

Annual Report – Covering Period 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021

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 built on those of 2020 in a similar vein. Progress has been limited but 2022 promises to take us a considerable step forward

We have run several volunteer events where members of the local community have come to the gardens to clear a 3rd large circular bed and start the clearance of overgrown borders. The round bed was largely grass with a few shrubs. The shrubs were dug up for transplanting elsewhere in the gardens and the grass was removed by hand. This bed will be planted in the spring of 2022.

Over 1000 bulbs have been planted and other plants such as irises been introduced to the borders. Six rose bushes have also been planted.

We again completed the spring bird watch to enable us to track the bird life in the garden year on year and saw some increased activity.

Achievements

As a result of our activities, we had two flower beds and enhanced borders which provided colour and habitat for local wildlife from early spring through to late summer.

We have had more 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. A postcard format for distribution to the local area has been agreed for the new year and the design completed. We have also had a pledge of £1000 in the spring from a local business. We will be approaching other local companies and trusts in the coming year to ensure the charity is financially viable.

Expenditure has been on buying the bulbs and rose bushes. Other plants were donated.

The charity has not yet 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.

Michael Robert Turner:

Secretary

Richard Charles Parkinson:

Treasurer

Dated: 29/10/2022



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2021		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 £
A1 Receipts					
25/11/2020 - From R Parkinson	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	500	-	-	500	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	500	-	-	500	-
A3 Payments					
27/02//2021 Zurich Insurance	216	-	-	216	-
20/11/2021 - Bulbi	309	-	-	309	-
31/12/2021 - Peter Beale	58	-	-	58	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	583	-	-	583	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see table)					

Sub total									
Total payments									
Net of receipts/(payments)									
A5 Transfers between funds									
A6 Cash funds last year end									
Cash funds this year end									

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	Cash Carried Forward	396		
	Total cash funds	313		
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

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

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Richard Charles Parkinson

30/10/2022 30/10/2022