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Charity Registration No. 246589



Borde Hill Garden Limited
(a Charity limited by guarantee)

Annual report and
unaudited financial statements
for the period ended 31 March 2023

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Company information

Directors	Andrewjohn Patrick Stephenson Clarke Dr Timothy Martin Upson Graham Duncan Hollis Eleni Charalambos Stephenson Clarke Philip Robert Eastell (Appointed 19 February 2022)
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Charity number	246589
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The Trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and financial statements for the 15 month period ended 31 March 2023. The Trustees have complied with the Companies Act 2006 and the updated Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP), which incorporates the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Reference and administrative details

The charity name, charity number, company number, principal addresses and details of professional advisors are included in the company information sheet at the front of these accounts and form part of this report.

Directors and Charity Trustees

The following directors who are also trustees have held office since 1 January 2022:

Andrewjohn Patrick Stephenson Clarke

Dr Timothy Martin Upson

Graham Duncan Hollis

Eleni Charalambos Stephenson Clarke

Philip Robert Eastell

(Appointed 19 February 2022)

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The Charity is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and is governed by a Memorandum & Articles of Association adopted by special resolution 18 March 2013. The liability of each Member is limited to a sum not exceeding one pound.

Membership is limited to the directors of the Charity. The directors may recognise one or more classes of supporters who are not members (but who may nevertheless be termed 'members') upon the terms as the directors shall set out.

In the event that the number of Trustees has fallen, or is likely to fall, below 3 people then the Trustees seek the advice of the existing Trustees and the Council Members for suitable nominations. As the Council Members are from nationally important and relevant horticultural and botanical institutions, that may also be open to the public, this is likely to lead to the identification of well qualified and suitable candidates. The Articles of Association then give one vote to each member and the decision to appoint a new trustee must be unanimous.

Induction and training of new Trustees

Potential new Trustees are invited to a meeting with the existing Trustees before their election, and are given an introduction to the operation and activities of the company.

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Organisational structure and decision making

The Charity has a Council of Management which consists of two of the directors of the Charity (Ordinary Council Members), a maximum of six Organisational Nominees, a maximum of three Stephenson Clarke Representatives, a maximum of three Ex-Officio Members and a maximum of three Co-Opted Individuals. The chairman of the Borde Hill Garden Council (Council Chairman) shall be appointed by the Trustees. The Council Members shall be appointed on a yearly basis or such other term as the directors may decide.

Directors (Ordinary Council Members)

Andrewjohn Patrick Stephenson Clarke

Phillip Robert Eastell

(Appointed 19 February 2022)

Organisational Nominees

Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh – (David Knott)

The Royal Horticultural Society – (Dr Tim Upson – Council Chairman)

Cambridge University Botanic Garden – (Sally Petitt)

Royal Botanic Garden Kew – Wakehurst Place – (Ed Ikin)

Stephenson Clarke Representatives

Eleni Charalambos Stephenson Clarke

Ex-Officio Members

David Hardman (formerly the nominee of Royal Botanic Gardens Kew – Wakehurst Place nominee)

James Murray Gouvenot Gardiner

(Appointed 1 January 2022)

Vacancies for organisational nominees

Plumpton College

The Chelsea Physic Garden

Co-opted individuals

Lionel de Rothschild

Stephen Lacey

David Millais

Peter Mills

Further vacancies exist for two Stephenson Clarke representatives and one ex-officio member.

The day to day affairs of the Charity are managed by Andrewjohn Stephenson Clarke, director of the company, assisted in the day to day operations by Managing Director Jay Goddard, Executive Manager, Karen Manton-Cook and Head of Horticulture, Harry Baldwin.

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Aims and objectives

The Charity's principal aims, objectives, policies and activities are:

To promote the furtherance of the study and science of botany and the increase of knowledge in respect thereof and the improvements of the methods and practice of horticulture.

To hold a leasehold or freehold interest in, to manage, to improve all or part of, and to promote public access to the gardens at Borde Hill, Haywards Heath, West Sussex or other gardens in other parts of the British Isles for the purposes of experimentation and research by the growth and propagation of trees and plants of any kind and in any manner. The Charity started the year with leases for the garden and ancillary property at Borde Hill expiring on 31 October 2121. However, the obligations under these leases continued to cause annual losses and therefore the Charity negotiated with the landlord to assign the leases to Borde Hill Events Limited, a separate trading company, divesting itself of those obligations. Borde Hill Events Limited then granted a licence back to Borde Hill Garden Limited to operate within the same area at Borde Hill, thereby substantially improving the Charity's financial stability.

To promote ongoing record keeping and documentation, together with the maintenance of existing archive material regarding the botanical collection at Borde Hill.

To make, from time to time, byelaws as to the days and the times and the conditions on which the public shall be admitted to the land leased or owned by the company.

To provide, in printed form or online, guidebooks or other information or pamphlets to promote its activities and the botanical collection within Borde Hill Garden and for wider educational purposes.

To help improve the botanical collection by replanting borders and improving garden rooms through weeding, pruning and opening up new areas available for planting, as well as through propagation of the rare and unusual plants and trees.

Strategies and activities for achieving objective and for the public benefit

The Trustees implemented the following activities to help achieve these objectives:

- i. Opening the Garden and South Park at Borde Hill to the public
- ii. Investing in improved quality of the Garden, visitor facilities and signage and information boards
- iii. Maximising grant aid and gift aid donations
- iv. Promoting and advertising the Garden via PR and a variety of marketing channels
- v. Improving plant record keeping using data bases and preserving historic records in the significant archive by employing an archivist
- vi. Arranging Garden tours and plant orientated events, including talks and educational school visits

Factors relevant to achieve objectives

The key performance indicators which the Trustees monitor to ensure that the Charity is achieving these objectives are:

- i. Financial performance against income and expenditure targets
- ii. Quality of the product offerings and service levels to satisfy customer and market expectations
- iii. Visitor numbers for Garden admissions and for special events

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's revised general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements and performance

The Charity continues to make available free or discounted visits to Borde Hill to horticultural clubs, organisations schools and local charities.

The success of the charity in meeting its beneficiaries' needs can be illustrated by the sustained level of visitor numbers, as well as its success in meeting the following Charitable objectives:

Protecting and enhancing the rare and diverse collection of plants, trees and shrubs at Borde Hill.

Promoting and improving the knowledge, practice and understanding of:
the study and science of botany, horticulture, including propagation.

The preservation of the listed heritage garden and parkland and related flora and fauna,
our natural environment, and practices to minimise the wider environmental impact.

Connecting communities with the restorative power of nature to improve their mental and physical well-being.

The Charity is working on the hugely exciting 'Reinventing Borde Hill project' which is kindly being supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). The charity applied for and received development grant funding in 2022/2023 of £231,000, and hopes is progressing with an application for further grant funding in 2024, which will see the South Park transformed and opened up to new, diverse audiences, for the benefit of the community, the environment and the botanical collection, providing financial stability for the charity in the long term.

A key objective for the coming three years will be to raise partner funding for the NLHF project of c£800,000, which will be in addition to potential two thirds funding of c.£2.2m from the NLHF to realise this significant community heritage project. A considered fundraising strategy focuses on raising funds from grant-giving trusts and foundations, and also from the public and small corporate funders as the project nears its completion.

The charity continues to employ a part time archivist . The size of the Borde Hill archive is in the region of 75,000 items that cover over 50 years of daily activity at Borde Hill and correspondence with worldwide nurseries, plant collectors and other botanical organisations and private gardens thus making this a nationally important resource dating from the late 1800s.

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The summary below shows the Borde Hill visitor numbers and turnover over the last 4 years:

People	Mar 2023	Dec 2021	Dec 2020	Dec 2019
Day visits	67,853	81,712	46,699	46,356
Groups	-	737	218	3,865
Events (note)	-	-	23	109
	<u>67,853</u>	<u>83,231</u>	<u>46,940</u>	<u>50,330</u>
% increase/(decrease)				
Day visits	(18%)	78%	1%	16%
Groups	(100%)	238%	(94%)	14%
Events	-	(100%)	(79%)	(79%)
Total	<u>(18%)</u>	<u>77%</u>	<u>(7%)</u>	<u>14%</u>
Turnover	Mar 2023	Dec 2021	Dec 2020	Dec 2019
	£	£	£	£
Day visits	-	393,043	233,289	232,179
Groups	-	10,588	2,415	27,333
Events	<u>2,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,922</u>
Total	<u>2,295</u>	<u>403,631</u>	<u>235,704</u>	<u>261,434</u>

Despite significant success in attracting visitors and running events, Borde Hill Garden Limited consistently made annual losses, principally due to the cost of maintaining the leasehold property in accordance with the terms of the lease. These losses were financed from the capital of Borde Hill Garden Limited, which was deemed to be unsustainable by the Directors and endangered the Charity from fulfilling its charitable objectives.

As a result of the agreement with Borde Hill Events Limited and the arrangement of the lease of Borde Hill Gardens and associated liabilities, all the income generated from day and group visitors were transferred with effect from 1 January 2022 in exchange for Borde Hill Events Limited taking on all the associated costs of opening and maintaining the gardens for public visits.

As a result of these changes, the main sources of revenue for the period ended 31 March 2023 relate to the National Lottery Heritage Grant (£231,000), rental income from Ivy Cottage, and horticultural talks and tours.

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Financial review

The statement of financial activities on page 10 shows the results for the year under review. The Charity's financial performance over the last 4 years has been as follows:-

	Period ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 December 2021 £	Year ended 31 December 2020 £	Year ended 31 December 2019 £
Net income/(expenditure) on charitable activities	(47,018)	(183,706)	(54,100)	(64,630)
Donations and legacies	2,509	413	825	2,200
Income from investments and other income	25,147	37,109	24,311	29,290
Covid-19 government support grants	-	1,723	25,196	-
National Lottery Heritage grant	231,000	-	-	-
Cultural Recovery Fund grant	-	-	114,396	-
Other income and expenditure	<u>(133,724)</u>	<u>(203,513)</u>	<u>(18,183)</u>	<u>(9,834)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	77,914	(345,257)	101,118	(42,974)
Net (loss)/gain on investments	<u>(4,835)</u>	<u>3,407</u>	<u>(19,850)</u>	<u>(33,500)</u>
Net movement in funds	<u><u>73,079</u></u>	<u><u>(344,567)</u></u>	<u><u>81,268</u></u>	<u><u>(76,474)</u></u>

Of the total surplus incurred in the year of £73,079 (2021: loss of £344,567), grant income recognised of £231,000 exceeds costs incurred in the year by £105,325. In the prior year £40,246 related to the net loss before Covid grants on the company's charitable trading activities and £302,598 related to a provision made to reflect the permanent impairment in the value of the company's tangible fixed assets and the financial burden of legacy repairs.

At the year end the company has net current assets of £201,982 compared to £161,850 last year. The charity held £33,487 (2021: £38,322) of liquid investments that can be sold to meet any liabilities as they fall due. Overall, the funds of the charity comprise the unrestricted fund which has a carrying value of £93,963 compared to £155,784 last year and the restricted fund which has a carrying value of £134,900 (2021: £nil).

Principal funding

The company's principal source of funding is from the income it generates from its charitable activities, donations and the investment income derived from monies received from the legacy from Mrs Maria Clarke which is now invested through Quilter Cheviot Limited and rental income from let property.

Reserves policy

The unrestricted fund represents property and paintings donated to the company less subsequent sales less the accumulated deficits arising from operating results to date.

The Trustees have free reserves amounting to £31,000 (2021 – £73,000).

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Risk management

As part of each Annual General Meeting the Trustees assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate their exposure to the major risks. Included in this assessment is a 5 year plan for the garden operations and a 3 year capital budget.

The charity's principal risk is not generating sufficient income to meet the cost of its charitable activities. This is specifically considered when setting budgets and identifying contingency practices to relieve pressure on cashflow should the year's performance fall behind budget.

Related party transactions

Borde Hill Events Limited operates all trading and non-charity related activities, and is responsible for all associated costs including staff and asset maintenance, therefore divesting the charity of operational risk. Borde Hill Events Limited is a company majority owned by Mrs Jay Goddard. Mr Andrewjohn Stephenson Clarke is also a shareholder as well a director of Borde Hill Events Ltd.

Borde Hill Events Limited received income from the trading and non-charitable activities at Borde Hill Gardens amounting to £585,387. The total costs expended in maintaining the gardens and running the visitor activities amounted to £721,035.

Future developments

From April 2023, to help fund the Charity, and its charitable activities, the charity anticipates receiving a donation from Borde Hill Events Limited that relates to visitors to Borde Hill. In this way, the charity will benefit from the income and profits of that business but reduce the risk of losses going forward.

As part of 'Reinventing Borde Hill' - the National Lottery Heritage Fund supported project - a new 90 year lease is being agreed with the Trustees of the RNS Clarke Will Trust (who own the freehold of the Borde Hill Estate) to enable long term public access to the South Park for the benefit of the community and the botanical collection.

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Responsibility of the Trustees

The Trustees (who are also directors of Borde Hill Garden Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

By order of the Trustees



Andrewjohn Patrick Stephenson Clarke
Director

20 December 2023

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees
For the period ended 31 March 2023

I report on the accounts of the company for the period ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 10 to 28.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the reports is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Timothy Adams BSc ACA

20 December 2023

For and on behalf of Saffery LLP
Chartered Accountants

71 Queen Victoria Street
London
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Statement of financial activities
For the period ended 31 March 2023

				Period ended 31 March 2023 Total £	Year ended 31 Dec 2021 Unrestricted £
	Notes	2023 Restricted £	2023 Unrestricted £		
Income					
Donations and legacies	2	-	2,509	2,509	413
Charitable activities	3	-	2,295	2,295	403,631
Other income	5	-	25,147	25,147	37,109
Covid-19 Government support grants		-	-	-	1,723
National Lottery Heritage Grant		231,000	-	231,000	-
Total		231,000	29,951	260,951	442,876
Expenditure on					
Raising funds	4	125,675	8,049	133,724	203,513
Charitable activities	3	-	49,313	49,313	587,337
Total		125,675	57,362	183,037	790,850
Net gain on investments	9	-	(4,835)	(4,835)	3,407
Transfer between funds	14	29,575	(29,575)	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income & net movement in funds for the year		134,900	(61,821)	73,079	(344,567)
Total funds brought forward		-	155,784	155,784	500,351
Total funds carried forward	14	134,900	93,963	228,863	155,784

The statement of financial activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

The notes on pages 13 to 28 form part of these financial statements

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Statement of financial position
As at 31 March 2023

			31 March		31 December
	Notes	2023	2023	2021	2021
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		63,383		82,632
Investments	9		33,487		38,322
			<u>96,870</u>		<u>120,954</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	10	178,654		171,971	
Cash at bank and in hand		81,489		59,022	
		<u>260,143</u>		<u>230,993</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(58,161)		(69,143)	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current assets			<u>201,982</u>		<u>161,850</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>298,852</u>		<u>282,804</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(69,989)		(127,020)
			<u>228,863</u>		<u>155,784</u>
Funds					
Restricted funds	14		134,900		-
Unrestricted funds	14		93,963		155,784
			<u>228,863</u>		<u>155,784</u>

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Statement of financial position (continued)
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For the financial period ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The notes on pages 13 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board for issue on 20 December 2023.



Andrewjohn Patrick Stephenson Clarke
Director

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Notes to the financial statements
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1. Accounting policies

1.1 Charity information

Borde Hill Garden Limited is a charity domiciled and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Borde Hill, Borde Hill Lane, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1XP.

1.2 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2017) – (Charities SORP (FRS102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Borde Hill Garden Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The principle accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.3 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlements to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacies are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income from grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably. Evidence of entitlement usually exists when the formal offer of funding is communicated in writing to the charity unless there are terms and conditions which must be met before the charity has entitlement.

Income from investments is included when receivable.

Income from charitable activities is accounted for when earned.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. This includes all charitable expenditure and costs of raising funds.

Expenditure for raising funds comprises those costs of trading for fundraising purposes, including events held during the year and shop expenditure.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the company in the delivery of its objectives. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the company but do not directly undertake charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of financial activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on the basis of the proportion of direct expenditure.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery	20% reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease except where another more systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed.

1.8 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the period. Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are dealt with through the statement of financial activities. Income from investments is included together with the related tax credit in the year in which it is receivable.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments recognised in the charity's statement of financial position when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other debtors, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Other financial assets classified as fair value through the statement of financial activities are measured at fair value.

Other financial assets

Trade debtors, loans and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'loans and receivables'. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Interest is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except the short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating the interest income over the relevant period.

The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the debt instrument to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through the statement of financial activities, are assessed for indicator of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity.

Classification of financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, bank loans, loans from related parties that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as 'Creditors: amounts falling due within one year' if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as 'Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year'. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities, including debt instruments that do not meet the definition of a basic financial instrument, are measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimate future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when, and only when, the charity's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.11 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are incoming resources receivable for the object of the charity without further specified use and are available as general funds to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. There are currently no such funds.

Restricted funds comprise income subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the relevant fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements. There are currently no such funds.

1.14 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is not liable to United Kingdom income tax or corporation tax on charitable activities.

1.15 Company status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the directors named on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

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2. Income from donations and legacies

	2023	2021
	£	£
Donations	2,509	413
	<u>2,509</u>	<u>413</u>

3. Charitable activities

	2023	2021
	£	£
Income from charitable activities		
Admissions and tours	2,295	403,631
	<u>2,295</u>	<u>403,631</u>

Charitable expenditure:

Garden purchases	3,199	6,184
Garden event purchases	1,351	21,744
Plant archiving	1,450	-
Repairs and maintenance	792	27,027
Rent and rates	3,066	5,454
Water	-	2
Depreciation	17,117	12,992
Impairment loss	-	153,831
Lease payments	1,129	2,257
Wages and salaries	-	139,362

Direct costs	28,104	368,853
Support costs of charitable activities (note 7)	<u>21,209</u>	<u>218,484</u>

	<u>49,313</u>	<u>587,337</u>
Net expenditure on charitable activities	<u>(47,018)</u>	<u>(183,706)</u>

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4. Expenditure on raising funds

	2023	2021
	£	£
Rental property costs	5,327	34,294
Depreciation	-	6,157
Impairment loss	-	83,649
Investment management costs	-	90
Professional fees	101,430	-
Wages and salaries	24,245	-
Support costs of generating funds (note 7)	2,722	79,323
	<u>133,724</u>	<u>203,513</u>
Net expenditure from activities for raising funds	<u>(133,724)</u>	<u>(203,513)</u>

5. Other income

	2023	2021
	£	£
Income from quoted investments	1,285	1,036
Rental income	14,102	35,273
Other income	9,760	800
	<u>25,147</u>	<u>37,109</u>

6. Net expenditure for the year

	2023	2021
	£	£
Net expenditure for the year is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	17,117	51,385
Impairment loss	-	302,598
Amounts paid to the independent examiner for:		
- independent examination	450	485
- other services	11,800	6,900
	<u>11,800</u>	<u>6,900</u>

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7. Support costs

	Basis of Allocation	Raising funds £ (note 4)	Charitable activities £ (note 3)	Total 2023 £	Total 2021 £
Staff costs	Usage	-	24,634	24,634	73,950
Advertising	Usage	1,548	-	1,548	13,161
Insurance	Usage	-	1,937	1,937	3,803
Light and heat	Usage	-	468	468	4,106
IT, telephone, postage and stationery	Usage	-	206	206	5,901
Subscriptions	Usage	-	3	3	450
Legal and professional fees	Usage	-	1,024	1,024	66,877
Accountancy	Usage	-	11,800	11,800	6,900
Independent examination fees	Usage	-	450	450	485
Bank charges and interest	Usage	-	220	220	657
Credit card charges	Usage	-	32	32	12,312
Loan interest	Usage	1,174	1,174	2,348	2,348
HP interest	Usage	-	1,261	1,261	-
Cleaning	Usage	-	-	-	1,248
Sundry expenses	Usage	-	-	-	5,691
Marquee hire	Usage	-	-	-	3,000
Depreciation	% split	-	-	-	32,236
Impairment loss	% split	-	-	-	65,118
(Profit)/loss on disposal	% split	-	(22,000)	(22,000)	(436)
		<u>2,722</u>	<u>21,209</u>	<u>24,550</u>	<u>297,807</u>

The £24,550 (2021 - £297,807) of support cost is represented by £2,722 (2021 - £79,323) of expenditure on raising funds (shown in note 4) and £21,209 (2021 - £218,484) on charitable activities (shown in note 3).

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8. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	417,357	295,123	712,480
Additions	-	80,500	80,500
Disposals	(417,357)	(295,123)	(712,480)
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At 31 March 2023	-	80,500	80,500
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Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	405,765	224,083	629,848
Charge for the year	-	17,117	17,117
Impairment loss	-	-	-
On disposals	(405,765)	(224,083)	(629,848)
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At 31 March 2023	-	17,117	17,117
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Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	-	63,383	63,383
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At 31 December 2021	11,592	71,040	82,632
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9. Investments

	Total £
Market value	
At 1 January 2022	38,322
Additions	-
Disposals	-
Realised loss	-
Unrealised gain	(4,835)
At 31 March 2023	<u>33,487</u>

The investments, which are listed on recognised stock exchanges, and stated at market value, comprised:

	2023 £	2021 £
UK fixed interest	-	-
Overseas fixed interest	-	-
UK equities	-	-
Overseas equities	-	-
Global equities	33,487	38,322
Alternative investments	-	-
	<u>33,487</u>	<u>38,322</u>
Market value at 31 March 2023	<u>33,487</u>	<u>38,322</u>
Cost at 31 March 2023	<u>29,931</u>	<u>29,931</u>

The following investments exceeded 5% of the market value of the portfolio at 31 March 2023:

	2023 £	2021 £
Quilters Global Income and Growth Fund	33,487	38,322

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10. Debtors

	2023	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	10,931	165,830
Prepayments	37	4,058
Due from National Lottery Heritage Grant	147,033	-
Other debtors	20,653	2,083
	<u>178,654</u>	<u>171,971</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2021
	£	£
Net obligations under HP contracts	12,401	-
Trade creditors	28,011	35,345
Accruals and deferred income	11,949	27,331
Due to R N S Clarke Will Trust	6,000	-
Other creditors	(200)	6,467
	<u>58,161</u>	<u>69,143</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2021
	£	£
Net obligations under HP contracts	23,302	-
Due to R N S Clarke Will Trust	46,687	58,687
Other creditors	-	68,333
	<u>69,989</u>	<u>127,020</u>

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13. Employees

Number of employees	2023 Number	2021 Number
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:		
Trustees	5	5
Support staff	11	25
	<u>16</u>	<u>30</u>
	2023 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	48,879	179,575
Social security costs	-	7,118
Pension costs	-	2,274
	<u>48,879</u>	<u>188,967</u>

Borde Hill Garden Limited no longer has any employees but has incurred staff costs recharged from Borde Hill Events Limited amounting to £48,879.

No individual employee earns more than £60,000 per annum. The total amount of employee benefits received by its key management personnel amounted to £nil (2021 - £25,240).

No trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remuneration during the year (2021 - £nil).

14. Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Net gain on investments £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Restricted	-	231,000	(125,675)	29,575	-	134,900
Unrestricted	155,784	29,951	(57,362)	(29,575)	(4,835)	93,963
Total	<u>155,784</u>	<u>260,951</u>	<u>(183,037)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,835)</u>	<u>228,863</u>

The restricted fund comprises the National Lottery Heritage Grant and can only be spent in accordance with the "Reinventing Borde Hill project" development grant conditions.

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15. Analysis of net assets by fund

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2023 Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	63,383	63,383	-	82,632	82,632
Investments	-	33,487	33,487	-	38,322	38,322
Debtors	147,033	31,621	178,654	-	171,971	171,971
Cash	-	81,489	81,489	-	59,022	59,022
Creditors due within one year	(12,133)	(40,028)	(52,161)	-	(69,143)	(69,143)
Creditors due after one year	-	(75,989)	(75,989)	-	(127,020)	(127,020)
Total	134,900	93,963	228,863	-	155,784	155,784

The restricted fund comprises monies due from the National Lottery Heritage Grant.

16. Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding lease commitment for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £	2021 £
Within one year	-	2,257
Between two and five years	-	-
Over 5 years	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,257</u>

17. Related party transactions

The Trustees of the R N S Clarke Will Trust own the freehold interest to Borde Hill House and the gardens. The gardens and ancillary property were leased to Borde Hill Garden Limited at a peppercorn rent. This lease expires on 31 October 2121. On 2 August 2022, with the freeholder's approval, the company assigned this lease to Borde Hill Events Limited, a separate trading company and was released from any further obligations accruing under this lease.

The R N S Clarke Will Trust has made an unsecured long-term loan to the company amounting to £72,500. The loan is subject to interest at 4% per annum commencing on 1 January 2015 and is payable annually on 30 September each year. The R N S Clarke Will Trust may demand repayment of all or any part of the loan principal and unpaid interest on 30 September 2018 (and then annually thereafter) provided at least 12 months (but not more than 24 months) prior notice has been given. On 2 August 2022, an agreement was entered into to vary the terms of this loan. The term of the loan was extended to 10 years, with the company being required to repay the loan at the rate of £6,000 per year and the interest accruing on the loan on 30 September. During the year, interest of £2,348 (2021: £2,348) was charged and paid on the loan and £6,000 (2021: £nil) was repaid, leaving £52,687 (2021: £58,687) outstanding in other creditors.

During a previous year an interest free loan amounting to £100,000 was advanced to the company by Andrewjohn Stephenson Clarke, a director of the company. The obligation to repay this loan was transferred to Borde Hill Events Limited during the year as part of the consideration for the assignment of the garden lease and the amount outstanding at the year-end was £nil (2021: £75,000) in other creditors.

During the year the company incurred expenses of £nil (2021: £1,727) on behalf of Borde Hill Energy Limited, a company owned by Andrewjohn Stephenson Clarke. The balance outstanding at the year-end due from Borde Hill Energy Limited is £nil (2021: £1,727).

On 20 September 2022, the company completed contracts to assign the benefit of its lease of Borde Hill Gardens with effect from 1 January 2022 as detailed in note 18.

During the year the company received income of £7,648 (2021: £13,827) from Borde Hill Events Limited in relation to Ivy Cottage and £2,295 (2021: £379,162) of income collected by Borde Hill Events Limited on behalf of Borde Hill Garden Limited in respect of admissions and tours. The company incurred expenses of £nil (2021: £113,621) on behalf of Borde Hill Events Limited and owed staff costs and expenses of £48,879 (2021: £45,694) incurred by Borde Hill Events Limited on behalf of the company. The balance outstanding at the year-end due from Borde Hill Events Limited is £9,730 (2021: £162,164) and is included in trade debtors. The balance outstanding at the year-end due to Borde Hill Events Limited is £9,504 and is included in trade creditors (2021: £nil).

The charity has leased a new tractor and mulcher on HP agreements. These assets have been lent to Borde Hill Events Limited for the maintenance of the gardens in exchange for Borde Hill Garden Ltd paying the running costs and maintaining the assets.

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18. Disposal of lease of Borde Hill Gardens

On 4 October 2022, the company completed contracts to assign the benefit of its lease of Borde Hill Gardens with effect from 1 January 2022, and sell the goodwill, plant and machinery and leasehold improvements used to maintain the gardens and open it to the public to Borde Hill Events Ltd in exchange for Borde Hill Events Ltd taking on responsibility for the repayment of the loan from Andrewjohn Stephenson Clarke and all future obligations of the business.

Borde Hill Events Ltd has agreed that, notwithstanding the assignment of the lease to the gardens, to donate to the company all the rents arising from Ivy cottage for the period from 1 January 2022 through to 31 December 2023.

Goodwill and intangible assets	5,009
Plant and machinery	67,861
Leasehold improvements	14,771
Prepayments	4,058
Less: Liabilities assumed	(87,640)
Net proceeds	<u>4,059</u>