



Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements

for the period ended 31 March 2025

for

Gunnersbury Heritage

(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Charity number: **1209795**

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Trustees' Annual Report for the Period Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees of the charity present their report and financial statements for the period from **August 2024 to March 2025**.

Reference and Administrative Information

- **Charity Name:** Gunnersbury Heritage
- **Charity Registration Number:** 1209795
- **Registered Address:**
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- **Trustees:**
 - Siyka Doneva M.A. (Chair)
 - Elina Ivanova (Trustee)
 - Anton Henriksen MBA (Trustee)

Bankers: HSBC: 281 Chiswick High Rd., Chiswick, London W4 4HJ

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objects

1. TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, NATURAL HISTORY, CULTURE AND ARCHITECTURE OF GUNNERSBURY.
 2. TO PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN GUNNERSBURY AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA.
 3. TO MAINTAIN, IMPROVE, PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC AMENITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN GUNNERSBURY.
 4. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF WEST LONDON ("THE AREA OF BENEFIT"), TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT.
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2024/2025 Campaigns and Community Initiatives

Eco-Explorer: Embark on a Green Historic Adventure in Gunnersbury

We have invited **local residents and the wider UK community** to join our **Gunnersbury QR Code Scavenger Hunt**. QR codes are placed throughout the local area, offering participants an engaging way to explore local history and nature. Each scan provides historical insights and clues leading to the next location. The goal is to make learning about Gunnersbury's rich heritage both interactive and fun.

Clean Canvas: Keeping Gunnersbury Graffiti-Tag-Free

We recognize the difference between artistic street art and unwanted graffiti tags. Local volunteers joined us in our **Gunnersbury Graffiti Removal Campaign**, where volunteers work to remove gang-related tags while preserving meaningful local art. They also helped document and celebrate community creativity while keeping our neighborhood clean and beautiful.

Plant of the Month Club

Celebrate Gunnersbury's biodiversity! Each month, we highlight a local plant, its history, and ecological role. We ask residents to send in photos of local plants and contribute to our growing knowledge of native species.

Dealer-Free Zone: Removing Drug Sale Stickers

Illegal drug sale stickers have been appearing in public areas, including near schools. Volunteers joined us in reporting and removing these stickers to make Gunnersbury a safer place for all. Our team encourages working with and reporting to the **local police** to address this issue while ensuring community safety.

Kindness Rocks: A Community Response to Violence

Following **far-right activity and riots in 2024**, we launched the **Kindness Rocks Campaign** to spread messages of hope and unity. Locals decorated rocks with uplifting messages, placed them in visible locations, and shared photos on social media with #GunnersburyKindnessRocks. We tried to turn adversity into a movement for positivity and community solidarity.

Gunnersbury 100: A Century of History

Historical documents from the **London Archives and the National Kew Archives** have been digitized and made available for public access. This project provides an opportunity for residents and researchers to explore over 100 years of Gunnersbury's historical records without costly memberships or appointments.

For more information on any of these campaigns, visit our website or social media pages.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Despite delays in registration preventing formal fundraising, the charity has been active through volunteer support and small-scale donations:

- **Greening Gunnersbury:** Volunteers and members donated seeds to begin community-led greening projects.
- **Clean Canvas Initiative:** Cleaning supplies donated by volunteers and members supported local clean-up events.
- **Community Engagement:**
 - 22 members and 16 volunteers participated in various campaigns, with plans to expand in 2025.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's income during the reporting period was minimal due to the delayed registration by the Charity Commission, which led to a delay of the bank account only being finalised in December 2024 (effectively allowing operations to commence from January 2025) and thus inability to fundraise or apply for relevant grants in a timely manner. Additionally we currently do not collect membership fees and plan to keep membership free for as long as possible. Currently trustees provide initial funding to cover essential operational costs, which are now being consolidated under the new formal bank account and previously handled by each trustee privately:

Income

Item	Amount (£)
Trustee Donations	120
Other Income	0
Total Income	120

Expenditure

Item	Amount (£)
Registered Address	£24/month (Total: £192)
Phone Service	£10/month (Total: £80)
Bank Charges	£5/month (Total: £40)
Advertising and Outreach (Meta)	£34.98 January: £1.98 December: £6.00 November: £1.00 October: £9.00 September: £1.00 August: £16.00
Total Expenses	346.98

| **Net Deficit** | **(226.98)** | **(Covered by Trustees)** |

Gift Aid Status

No Gift Aid is currently claimed due to the small turnover. The charity is currently funded by trustees, and any costs incurred are covered by them.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have examined the charity's requirement for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation. The trustees recognise that the charity is dependent on voluntary funds from members and from donations, sponsorship and grants received from both individuals and organisations. Membership income is the most reliable source of funding but is received in tranches throughout the year as memberships are activated or renewed. The trustees evaluated the likely exposure to negative scenarios to amount to £150 (3 months running costs) and resolved to maintain general reserves at this level. This policy is regularly reviewed by the board and the sum will raise as fundraising efforts commence in 2025.

Investment Policy

The charity operates current accounts with HSBC bank through which the day to day operations are transacted. To date surplus funds in the current account are not sufficient to generate material interest income and the trustees are of the opinion that they have not warranted investment, given the near-term cash flow requirements. This policy is regularly reviewed by the board.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

Gunnersbury Heritage is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with three trustees overseeing governance. It currently operates with members/volunteers and aims to expand in 2025 through formal fundraising and grant applications. The charity's objectives are set out in the CIO constitution.

The trustees will meet as often as required. In the year ending March 2025, the board held a single meeting. The first AGM for the newly incorporated CIO was held on 14 September 2024 at which the plans and activities relating to the first formal year of operation were presented to the members. The trustees also sought approval from the members for the charity's activities for the next year.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

As income remains under the threshold requiring an independent examination, formal review is not necessary at this time.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Item	Income (£)	Expenditure (£)
Trustee donation	120	-
Registered address	-	192
Phone plan	-	80
Bank fees (HSBC)	-	40
Advertising and Outreach (Meta)		£34.98
Total	120	346.98
Surplus/(Deficit)	(226.98)	

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 31 MARCH 2025

Assets	Amount (£)
Cash in Bank	115
Other Assets	0
Total Assets	115

Liabilities	Amount (£)
Operating Costs Due	226.98
Total Liabilities	226.98

| Net Position | (226.98) |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. **Basis of Accounting:** This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their report and accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).
2. **Going Concern:** Trustees expect fundraising to commence in 2025, improving financial stability.
3. **Trustee Remuneration:** No trustees received any remuneration or expenses.
4. **Taxation:** The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

FUTURE PLANS

- **Formal fundraising in 2025** through grants and sponsorships.
- **Community conservation projects** focused on Gunnersbury.
- **Increasing volunteer participation** and expanding trustee board representation.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:



Siyka Doneva, Chair

Date: 31 March 2025