

Annual Report – Covering Period 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022

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 previous years in a similar vein. Progress has been made across the square with additional planting and clearance.

We have run several volunteer events where members of the local community have come to the gardens to plant the large circular bed cleared in 2021 and a long rectangular sensory bed of Rosemary and other shrubs and flowers was planted, this was the most expensive project so far.

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 additional 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

In this financial year we received donations from two local businesses and a few residents totally 1695 GBP. The trustees did not contribute financially this year

Expenditure has been on buying the plants, a few hand tools and a small rotavator. 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

Eldon Square Gardens Community Group: Registered Charity No. 1187238

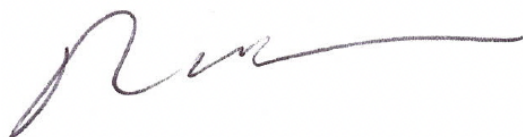
The trustees

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: 31/10/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period	Period start date	To	Period end date
from	01/01/2022		31/12/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

At Receipts

01/01/2022 - 1887C	188	-	-	188	-
11/03/2022 - A.B. Walker	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
04/04/2022 - Jett Gwyn	30	-	-	30	-
05/04/2022 - Public Donations	60	-	-	60	-
28/04/2022 - Parkdale Surgery	500	-	-	500	-
04/05/2022 - Public Donations	40	-	-	40	-
04/05/2022 - Amaze Shire	5	-	-	5	-
28/05/2022 - Public Donations	60	-	-	60	-
Sub total/Gross income for A/R	1,884	-	-	1,884	-

AZ Asset and Investment sales, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts 1,884

A3 Payments

04/01/2022 - David Austin	57	-	-	57	-
04/01/2022 - Classic Reuse	58	-	-	58	-
01/01/2022 - Foodbank	24	-	-	24	-
18/02/2022 - Volunteer	34	-	-	34	-
01/03/2022 - Zurich Insurance	241	-	-	241	-
02/03/2022 - Volunteer	16	-	-	16	-
15/03/2022 - Volunteer	53	-	-	53	-
28/04/2022 - Camp Downes Ltd	313	-	-	313	-
23/05/2022 - Regier Alison Nairne	1,896	-	-	1,896	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,100	-	-	-	1,100	-	-
A4 Asset and Investment purchases, (see table)							
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,100	-	-	-	1,100	-	-
Net of receipts/payments)	26	-	-	-	26	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	26	-	-	-	26	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
B1 Cash funds	Cash Carried Forward	20	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total/ cash funds	20	-	-
(Signed balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Carried from previous years	£19	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		*	*
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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BB Labels

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (opt total)	When due (opt total)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date of approval

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