

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of William Fowler Allotment Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the above charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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 requirements of 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 2011 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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.

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.



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Date: 7 October 2022

WILLIAM FOWLER ALLOTMENT TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>					
<u>2020/21</u>		<u>2021/22</u>		<u>2020/21</u>		<u>2021/22</u>	
2,672	Rents and Key Deposits	2,783		544	Water Rates	396	
4,817	Dividends from Investments	4,636		0	Administration Charges by C.N.T.C.	11,375	
0	Sale of Shares	20,000		0	NAS Membership	67	
2	Interest from COIF Deposit Account	1		360	Audit Fee	360	
0	HSBC Credit	0		540	Insurance	540	
0	Refund Legal Fees	0		127	Prizes for Allotment Competition	137	
				30	Expenses for Allotment Competition (Judge)	30	
				1,722	Repairs, Maintenance, Strimming, Mowing, etc	3,348	
				1,652	Skip Hire and Refuse Removal	1,719	
				0	Bank Charges	36	
7,491	Total Receipts	27,420		7,873	Fencing/Wall	1,577	
6,055	Amount payments exceed receipts 2021/22	3,993		120	Keys, Padlocks	126	
				0	Preparing New Allotments	11,652	
				0	Cup Engraving/Rosettes	0	
				0	Key/Rents Refunds	50	
				578	Miscellaneous	0	
				13,546	Total Payments	31,413	
				0	Receipts exceed payments 2021/22	0	
13,546	Totals	31,413		13,546	Totals	31,413	

BALANCES

			10,427	HSBC Community Account	0
			0	Unity Bank Account	5,075
			1,500	COIF Deposit Account	1,500
			-1,394	Creditor/Cheque Not Cleared	-35
			<u>10,533</u>		<u>6,540</u>
				COIF Charity Funds	
			164,915	Investment Fund Income	159,175
157,725	Balance Brought Forward	180,999	5,551	Investment Fund Accumulation	6,197
-6,055	Difference between receipts and payments	-3,993			
29,329	Change in value of shares	-5,094	<u>170,466</u>		<u>165,372</u>
180,999		171,912	180,999	Total Funds	171,912

We approve these accounts:






WILLIAM FOWLER WORKING MEN'S ALLOTMENTS

THE GUILDHALL, CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE OX7 5NJ

Office Hours: Mon – Fri 9am – 1pm

Charity number: 203329

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1.4.2021 – 31.3.2022

The charity provides allotments and open space in the form of woodland for the residents of Chipping Norton.

Activities in the past year have included maintenance of allotment tracks which now provide easier access. The charity has also paid a contractor to clear a number of large plots which were out of use and split these to make smaller plots more suited to new allotment holders with modern busy lifestyles. This has increased the number of plots available so the charity could meet all requests from residents.

Allotment gardening is currently very popular due to a desire by local people to grow their own food, enjoy the outdoors, and take healthy exercise and almost all our 164 plots are let. The committee organises an annual competition with a variety of categories to encourage a sense of community and are investigating developing a community hub to provide a place for allotment holders to meet for seed swapping and advice.

The woodland is well maintained by our Green Gym and some rarer orchids can be found amongst the trees. The track is used by the local Park Run every Saturday and also by local dog walkers.

The Charity reserves are due to previous land sale. The site is adjacent to a site allocated for new housing and trustees may need to negotiate with developers who want to build a new road. Trustees are keen that funds are reserved to pay any associated costs and to provide better facilities once the future of the site is more certain.

Our Trust Deed states that these allotments are for ordinary working people, therefore the charity uses available funds to keep rents low.