



Friends of Greenhill Gardens

Registered Charity Number 1199609

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

For the period 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report together with the Accounts of the Friends of Greenhill Gardens for the period from 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025

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	Appointed 21 March 2022
Mrs Patricia Jane Chandler	Appointed 21 March 2022
Mrs Clare Graham	Appointed 21 March 2022
Mrs Elizabeth Wilson	Appointed 19 March 2024
Dr Jonathan Orrell	Appointed 1 December 2024
Mr Trevor Lindley	Resigned 28 March 2025

Principal 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 charity 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 2024 TO 31 MAY 2025

FLORAL CLOCK PROJECT - GRAND OPENING

Believed to be the last remaining working floral clock in Britain that retains its original mechanical clockworks. From local donations, including a single donation covering the clockhouse, FOGG has completed the floral clock project including the new clockhouse, the complete restoration of the clockworks, and the cuckoo call bellows and pipes.



29 June 2025

Emma Joyce Photography

On 29 June 2024, the grand opening was held. In the presence of (left to right)
 Derek Luckhurst, Major donor
 Tamara Konstantinos, International pianist and composer
 Paul Atterbury, Art curator and antiques expert
 Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, Cleeves Palmer
 Mayor of Weymouth, Cllr Jon Orrell MD
 Leon Harvey, Horologist.

The floral clock has attracted many visitors, many of whom fondly remember the cuckoo from the time it was last working over 40 years ago, and who were delighted that the clockworks could now be seen.



The cuckoo call is made by these two restored organ pipes mounted inside the clockhouse.

The clockworks operate a pair of bellows that produce two short puffs of air that are led to the cuckoo pipes via the small tubes at the bottom

Problems with ground movement and high water table caused intermittent problems with the underground connection between the clockworks and the floral clock. This had to be dug up and re-laid early in 2025 together with a new automatic water pump in order to pump out the water that seeps into the bottom of the clockhouse

SUMMER OPEN-AIR LIVE MUSIC – FREE TO ALL

During the summer of 2024, FOGG continued to organise and run a series of 14 Sunday afternoon concerts in the Greenhill Gardens bandstand. The concerts are free for all those who wish to attend. Voluntary donations are collected for FOGG and other local charities.

An open-air concert of Christmas carols and songs was held in December 2024

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The current bandstand was constructed in 2014 to test the idea of live music on summer Sunday afternoons. It has proved its popularity and hosts the best of Weymouth's vibrant music scene to relaxed audiences who fill the benches and grass amongst the flowerbeds. Now showing its age, and needing a larger stage area, FOGG decided to start planning the replacement. After public consultations, initial ideas were presented to the Weymouth Town Council Environment and Services Committee who gave their approval to proceed.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising income totalled £14,754 . Over 60% of this came from personal voluntary donations, and £1500 was received from Dorset Gardens Trust. The remainder was received from fundraising activities including quiz nights, summer fayre, and miscellaneous sales.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Greenhill Gardens is beautifully planted and maintained by Weymouth Town Council, managed by Paul Bird who joined WTC in the spring of 2025. Supported by FOGG, the quality of the gardens was recognised by the Green Flag award, which Greenhill has retained since 2009.

The Dorset Gardens Trust recognised the historic and cultural value of the gardens, awarding FOGG with a grant of £1500 for the floral clock project. They will also be including Greenhill Gardens in their upcoming Gazetteer of important Dorset gardens.

TRUSTEES

We are very pleased that Dr. Jonathan Orrell became a FOGG trustee this year. Jon has spent his life in Melcombe Regis, is a frequent performer in our bandstand, has extensive knowledge of running charities, and is a local Councillor.

The saddest moment of the year was the death of Trevor Lindley who had been a trustee for 3 years. He was a great supporter of Greenhill Gardens and had a remarkable career including a number of years in the army and in politics as an early organiser of the Lib-Dem Party.

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.



FOGG Trustees and Volunteers in Greenhill Gardens

Emma Joyce Photography

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our website was rewritten and relaunched in 2024, giving more information and news. Over 100 subscribers have signed up to automatically receive notifications of new or changed events.

On Facebook, Greenhill Gardens Weymouth also posts events and news and has over 1000 followers.

FINANCIAL REPORTS**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
1 JUNE 2024 TO 31 MAY 2025**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior period Total funds
Income and endowments from:	£	£	£	23-24
Donations and legacies	7961	1289	9250	21798
Other trading activities	5504		5504	3919
Total	13465	1289	14754	25717
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	4661		4661	4419
Charitable activities	14062	2968	17030	21189
Other	262		262	163
Total	18985	2968	21953	25771
Net income/(expenditure)	-5521	-1679	-7199	-53
Net movement in funds	-5521	-1679	-7199	-53
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	11249	2815	14064	14117
Total funds carried forward	5729	1136	6865	14064

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MAY 2025**Assets**

Cash at bank and in hand	5729	1136	6865	14064
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Liabilities

Nil Nil

ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Basis of Preparation**

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

Assets

- FOGG has no fixed assets at 31 May 2025

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds that can only be used for a specific purpose within the objects of the charity.

The Floral Clock restricted fund relates to the rebuilding of the clock house including the underground parts between the clockhouse and the floral clock.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Donations and Legacies

Includes donations received during the period

General public.	£7,750
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Corporate.	£1,500
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2. Fundraising receipts

Gross receipts from fundraising activities and sales of merchandise

3. Fundraising activities - Payments

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

4. Governance

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

Insurance	£230
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Financial charges	£ 32
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There are no salary or benefit payments to the trustees or volunteers

5. Cash at bank and petty cash at 31 May 2025

Lloyds Bank PLC current accounts.	£6,660
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Petty Cash	£ 205
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Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 28 January 2026

Mr Timothy Brett Spooner
Treasurer

Mrs Patricia Jane Chandler
Trustee