



Friends of Greenhill Gardens

Registered Charity Number 1199609

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

For the period 11 July 2022 to 31 May 2023

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report together with the accounts of the charity for the period between 11 July 2022 to 31 May 2023

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document and the Charities Act 2011.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Charity Name:	Friends of Greenhill Gardens
Other name:	FOGG (working name)
Registered Number:	1199609
Address:	25 Greenhill, Weymouth, DT4 7SW
First Registration:	11 July 2022.
Organisation Type:	CIO

Trustees

Mr Timothy Spooner	Elected 11 July 2022 for 2 years
Mrs Patricia Jane Chandler	Elected 11 July 2022 for 4 years
Mrs Clare Graham	Elected 11 July 2022 for 3 years
Mr Trevor Lindley	Elected 11 July 2022 for 3 years

Principle Officers

Chair	Mr Timothy Spooner
Activities Group Chair	Mrs Patricia Jane Chandler
Treasurer	Mr Timothy Spooner
Secretary	Mr Barry Graham

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The governing document of the Friends of Greenhill Gardens (FOGG) is its Constitution adopted on 11 July 2022.

TRUSTEES ELECTION

The normal term of office for new Trustees is three years;
Retiring members may be re-elected up to a maximum of 3 consecutive terms.
All new trustees are elected by the trustees, with a minimum of three trustees and a maximum of eight.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees together form the Board of Trustees,
The major business and decisions of FOGG are conducted at meetings of the board of trustees, normally held four times a year at which all trustees have a vote (chair only has a casting vote).

ACTIVITIES TEAM

The Board of Trustees have delegated the implementation of the strategy set by the board of trustees, and day to day activities, to the Activities Team which consists of trustees and volunteers

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees have assessed that there are currently no major risks to which the FOGG is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to new major risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTS

“For the benefit of the public the provision, maintenance, improvement and promotion of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation in Greenhill Gardens as a public park and open space in Weymouth, Dorset in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life.”

- To work independently, but collaboratively, with Weymouth Town Council, the owners of Greenhill Gardens, to maximise all aspects of the quality of the gardens and benefit to the public.
- To fund or support capital projects for the provision, improvement, or maintenance of physical assets that would not otherwise happen.
- To promote the gardens in general, and also activities within the gardens, to increase usage of the gardens in the interests of social welfare.
- To ensure that there are the financial and people resources to achieve the above aims.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

All activities are agreed and reviewed by the board of trustees to conform with the public benefit guidelines. This includes fundraising activities; new spending projects, and the use of publicity, advertising, and social media to promote the gardens,

GRANT MAKING POLICY

Grants may be made for maintenance and construction work where this results in more effective use of the charity's resources.

PRE-REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES

As an Unincorporated Association, Friends of Greenhill Gardens was established by a small group of Greenhill residents in 2007. It was originally formed to protect the gardens from commercial development and to promote their use for the benefit of the general public. Greenhill Gardens were originally laid out by Weymouth MP Sir Frederick Johnstone in 1872 and gifted to the people of Weymouth in 1902.



Over the next fifteen years the Friends undertook several capital projects and activities in the gardens, including the construction of a bandstand and establishment of a series of live music concerts in the summer months.

In 2018, the Friends agreed to fund the rebuilding of the aged clock house that holds the clockworks of the floral clock.

While Covid 19 halted activities for 2020 and 2021, fundraising continued. On 8 March 2022 the AGM agreed unanimously that the Friends of Greenhill Gardens should be registered with the Charity Commission as a CIO. All assets would be transferred to the CIO.

On registration of the CIO on July 11 2022, net cash assets of £11046 were transferred from the Unincorporated Organisation to the CIO.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES JULY 11 2022 TO MAY 31 2023

FLORAL CLOCK RESTORATION PROJECT



The floral clock was installed in 1936. It is one of only two mechanical floral clocks made by Richie and Sons still working in this country, so a very important piece of history. The floral clock has been one of the major features of Greenhill Gardens, and the number of postcards attest to its popularity in the past. Many local residents and visitors remember the clock fondly.

Huge interest was generated this year for something that so many visitors thought was a gardeners shed (admittedly the bright yellow hosepipe lying continually in front of it hasn't helped with this misconception!).

With a local benefactor offering to fund the building of a new clock house, permission was obtained from Weymouth Town Council, and building commenced in spring 2023.

In August 2022, FOGG commissioned an expert survey of the clockworks that drive the floral clock. The survey identified the need for a full refurbishment and repair in order to assure its continued operation. FOGG agreed to fund this. Leon Harvey, Chairman of the Dorset Clock Society, will be undertaking this very specialised work and it is scheduled to be completed for a grand opening in 2024.



The floral clock project is being completed in 2 stages.

- The Clock House. This includes the replacement of the old wooden clock house, and repairs to the foundations which extend 6 feet under the ground level. The funding for this has been secured, largely through Restricted Fund donations.
- The Clockworks. This includes the clock movement; motion works; underground rods between the clock house and the hands of the floral clock; and the “cuckoo”.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

In summer 2022, FOGG continued fund-raising with the usual programme of concerts on the bandstand in the gardens every Sunday afternoon from 3rd July to 4th September. These were always well attended by locals and visitors alike – a perfect setting amongst the wonderful flower beds with the backdrop of a sparkling blue sea.



In December 2022, we held our annual Christmas Quiz in Preston Village Hall, hosted by our indefatigable Quiz Master, Iain Campbell and attended by nearly 90 dressed in Christmas finery and ready to enjoy a fun evening.

A week later we held our Christmas Singalong in the gardens on a cold and frosty afternoon, but still nearly a hundred people turned up – possibly lured by the thought of free refreshments and a mince pie.

In March 2023, a quiz night was held in Preston Village Hall with a Teddy Bears’ Picnic theme.

In May 2023, FOGG organised a Coronation “street party” which was held on the Greenhill tennis courts and enjoyed by 285 paying guests.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The trustees are pleased to report that by 31 May 2023 FOGG has secured funds and promises covering 95% of the funding required for the completion of both stages of the Floral Clock project. The fund-raising activities during next year will provide the remainder of the funds needed.

FOGG have received recognition or have contributed to the following awards for Greenhill Gardens.

- 2022 and 2023 Green Flag awards for Greenhill Gardens.
- Ken Isaacs Rosebowl awarded by the Mayor of Weymouth to FOGG for services to the town
- In January 2023, The Lord Lieutenant of Dorset planted a tree of the Queens's Green Canopy in recognition of work done by FOGG.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

All activities of FOGG are ongoing.

VOLUNTEERS

As required by the Statement of Recommended Practice, the value of services provided by volunteers is not included in the financial statements.

A core team of 8 volunteers support FOGG with the organisation and running of the fundraising events. The activity team can rely on a further 8 volunteers to assist.

Our thanks go to all the event volunteers, Weymouth Town Council, gardeners, and of course the wonderful people of Weymouth who support us so generously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR 11 JULY 2022 TO 31 MAY 2023

	Note:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds Floral Clock	Total funds
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Income and endowments from:		£	£	£
Donations and legacies	2	1078	5050	6128
Fundraising activities	3	8811	-	8811
Other income	4	9531	1515	11046
Total		19420	6565	25985
Expenditure on:				
Fundraising activities	5	6628	-	6628
Charitable activities	6	-	5000	5000
Governance Costs	7	240	-	240
Total		6868	5000	11868
Net income/(expenditure)		12552	1565	14117
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net movement in funds		12552	1565	14117
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		12552	1565	14117

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MAY 2023

	Note:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds £
Assets	8			
Cash at bank	9	12878	1565	14443
Liabilities	10			
Insurance payable		326	-	326

ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of Preparation**

- The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Assets

- FOGG has no fixed assets at 31 May 2023

Restricted funds

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

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**1. Restricted Fund**

The Floral Clock restricted fund relates to the rebuilding of the clock house

2. Donations and Legacies

Includes donations received during the period

General public.	£5928
Corporate.	£ 200

3. Fundraising receipts

Gross receipts from fundraising activities and sales of merchandise

4. Other income

The transfer of net assets of Friends of Greenhill Gardens Unincorporated Organisation at 11 July 2022 to Friends of Greenhill Gardens CIO

General Fund	£9531
Floral Clock Restricted Fund	£1515

5. Fundraising activities - Payments

Consists of the direct costs of running or participating in fundraising events, including marketing and advertising.

6. Charitable activities and grants

Grant payment to Weymouth Town Council for the first payment for the construction of the clock house

7. Governance

Costs associated directly with the management by the Trustees of the Society's activities including postage, stationery, printing, insurance and other general administration costs.

Insurance	£192
Photocopying	£ 25
Financial charges	£ 23

There are no salary or benefit payments to the trustees or volunteers

8. Assets

The following assets are *not* included in the receipts and payments accounts.

Gift Aid recoverable.	£1366	
Donations committed for the Floral Clock Project	£15000	(Restricted Fund)

9. Cash at bank

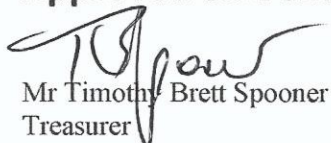
Lloyds Bank PLC current accounts.	
At 31 May 2023	£14443

10. Liabilities

The following liabilities are *not* included in the receipts and payments accounts

Payable on completion of the new clock house	£ 15439	(Restricted Fund)
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Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 14 February 2024


Mr Timothy Brett Spooner
Treasurer

Mrs Patricia Jane Chandler
Trustee



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FRIENDS OF GREENHILL GARDENS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the period 11 July 2022 to 31 May 2023 as set out on pages 6 to 8.

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 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

Independent examiner's statement

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


Michael Guillem FCA
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19 February 2024