



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 1.4.2022– 31.3.2023

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 facilitating the allotment holders to host seed swaps and other community events. The charity has also paid a contractor to clear bramble and bushes to ensure the pathways are as accessible as possible and enabled new allotment holders to take on previously overgrown plots.

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.

A number of plots are rented by members of the refugee community which not only helps with the cost of living, but improves wellbeing and integration.

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. The Trust will undertake a rent review in September 2023 to ensure financial sustainability.

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 2023.

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: 8 December 2023

WILLIAM FOWLER ALLOTMENT TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
2,783	Rents and Key Deposits			2,970	396	Water Rates	428
4,636	Dividends from Investments			4,306	11,375	Administration Charges by C.N.T.C.	5,267
20,000	Sale of Shares			20,000	67	NAS Membership	66
1	Interest from COIF Deposit Account			25	360	Audit Fee	390
0	Bank Credit			50	540	Insurance	270
0	Creditors Write Off Cheques Not Banked			25	137	Prizes for Allotment Competition	280
0	Cash Repayment of Deposits 2022 & 2023			25	30	Expenses for Allotment Competition (Judge)	30
0	COIF Deposit Account			2	3,348	Repairs, Maintenance, Strimming, Mowing, etc	866
					1,719	Skip Hire and Refuse Removal	2,041
					36	Bank Charges	72
27,420	Total Receipts			27,403	1,577	Fencing/Wall	339
3,993	Amount Payments Exceed Receipts 2022/23			0	126	Keys, Padlocks	45
					11,652	Allotments, Maintenance	14,644
					0	Competition Trophies	180
					50	Key/Rents Refunds	35
					0	Miscellaneous	5
						Total Payments	24,958
						Receipts exceed payments 2021/22	2,445
	Totals			27,403	31,413	Totals	27,403

BALANCES

180,999	Balance Brought Forward			171,912	5,075	Unity Bank Account	13,901
-3,993	Difference between receipts and payments			2,445	1,500	COIF Deposit Account	1,502
-5,094	Change in value of shares			-26,092	-35	Creditors/Cheques Not Cleared	-6,418
					6,540		8,985
					159,175	COIF Charity Funds	
						Investment Fund Income	133,138
					6,197	Investment Fund Accumulation	6,142
					165,372		139,280
						Total Funds	148,265
				148,265	171,912		

We approve these accounts:

 