

# ASHWOOD CHARITABLE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1190656

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-07-30

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** Ashwood Charitable Trust  
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## Activities

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**Objects:** A) THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE SCIENCE, ART AND PRACTICE OF HORTICULTURE IN ALL ITS BRANCHESB) TO ADVANCE SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES (ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES) AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT FROM TIME TO TIME BY MAKING GRANTS TO OTHER CHARITIES

**Activities:** Funds are raised to support charities preferably within the West Midlands with particular emphasis on disadvantaged and those with disabilities. The advancement of the science and practice of horticulture with the health benefits that it provides.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£42,600	£25,101	-	-
2024-01-31	£35,163	£35,597	-	-
2023-01-31	£26,895	£26,895	-	-
2022-01-31	£10,894	£10,894	-	-
2021-01-31	£0	£0	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Philip David Baulk</b>	Chair	2020-07-30
Christian John Cartwright M.Sc		2020-07-30
Karrina Patricia Gilbert		2020-07-30
Neil Adrian Westwood FCA		2020-07-30
Robert Cartwright		2024-11-08
Robert Vernon		2023-02-27

**ASHWOOD CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1190656

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# Accounts

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Charity registration number: 1190656

# Ashwood Charitable Trust

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

## Ashwood Charitable Trust

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# Ashwood Charitable Trust

## Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2025.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### ***Objects and aims***

The trusts purposes are:

- a) the encouragement and improvement of the science, art and practice of horticulture in all its branches
- b) to advance such charitable purposes as the trustees see fit from time to time by making grants to other charities

#### ***Objectives, strategies and activities***

In order to encourage and improve the science, art and practice of horticulture in all its branches the charity will arrange lectures which are open to the public and provide training grants and mentoring to targeted individuals.

The charity will use any further donations received to provide financial grants to horticulture and other charities as the trustees see fit each year.

#### ***Public benefit***

The benefits of the lectures will be to increase the horticultural knowledge, skills and capabilities of individuals to pursue and thrive in horticultural careers, benefiting both those individuals and also the field of horticulture. Discussions are taking place with Great Dixter in East Sussex with regard to a joint student sponsorship scheme with a potential donor.

The charity will also seek to help other worthwhile causes in achieving their purposes by giving grants to UK registered horticultural and other charities.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### ***Grant making policies***

Grants may be provided to individuals for the purposes of horticultural training.

All other grants the charity makes will be UK registered horticultural and other charities, which are known and supported by the trustees, carefully selected on the basis of need, effectiveness and the charity's available funds each year.

In terms of other charities, the charity currently has a preference for local or national charities with an emphasis on research and/or palliative care. This could include charities providing facilities for care and well-being such as emergency services, local hospices and schools providing facilities for those with disabilities or learning difficulties. Priority would be given to those where funding by government or local authorities is inadequate or totally absent.

## **Ashwood Charitable Trust**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Achievements and performance**

The 2024 season

A large proportion of the funds raised come from the opening of John's Garden on Saturdays from February until late November. Attendance is greatly affected by weather conditions and 2024 has been particularly wet. The cost of living crisis also has an influence on people's propensity to spend but despite both of these factors, the number of garden visits have upheld relatively well. The total raised during the year was £25194 which was split equally between Newlife, our "Charity of the Year" for 2024 and the Adam Greathead Award. Newlife is a charity which supports disabled children and their families with specialist equipment not usually available from the NHS. The Adam Greathead Award offers students the opportunity to work and learn in two outstanding gardens, namely John's Garden near Kingswinford in the West Midlands and Great Dixter in East Sussex. Each student spends six months in each location. During their time students attend masterclasses, carry out plant identifications and profiles and learn practical skills from the head gardener and his team.

Under the Adam Greathead Award, C Hudson is about to complete her twelve months on this programme and has made good progress. Our next student will begin her award in October 2024 and will transfer to Great Dixter in April 2025. All student's salaries whilst at Great Dixter are funded by the Trust. Students are selected from online applications and those most suitable are short listed for interview.

The chair of the trustees has made applications to suitable trusts and foundations in order to raise funds to support the Adam Greathead Award with some success. Donations were received from the Finnis Scott Foundation, the Studley Castle Foundation (Previously a Horticultural College for Women), the Grace Charity and the Worshipful Company of Gardeners who have all been very generous in their support.

#### **Plans for future periods**

##### *Activities planned to achieve aims*

At 31 January 2025 the Adam Greathead Award has sufficient funds to fund the current student whilst at Great Dixter. Our next student should arrive at John's Garden in September 2025 by which time more funds should be available.

Our "Charity of the Year" for 2025 is Horatio's Garden. This charity builds and maintains suitable gardens at specialist hospitals which provide treatment and support for patients suffering life changing injuries. Their focus is to rehabilitate patients and show them just what is possible despite their injuries. The gardens also support their mental well-being and provide a quiet space for staff to enjoy their down time.

At the end of her Adam Greathead Award, the current student has been asked to stay on at Great Dixter throughout summer 2025, working in their nursery department, further enhancing her experience.

## Ashwood Charitable Trust

### Trustees' Report (continued)

#### Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Registration Number: 1190656

Principal Office: Ashwood Lower Lane  
Ashwood  
Kingswinford  
West Midlands  
DY6 0AE

Independent Examiner: H Crumpton  
101 Dixons Green Road  
Dudley  
West Midlands  
DY2 7DJ

#### Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

- Mr P D Baulk
- Ms K P Gilbert
- Mr N A Westwood
- Mr C J Cartwright
- Mr R Vernon
- Mr R Cartwright (appointed 8 November 2024)

#### Structure, governance and management

##### *Nature of governing document*

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by the CIO Foundation Constitution

##### *Recruitment and appointment of trustees*

The initial trustees comprised four individuals who had knowledge of horticulture or other expertise beneficial to the trust. The initial trustees were appointed for terms between 2 and 5 years.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 22 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr P D Baulk  
Trustee

## Ashwood Charitable Trust

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 22 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Mr P D Baulk  
Trustee

## Ashwood Charitable Trust

### Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ashwood Charitable Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ashwood Charitable Trust for the year ended 31 January 2025.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Ashwood Charitable Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Ashwood Charitable Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Ashwood Charitable Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....  
H Crumpton MAAT

101 Dixons Green Road  
Dudley  
West Midlands  
DY2 7DJ

22 July 2025

## Ashwood Charitable Trust

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies		42,346	42,346	35,163
Investment income	3	254	254	-
Total income		42,600	42,600	35,163
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities		(25,101)	(25,101)	(35,597)
Total expenditure		(25,101)	(25,101)	(35,597)
Net income/(expenditure)		17,499	17,499	(434)
Net movement in funds		17,499	17,499	(434)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		(434)	(434)	-
Total funds carried forward	7	17,065	17,065	(434)

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 7.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Ashwood Charitable Trust**  
**(Registration number: 1190656)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors		690	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>29,590</u>	<u>-</u>
		30,280	-
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>		<u>(13,215)</u>	<u>(434)</u>
<b>Net assets/(liabilities)</b>		<u><u>17,065</u></u>	<u><u>(434)</u></u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>17,065</u>	<u>(434)</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	7	<u><u>17,065</u></u>	<u><u>(434)</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 11 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 22 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

.....  
Mr N A Westwood  
Trustee

## Ashwood Charitable Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

##### **Basis of preparation**

Ashwood Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### ***Donations and legacies***

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

##### ***Grants receivable***

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

##### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

## Ashwood Charitable Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2025 (continued)

#### *Charitable activities*

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### *Grant provisions*

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

## **2 Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted funds Designated £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	26,846	26,846	35,163
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	15,500	15,500	-
	<u>42,346</u>	<u>42,346</u>	<u>35,163</u>

## Ashwood Charitable Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2025 (continued)

#### 3 Investment income

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	254	254
<b>Total for 2025</b>	254	254

#### 4 Expenditure on charitable activities

		<b>Unrestricted funds Designated £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Grant funding of activities	<b>Note</b>	25,101	25,101	35,597

#### 5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

## Ashwood Charitable Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January 2025 (continued)

#### 6 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 7 Funds

	Balance at 1 February 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 January 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	-	254	-	254
Designated	<u>(434)</u>	<u>42,346</u>	<u>(25,101)</u>	<u>16,811</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><u>(434)</u></u>	<u><u>42,600</u></u>	<u><u>(25,101)</u></u>	<u><u>17,065</u></u>
		Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 January 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
Designated		<u>35,163</u>	<u>(35,597)</u>	<u>(434)</u>

#### 8 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

**ASHWOOD CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1190656

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st January 2024  
for  
Ashwood Charitable Trust**

**Ashwood Charitable Trust**

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for the Year Ended 31st January 2024**

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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st January 2024**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st January 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The trusts purposes are:

- a) the encouragement and improvement of the science, art and practice of horticulture in all its branches
- b) to advance such charitable purposes as the trustees see fit from time to time by making grants to other charities

**Significant activities**

In order to encourage and improve the science, art and practice of horticulture in all its branches the charity will arrange lectures which are open to the public and provide training grants and mentoring to targeted individuals.

The charity will use any further donations received to provide financial grants to such horticulture and other charities as the trustees see fit each year.

**Public benefit**

The benefits of the lectures will be to increase the horticultural knowledge, skills and capabilities of individual attendees and more widely through the attendees' practice and sharing with others.

By providing training grants and mentoring to targeted individuals the charity will enable talented individuals to pursue and thrive in horticultural careers, benefiting both those individuals and also the field of horticulture. Discussions are taking place with Great Dixter in East Sussex with regard to a joint student sponsorship scheme and with a potential donor.

The charity will also seek to help other worthwhile causes in achieving their purposes by giving grants to UK registered horticultural and other charities.

**Grantmaking**

Grants may be provided to individuals for the purposes of horticultural training.

All other grants the charity makes will be UK-registered horticultural and other charities, which are known and supported by the trustees, carefully selected on the basis of need, effectiveness and the charity's available funds each year.

In terms of other charities, the charity currently has a preference for local or national charities with an emphasis on research and/or palliative care. This could include charities providing facilities for care and well-being such as emergency services, local hospices and schools providing facilities for those with disabilities or learning difficulties. Priority would be given to those where funding by government or local authorities is inadequate or totally absent.

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st January 2024**

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

Around five years ago, John Massey's head gardener Adam Greathead, died in his sleep. He was 27 years old. It was a tragic loss of a very talented horticulturalist with a great future ahead of him. In order to keep his memory alive, John created a new area of his garden which he called Adam's garden. A few years later, John decided that more could be done to honour Adam's short life. One of the aims of the Ashwood Charitable Trust is to advance the science, art and practice of horticulture in all its branches, so the trustees established the Adam Greathead award.

This annual award began in February 2023 and offers a budding horticulturalist the opportunity to work and learn in two well renowned gardens, namely John's Garden at Ashwood and Great Dixter in East Sussex. the former home and garden of the late Christopher Lloyd.

The Great Dixter Charitable Trust was not in a position to pay the living wage of this student so this was to be funded through the Adam Greathead Award, although Dixter could offer the necessary accommodation without charge. The award also funded any deficit on the accommodation over and above the students own contribution of £50 per week during the six months that the student was at John's Garden. The Adam Greathead Award funds were raised through lectures, events and visits held by the current head gardener, Nigel Hopes. The award also received a substantial donation of £5,000 from Felix Apelbe in order to help fund the first student. After allowing for the salary at Great Dixter and a small excess on the accommodation, the award was left with a small deficit which has been subsequently cleared through additional funds in the current year. The award raised £11,797.39 during the year, leaving a deficit after expenses of £434.46.

The first Student, Matthew Padbury, has now successfully completed his year on this award and has been asked to stay on at Great Dixter for up to twelve months and then he plans to travel to Japan to work on the Millennium Forest project there. He was an excellent student and this award has given him the knowledge and skills to forge a very successful horticulture career.

The Ashwood Charitable Trust also raises money to help local charities through their annual Charity of the year project. Funds raised through the Saturday of John's Garden from February until early December were donated to this charity. A new charity is selected each year by the trustees from all the applications received during the year.

For 2023, the charity selected was Action Heart, based in Russell's Hall Hospital in Dudley, This charity offers programmes to rehabilitate patient's who have suffered a heart attack or stroke and aims to restore them to an active life style and enable them to return to work. They offer facilities and programmes that are not available through the NHS and which usually last twelve months. A total of £23,365.50 was raised for Action Heart during the year.

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st January 2024**

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**FUTURE PLANS**

In February 2024, a new student has begun her time on the Adam Greathead Award, it is hoped to offer a further student a place in September. This is caused by the decision to move application deadline from 31st October to 21st August each year to match the academic year. The trustees feel this will encourage more applications as only nine were received this year compared with seventeen the previous year. Looking into the future, a new student should start each September but if funds can be secured, we would like to have two students annually. With this in mind, other sources of income will be researched.

The Income from garden openings in 2024 will be split on a 50/50 basis so that both a local charity and the Adam Greathead Award will receive equal funding. The charity for 2024 has been selected and is Newlife, a charity for disabled children based on Cannock in Staffordshire. They provide equipment and advice which is not supplied through the NHS.

Full details of John's Garden, the Charity of the Year and the Adam Greathead award can be found on the Ashwood Nurseries website - [www.ashwoodnurseries.com](http://www.ashwoodnurseries.com)

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by the CIO Foundation Constitution

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The initial trustees comprised four individuals who had knowledge of horticulture or other expertise beneficial to the trust. The initial trustees were appointed for terms between 2 and 5 year.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1190656

**Principal address**

Ashwood Lower Lane  
Ashwood  
Kingswinford  
West Midlands  
DY6 OAE

**Trustees**

P D Baulk  
N A Westwood  
Ms K P Gilbert  
C J Cartwright

C J Cartwright was reappointed as a trustee on 28 July 2023 and Ms K P Gilbert was reappointed as a trustee on 19 July 2024.

**Ashwood Charitable Trust**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st January 2024**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

H Crumpton MAAT  
Neil Westwood & Co.  
Chartered Accountants  
101 Dixons Green Road  
Dudley  
West Midlands  
DY2 7DJ

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7th October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

P D Baulk - Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ashwood Charitable Trust**

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### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashwood Charitable Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ashwood Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st January 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

H Crumpton MAAT

Neil Westwood & Co.  
101 Dixons Green Road  
Dudley  
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7th October 2024

Ashwood Charitable Trust

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st January 2024

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	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		35,163	26,895
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Donations to charities		35,597	26,895
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(434)	-
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		-	-
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>          </u> <u>          </u>	<u>          </u> <u>          </u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Ashwood Charitable Trust

Balance Sheet  
31st January 2024

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	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(434)	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		(434)	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		(434)	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		(434)	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>FUNDS</b>	5		
Unrestricted funds		(434)	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		(434)	-
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7th October 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

N A Westwood - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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for the Year Ended 31st January 2024**

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**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st January 2024 nor for the year ended 31st January 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st January 2024 nor for the year ended 31st January 2023.

**3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	
Donations and legacies	26,895
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<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Donations to charities	26,895
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<b>NET INCOME</b>	-
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	-
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	434	-
	<u>434</u>	<u>-</u>

**5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.2.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.1.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	-	(434)	(434)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(434)</u>	<u>(434)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>(434)</u>	<u>(434)</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	35,163	(35,597)	(434)
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>35,163</u>	<u>(35,597)</u>	<u>(434)</u>

**6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st January 2024.

**ASHWOOD CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1190656

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# Accounts

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**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st January 2023  
for  
Ashwood Charitable Trust**

**Ashwood Charitable Trust**

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

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The trusts purposes are:

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The charity will use any further donations received to provide financial grants to such horticulture and other charities as the trustees see fit each year.

**Public benefit**

The benefits of the lectures will be to increase the horticultural knowledge, skills and capabilities of individual attendees and more widely through the attendees' practice and sharing with others.

By providing training grants and mentoring to targeted individuals the charity will enable talented individuals to pursue and thrive in horticultural careers, benefiting both those individuals and also the field of horticulture. Discussions are taking place with Great Dixter in East Sussex with regard to a joint student sponsorship scheme and with a potential donor.

The charity will also seek to help other worthwhile causes in achieving their purposes by giving grants to UK registered horticultural and other charities.

**Grantmaking**

Grants may be provided to individuals for the purposes of horticultural training.

All other grants the charity makes will be UK-registered horticultural and other charities, which are known and supported by the trustees, carefully selected on the basis of need, effectiveness and the charity's available funds each year.

In terms of other charities, the charity currently has a preference for local or national charities with an emphasis on research and/or palliative care. This could include charities providing facilities for care and well-being such as emergency services, local hospices and schools providing facilities for those with disabilities or learning difficulties. Priority would be given to those where funding by government or local authorities is inadequate or totally absent.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

With a full recovery from all Covid restrictions, the 2022 season returned to normal and John's garden opened to visitors every Saturday from early February until early December. The weather was generally very good which led to a higher number of garden visitors, each contributing £6.50 towards the Albrighton Charitable Trust, our Charity of the year for 2022. The Albrighton Charitable Trust provides educational, recreational and leisure facilities for mentally, physically and sensory disabled users. They do this with horticultural training and therapy, conservation programmes and wheelchair accessible angling facilities within their sensory garden and learning centre. A summary of how they spent the money is attached with this report.

There were a number of small private donations and a Dog Agility Group gave a donation of £600 as a 'thank you' to Mr Massey for the free use of a field on Sunday mornings for their meetings. A total of £26,895 was raised for our Charity of the year and with no expenses to offset this figure, the whole sum was transferred to the charity in instalments throughout the year.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

We look forward to 2023 when all sums raised through garden openings will be split on a 50/50 basis between selected charity of the year and the Adam Greathead Award which will support a young horticulturist to gain experience in two exceptional gardens, John's Garden at Ashwood and Great Dixter, the garden of the late Christopher Lloyd in East Sussex. The head gardener at John's Garden is also due to hold more masterclasses and the funds raised through these will also go towards the Adam Greathead Award.

Looking ahead, a trustees meeting was held on 6th November 2023 on Teams when the Charity of the year for 2024 was selected from 25 applications. The charity for 2024 will be Newlife, a Charity for Disabled children based in Cannock in Staffordshire. They loan specialist equipment to children which would not otherwise be provided through the NHS, enabling them to lead fuller lives and to go on to achieve their full potential.

Full details of John's Garden, the Charity of the Year and the Adam Greathead award can be found on the Ashwood Nurseries website - [www.ashwoodnurseries.com](http://www.ashwoodnurseries.com)

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

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### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The initial trustees comprised four individuals who had knowledge of horticulture or other expertise beneficial to the trust. The initial trustees were appointed for terms between 2 and 5 year.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Charity number**

1190656

**Ashwood Charitable Trust**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st January 2023**

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**Principal address**

Ashwood Lower Lane  
Ashwood  
Kingswinford  
West Midlands  
DY6 OAE

**Trustees**

P D Baulk  
N A Westwood  
Ms K P Gilbert  
C J Cartwright

N A Westwood was reappointed as a trustee on 18 July 2022. C J Cartwright was reappointed as a trustee on 28 July 2023

**Independent Examiner**

H Crumpton MAAT  
101 Dixons Green Road  
Dudley  
West Midlands  
DY2 7DJ

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28th November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

P D Baulk - Trustee

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ashwood Charitable Trust**

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### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashwood Charitable Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ashwood Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st January 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

H Crumpton MAAT

101 Dixons Green Road  
Dudley  
West Midlands  
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28th November 2023

**Ashwood Charitable Trust**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st January 2023**

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	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies		<u>26,895</u>	<u>10,894</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities</b>			
Donations to charities		<u>26,895</u>	<u>10,894</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		-	-
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**Ashwood Charitable Trust**

**Balance Sheet  
31st January 2023**

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	Notes	2023 Unrestricted fund £	2022 Total funds £
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	4	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28th November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

N A Westwood - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st January 2023 nor for the year ended 31st January 2022.

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<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Donations to charities	<u>10,894</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>-</u>

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.2.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.1.23 £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st January 2023

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4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	26,895	(26,895)	-
	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>26,895</u>	<u>(26,895)</u>	<u>-</u>

5. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st January 2023.

At the Moat & Gardens

**Recreation & education for  
people with disabilities**

January 2023



## Summary

The Funding support received from the Ashwood Foundation during 2022 has been invaluable to the Albrighton Trust, Moat and Gardens; the previous two years had been particularly difficult, especially for fundraising.

The support from the Ashwood Foundation has enabled our charity to purchase gardening tools and equipment; it makes life so much easier to have enough workable tools for everyone when working with a group; replacing well worn tools with new efficient tools. The charity has been able to add a very large vegetable and fruit cage and a wrought iron archway to their vegetable plot.

The charity has been able to purchase materials and resources to carry out development work; one area of the gardens was well overdue for a makeover, the pump for a water feature leading to a pond was broken, the pond lining for the water feature had split and the wooden walkway was decaying and needed to be replaced. There were overgrown shrubs to either be thinned out or replaced; watering in this part of our gardens has always been an issue and we can no longer rely on natural rainfall to keep the plants healthy, adding some drought resistant plants was considered a better option than some of the existing plants. A contractor was engaged to replace the wooden walkway with a non-slip option. A group of volunteers removed the large decorative stone from the area so the pond liner could be replaced, and our young disabled Garden Buddies set about clearing the garden beds, moving the decorative stones back in to place, adding more new ones and planting out a new drought free planting scheme. This project has given our Garden Buddies the opportunity to work on a relatively large project at every stage and see the result of their hard work in a short space of time. The area is much improved and looks very attractive with some added colour and a greater variety of plants. There is still more work to do in 2023 to cut back plants around the pond and some re-planting; everyone is looking forward to completing the work in this area.

The charity's Garden Buddies have also been involved in the development a new garden we've named the 'Platinum Pearl' garden to celebrate the Albrighton Trust's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of supporting people disadvantaged by physical and learning disabilities or ill health, and commemorating the 70 year reign of Queen Elizabeth II. The garden has been designed to allow people of all abilities to experience the joys of gardening. The charity was able to employ contractors to install high raised garden beds for people who struggle to bend, lower raised beds for gardeners who use a wheelchair, wide pathways, a seating area for those gardeners who require regular rest breaks and ground level garden beds for those gardeners who enjoy turning the soil. This is truly a garden that adds to the facilities the charity offers and will provide a glorious space for people to work in and enjoy for many years. The planting scheme has begun with tulips and Iris bulbs planted in Autumn along with beautifully healthy plants sourced from Ashwood Nurseries; in Spring more planting will be done to achieve an all year round cool, pale colour pallet with a hint of the late Queen's colour, purple.

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One of the Albrighton Trust's regular volunteers, Terry, spends quite a lot of his time maintaining the charity's sensory garden, he was very keen to make significant changes to one of the beds within the garden; with the funding support from the Ashwood Foundation it was a pleasure to say, yes, go ahead. With help from some of our young Garden Buddies, Terry removed the existing plants, many were split and potted-up, to be sold at future plant sales and the garden bed was restocked with a wonderful selection of shrubs sourced from Ashwood Nurseries, along with some perennials propagated by the Garden Buddies in 2021.

Another area of the gardens we have been able to carry work out in, is our picnic area, where we built a pizza oven a couple of years ago. A volunteer group helped to construct a gazebo as a shelter for the oven. Along one side of the picnic area we had a laurel hedge, although Laurel is great for creating a good barrier, it is not a healthy plant for wildlife; working with our Garden Buddies we removed the hedge and were able to purchase some hornbeam saplings to plant in place of the Laurel. The new hedge will look far more attractive and will attract wildlife. We would not have considered this project during 2022, if we had not received the support we have from the Ashwood Foundation.

The greatest benefit of the generous donation from the Ashwood Foundation to the charity has been the ability to employ a part-time Horticultural Therapist to meet the increased demands for our support during 2022. We are seeing the effects of the isolation people have experienced during the pandemic and the impact on their physical and mental health. Research has shown how beneficial it is for people's mental health and wellbeing to spend time outdoors in green space. The Albrighton Trust has the resources to help and support people with a wide range of needs and capabilities, from gentle gardening activities to heavy physical tasks in a tranquil environment. Without the support from the Ashwood Foundation, the charity would not have been so well equipped to meet the increased requests for our help.

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## Ashwood Charitable Trust

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st January 2022

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#### ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

##### Fundraising activities

Fund raising commenced in August 2021 when Covid restrictions had been eased. The charity raised £10894 which was donated to the Alzheimer's Society.

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

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P D Baulk  
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N A Westwood was reappointed trustee on 18 July 2022

#### COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 1st November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

P D Baulk - Trustee

Ashwood Charitable Trust

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31st January 2022

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**Ashwood Charitable Trust**

**Balance Sheet  
31st January 2022**

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	Notes	Unrestricted fund £
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>-</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	3	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>-</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements  
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for the Year Ended 31st January 2022

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**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st January 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st January 2022.

**3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.1.22 £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	-	-

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	10,894	(10,894)	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	10,894	(10,894)	-

**4. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st January 2022.

**ASHWOOD CHARITABLE TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1190656

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1190656**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period 30th July 2020  
to 31st January 2021  
for  
Ashwood Charitable Trust**

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for the Period 30th July 2020 to 31st January 2021**

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## Ashwood Charitable Trust

### Report of the Trustees for the Period 30th July 2020 to 31st January 2021

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 30th July 2020 to 31st January 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Registered Charity number

1190656

##### Principal address

Ashwood Lower Lane  
Ashwood  
Kingswinford  
West Midlands  
DY6 OAE

##### Trustees

P D Baulk	- appointed 30.7.20
N A Westwood	- appointed 30.7.20
Ms K P Gilbert	- appointed 30.7.20
C J Cartwright	- appointed 30.7.20

#### COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Charitable activities commenced in August 2021

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is governed by the CIO Foundation Constitution

##### Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The initial trustees comprised four individuals who had knowledge of horticulture or other expertise beneficial to the trust. The initial trustees were appointed for terms between 2 and 5 year.

##### Risk management

The Trustees have undertaken a risk assessment of the major risks to which the Charity may be exposed. This assessment remains ongoing. Actions and procedures to address these risks are incorporated into the various business and other plans which have been put in place during the reported period.

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objectives and aims

The trusts purposes are:

- a) the encouragement and improvement of the science, art and practice of horticulture in all its branches
- b) to advance such charitable purposes as the trustees see fit from time to time by making grants to other charities

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Significant activities**

In order to encourage and improve the science, art and practice of horticulture in all its branches the charity will arrange lectures which are open to the public and provide training grants and mentoring to targeted individuals.

The charity will use any further donations received to provide financial grants to such horticulture and other charities as the trustees see fit each year.

**Grantmaking**

Grants may be provided to individuals for the purposes of horticultural training.

All other grants the charity makes will be UK-registered horticultural and other charities, which are known and supported by the trustees, carefully selected on the basis of need, effectiveness and the charity's available funds each year.

In terms of other charities, the charity currently has a preference for local or national charities with an emphasis on research and/or palliative care. This could include charities providing facilities for care and well-being such as emergency services, local hospices and schools providing facilities for those with disabilities or learning difficulties. Priority would be given to those where funding by government or local authorities is inadequate or totally absent.

**Public benefit**

The benefits of the lectures will be to increase the horticultural knowledge, skills and capabilities of individual attendees and more widely through the attendees' practice and sharing with others.

By providing training grants and mentoring to targeted individuals the charity will enable talented individuals to pursue and thrive in horticultural careers, benefiting both those individuals and also the field of horticulture.

The charity will also seek to help other worthwhile causes in achieving their purposes by giving grants to UK registered horticultural and other charities.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Fundraising activities**

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the charitable activities were temporarily delayed in view of the safety of staff, volunteers and visitors. Activities commenced in August 2021.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 29th November 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

P D Baulk - Trustee

Ashwood Charitable Trust

Statement of Financial Activities  
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	Notes	£
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>-</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Ashwood Charitable Trust**

**Balance Sheet  
At 31st January 2021**

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	Notes	£
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>-</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	3	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>-</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 29th November 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

N A Westwood -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

The charity was dormant throughout the period ended 31st January 2021.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31st January 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31st January 2021.

**3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.1.21 £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	—	—
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Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
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3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

TOTAL FUNDS	<u>          </u> -	<u>          </u> -	<u>          </u> -
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