.

Expenditure has largely been on buying the 4500 bulbs plus a little on equipment such as hoses and tools.

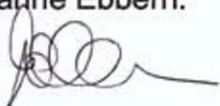
Due to the curtailment of fundraising activities over the last 18 months the charity has not had the option of building reserves. As the position changes it is our intention to build a reserve that would enable planting and maintenance to be maintained for a period of 6 months and will also allow us to build towards long term plans, for example providing additional seating and setting aside an area as a sensory garden. The reserve will also be beneficial when applying for grants that require match funding.

**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Nichola Jeanne Ebborn: Chair



Richard Charles Parkinson: Treasurer



Dated: 18/10/2021





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Eldon Square Gardens Community Group

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
07/01/2020

To

Period end date  
31/12/2020

### 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>					
19/03/2020 - From Community Account	200	-	-	200	-
24/11/2020 - From R Parkinson	500	-	-	500	-
27/11/2020 - From R Parkinson	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>-</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>1,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
24/11/2020 - Pete Nyssen	170	-	-	170	-
25/11/2020 - Sarah Raven	222	-	-	222	-
27/11/2020 - Bulbi	265	-	-	265	-
27/11/2020 - Sarah Raven	71	-	-	71	-
07/12/2020 - Peter Nyssen	76	-	-	76	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>									
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	804	-	-	-	-	-	804	-	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	396	-	-	-	-	-	396	-	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	396	-	-	-	-	-	396	-	-

## 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>				
	Cash Carried Forward	396	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	396	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

### 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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

### B5 Liabilities

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


Nichola Ebbem  
 Richard Parkinson

18 OCT 21,  
 18/10/2021