

PURSERS ORCHARD GROUP

Trustees' Annual Report and Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year ended 31st March 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1196889 Registered in England & Wales

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The Trustees` Annual Report 31st March 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their second annual report of the Pursers Orchard Group ("The Charity") for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Reference and Administration Information

Registered charity number: 1196889

Principal administration address: c/o Brookend Ridge, Drake Street, Welland, Malvern
WR13 6LN

Gift Aid: The Charity is registered with HM Revenue and Customs

Constitution

The Charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation, and it is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in England and Wales.

Trustees

The following have served as Trustees during the year.

Michael Davies - Secretary
Alan Gilbert
Patsy Lowe
Martin Harper

Recruitment of Trustees

Trustees may be any person 16 years or older. New Trustees are appointed at a formerly constituted meeting of Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and public benefit

The Charity`s objectives are:

“The conservation and preservation of the flora and fauna of the Pursers Community Orchard, Welland, for the benefit of the public; the advancement of education of the public to celebrate the history and traditions of orchards; and to connect the community to its rural heritage”.

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Objectives and public benefit / continued

The objectives will be achieved mainly through the following activities:

- a) The restoration, conservation and enhancement of the community orchard, its infrastructure and its inventory of flora and fauna.
- b) The organisation of activities to engage and involve members of the public in the use of the orchard as a community asset.
- c) By working closely in association with the Little Malvern and Welland Parish Council who have shared interests in the charity`s objectives.

The Trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in their decision making.

Activities

The Pursers Orchard freehold is owned by the Little Malvern and Welland Parish Council. Negotiations are ongoing in respect of establishing a formal lease agreement but pending this the Charity liaises with the Council to ensure that any activities are approved and supported by the Council.

Achievements

The Charity has continued to maintain and enhance the orchard, its stock of fruit trees and the diverse range of habitats and species that constitute the value of the asset as a biodiversity reservoir. Access for less able visitors has been enhanced by the construction of a new pedestrian access ramp linking directly to the highway/footway network, and a new wildlife pond has been created. It is estimated that more than 500 visitors have enjoyed the orchard during the year, many on several occasions, and they have expressed their delight with the vibrant community activities, with the tranquillity in quieter times and with the fruit that many have gathered.

Financial Review

The year in financial terms has been characterised by lower expenditure of the Charity`s funds on infrastructure and trees within the orchard, while the Parish Council provided materials for the construction of the pedestrian ramp and wildlife pond, with Charity volunteers carrying out the project management and physical labour. The Charity continued to work to promote its presence in the community leading to an increase in public donations.

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Receipts and Payment Account Year ended 31st March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Receipts:		
Public donations	1,047	473
Jubilee tree donations	-	275
Donation from Parish Council	398	-
Set up grants	-	3,000
Sundry sales of orchard produce	-	206
Sundry Easter event	-	70
Total receipts	1,445	4,024
Payments:		
Stakes, repairs and fencing	452	442
Jubilee tree purchases	-	140
Signage and notice boards	-	1,666
Event costs	-	205
Total payments	452	2,453
Surplus receipts over payments:	993	1,571
Unrestricted funds: brought forward	1,102	-
transfer from restricted	469	-
carried forward	2,564	1,102
Restricted funds brought forward	469	-
Transfer to unrestricted	(469)	-
carried forward	-	469
Total funds to carry forward	2,564	1,571

Note:

1. During the previous year restricted funds of £2,275 were received of which £1,806 was expended leaving a balance of £469 which by agreement has been transferred into unrestricted funds.
2. During the current year two major events on behalf of the Parish Council, were held in the Orchard, the Jubilee celebration and a Wassail event. The surplus arising from the Wassail event was donated by the Parish Council to the Charity.

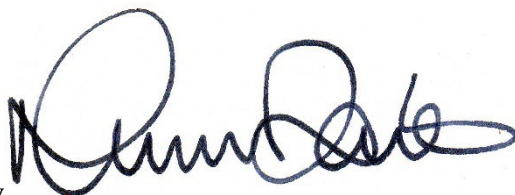
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Balance Sheet As at 31st March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Assets:		
Cash funds:		
Bank balance - restricted	-	469
unrestricted	1,408	160
Funds due from Parish Council	729	-
Petty cash	427	942
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Total assets	2,564	1,571
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Funds of the Charity:		
Restricted funds	-	469
Unrestricted funds	2,564	1,102
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Total funds	2,564	1,571
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Approved by the Trustees on 13th May 2024 and authorised to sign on their behalf by:

Michael Davies – Secretary



21st May 2024