

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 Ebborn	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 limited to general maintenance with little new planting. This has been due to a shortage of volunteers and trustees time. Planting was done using donated plants so no cost to the charity

Unfortunately we suffered some vandalism and some plants were destroyed along with one of the cherry trees planted we had previously 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 flower beds and enhanced borders which provided colour and habitat for local wildlife two 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. We now need to try and build on this,

Financial Review

No funds have been raised in this financial year as no new planting costs were incurred and the charity had the tools necessary to perform the required maintenance.

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: 30/10/2024



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date

01/01/2023

To

Period end date


31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
24-04-2023 Amazon Giving	5	-	-	5
19-05-2023 Amazon Giving	13	-	-	13
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19	-	-	19
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Total receipts	19	- 0	- 0	19
A3 Payments				
09/03/2023. Zurich Insurance	249	-	-	249
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
Sub total	249	-	-	249
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
Total payments	249	- 0	- 0	249
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 230	-	-	- 230
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	- 0	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 230	-	-	- 230

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		362	-
		-	-

		-	-
	Total cash funds	362	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Rotavator	Unrestricted funds	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
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			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	
		Richard Charles Parkinson	

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Last year
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Endowment funds
to nearest £
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Current value (optional)
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Current value (optional)
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When due (optional)
Date of approval
31/10/2024