

THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT EDGCUMBE COUNTRY PARK

England & Wales · Charity number 295261

Details

Other names	THE FMECP
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1986-10-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE OR ASSIST IN THE PRESERVATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC OF MOUNT EDGCUMBE COUNTRY PARK AS A PLACE OF HISTORICAL, BONTANICAL, HORTICULTURAL, ARCHITECTURAL AND NATURAL BEAUTY.

Activities: To preserve or assist in the preservation for the benefit of the public of Mount Edgumbe Country Park Cornwall as a place of histoical, botanical, horticultural,architectural and natural beauty

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cornwall
- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£43,250	£34,053	-	-
2024-12-31	£35,933	£67,156	-	-
2023-12-31	£34,363	£32,346	-	-
2022-12-31	£30,640	£36,701	-	-
2021-12-31	£33,288	£48,340	-	-
2020-12-31	£20,038	£11,905	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Daniel Cock	Chair	2025-04-06
Ben John Church		2022-07-05
CAROL ANN DRUMMOND		2017-04-03
David Jason Hardy		2026-01-13
Harold Vosper		2021-10-07
Hollie May Rickard		2026-04-12
Janet Christine Vosper		2021-09-05
Marjorie Creek		2026-04-12
Natasha Northcott		2026-01-13
Rozanne Griffiths - Woodcock		2021-10-07

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APPENDIX A CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairman's Speech – Friends of Mount Edgcumbe AGM 2026

Good afternoon everyone,

It's a real pleasure to welcome you all to this year's Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Mount Edgcumbe House and Country Park. Thank you for taking the time to join us, and for your continued support of this very special place.

Whether you are long-standing members, dedicated volunteers, trustees, or new friends joining us for the first time, your presence here reflects something we all share – a deep appreciation for Mount Edgcumbe and a commitment to preserving it for future generations.

As Chair, it's been both an honour and a privilege to be part of this organisation. Mount Edgcumbe is more than just a historic estate; it's a living landscape, rich in heritage, natural beauty, and community spirit. It continues to inspire all who visit, and it is our role to help ensure it remains protected and celebrated.

Over the past year, we have seen some truly meaningful achievements. Thanks to your support, we have been able to contribute to a number of important projects across the estate. These include the restoration of the English Garden House roof, helping to preserve an important feature of the gardens for years to come.

We have also supported seasonal bedding planting, along with the replacement of additional shrubs and trees, ensuring that the gardens continue to flourish and evolve in keeping with their historic character.

One particularly exciting initiative has been the Ships Project Barn Pool dig – an archaeological dig at Barn Pool involving local schools. This has been a wonderful way to connect younger generations with the history of the estate, sparking curiosity and learning through hands-on experience.

Our ongoing commitment to the care of the estate can also be seen in the continued renovation and upkeep of statues throughout the grounds, preserving these important features for visitors to enjoy.

Watch out for upcoming improvements to the Camellia Trail, with enhancements due to begin shortly, further enriching what is already a much-loved part of the gardens.

Alongside these projects, the Park has hosted a number of highly successful events and festivals over the past year, bringing the community together and showcasing all that Mount Edgcumbe has to offer. Most recently, the Christmas Fayre was a tremendous success, full of festive spirit and very well attended.

And of course, just yesterday, we held our Friends Easter Egg Hunt, which was met with fantastic feedback and smiling faces all around. Events like these remind us how important this place is, not just as a historic site, but as a space for community, enjoyment, and shared memories.

While we celebrate successes, we also recognise challenges. The American Classic Car Show, a much-loved event, had to be cancelled for 2025. However, I'm delighted to say that it will be returning — bigger and better than ever — on the 2nd of August 2026, and we very much look forward to welcoming it back.

Financially, we remain in a stable position, thanks to the continued generosity of our members and supporters. Your contributions enable us to support projects like these and make a real difference across the estate. Carol, our Treasurer will go more in depth with her report.

I would like to take a moment to extend my sincere thanks to our volunteers, whose dedication and enthusiasm are at the heart of everything we do. To my fellow trustees and committee members, thank you for your ongoing commitment and hard work. And to all of you here this afternoon — your support truly matters.

As some of you may know, this has been my final year serving as Chair. It has been a truly rewarding experience, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. While I will be stepping down from this role, I will of course continue to support the Friends and remain involved in the future of this wonderful organisation.

Looking ahead, we have much to be excited about. There are more opportunities to contribute to the Park, to grow our membership, and to build on the strong sense of community that makes this organisation and site so special.

I would encourage you all to remain involved, to share your ideas, and to help us continue to grow. If you know someone who would value becoming a Friend, please do encourage them to join us.

I would simply like to say thank you.

Together, we are helping to ensure that Mount Edgumbe remains a place of beauty, heritage, and enjoyment for generations to come.

Thank you.

Ben Church.

The Friends of Mt.Edgcumbe Country Park

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Treasurer's Report

Year ending 31st. December 2025

These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis. The Trustees have prepared the accounts on a going concern basis as there are no uncertainties regarding the charity's ability to continue. The charity has no paid employees, and there were no transactions with related parties. No trustee expenses have been incurred.

The Friends of Mt. Edgumbe Country Park

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restrict ed Funds	Total Funds	Prior period Total Funds	Further details
	£s	£s	£s	£s	
Current Account & Petty Cash	2025			2024	
Income & endowments from:					Note 1
Membership	9,509		9,509	6,329	Note 2
Bequest	0		0	250	Note 3
Donations	734		734	540	Note 4
Events	23,666		23,666	17,394	Note 5
Sales of donated items	4,567		4,567	4,532	Note 6
Sale of goods	458		458	117	Note 7
Gift Aid	565		565	747	Note 8
Deposit Account interest	3,212		3,212	5,263	Note 9
MERMS	539		539	761	Note 10
Total	43,250	0	43,250	35,933	
Expenditure on:					
Restricted Fund expenditure	0			0	
Mount Edgumbe	(25,375)		(25,375)	(61,774)	Note 11
Membership	(3,694)		(3,694)	0	Note 12
Event costs	(1,250)		(1,250)	(944)	Note 13
Internal Projects	(232)		(232)	(18)	Note 14
Journal	(1,820)		(1,820)	(1,885)	Note 15
Administration	(970)		(970)	(1,914)	Note 16
Insurance	(712)		(712)	(619)	
Total	(34,053)	0	(34,053)	(67,156)	
Net Surplus/(Deficit) funds	9,197	0	9,197	(31,223)	

The Friends of Mt. Edgumbe Country Park

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Notes to accompany to the Statement of Financial Activities

1. The charity does not have any endowment funds.
2. There has been an increase in membership fees since 2024
3. The charity has received no bequests in 2025
4. Donations include ad hoc donations, the cash collected from goblets in the lodge and boxes placed around the park.
5. Event income accounted for came from the 2024 Car Show (£18,366) received in February, Easter Egg Trail (£1,285), Green Man (£78), Fireworks (£692) Christmas Fayre Tombola (£508) event. Closure of Car Show Account, refund of account balance (£2737).
6. Sale of donated items is the money received through the lodge.
7. The sale of goods relates to the Friends Walk book and Mt. Edgumbe Guide books. Improve marketing and use of park outlets has seen an increase in sales this year.
8. Gift aid relates to the amount of gift aid claimed back relating to memberships and donations. The amount accounted for here relates to 2024 Membership and Donations up to April 2025. The claim for 2025 will be submitted in April/May 2026 and will be accounted for in the 2026 accounts.
9. The average balance in the deposit account is lower than in previous years and there has also been a decrease in interest rates.
10. In 2020 MERMS was given a loan of £3000 for a new locomotive and to buy track. This loan has now been paid back .
11. Donations to the park paid for English Garden House Roof (£20,000) Bedding Plants (£4,000) Ship Project (£1250) Baby Changing Table - Orangery Toilets (£125)
12. Membership is now on line - Membership Mojo. Costs include fees and membership cards.
13. Event Costs include Christmas Trees (£55) Easter Egg Trail (£515) - Profit from this event was £770.65 Fireworks (£680) - the £12 difference was to cover Sum Up Fee.
14. A sample supply of Friends' clothing has been bought.
15. There have been three issues of the journal this year.
16. Administration includes: Website, Email Accounts, Sum Up Fees, Stamps and Misc. Expenses.

The Friends of Mt. Edgumbe Country Park

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2025	2024	Further details
	£s	£s	
Fixed assets			
Lambert Lodge	18,324	18,324	
Painting by Meredith Hawes, on loan to Mt. Edgumbe House			
Road signs, cones, trackway and other functional items	10,000	10,000	Note 17
Subtotal	28,324	28,324	
Current Assets			
Santander current account	14,962	8,692	
COIF Charities deposit fund	78,366	75,154	Note 18
Cash	106	391	
Subtotal	93,434	84,237	
Less:			
Deferred income & liabilities			
Total Current Assets	93,434	84,237	
Total Fixed & Current Assets	121,758	112,561	
Accumulated Funds			
Balance brought forward	112,561	143,784	
Revaluation of assets			
Plus surplus/deficit for year	9,197	(31,223)	
Total Funds	121,758	112,561	

17. These fixed assets are at the time of the report under review.

18. Deposit account analysis:

Deposit Account	Brought forward
	£s
Brought forward	75,154
Transfer from current account	0
Deposit account interest	3,212
Total funds carried forward	78,366

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Friends of Mt Edgcumbe Charity Number 295261 Accounts Year Ending 31/12/2025

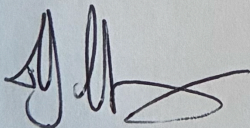
As Charity Trustees, you have prepared annual accounts for the year ending 31st December 2025 which do not require a full audit under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

I have examined a selection of the income and expenditure entries on the Friends of Mt Edgcumbe Charity Account spreadsheet and have traced them to the financial summary and can confirm that the income and expenditure figures give rise to an overall increase of £9,197 in the total cash funds of the Charity during 2025. The total fixed and current assets of the Charity are now £121,758.

From my observations I confirm that the records, to produce the Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2025, have been kept in a diligent manner with good use being made of deposit bank interest for the Charity of £3,212. The primary income was from "Events", amounting to £23,666 and the largest single expense was £25,375, being expenditure on Mt Edgcumbe Garden House.

No matter has come to my attention which gives me any cause for concern regarding the accuracy of these accounts or over individual income and expenditure items.

I note that the fixed assets remain at their previous value of £10,000 having not been revalued. I understand this will be reviewed in 2026.



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Good afternoon, friends, and thank you for joining us. It's wonderful to see you all here today, with long-time supporters and some newer faces.

I'd like to apologise for any confusion around the start time of today's meeting. We've realised that some people received different times depending on whether they read the journal or the email/letter – that's definitely something we'll aim to avoid in future communications.

Before we go further, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of our former Chair, Alan. His contribution to this park was on another level, and he left behind a legacy of dedication and park spirit like no other. He is greatly missed.

I would like to thank Carol, our treasurer, Alans wife. for your continued hard work and commitment to the Friends, especially through this difficult year.

I'd like to thank Janet vosper, our secretary. For all her hard work and dedication.

Harry, our vice chair, for his continuous support.

Rozanne, thank you for your community, volunteer, and event support. Generally keeping us all on our toes.

Shane Perry, our Membership Secretary, thank you. His hard work has produced a new online membership platform.. Shane will update us on that shortly.

Simon Huges, thank you for your support as a new committee member and your ongoing car show rally work..

Also, Maud, for joining us and your ongoing commitment.

This past year has brought challenges, none more unexpected than the fire in the Barrow Centre. It was a difficult time, but I want to thank the staff and wider community who pulled together so quickly. Their resilience and support have been truly inspiring and a testament to the strength of this place.

We've also seen encouraging progress across the park – improvements to the Orangery toilets supported by the friends, now giving year-round access to the public.

The restoration of the English Garden House roof, which is now completed. Again, supported by the Friends.

Ongoing work on our statues and historical features. Supported by the friends.

Businesses within the park continue to thrive and contribute to the vibrancy of this public space.

A huge thank you must go to Anne and Steve and volunteers for their fantastic work running the Book Shop. It continues to be a hub of activity and a quiet joy for so many visitors.

Events were especially successful last year. The Car Show had record numbers and fine weather, supported by so many of the public with fantastic feedback and both volunteers of the Friends of Mnt E and Cornwall Hospice had a wonderful time, working tirelessly to make the day happen.

The Easter Egg Trail and the Christmas Market were wonderful celebrations that drew large crowds and lots of positive feedback also. Thank you to everyone who helped make them happen.

On the more formal side, I'd like to mention that our key policy documents have been reviewed. No major changes are being proposed currently.

We've introduced a new membership system, which we believe will be a real improvement both for our members and our administration team. There are some additional costs involved, and again, Shane will update you shortly on how things are progressing.

Financially, we are in a healthy position – Carol will give a full report on this shortly.

Looking ahead for 2025 our 40th anniversary, we have some exciting plans for the year to come, and we're keen to work closely with all our members, the Park's management, and independent businesses to ensure your suggestions are heard and incorporated.

Thank you once again for being here today and for your ongoing support and commitment. Together, we continue to build something very special.

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Treasurer's Report

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Prior period Total Funds	Further details
	£s	£s	£s	£s	
Current Account & Petty Cash	2024			2023	
Income & endowments from:					Note 1
Membership	6,329		6,329	6,148	Note 2
Bequest	250		250	0	Note 3
Donations	540		540	981	Note 4
Events	17,394		17,394	14,677	Note 5
Sales of donated items	4,532		4,532	6,234	Note 6
Sale of goods	117		117	191	Note 7
Gift Aid	747		747	738	Note 8
Deposit Account interest	5,263		5,263	4,482	Note 9
MERMS	761		761	912	Note 10
Total	35,933	0	35,933	34,363	
Expenditure on:					
Restricted Fund expenditure	0			0	
Mount Edgumbe	(61,774)		(61,774)	(25,020)	Note 11
Other donations	0		0	(2)	Note 12
Event costs	(944)		(944)	(240)	Note 13
Internal Projects	(18)		(18)	(2,883)	Note 14
Journal	(1,835)		(1,835)	(1,661)	Note 15
Administration	(1,965)		(1,965)	(1,943)	Note 16
Insurance	(619)		(619)	(597)	
Total	(67,156)	0	(67,156)	(32,346)	
			0		
Net Surplus/(Deficit) funds	(31,223)	0	(31,223)	2,017	

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Notes to accompany to the Statement of Financial Activities

1. The charity does not have any endowment funds.
2. Membership income for 2024 is consistent with income from 2023.
3. The charity received one bequest in 2024 of £250.
4. Donations include ad hoc donations, the cash collected from goblets in the lodge and boxes placed around the park.
5. Event income accounted for came from the 2023 Car Show (£15,219) received in March, Easter Egg Trail (£661) , Fireworks (£196) Christmas Fayre Tombola (£344) event. Income from the 2024 Car Show (£973) further income is expected in early 2025 and will be recorded in the 2025 Accounts.
6. Sale of donated items is the money received through the lodge. The lodge has been open fewer days this year, hence the decrease in revenue.
7. The sale of goods relates to the Friends Walk book and Mt. Edgumbe Guide books.
8. Gift aid relates to the amount of gift aid claimed back relating to memberships and donations. The amount accounted for here relates to 2023 Membership and Donations up to April 2024. The claim for 2024 will be submitted in April/May 2025 and will be accounted for in the 2025 accounts.
9. The average balance in the deposit account is higher than in prior years, this alongside high interest rate has contributed to the higher interest received this year.
10. In 2020 MERMS was given £3,000 for a new locomotive and to buy track. It is intended that they will repay the Friends as and when they are able to generate sufficient income. **As at 31st Dec 24 they have repaid £2461 leaving £539 to repay.**
11. Donations to the park paid for Front Lawn Planting(£2,000), Bedding Plants (£3,500) Orangery Plans (£ 6,273) and Orangery Toilets (£50,000)
12. Other donations relate to Black Bee Charity. From 2024 any donations received in our donation boxes have been given direct to the charity (put in their box) and not recorded in these accounts.
13. Event costs relate to the
 - a. Car Show (£356) Paid out and later reimbursed.
 - b. Easter Egg Trail (£398) Profit on event therefore being - £263.
 - c. Fireworks (£190) Sum up payments. Reimbursed to park.
14. Internal Projects Costs - New key safe for lodge.
15. Journal - include Production of three journals and postage costs.
16. Administration includes: Website, Email Accounts, Sum Up Fees and Misc. Expenses

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2024	2023	Further details
	£s	£s	
Fixed assets			
Lambert Lodge	18,324	18,324	
Painting by Meredith Hawes, on loan to Mt. Edgumbe House			
Road signs, cones, trackway and other functional items	10,000	10,000	Note 17
Subtotal	28,324	28,324	
Current Assets			
Santander current account	8,692	5,219	
COIF Charities deposit fund	75,154	109,891	Note 18
Cash	391	349	
Subtotal	84,234	115,460	
Less:			
Deferred income & liabilities			
Total Current Assets	84,234	115,460	
Total Fixed & Current Assets	112,561	143,784	
Accumulated Funds			
Balance brought forward	143,784	141,767	
Revaluation of assets			
Plus surplus/deficit for year	(31,223)	2,017	
Total Funds	112,561	143,784	

17. These fixed assets have not been valued in 2024

18. Deposit account analysis:

Deposit Account	Brought forward
	£s
Brought forward	109,891
Transfer from current account	40,000
Deposit account interest	5,263
Total funds carried forward	75,154

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Friends of Mt Edgcumbe Charity Number 295261 Accounts Year Ending 31/12/2024

As Charity Trustees, you have prepared annual accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024 which do not require a full audit under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993.

I have examined a selection of the income and expenditure entries on the Friends of Mt Edgcumbe Charity Account spreadsheet and have traced them to bank debits or credits can confirm that the income and expenditure figures give rise to the overall decrease of £31,223 in the total funds of the Charity which now stands at £84,234 as at 31st December 2024.

From my observations I confirm that the records, to produce the Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024, have been kept in a diligent manner with good use being made of bank interest for the Charity. The primary income is from "Events", amounting to £17,393.72 and the largest single expense was £61,773.80, being refurbishment of the toilets and planting at Mt Edgcumbe Orangery.

No matter has come to my attention which gives me any cause for concern regarding the accuracy of these accounts or over individual income and expenditure items.

I note that the fixed assets remain at their previous value of £10,000 having not been revalued for 2024. I feel this is not a concern.



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39th Annual Report of the Executive Committee for the period 1st January - 31st December 2023 and presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Friends on Sunday 7th April 2024.

The objective of the Friends remains as stated in the Constitution which is 'to preserve and enhance, or assist in the preservation and enhancement of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park, Cornwall, for the benefit of the public, as a place of historical, botanical, horticultural, architectural and natural beauty.' Your Executive Committee has had this objective as its goal and are pleased to place on record this report for the approval of members.

Executive Committee

Your Executive Committee entered into 2023 with the hope and expectation that whilst the problems of the past few years caused by the Covid pandemic were not totally behind us things were starting to get back to some sort of normality. The Committee structure with a membership of 12 whilst still 3 members short of a full Committee was sound and finances were in good order.

However at the Annual General Meeting in April five very experienced members of the Committee decided not to seek re-election leaving the posts of Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary and Editor to be filled. Your current Chairman would like to place on record on behalf of the membership his thanks and appreciation to Ged, Glen, Neil, Anne and Steve for their many years of service to the Friends and support for the Park.

This resulted in what could be described as a changing of the guard with Committee posts being filled as follows :-

Chairman - Alan Drummond

Vice Chair - Ben Church

Secretary - Janet Vosper

Treasurer - Carol Drummond

Membership Secretary - Shane Perry

Members - Harry Vosper and Rozanne Griffiths-Woodcock

There being no other nominations or volunteers from the meeting the Committee was left with a membership of seven, less than half of a possible full Committee. In June, Jean Knight was unanimously co-opted onto the Committee bringing its total up to eight members.

The post of Membership Secretary which has been filled by Shane Perry is the contact point for members.

Unfortunately due to the fact that the required ability and capacity to manage the membership data base was not available within the new Committee structure this function of the Membership Secretary's role has been outsourced.

Membership

Over the past few years through the pandemic like many other organisations membership sign ups have been sporadic and numbers lower than in previous years. However the Friends have seen somewhat of a resurgence and total membership at the end of 2023 exceeded 800 which is thought to be the highest membership achieved since its formation in 1985.

The benefits of membership include :-

Three hardcopies or electronic versions of the 'Friends' Journal per year.
Free entry to the House and Earl's Garden when the House is open to the public.
50% discount on entry to the House to persons accompanied by a member.
Various discounts at retail outlets throughout the Park.
25% discount on personal bookings for a Segway experience.
10% discount on the purchase of Concession Cards on the Cremyll Ferry
Reduction in the cost of Annual Parking Permits.

Volunteers

Although seeing a resurgence in membership the Friends like many other organisations are struggling to generate members who are prepared to undertake an active role in the activities of the Friends such as becoming a member of the Committee or volunteering at events. Much of our income is generated through events which we run and unless we are able to raise the volunteer base to ensure that such events can be run safely and to the standard which is expected such events will be in jeopardy.

Finances

The independently examined End of Year Statement shows that our finances remain in a very healthy state and it is pleasing to note that our administration costs have once again been kept well within the income derived from membership fees.

Many thanks are due to our Treasurer who in her report will explain the finer points of the financial statement.

Lambert Lodge

The Friends bookshop continues to be a very popular information point for visitors to the Park. Thanks to Anne and the help from around 20 volunteers the Lodge was open on 224 days throughout the year and raised over £6,200 towards funding projects around the Park.

For many visitors to the Park particularly those using the Cremyll ferry it is their first port of call where they can seek advice about what to do and where to go in the Park. In addition the bookshop element of the Lodge provides a very important income stream for the Friends and a good source of encouraging new membership.

As the Provisional Planning Permission for the Lodge was due to expire in early 2024 one of the last things to be done during this current year was to submit an application for Full Planning Permission the determination of which is expected in April 2024

Journal

Three excellent editions of the Journal were produced throughout the year the first by Neil and the subsequent two by Nigel who stepped in as our Editor in a none executive capacity after the AGM. Many thanks are due to both Neil and Nigel and to all those members who helped with the hand delivery of the Journal to properties in the Millbrook, Cawsand, Kingsand and Plymouth areas.

Events

Easter Egg Trail

Unfortunately due to last minute issues with car parking arrangements the planned Easter Egg Trail in the spring did not go ahead.

Halloween Trail

Similarly the Halloween Trail did not take place due to the lack of volunteers to organise and plan the event and to run it in a safe manner on the day.

Car Show

The major event of the year however did go ahead with great success. The Annual Classic Car Show and Summer Fayre which is held in conjunction with Cornwall Hospice Care was blessed with ideal weather conditions despite the stormy conditions of the previous day trying to disrupt all the planning of the previous days.

Over 700 classic cars were on show in the show field and numbers stalls, rides and entertainment stands were available in the Avenue. A conservative estimate is that approx 8,000 people attended the show and a good time was had by all.

Like all events of this nature we are very dependant on volunteers to ensure its success and pleased to say that despite early concerns almost 100 volunteers helped on the day with special thanks to the ATC (Saltash Branch) for their help on the day and HMS Raleigh Cadets for their help with the pre event set up.

Fireworks Championship

Once again the Friends assisted the Park staff with parking arrangements in the Deer Park for people wishing to view the Firework Championships from this vantage point. Many thanks to those members and friends who took a voluntary bucket collection on entry towards funding projects in the Park which raised over £2,000.

Cornish Yuletide Artisan Market

In December the Friends supported the traders at the Barrow Centre with a new event for the Park a Cornish Yuletide Artisan Market. The event which was held over two evenings comprised of craft and food stalls, music and entertainment and a surprise visit by the ever popular Lusty, Landy, Harry and Henry the Alpacas.

Christmas Tree Festival

The Friends annual entry into the Millbrook Church Christmas Tree Festival for 2023 had an 'Art in the Park' theme and highlighted the recent restoration of the statues of Athena and Diana which was funded by the Friends. Also displayed were artworks which had commissioned by the Friends to celebrate various significant anniversaries and important dates, including the most recent in appreciation for the long service of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Support for the Park

The Executive Committee continues to maintain a healthy and collaborative working relationship with the Park Management and staff. Regular meetings are held to discuss issues and priorities on how the Friends are able to support the Park for the benefit of its visitors.

During 2023 the Friends have supported the Park with projects such as funding the ever popular bedding plants, statutory repairs, play equipment, additional deer park fencing and a new Cornish hedge at the Barne Pool entrance to the formal gardens. Together totalling over £25,000

A large sum of our assets is still as it has been for a number of years being held in reserve for improvements to the Orangery toilets. Planning approval has been granted for these improvements and the practical construction work will be planned to be undertaken in early 2024.

Conclusion

In conclusion 2023 continued to be another good year with overall membership increasing to an all time high and finances continuing to flourish. However this hides the fact that the Friends are seriously short of active volunteers with an interest in helping at events or at an executive level on the Committee, failure to reverse this trend will have a serious affect on how the Friends are able to function.

There are a number of vacancies on the Executive Committee which ideally are required to be filled in order for it to operate in a competent and efficient manner.

The Committee looks forward to the challenges of making 2024 another successful year with hopefully greater input and participation from our membership.

Chair - Executive Committee

The Friends of Mt.Edgcumbe Country Park

Registered Charity No. 295261

Treasurer's Report

Year ending 31st. December 2023

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8. The average balance in the deposit account is higher than in prior years, this alongside high interest rate has contributed to the higher interest received this year.
9. In 2020 MERMS was given £3,000 for a new locomotive and to buy track. It is intended that they will repay the Friends as and when they are able to generate sufficient income. To date they have paid £1700
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14. Journal - include Production of three journals and postage costs.
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The Friends of Mt. Edgcombe Country Park

Registered Charity No. 295261

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2023	2022	Further details
	£s	£s	
Fixed assets			
Lambert Lodge	18,324	18,324	
Painting by Meredith Hawes, on loan to Mt. Edgcombe House			
Road signs, cones, trackway and other functional items	10,000	10,000	Note 16
Subtotal	28,324	28,324	
Current Assets			
Santander current account	5,219	17,971	
COIF Charities deposit fund	109,891	95,409	Note 17
Cash	349	63	
Subtotal	115,460	113,443	
Less:			
Deferred income & liabilities			
Total Current Assets	115,460	113,443	
Total Fixed & Current Assets	143,784	141,767	
Accumulated Funds			
Balance brought forward	141,767	147,828	
Revaluation of assets			
Plus surplus/deficit for year	2,017	(6,061)	
Total Funds	143,784	141,767	

16. These fixed assets have not been valued in 2023

17. Deposit account analysis:

Deposit Account	Brought forward
	£s
Brought forward	95,409
Transfer from current account	10,000
Deposit account interest	4,482
Total funds carried forward	109,891

The Friends of Mt. Edgumbe Country Park

Registered Charity No. 295261

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Prior period Total Funds	Further details
	£s	£s	£s	£s	
Current Account & Petty Cash	2023			2022	
Income & endowments from:					Note 1
Membership	6,148		6,148	4,945	Note 2
Bequest	0		0	2,687	
Donations	981		981	4,486	Note 3
Events	14,677		14,677	10,379	Note 4
Sales of donated items	6,234		6,234	5,234	Note 5
Sale of goods	191		191	396	Note 6
Gift Aid	738		738	815	Note 7
Deposit Account interest	4,482		4,482	910	Note 8
MERMS	912		912	788	Note 9
Total	34,363		34,363	30,640	
			0		
Expenditure on:			0		
Restricted Fund expenditure	0		0	0	
Mount Edgumbe	(25,120)		(25,120)	(25,650)	Note 10
Other donations	(2)		(2)	(139)	Note 11
Event costs	(140)		(140)	(5,601)	Note 12
Internal Projects	(2,883)		(2,883)	(1,278)	Note 13
Journal	(2,029)		(2,029)	(1,831)	Note 14
Administration	(1,575)		(1,575)	(1,560)	Note 15
Insurance	(597)		(597)	(642)	
Total	(32,346)	0	(32,346)	(36,701)	
			0		
Net Surplus/(Deficit) funds	2,017		2,017	(6,061)	

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Friends of Mt Edgcumbe Charity Accounts Year Ending 31/12/2023

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Michael Clay
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25/2/2024

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THE FRIENDS OF MOUNT EDGCUMBE COUNTRY PARK

England & Wales - Charity number 295261

Accounts

The Friends of Mount Edgcumbe
Country Park
Registered Charity No.295261

37th ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON
3rd April 2022

1. The objective of the Friends remains as detailed in the Constitution, which is 'to preserve or assist in the preservation of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park as a place of historical, botanical, horticultural, architectural interest and natural beauty.' Over the past 12 months the Executive Committee has striven to achieve this objective. We are pleased to place on record the following report for the approval of Members.

2. The Chairman would, on behalf of the Executive Committee, like to place on record his deepest sympathies to the Edgcumbe family following the death of Robert, 8th Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, on 12th June 2021. Robert supported all of the Friends' events and accepted the honorary role of Patron in 2014. In 1995, Robert was the founder of the annual Car Rally, which has raised a significant amount of money for the Friends and Cornwall Hospice Care's finances. Robert will be greatly missed.

The Executive Committee

3. The Chairman would like to give his sincere thanks to all the Members (past and present) of the 2021 Executive Committee for their support, dedication and unflagging enthusiasm throughout the past year. Following the resignation of the Chair, Treasurer and 4 other committee members, a Special General Meeting (SGM) was held on 5th September 2021 to fill the vacant posts. It was heartening to note that the meeting was extremely well attended - the largest meeting of the Membership for quite some time - and that it culminated in the election of all 15 posts on the Executive Committee; the first time this has occurred for many years. Following the SGM the Executive Committee comprised: Ged Edgcumbe, Gordon Crocker, Carol Drummond, Alan Drummond, Neil Rugg, Tony Hutchings, Anne Creese, Steve Creese, Mike Tong, Teresa Tong, Harry Vosper, Janet Vosper, Rozanne Griffiths-Woodcock, Malcolm Cross and Glen Edgcumbe. Malcolm Cross resigned from the Committee in December 2021. The Charity Commission has been informed of all changes on the Executive Committee

and reassured that the Friends is well managed and functioning in accordance with its Constitution, Policies and relevant legal requirements.

4. Terms of reference for all committee member posts have been placed on the website to enable prospective applicants to see what is involved and hopefully encourage more volunteers to serve.

Special General Meeting (SGM)

5. The SGM detailed above was required because the Friends' Constitution mandates that the Charity cannot function without a Chair and a Treasurer. The resignation by the incumbents of these and four other posts was a result of on-going disagreements between Committee members, which were exacerbated by the proposed purchase of a set of Mount Edgcumbe related watercolours at an initial cost of £35,000. Following a detailed and comprehensive review by the post-SGM Executive Committee to establish the benefits to the public and marketing opportunities related to the paintings, the Committee decided not to continue with the purchase. The key factors that influenced the Committee included: additional costs (circa £10,000) to display the paintings at Mount Edgcumbe; limited display time (a maximum of 3 months per year) and input from both the Park Management and experts from The Box (Plymouth) - who are responsible for all artefacts held/displayed in Mount Edgcumbe House - that the purchase was an unwise investment. In addition, the Committee felt that the total expenditure of circa £45,000 i.e. almost 50% of our available budget, could not be justified and the money could be used to support more worthwhile projects within the Park.
6. The collective resignation of six Committee Members is unusual, and the post-SGM Executive Committee initiated an independent review to identify any potential lessons learnt that led to the resignations and to recommend policy/procedure changes that would help to mitigate against such an occurrence in the future. Tony Hutchings, Harry Vosper, Janet Vosper and Glen Edgcumbe - who were elected at the SGM - carried out the review, which identified a number of lessons that could be learnt and recommended several changes to our policies; all of the recommended policy changes are included in the package of changes presented for approval at this AGM. The review was fully

documented and the Charity Commission has been informed of its findings.

Membership

7. At the end of 2021 the total membership stood at 665; of this number 110 are Life and Honorary Members. With the current high administration costs the Executive Committee would encourage all members to consider paying their membership dues by Standing Order as this method reduces the administrative and financial burden.
8. The benefits of Membership include:
 - a. Regular hardcopy and/or electronic versions of the Friends' Journal.
 - b. Priority booking and reduced charges to events staged by the Friends.
 - c. FREE entry to the House and Earl's Garden during the season when the House is open to the public.
 - d. 50% discount on the entry fee to the House and Earl's Garden for persons accompanied by a member of the Friends.
 - e. 15% discount on purchases made in the House shop (excluding books).
 - f. 25% discount when booking a Segway experience.
 - g. 25% discount at The Orangery.
 - h. 5% discount at Williams Weaving, Helen Round & Upcycled Homes Co.
 - i. 10% discount at The Farriers.
 - j. 20% discount at Aunt Em's (not ice cream)
9. Members are reminded that to receive the benefits above they may be asked to provide proof of in-date membership.

Finances

10. The Independently-Examined End of Year Statement shows that our finances remain in a very healthy state. The Treasurer in her report will explain the finer details of the Statement.
11. The achievement of Gift Aid for membership fees continues to provide a profitable source of income. We would encourage Members who are taxpayers, to Gift Aid their membership fees as the extra income achieved is at no expense to individuals.

12. It is pleasing to report that this year our administration costs have once again been kept well within the income derived from membership fees.
13. The Chairman would like to place on record his thanks to Carol Drummond - the current Treasurer - for her diligence and dedication managing our finances since she took on the post in September, and for all the work she has done preparing the accounts for Independent Examination. The Chairman also thanks Clive Murphy for his Independent Examination of the account

The Lodge

14. As a result of the imposition of Covid 19-related restrictions, we were only able to open the Friends' Lodge on 150 days in 2021. Despite this, since re-opening on 17th May, over 5000 members of the public have visited the Lodge; we have sold 2745 books and generated £3783.00 for our funds. All of this once again demonstrates that the investment we made in the Lodge in 2019 is extremely well justified, as the Lodge remains a major focal point for publicising our organisation and generating income by the sale of books and other items. It also demonstrates that The Lodge is an excellent place to meet members of the public, answer queries about the Park and recruit new members.
15. Whilst our average membership exceeds 600, we still struggle to recruit volunteers willing to work in the Lodge; in 2021, only 15 members were used to staff the Lodge. The Committee appreciates that Covid-19 has impacted on peoples' willingness to assist/volunteer in the Lodge over the past two years. However, we view the Lodge as a critical and crucial asset to our organisation and as we move into a post-covid environment, we would encourage members to play their part in supporting our aims and ambitions.
16. We are again indebted to Steve and Anne Creese, who continue to administer the Lodge; they would be pleased to hear from anyone who could spare a few hours to assist in staffing the Lodge.

Social Programme

17. The three primary events organised annually by the Committee - Easter Egg Hunt, Car Rally & Halloween Trail - were once again cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Following a relaxation of the Government restrictions on events, in August Nigel Bruce-Robertson, supported by his wife Stephanie, organised a very enjoyable trip to the

Breakwater. In December, Tony Hutchings and Carol Drummond, supported by Alan Drummond, Harry & Janet Vosper and Rozanne Griffiths-Woodcock, managed our stall at the Christmas Fayre where Kate Gason's Hamper Raffle and sale of produce raised £400 for our organisation. We again entered a tree in the Millbrook Church Christmas Tree Festival, this year themed on the propeller recovered from an aircraft that had crashed into Plymouth Sound during the last war, which is currently on view at the Barrow Centre prior to it being mounted and put on permanent display in the Park.

18. The organisation and management of all Friends' events always requires a great deal of effort both beforehand and on the day. In previous years, the Friends' three primary events were established as 'must see' events in the local event calendar, and in the case of the Car Rally, it provided essential funds to the Friends and Cornwall Hospice Care who co-manage the event. However, without more help there is a danger that the events might not survive and your Committee would emphatically encourage members to volunteer to assist, particularly on the day of an event, as this would help to spread the load on everyone involved, and hopefully protect our events for years to come.
19. Up-to-date information regarding events can usually be found in the Journal and on our web page.

The Park Management

20. The Executive Committee continues to maintain a healthy and collaborative working relationship with the Park Management and Staff. We meet on a monthly basis to discuss issues and priorities and how to deliver on both co-funded projects and other improvements the Committee would like to make in the Park, which are funded entirely by the Friends.
21. Overall management of the Park rests with a Joint Committee comprising representatives from Plymouth and Cornwall Councils. The Chairman of the Friends' Executive Committee is a co-opted member of the Joint Committee, and submits a report for each Joint Council meeting on our organisation and activities.
22. The Joint Committee has always advocated that a strong, healthy Friends' organisation is essential to the future success of the Park and this was re-iterated at the meeting in November - the first for over a year due to covid restrictions.

Support to the Park

23. Despite an extremely curtailed events programme, we have continued to support the Park both practically and financially throughout 2021. In August a number of members supported the Park by taking a bucket collection from visitors entering the Deer Park at Maker to view the Annual British Firework Championships raising over £2,100 for Park improvements. In December Neil Rugg, Barbara Buckley and Steve & Anne Creese assisted in a variety of roles at the Christmas Fayre. The Committee wish to encourage more of the membership to help at least at one event.
24. Financially, we donated £26,895.00 to the Park in 2021 in support of various projects, the details of which are contained within the Treasurer's Financial Report.

The Journal

25. The Committee is indebted to Tony Hutchings who returned to the Committee following the SGM, to take on the Editor role; a post he had previously held. The Editor continues to produce a most informative and colourful Journal, which continues to be well received. Our thanks are also extended to those who have submitted articles.
26. As the Journal is only as good as its content the Editor would welcome articles on any subject of interest provided they are not blasphemous or libellous. The Journal is published three times per year (Winter, Summer & Autumn editions) and the deadline for publication of articles is 30th April (for May publication), 31st August (for September publication) and 31st December for January publication).
27. To reduce the postage cost of Journals the majority within Plymouth, Millbrook, Kingsand/Cawsand, Crafhole and Fort Picklecombe were hand delivered. The Chairman would like to thank Neil Rugg, Barbara Buckley, Peter Walker, Nicky Wilson, Philip & Sue Willoughby, Steve & Anne Creese and Alan & Carol Drummond for delivering the journals.

Publicity

28. The Committee remains cognisant of the importance of publicity and the need to keep Members and non-members aware of the benefits of membership of the Friends and of our social events. We endeavour to do this through the medium of the Journal and our website www.friends-of-

mount-edgcumbe.org.uk. There is also a link on our web page to the Park's web site. We also strive to publicise our events to a wider, non-member, audience using more traditional forums (posters, news articles, radio broadcasts etc.), and we are grateful to Rozanne Griffiths-Woodcock, who was elected to the Committee at the SGM, and is spearheading this work.

29. Maintaining a website and other social media outlets, requires an individual(s) with some level of technical skills, which the Committee often finds difficult to identify. At present we do not use other social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter etc.) as we do not have sufficient skills within the Committee to undertake these tasks. The Committee would urge any Member or non-member with general IT skills, who is willing to assist in the maintenance of our website and other social media - a task that requires no more than two or three hours per month - to contact any member of the Executive Committee.

Annual Review of Policies

30. The Committee reviewed the way it operates by reference to a suite of guidance documents provided by the Charity Commission. The following documents were originally created in 2017 and approved by the Members at the 2018 AGM:
 - General Policy
 - Finance Policy
 - Reserves Policy
 - Data Protection Policy
31. The Committee has, as obliged, reviewed these on an annual basis taking into account changes to the guidance and the way we operate, and as a result updates to the General Policy, Finance Policy and Data Protection Policy were approved at the 2021 AGM.
32. The Chairman would like to thank Neil Rugg - the primary author of the majority of the Friends' policies - for all of the work he has done during the 2021 review of the Friends' Constitution and Policies.

Conclusion

33. In conclusion, covid-related restrictions and disruption in the Committee provided additional challenges throughout 2021. Despite this we continued to run a limited number of events,

fully support the Park and our finances remain sound. Following a SGM in September, we have a fully functional Committee that looks forward to the challenge of making 2022 another successful year with greater participation from the members.

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Donations	1,300		1,300	1,437	Note 3
Events	1,497		1,497	1,578	Note 4
Sales of donated items	3,783		3,783	1,221	Note 5
Sale of goods	208		208	122	Note 6
Panorama Pictures	15,000		15,000		Note 7
Gift Aid	552		552	545	
Deposit Account interest	12		12	274	Note 8
Total	33,288		33,288	20,038	
Expenditure on:					
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Insurance	(609)		(609)	(595)	
Total	(48,340)		(48,340)	(11,905)	
Net Surplus (Deficit) funds	(15,052)		(15,052)	8,133	

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Notes to accompany the Statement of Financial Activities

1. The charity does not have any endowment funds.
2. Membership income has recovered to pre covid amounts. A recent increase in Life membership to £150 single and £250 couple may have brought an increase in revenue. When existing members were given the offer to buy Life membership at the old rate.
3. Donations include ad hoc donations, the cash collected from the boxes placed around the and the donations through Amazon Smile and Just Giving. The money collected from the box marked "bees" is donated to the Black Bee charity (Expenditure – Other donations).
4. We received income from the Christmas Fayre Raffle and sales and also some additional ticket sales for the Breakwater trip which went ahead in August after being rescheduled from 2020.
5. The income from the lodge is now back to pre Covid levels after a reduction in 2020.
6. The sale of goods relates to walk books.
7. An initial deposit was paid on the paintings, after review it was agreed not to continue with the full purchase of the paintings and the £15,000 of income recovered is also shown in the accounts.
8. Low interest rates and Bank of England Base Rate being down have contributed to this year. There was also a large withdrawal from the account.
9. Donations to the park were for Bedding plants £4,100, Mannequins for the Blitz Exhibition £2,000, Purchase of the Gator £12,345, Deer Fencing £5,000 and Tractor Adaptor £3,450.
10. In 2020 MERMS was given £3,000 for a new locomotive and to buy track. It is intended that they will repay the Friends as and when they are able to generate sufficient income. We have yet to receive any income. In 2021 the only donation from the accounts was to the Black Bees charity.
11. Event costs mostly relate to the breakwater trip and car show. The costs of the car show were reimbursed and are included in events income.
12. Path to the lodge was concreted at a cost of £1,860. In prior years internal projects were classified as 'other'. Prior years amounts have been now stated against internal projects.
13. The costs of the Journal have increased as one issue had to be retype faced part way through production.
14. Administration covers Accountant, Website and e.mail accounts and misc. expenses.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	2021	2020	Further details
Fixed assets			
Lambert Lodge	18,324	18,324	
Painting by Meredith Hawes, on loan to Mt. Edgumbe House			Note 15
Road signs, cones, trackway and other functional items	10,000		Note 16
Subtotal	28,324	18,324	
Current Assets			
Prepaid expenses			
Santander current account	54,614	14,991	
COIF Charities deposit fund	64,499	119,488	Note 17
Cash	391	77	
Subtotal	119,504	134,556	
Less:			
Deferred income & liabilities			
Total Current Assets	119,504	134,556	
Total Fixed & Current Assets	147828	152,880	
Accumulated Funds			
Balance brought forward	152,880	144,747	
Revaluation of assets	10,000		
Plus surplus for year	(15,052)	8,133	
Total Funds	147828	152,880	

15. These fixed assets have not been valued in 2021.

16. In late 2020 an audit of The Friends equipment for insurance purposes was carried out. They are insured for £20,000.00. The amount recorded here is considered to be 50% of the replacement value of these items.

17. Deposit account analysis:

Deposit Account	Brought forward
Brought forward	119,488
Transfer to current account	(55,000)
Deposit account interest	12
Total funds carried forward	64,500

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28th March 2022.

To the Trustees of the Friends of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park
Mount Edgcumbe House
Cremyll
Torpoint
Cornwall PL10 1HZ

Dear Trustees,

I enclose the Independent Examiner's Report relating to the accounts for the charity for the year to 31st December 2021, as set out in the Treasurer's Annual Report 2022.

I am pleased to say I found the books and records in good order, and there are no matters of significance to report.

I enclose my bill for this work which I trust you will find satisfactory.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Carol Drummond and Mr Ged Edgcumbe for their assistance, and if anything isn't clear please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



M.C. Murphy

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park (Registered Charity No. 295261)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Friends of Mount Edgcumbe Country Park (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2021, as set out in the Treasurer's Annual Report 2021 showing a net deficit for the year of £15,052.

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').

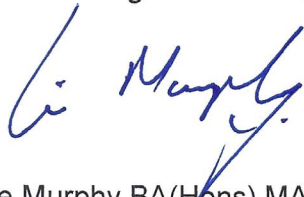
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with my examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Dated: 28th March 2022