



Friends of Greenhill Gardens

Registered Charity Number 1199609

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

For the period 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report together with the Accounts of the charity for the period from 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024

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
Mrs Patricia Jane Chandler	Elected 11 July 2022
Mrs Clare Graham	Elected 11 July 2022
Mr Trevor Lindley	Elected 11 July 2022
Mrs Elizabeth Wilson	Elected 19 March 2024
Dr Jon Orrell	Elected 1 December 2024

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 twice 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.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 1 JUNE 2023 TO 31 MAY 2024

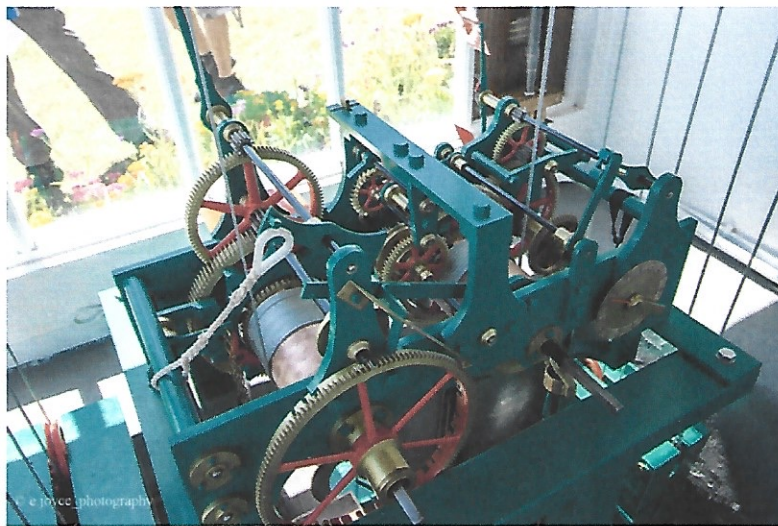
FLORAL CLOCK RESTORATION PROJECT



Floral clock and the new clockhouse in May 2024

The project to restore the 1936 floral clock has continued throughout 2023-4. This floral clock with its original mechanical clockworks is now believed to be the last remaining example in Britain. The restoration, costing in excess of £40,000 has been in 2 phases.

- Construction of a new clockhouse that contains the original clockworks. This has been designed so that visitors to Greenhill Gardens can easily see the clockworks and see them working. Following 3 competitive quotes, local builder JAIC undertook the work.
- Total restoration of the original clockworks was done by Leon Harvey, Chairman of the Dorset Clock Society. This included the underground connection and “motion works” that connected the clockworks to the floral clock some 6 metres away. Restoration of the cuckoo sound, consisting of bellows and pipes was undertaken by local organ specialists.



Restored clockworks

With both phases of the restoration complete, the official opening was held on 29th June 2024.

The exceptional wet weather in spring 2023 caused flooding in the pit below the clockhouse into which the clock weights descend. This was dealt with by installing automatic pumps and replacing the tanking to the pit walls. Further long-term remedial action is planned for 2025.

FUNDRAISING

A series of 15 summer concerts was held in Greenhill Gardens bandstand and were well supported, with ever increasing attendance thanks to the benefit of social media advertising and our revamped website. Some new bands played this year encouraging local talent to use the bandstand facilities in the gardens.

Two quizzes were held one in early December and one in the spring with a Hawaiian theme, which proved very popular and saw some amazing costumes! Our Christmas singalong was also very well attended, and we were so lucky that it was a fine, windless day.

Donations were also received from individual donors and local organisations. The costs of rebuilding the clockhouse was entirely covered by a single local benefactor. The Dorset Gardens trust have promised a donation of £1500 on completion of the clockhouse project.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS

The provision of live music, free to the public, has been a key objective for FOGG, and a bandstand in Greenhill Gardens was erected in 2014 and has hosted well over a hundred concerts. The bandstand was simply constructed to test the level of public support, which has proved to be substantial. With increasing signs of wear, it has been decided to replace the bandstand with a more permanent structure. This will be another major project for FOGG. With provisional go-ahead of Weymouth Town Council and our many supporters we are confident that we can achieve our aim over the next few years.



Summer concert in the gardens

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

FOGG have received recognition or have contributed to the following award for Greenhill Gardens in 2023

- Green Flag awards for Greenhill Gardens.

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 7 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 THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Prior period Total funds £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	5109	16689	21798	6128
Fundraising activities	3919		3919	8811
Other				11046
Total	9028	16689	25717	25985
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4419		4419	6628
Charitable activities	5750	15439	21189	5000
Governance costs	163		163	240
Total	10332	15439	25771	11868
Net income/(expenditure)	-1303	1250	-53	14117
Net movement in funds	-1303	1250	-53	14117
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	12552	1565	14117	14117
Total funds carried forward	11249	2815	14064	14064

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MAY 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior period Total funds
Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	11249	2815	14064	14117

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

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

Assets

- FOGG has no fixed assets at 31 May 2024.

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 including the underground connection between the clockhouse and the floral clock.

2. Donations and Legacies

Includes donations received during the period

General public.	£ 10,914
Corporate.	£ 10,884

3. Fundraising receipts

Gross receipts from fundraising activities and sales of merchandise

4. Fundraising activities - Payments

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

5. Charitable activities and grants

Grant payment to Weymouth Town Council for the final payment for the construction of the clock house and clock restoration costs.

6. 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	£ 148
Financial charges	£ 15

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

7. Assets

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

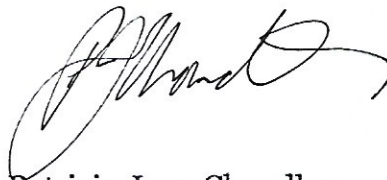
Gift Aid recoverable.	£ 1,286
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8. Cash at bank and petty cash at 31 May 2024
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| Lloyds Bank PLC current accounts. | £ 13,764 |
| Petty Cash | £ 300 |
9. Commitments
- The following commitments are *not* included in the receipts and payments accounts.
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| Completion of clockworks restoration | £ 14,000 |
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Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 31 January 2025



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 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024 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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31 January 2025