

LOWER CENTRAL GARDENS BOURNEMOUTH

England & Wales · Charity number 299739

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1988-07-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: OPEN SPACES FOR THE RECREATION AND ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC.

Activities: This land is held as an open space for the recreation and enjoyment of the public.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BOURNEMOUTH
- Bournemouth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,078,639	£1,810,596	£27,525,074	0
2024-03-31	£1,045,335	£1,751,932	£22,068,200	0
2023-03-31	£1,351,642	£1,979,128	£21,951,159	0
2022-03-31	£1,238,943	£1,238,489	£21,081,412	0
2021-03-31	£711,745	£711,745	£17,207,746	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BCP Council		

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Accounts

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Trustee's Report and Audited Accounts

31 March 2025

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Trustees Annual Report

The trustee presents their report with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 299739

Principal Office

Civic Centre
Bourne Avenue
Bournemouth
Dorset
BH2 6DY

Trustee

The following trustee served during the year:

BCP Council

Trustees holding title to charity property

BCP Council

Key Management Personnel

Councillor Matthew Gillett - Chair

Councillor Bernadette Nanovo

Councillor Stephen Bartlett - resigned 7 May 2024

Mr Roger Boon - resigned 18 December 2024

Chief Executive Officer - Kate Langdown

Councillor Jamie Martin - Vice Chair

Councillor Lawrence Williams

Councillor Andy Hadley - resigned 10 December 2024

Auditor

Hixsons
24 Cecil Avenue
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the charity is the provision of open space for the recreation and enjoyment of the public. The Gardens are Listed Grade II in the Historic England "Register of Parks and Gardens".

The Charity is subject to several strategies that design the way that objectives are being fulfilled. The main document is Lower, Central & Upper Gardens 5-year Management Plan which was drafted in conjunction with: Bournemouth 2026 Community Strategy, Green Space Strategy, Playground Strategy, Nature Conservation Strategy.

The Management Plan and Lower Gardens Masterplan are providing details of proposals to improve the visitors' experience in the Gardens. The examples of these are: to review planting and phase replacement with new water tolerant planting, to refine and improve Christmas events in Lower Gardens to ensure smooth running, 4-year plan to renovate all the shrubs/tree borders along Westover Road, to develop Westover Gardens as an area for the arts and other community events.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The event highlights were the Air Festival (August 2024), the Arts By The Sea Festival and the Knife Crime Awareness Event (both September 2024), the Bournemouth Marathon (October 2024) and winter ice rink and Christmas Tree Wonderland (November 2024 - January 2025).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Historically the Council, in its role as local authority and corporate trustee, has provided donated services each year sufficient for the charity to achieve breakeven and meet any liabilities as they fall due. This is currently the policy that is expected to continue and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The unrestricted fund of £2,027 represents the value of the donated stock from BCP Council. The restricted income fund of £1,648,643 represents change in the fixed assets value and is not used for distribution. The endowment fund of £25,874,404 is held on trust to be retained for the benefit of the charity as a capital fund. The trustee must permanently maintain the whole of the fund. The fund consists of assets that are used for the purposes of the charity and cannot be spent as if it were income. The net revenue expenditure supports the objective of the Trust.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Maintaining and improving the public's access to the Charity's land for use as pleasure gardens will continue to be the main focus in the years ahead.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The accounts recognise the treatment of the Charity as a separate entity with its own transactions distinct from those of BCP Council.

The Trust was created in 1873 under an Indenture between BCP Council's predecessor body the Bournemouth Commissioners and Sir George Eliot Meyrick Tapps Gervis. The day to day control and management of the Lower Central Gardens and hence the charity, was varied by s.29 Bournemouth Borough Council Act 1985. This vested in the Council the general power to use, control and manage the Lower Central Gardens. BCP Council manages the Charity in its role as trustee. Recommendations from the Council Cabinet on Charity issues are referred to full meetings of the Council acting as trustee for appropriate decisions.

The trustee recruitment process is carried out by existing trustees on behalf of Members of the Trust. The trustee vacancy is advertised in the local media and interested parties are then provided with: a. Briefing Note b. Application Form c. Draft Scheme of Management d. Master Plan drawing e. Lower Gardens summary. The applicants are then interviewed and appointed using the Charity Commission Operational Guidance, Trustee Act 2000, OG 86 B4 'Power to employ nominees and custodians'. On the appointment the trustees are provided with a copy of the Charity Scheme for the new Trust together with the rules for conflicts of interest.

There are no formal policies or procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.

The law applicable to charities requires the charity trustee to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustee is required to:

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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- * state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure of information to auditor

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware and each trustee has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Signed



BCP Council
Trustee
26 January 2026

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustee of Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the Notes to the Accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025, and of its profit/loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the accounts, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group and parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustee is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the accounts is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustee's report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustee

As explained more fully in the trustee's responsibilities statement found in the trustee's report, the trustee is responsible for the preparation of accounts which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustee intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

We have been appointed under the Charities Act 2011, s. 144 and report in accordance with the regulations made under the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these accounts.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, including how fraud may occur by enquiring of management of its own consideration of fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud.

As part of this discussion we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management.

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charity and the sector in which it operates, drawing on our sector experience, and considered the risk of acts by the Charity that were contrary to these laws and regulations, including fraud.

We focused on laws and regulations that could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Charities Act 2011 and UK tax legislation.

We made enquiries of management with regards to compliance with the above laws and regulations and corroborated any necessary evidence to relevant information, for example, minutes of the trustees' meetings and correspondence between the Charity and its solicitors.

Our tests included agreeing the financial statements disclosures to underlying supporting documentation and enquiries with management, identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations, reviewing of deferred income and accrued provisions.

We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls including testing journals and evaluation whether there was evidence of bias by the trustees that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

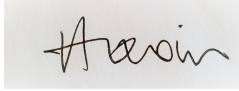
Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of this report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Hixson', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Hixsons, Accountants and Statutory Auditors

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26 January 2026

Hixsons is eligible for appointment as auditor in terms of the Companies Act 2006, s.1212.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
	Notes					
Income and endowments						
from:						
Donations and legacies	3	216,085	175,093	-	391,178	389,465
Charitable activities	4	520,510	-	-	520,510	479,559
Other trading activities	5	166,951	-	-	166,951	176,311
Total		903,546	175,093	-	1,078,639	1,045,335
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	127,265	-	-	127,265	160,093
Charitable activities	7	774,254	175,093	-	949,347	894,801
Other	8	-	18,868	715,116	733,984	697,038
Total		901,519	193,961	715,116	1,810,596	1,751,932
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net expenditure	9	2,027	(18,868)	(715,116)	(731,957)	(706,597)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net expenditure before other gains/(losses)		2,027	(18,868)	(715,116)	(731,957)	(706,597)
Other gains and losses						
Other Gains		-	(1,021,689)	7,210,520	6,188,831	823,638
Net movement in funds		2,027	(1,040,557)	6,495,404	5,456,874	117,041
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		-	2,689,200	19,379,000	22,068,200	21,951,159
Total funds carried forward		2,027	1,648,643	25,874,404	27,525,074	22,068,200

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Balance Sheet

at 31 March 2025

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		2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	27,523,047	22,068,200
		<u>27,523,047</u>	<u>22,068,200</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	12	2,027	-
Debtors	13	20,116	36,900
		<u>22,143</u>	<u>36,900</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	14	(20,116)	(36,900)
Net current assets		<u>2,027</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>27,525,074</u>	<u>22,068,200</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>27,525,074</u>	<u>22,068,200</u>
Total net assets		<u>27,525,074</u>	<u>22,068,200</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	15		
Endowment funds		25,874,404	19,379,000
Restricted income funds		<u>1,648,643</u>	<u>2,689,200</u>
		<u>27,523,047</u>	<u>22,068,200</u>
Unrestricted funds	15		
General funds		2,027	-
		<u>2,027</u>	<u>-</u>
Reserves	15		
Total funds		<u>27,525,074</u>	<u>22,068,200</u>

Approved by the trustees on 26 January 2026

And signed on their behalf by:

BCP Council
Trustee
26 January 2026



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Statement of Cash flows
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income per Statement of Financial Activities	5,456,874	117,041
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	733,984	697,038
Other (gains)/losses	(6,188,831)	(823,638)
(Increase)/Decrease in stocks	(2,027)	9,559
Decrease/(Increase) in trade and other receivables	16,784	(36,900)
(Decrease)/Increase in trade and other payables	(16,784)	18,981
Net cash used in operating activities	-	(17,919)
Net cash from investing activities	-	-
Net cash from financing activities	-	-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	-	(17,919)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	-	17,919
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	-	-
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	-	-
	-	-

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth's corporate trustee includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements are prepared under the International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public at:

<https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/About-the-council/Budgets-and-finance/Annual-accounts>.

In these financial statements the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purpose of this FRS) and has applied exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the requirement to present a cashflow statement. Having given regard to Public Benefit Entity guidance the corporate trustee considers the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth to be a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

Historically the Council, in its role as local authority and corporate trustee, has provided donated services each year sufficient for the charity to achieve breakeven and meet any liabilities as they fall due. This is currently the policy that is expected to continue and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

As of 1st April 2019 the Council became part of a new authority Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council (BCP) and the policy of donation has passed to the new authority. This is enshrined in the following two UK Statutory Instruments: 1) 2018 No. 648 The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (Structural Changes) Order 2018 & 2) 2008 No. 2176 The Local Government (Structural Changes)(Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Regulations 2008.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Notes to the Accounts

Income

Recognition of income Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

Donated services and facilities These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment income This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on investment assets This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on raising funds These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.

Grants payable All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.

Governance costs These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.

Other expenditure These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Pavilion	2% Straight line
Gardens	4 - 10% Straight line

Pavilion asset (above) is Pavilion and Lower Gardens bandstand. Gardens asset (above) is Lower Gardens minor buildings, certain improvements to main buildings.

Assets are assessed at each year-end; in 2025 this was by the external company Lambert Smith Hampton whose employees are accredited by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) as to whether there is any indication that they may be impaired. Where indications exist and any possible differences are estimated to be material, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and any shortfall is recognised as an impairment loss.

Impairment losses are accounted for in the following ways: 1) where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Restricted Income fund the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance, up to the amount of the accumulated gains; 2) where there is no balance in the Restricted Income fund or an insufficient balance the carrying amount of the asset is written down against the expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA).

Where an impairment loss is subsequently reversed the reversal is credited to the SoFA up to the amount of the original loss, adjusted for depreciation that would have been charged if the loss had not been recognised.

The assets of the Charity are treated as comprising the freehold interest (based on the Council as trustee's right to manage) in the land between Bournemouth Square and the seafront laid out as formal public pleasure gardens. The area is approximately six hectares. Furthermore it comprises the Charity's ownership of the Pavilion. Assets included in the Balance Sheet are re-valued annually.

The assets of the Charity are: 1) Pavilion - at the end of 2009-10 the land swap took place giving the Charity full ownership of the building. The value of the asset in the Balance Sheet is based on the full amount of the depreciated replacement cost and is subject to a full depreciation charge. The Pavilion is leased to BCP Council who under the agreement have sub-leased it to BH Live. Both leases are for £nil consideration. 2) Lower Central Gardens - a full share of the existing use valuation based on the concessions. The land now occupied by concessions is carried at nil value. The trustee recognises that there is an intrinsic value to the rest of the gardens but as there is no likelihood of a full or major disposal and because of the costs and difficulty in obtaining a valuation this is carried at £nil.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Notes to the Accounts

Cash and cash equivalents

The charity does not have its own bank account, all receipts are paid into and all payments paid from BCP Council's main bank accounts.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	226,196	163,269	-	389,465
Charitable activities	479,559	-	-	479,559
Other trading activities	176,311	-	-	176,311
Total	882,066	163,269	-	1,045,335
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	160,093	-	-	160,093
Charitable activities	731,532	163,269	-	894,801
Other	-	19,267	677,771	697,038
Total	891,625	182,536	677,771	1,751,932
Net income	(9,559)	(19,267)	(677,771)	(706,597)
Net income before other gains/(losses)	(9,559)	(19,267)	(677,771)	(706,597)
Other gains and losses:				
Other Gains	-	(21,133)	844,771	823,638
Net movement in funds	(9,559)	(40,400)	167,000	117,041
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	9,559	2,729,600	19,212,000	21,951,159
Total funds carried forward	-	2,689,200	19,379,000	22,068,200

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Donated services received from BCP Council	216,085	-	216,085	226,196
Donated services received from BCP Council	-	175,093	175,093	163,269
	<u>216,085</u>	<u>175,093</u>	<u>391,178</u>	<u>389,465</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Commercial operations, activities and events (see below for detail)	520,510	520,510	479,559
	<u>520,510</u>	<u>520,510</u>	<u>479,559</u>
Refreshments & concessions	295,869	295,869	285,643
Knife Crime Awareness + Small events	5,420	5,420	-
Ice rink income + costs reimbursement	46,219	46,219	49,323
Arts by the Sea	39,844	39,844	16,377
Christmas Tree Wonderland	133,158	133,158	128,216
	<u>520,510</u>	<u>520,510</u>	<u>479,559</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Mini-golf	162,304	162,304	167,043
Art exhibition	4,647	4,647	9,268
	<u>166,951</u>	<u>166,951</u>	<u>176,311</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising trading costs</i>			
Commercial operations	127,265	127,265	160,093
	<u>127,265</u>	<u>127,265</u>	<u>160,093</u>

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings (see below for detail)	374,476	175,093	549,569	549,925
Activities and events (see below for detail)	390,778	-	390,778	336,626
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Audit fees	9,000	-	9,000	8,250
	<u>774,254</u>	<u>175,093</u>	<u>949,347</u>	<u>894,801</u>
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings				
Direct costs - maintenance and repairs	26,030	-	26,030	31,118
Maintenance team	343,477	-	343,477	348,130
Public conveniences	4,969	-	4,969	7,408
Asset maintenance	-	175,093	175,093	163,269
	<u>374,476</u>	<u>175,093</u>	<u>549,569</u>	<u>549,925</u>
Activities and events				
Art Exhibition	5,067	-	5,067	1,705
Bandstand	150	-	150	428
Arts by the Sea	82,133	-	82,133	38,673
Christmas Tree Wonderland	212,143	-	212,143	205,365
Knife Crime Awareness	5,368	-	5,368	-
Ice Rink	35,964	-	35,964	33,416
Events team	13,091	-	13,091	13,497
Mini-golf	36,862	-	36,862	43,542
	<u>390,778</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390,778</u>	<u>336,626</u>

8 Other expenditure

	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	18,868	715,116	733,984	697,038
	<u>18,868</u>	<u>715,116</u>	<u>733,984</u>	<u>697,038</u>

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9 Net expenditure before transfers

	2025	2024
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	733,984	697,038

10 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

There were no direct staff costs in the year and that all staff were supplied by BCP Council. The maintenance staff are employed by the Council rather than directly by the Charity and only the proportion of cost relating to the Lower Gardens is recharged. This arrangement is in place as this is considered the most cost effective way for maintenance of the Lower Gardens to be carried out. The actual cost is based on the timesheets records and estimates where the timesheets are not available.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Pavilion	Gardens	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 April 2024	19,379,000	2,689,200	22,068,200
Revaluation	6,495,404	(1,040,557)	5,454,847
At 31 March 2025	<u>25,874,404</u>	<u>1,648,643</u>	<u>27,523,047</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
Depreciation charge for the year	715,116	18,868	733,984
Revaluation	(715,116)	(18,868)	(733,984)
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2025	<u>25,874,404</u>	<u>1,648,643</u>	<u>27,523,047</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>19,379,000</u>	<u>2,689,200</u>	<u>22,068,200</u>

12 Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Goods for resale and consumables	2,027	-
	<u>2,027</u>	<u>-</u>
Carrying value analysed by activities		
	2025	2024
	£	£
Commercial operations	2,027	-
	<u>2,027</u>	<u>-</u>

13 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	20,116	36,900
	<u>20,116</u>	<u>36,900</u>

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14 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	9,713	9,455
Other creditors	10,403	27,445
	<u>20,116</u>	<u>36,900</u>

15 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses)	Resources expended	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:				
Endowment funds:				
Pavilion	19,379,000	7,210,520	(715,116)	25,874,404
<i>Total</i>	<u>19,379,000</u>	<u>7,210,520</u>	<u>(715,116)</u>	<u>25,874,404</u>
Restricted income funds:				
Gardens	2,689,200	(846,596)	(193,961)	1,648,643
<i>Total</i>	<u>2,689,200</u>	<u>(846,596)</u>	<u>(193,961)</u>	<u>1,648,643</u>
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	-	903,546	(901,519)	2,027
Total funds	<u>22,068,200</u>	<u>7,267,470</u>	<u>(1,810,596)</u>	<u>27,525,074</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Endowment funds:

Pavilion

The Pavilion became fully owned by the Charity in 2009-10 and was reflected that year in the accounts as a donated asset and the endowment fund. This reserve is in the nature of an endowment i.e. it may not be spent as income nor disposed of.

Restricted funds:

Gardens

The full amount of total valuations and the cost of any subsequent routine fixed asset additions is credited to the restricted income fund as these assets can only be used for specific purposes. Any revaluations or disposals of assets within these sums is also adjusted through the reserve.

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	27,523,047	27,523,047
Net current assets	2,027	-	2,027
	<u>2,027</u>	<u>27,523,047</u>	<u>27,525,074</u>

17 Related party disclosures

	2025	2024
	£	£
Transactions with related parties		
<i>Name of related party</i>	BCP Council in its role as local authority	
<i>Description of relationship between the parties</i>	Trustee	
Amount received from the related party	391,178	389,465
Amount owing to the related party	10,403	27,445

The Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth's corporate trustee includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements are prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public at <https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/about-the-council/budgets-and-finance/annual-accounts>. Having given regard to Public Benefit Entity guidance the corporate trustee considers the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth to be a Public Benefit Entity.

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The Council acting in its role as trustee of the charitable trust nominates certain Members to act as members of the Trust Board. The Trust Board has a Constitution setting out administration and management arrangements of the trust. The charity trustee was not paid or reimbursed expenses during the year and did not receive any emolument or payment for professional or other services. There were no transactions involving the trustee and related parties and there were no ex-gratia payments. The Council has historically subsidised the annual deficits of the Charity.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
Donated services received from BCP Council	216,085	-	-	216,085	226,196
Donated services received from BCP Council	-	175,093	-	175,093	163,269
	<u>216,085</u>	<u>175,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>391,178</u>	<u>389,465</u>
Charitable activities					
Commercial operations, activities and events (see below for detail)	520,510	-	-	520,510	479,559
	<u>520,510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>520,510</u>	<u>479,559</u>
Other trading activities					
Mini-golf	162,304	-	-	162,304	167,043
Art exhibition	4,647	-	-	4,647	9,268
	<u>166,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,951</u>	<u>176,311</u>
Total income and endowments	903,546	175,093	-	1,078,639	1,045,335
Expenditure on:					
Costs of other trading activities					
Commercial operations	127,265	-	-	127,265	160,093
	<u>127,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,265</u>	<u>160,093</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	127,265	-	-	127,265	160,093
Charitable activities					
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings (see below for detail)	374,476	175,093	-	549,569	549,925
Activities and events (see below for detail)	390,778	-	-	390,778	336,626
	<u>765,254</u>	<u>175,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>940,347</u>	<u>886,551</u>
Governance costs					
Audit fees	9,000	-	-	9,000	8,250
	<u>9,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>8,250</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	774,254	175,093	-	949,347	894,801
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation					
Depreciation of Pavilion	-	-	715,116	715,116	677,771
Depreciation of Gardens	-	18,868	-	18,868	19,267

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	-	18,868	715,116	733,984	697,038
Total of expenditure of other costs	-	18,868	715,116	733,984	697,038
Total expenditure	901,519	193,961	715,116	1,810,596	1,751,932
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net expenditure	2,027	(18,868)	(715,116)	(731,957)	(706,597)
Net expenditure before other gains/(losses)	2,027	(18,868)	(715,116)	(731,957)	(706,597)
Other Gains	-	(1,021,689)	7,210,520	6,188,831	823,638
Net movement in funds	2,027	(1,040,557)	6,495,404	5,456,874	117,041
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	-	2,689,200	19,379,000	22,068,200	21,951,159
Total funds carried forward	2,027	1,648,643	25,874,404	27,525,074	22,068,200

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Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth

Charity No. 299739

Trustee's Report and Audited Accounts

31 March 2024

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**Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth
Trustees Annual Report**

The trustee presents their report with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 299739

Principal Office

Civic Centre
Bourne Avenue
Bournemouth
Dorset
BH2 6DY

Trustee

The following trustee served during the year:

BCP Council

Trustees holding title to charity property

BCP Council

Key Management Personnel

Councillor Matthew Gillett - Chair
Councillor Lawrence Williams
Councillor Andy Hadley - resigned 10 December 2024
Councillor Mike Greene - resigned 23 May 2023

Councillor Jamie Martin - Vice Chair
Councillor Bernadette Nanovo
Mr Roger Boon - resigned 18 December 2024
Councillor Simon Bull - resigned 23 May 2023
Councillor Stephen Bartlett - resigned 7 May 2024

Councillor Vikki Slade - resigned 23 May 2023
Chief Executive Officer - Mr Ian Poultney

Auditor

Hixsons
24 Cecil Avenue
Bournemouth
BH8 9EJ

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the charity is the provision of open space for the recreation and enjoyment of the public. The Gardens are Listed Grade II in the Historic England "Register of Parks and Gardens".

The Charity is subject to several strategies that design the way that objectives are being fulfilled. The main document is Lower, Central & Upper Gardens 5-year Management Plan which was drafted in conjunction with: Bournemouth 2026 Community Strategy, Green Space Strategy, Playground Strategy, Nature Conservation Strategy.

The Management Plan and Lower Gardens Masterplan are providing details of proposals to improve the visitors' experience in the Gardens. The examples of these are: to review planting and phase replacement with new water tolerant planting, to refine and improve Christmas events in Lower Gardens to ensure smooth running, 4-year plan to renovate all the shrubs/tree borders along Westover Road, to develop Westover Gardens as an area for the arts and other community events.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The event highlights were the Air Festival (August 2023), the Bournemouth Marathon (October 2023), the Arts By The Sea Festival (September 2023) and winter ice rink and Christmas Tree Wonderland (November 2023 - January 2024). At the South West Tourism Awards held on 14 March 2024 the Arts By the Sea Festival (2022) won gold in the "Tourism Event / Festival of the Year" category (Winners & Finalists (southwesttourismawards.org.uk))

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Historically the Council, in its role as local authority and corporate trustee, has provided donated services each year sufficient for the charity to achieve breakeven and meet any liabilities as they fall due. This is currently the policy that is expected to continue and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The restricted income fund of £2,689,200 represents change in the fixed assets value and is not used for distribution. The endowment fund of £19,379,000 is held on trust to be retained for the benefit of the charity as a capital fund. The trustee must permanently maintain the whole of the fund. The fund consists of assets that are used for the purposes of the charity and cannot be spent as if it were income. The net revenue expenditure supports the objective of the Trust.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Maintaining and improving the public's access to the Charity's land for use as pleasure gardens will continue to be the main focus in the years ahead.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustee have taken the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit into consideration. The Lower Central Gardens are provided for the enjoyment of the public without charge and there continues to be investment in and improvements to the main pleasure garden infrastructure. Furthermore, a series of events have been held that were designed to have broad appeal to the public - both local and visitors alike.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Trustee has considered the risks that the charity is exposed to but do not deem there to be any significant risk arising from its activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The accounts recognise the treatment of the Charity as a separate entity with its own transactions distinct from those of BCP Council.

The Trust was created in 1873 under an Indenture between BCP Council's predecessor body the Bournemouth Commissioners and Sir George Eliot Meyrick Tapps Gervis. The day to day control and management of the Lower Central Gardens and hence the charity, was varied by s.29 Bournemouth Borough Council Act 1985. This vested in the Council the general power to use, control and manage the Lower Central Gardens. BCP Council manages the Charity in its role as trustee. Recommendations from the Council Cabinet on Charity issues are referred to full meetings of the Council acting as trustee for appropriate decisions.

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There is a separate Charity Board. The composition and remit of the board has been made consistent with the requirements identified in the Maidment tribunal case that addressed a similar open space known as Dartford Central Park. The board of the Trustee meets periodically and receives reports from operational staff and determines strategy and policy for the Charity. Operational decisions on day to day management of the Charity are the responsibility of the Environment Service Director and Service Managers. Charity related items are clearly separated and identified in all reports and papers. A clear distinction is drawn between the Council acting in its role as local authority and in its role of trustee of the Lower Central Gardens Trust. The trustee has considered the risks that the charity is exposed to but do not deem there to be any significant risk arising from its activities. The Charity's main relationship is with BCP Council who delivers all maintenance and management services to the Charity.

The trustee recruitment process is carried out by existing trustees on behalf of Members of the Trust. The trustee vacancy is advertised in the local media and interested parties are then provided with: a. Briefing Note b. Application Form c. Draft Scheme of Management d. Master Plan drawing e. Lower Gardens summary. The applicants are then interviewed and appointed using the Charity Commission Operational Guidance, Trustee Act 2000, OG 86 B4 'Power to employ nominees and custodians'. On the appointment the trustees are provided with a copy of the Charity Scheme for the new Trust together with the rules for conflicts of interest.

There are no formal policies or procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.

The law applicable to charities requires the charity trustee to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustee is required to:

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

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Statement of disclosure of information to auditor

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware and each trustee has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Signed

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BCP Council
Trustee
27 January 2025

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustee of Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the Notes to the Accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 ,and of its profit/loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the accounts, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group and parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustee is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the accounts is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustee's report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustee

As explained more fully in the trustee's responsibilities statement found in the trustee's report, the trustee is responsible for the preparation of accounts which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustee intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

We have been appointed under the Charities Act 2011, s. 145 and report in accordance with the regulations made under the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these accounts.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, including how fraud may occur by enquiring of management of its own consideration of fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud.

As part of this discussion we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of manual journals and key estimates and judgements made by management.

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charity and the sector in which it operates, drawing on our sector experience, and considered the risk of acts by the Charity that were contrary to these laws and regulations, including fraud.

We focused on laws and regulations that could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to, the Charities Act 2011 and UK tax legislation.

We made enquiries of management with regards to compliance with the above laws and regulations and corroborated any necessary evidence to relevant information, for example, minutes of the trustees' meetings and correspondence between the Charity and its solicitors.

Our tests included agreeing the financial statements disclosures to underlying supporting documentation and enquiries with management, identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations, reviewing of deferred income and accrued provisions.

We did not identify any key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls including testing journals and evaluation whether there was evidence of bias by the trustees that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

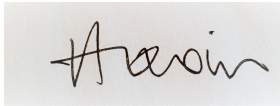
Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of this report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Hixson', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Hixsons, Accountants and Statutory Auditors
24 Cecil Avenue
Bournemouth
BH8 9EJ

27 January 2025

Hixsons is eligible for appointment as auditor in terms of the Companies Act 2006, s.1212.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
	Notes					
Income and endowments						
from:						
Donations and legacies	3	226,196	163,269	-	389,465	541,355
Charitable activities	4	479,559	-	-	479,559	602,863
Other trading activities	6	176,311	-	-	176,311	207,424
Total		882,066	163,269	-	1,045,335	1,351,642
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7	160,093	-	-	160,093	191,444
Charitable activities	8	731,532	163,269	-	894,801	1,153,600
Other	10	-	19,267	677,771	697,038	634,084
Total		891,625	182,536	677,771	1,751,932	1,979,128
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net expenditure	11	(9,559)	(19,267)	(677,771)	(706,597)	(627,486)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net expenditure before other gains/(losses)		(9,559)	(19,267)	(677,771)	(706,597)	(627,486)
Other gains and losses						
Other Gains		-	(21,133)	844,771	823,638	1,497,234
Net movement in funds		(9,559)	(40,400)	167,000	117,041	869,748
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		9,559	2,729,600	19,212,000	21,951,159	21,081,411
Total funds carried forward		-	2,689,200	19,379,000	22,068,200	21,951,159

Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth

Balance Sheet

at 31 March 2024

Charity No. 299739

		2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	22,068,200	21,941,600
		<u>22,068,200</u>	<u>21,941,600</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	14	-	9,559
Debtors	15	36,900	-
Cash at bank and in hand		-	17,919
		<u>36,900</u>	<u>27,478</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	16	(36,900)	(17,919)
Net current assets		-	9,559
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>22,068,200</u>	<u>21,951,159</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>22,068,200</u>	<u>21,951,159</u>
Total net assets		<u>22,068,200</u>	<u>21,951,159</u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	17		
Endowment funds		19,379,000	19,212,000
Restricted income funds		2,689,200	2,729,600
		<u>22,068,200</u>	<u>21,941,600</u>
Unrestricted funds	17		
General funds		-	9,559
		<u>-</u>	<u>9,559</u>
Reserves	17		
Total funds		<u>22,068,200</u>	<u>21,951,159</u>

Approved by the trustees on 27 January 2025

And signed on their behalf by:



BCP Council

Trustee

27 January 2025

Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth
Statement of Cash flows
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income per Statement of Financial Activities	117,041	869,748
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	697,038	634,084
Other gains/losses	(823,638)	(1,497,234)
Decrease/(Increase) in stocks	9,559	(6,598)
Increase in trade and other receivables	(36,900)	-
Increase in trade and other payables	18,981	4,025
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(17,919)</u>	<u>4,025</u>
Net cash from investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(17,919)	4,025
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	17,919	13,894
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>17,919</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	-	17,919
	<u>-</u>	<u>17,919</u>

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth's corporate trustee includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements are prepared under the International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public at:

<https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/About-the-council/Budgets-and-finance/Annual-accounts>.

In these financial statements the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purpose of this FRS) and has applied exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the requirement to present a cashflow statement. Having given regard to Public Benefit Entity guidance the corporate trustee considers the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth to be a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

Historically the Council, in its role as local authority and corporate trustee, has provided donated services each year sufficient for the charity to achieve breakeven and meet any liabilities as they fall due. This is currently the policy that is expected to continue and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

As of 1st April 2019 the Council became part of a new authority Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council (BCP) and the policy of donation has passed to the new authority. This is enshrined in the following two UK Statutory Instruments: 1) 2018 No. 648 The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (Structural Changes) Order 2018 & 2) 2008 No. 2176 The Local Government (Structural Changes)(Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Regulations 2008.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

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Income

Recognition of income	Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Income with related expenditure	Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.
Donations and legacies	Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.
Volunteer help	The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure	Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.
Expenditure on raising funds	These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.
Expenditure on charitable activities	These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.
Grants payable	All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.
Governance costs	These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.
Other expenditure	These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Pavilion	2% Straight line
Gardens	4 - 10% Straight line

Pavilion asset (above) is Pavilion and Lower Gardens bandstand. Gardens asset (above) is Lower Gardens minor buildings, certain improvements to main buildings.

Assets are assessed at each year-end (in 2024 this was by the external company Wilks, Head & Eve whose employees are accredited by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) as to whether there is any indication that they may be impaired. Where indications exist and any possible differences are estimated to be material, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and any shortfall is recognised as an impairment loss.

Impairment losses are accounted for in the following ways: 1) where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Restricted Income fund the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance, up to the amount of the accumulated gains; 2) where there is no balance in the Restricted Income fund or an insufficient balance the carrying amount of the asset is written down against the expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA).

Where an impairment loss is subsequently reversed the reversal is credited to the SoFA up to the amount of the original loss, adjusted for depreciation that would have been charged if the loss had not been recognised.

The assets of the Charity are treated as comprising the freehold interest (based on the Council as trustee's right to manage) in the land between Bournemouth Square and the seafront laid out as formal public pleasure gardens. The area is approximately six hectares. Furthermore it comprises the Charity's ownership of the Pavilion. Assets included in the Balance Sheet are re-valued annually.

The assets of the Charity are: 1) Pavilion - at the end of 2009-10 the land swap took place giving the Charity full ownership of the building. The value of the asset in the Balance Sheet is based on the full amount of the depreciated replacement cost and is subject to a full depreciation charge. The Pavilion is leased to BCP Council who under the agreement have sub-leased it to BH Live. Both leases are for £nil consideration. 2) Lower Central Gardens - a full share of the existing use valuation based on the concessions. The land now occupied by concessions is carried at nil value. The trustee recognises that there is an intrinsic value to the rest of the gardens but as there is no likelihood of a full or major disposal and because of the costs and difficulty in obtaining a valuation this is carried at £nil.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Notes to the Accounts

Cash and cash equivalents

The charity does not have its own bank account, all receipts are paid into and all payments paid from the BCP Council's main bank accounts.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	336,064	205,291	-	541,355
Charitable activities	602,863	-	-	602,863
Other trading activities	207,424	-	-	207,424
Total	1,146,351	205,291	-	1,351,642
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	191,444	-	-	191,444
Charitable activities	948,309	205,291	-	1,153,600
Other	-	8,152	625,932	634,084
Total	1,139,753	213,443	625,932	1,979,128
Net income	6,598	(8,152)	(625,932)	(627,486)
Net income before other gains/(losses)	6,598	(8,152)	(625,932)	(627,486)
Other gains and losses:				
Other Gains	-	169,302	1,327,932	1,497,234
Net movement in funds	6,598	161,150	702,000	869,748
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	2,961	2,568,450	18,510,000	21,081,411
Total funds carried forward	9,559	2,729,600	19,212,000	21,951,159

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Donated services received from BCP Council	226,196	-	226,196	336,064
Donated services received from BCP Council	-	163,269	163,269	205,291
	<u>226,196</u>	<u>163,269</u>	<u>389,465</u>	<u>541,355</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Commercial operations, activities and events (see Note 5)	479,559	479,559	602,863
	<u>479,559</u>	<u>479,559</u>	<u>602,863</u>

5 Income from other trading activities (detail)

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Refreshments & concessions	285,643	285,643	290,511
Ice rink costs reimbursement	49,323	49,323	82,540
Arts by the Sea	16,377	16,377	23,527
Christmas Tree Wonderland	128,216	128,216	206,285
	<u>479,559</u>	<u>479,559</u>	<u>602,863</u>

6 Income from other trading activities

	Endowment	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Mini-golf	167,043	167,043	201,414
Art exhibition	9,268	9,268	6,010
	<u>176,311</u>	<u>176,311</u>	<u>207,424</u>

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising trading costs</i>			
Commercial operations	160,093	160,093	191,444
	<u>160,093</u>	<u>160,093</u>	<u>191,444</u>

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8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings (see Note 9)	386,656	163,269	549,925	606,009
Activities and events (see Note 9)	336,626	-	336,626	540,091
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Audit fees	8,250	-	8,250	7,500
	<u>731,532</u>	<u>163,269</u>	<u>894,801</u>	<u>1,153,600</u>

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Expenditure on charitable activities
9 (detail)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings				
Direct costs - maintenance and repairs	31,118	-	31,118	33,556
Maintenance team	348,130	-	348,130	349,868
Public conveniences	7,408	-	7,408	17,294
Asset maintenance	-	163,269	163,269	205,291
	<u>386,656</u>	<u>163,269</u>	<u>549,925</u>	<u>606,009</u>
Activities and events				
Art Exhibition	1,705	-	1,705	8,395
Bandstand	428	-	428	3,934
Arts by the Sea	38,673	-	38,673	57,970
Christmas Tree Wonderland	205,365	-	205,365	310,514
Ice Rink	33,416	-	33,416	59,746
Events team	13,497	-	13,497	14,727
Mini-golf	43,542	-	43,542	32,794
	<u>336,626</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>336,626</u>	<u>540,091</u>

10 Other expenditure

	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	19,267	677,771	697,038	634,084
	<u>19,267</u>	<u>677,771</u>	<u>697,038</u>	<u>634,084</u>

11 Net expenditure before transfers

	2024	2023
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	697,038	634,084

12 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

There were no direct staff costs in the year and that all staff were supplied by BCP Council.

The maintenance staff are employed by the Council rather than directly by the Charity and only the proportion of cost relating to the Lower Gardens is recharged. This arrangement is in place as this is considered the most cost effective way for maintenance of the Lower Gardens to be carried out. The actual cost is based on the timesheets records and estimates where the timesheets are not available.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Pavilion	Gardens	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 April 2023	19,212,000	2,729,600	21,941,600
Revaluation	167,000	(40,400)	126,600
At 31 March 2024	<u>19,379,000</u>	<u>2,689,200</u>	<u>22,068,200</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
Depreciation charge for the year	677,771	19,267	697,038
Revaluation	(677,771)	(19,267)	(697,038)
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2024	<u>19,379,000</u>	<u>2,689,200</u>	<u>22,068,200</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>19,212,000</u>	<u>2,729,600</u>	<u>21,941,600</u>

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14 Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Goods for resale and consumables	-	9,559
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,559</u>
Carrying value analysed by activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Commercial operations	-	9,559
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,559</u>

15 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	36,900	-
	<u>36,900</u>	<u>-</u>

16 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	9,455	17,919
Other creditors	27,445	-
	<u>36,900</u>	<u>17,919</u>

17 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds:				
Endowment funds:				
Pavilion	19,212,000	844,771	(677,771)	19,379,000
<i>Total</i>	<u>19,212,000</u>	<u>844,771</u>	<u>(677,771)</u>	<u>19,379,000</u>
Restricted income funds:				
Gardens	2,729,600	142,136	(182,536)	2,689,200
<i>Total</i>	<u>2,729,600</u>	<u>142,136</u>	<u>(182,536)</u>	<u>2,689,200</u>
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	9,559	882,066	(891,625)	-
Total funds	<u>21,951,159</u>	<u>1,868,973</u>	<u>(1,751,932)</u>	<u>22,068,200</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Endowment funds:

Pavilion

The Pavilion became fully owned by the Charity in 2009-10 and was reflected that year in the accounts as a donated asset and the endowment fund. This reserve is in the nature of an endowment i.e. it may not be spent as income nor disposed of.

Restricted funds:

Gardens

The full amount of total valuations and the cost of any subsequent routine fixed asset additions is credited to the restricted income fund as these assets can only be used for specific purposes. Any revaluations or disposals of assets within these sums is also adjusted through the reserve.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	<u>22,068,200</u>	<u>22,068,200</u>
	<u>22,068,200</u>	<u>22,068,200</u>

19 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash and cash equivalents	17,919	(17,919)	-
	17,919	(17,919)	-
Net debt	17,919	(17,919)	-

20 Related party disclosures

	2024 £	2023 £
Transactions with related parties		
<i>Name of related party</i> BCP Council in its role as local authority		
<i>Description of relationship between the parties</i> Trustee		
<i>Amount received from the related party</i>	389,465	541,355
<i>Amount owing to related party</i>	27,445	-

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The Council acting in its role as trustee of the charitable trust nominates certain Members to act as members of the Trust Board. The Trust Board has a Constitution setting out administration and management arrangements of the trust. The charity trustee was not paid or reimbursed expenses during the year and did not receive any emolument or payment for professional or other services. There were no transactions involving the trustee and related parties and there were no ex-gratia payments. The Council has historically subsidised the annual deficits of the Charity.

Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
Donated services received from BCP Council	226,196	-	-	226,196	336,064
Donated services received from BCP Council	-	163,269	-	163,269	205,291
	<u>226,196</u>	<u>163,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>389,465</u>	<u>541,355</u>
Charitable activities					
Commercial operations, activities and events (see Note 5)	479,559	-	-	479,559	602,863
	<u>479,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>479,559</u>	<u>602,863</u>
Other trading activities					
Mini-golf	167,043	-	-	167,043	201,414
Art exhibition	9,268	-	-	9,268	6,010
	<u>176,311</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,311</u>	<u>207,424</u>
Total income and endowments	882,066	163,269	-	1,045,335	1,351,642
Expenditure on:					
Costs of other trading activities					
Commercial operations	160,093	-	-	160,093	191,444
	<u>160,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,093</u>	<u>191,444</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	160,093	-	-	160,093	191,444
Charitable activities					
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings (see Note 9)	386,656	163,269	-	549,925	606,009
Activities and events (see Note 9)	336,626	-	-	336,626	540,091
	<u>723,282</u>	<u>163,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>886,551</u>	<u>1,146,100</u>
Governance costs					
Audit fees	8,250	-	-	8,250	7,500
	<u>8,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,250</u>	<u>7,500</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	731,532	163,269	-	894,801	1,153,600
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation					
Depreciation of Pavilion	-	-	677,771	677,771	625,932
Depreciation of Gardens	-	19,267	-	19,267	8,152
	<u>-</u>	<u>19,267</u>	<u>677,771</u>	<u>697,038</u>	<u>634,084</u>
Total of expenditure of other costs	-	19,267	677,771	697,038	634,084

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Total expenditure	891,625	182,536	677,771	1,751,932	1,979,128
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net expenditure	(9,559)	(19,267)	(677,771)	(706,597)	(627,486)
Net expenditure before other gains/(losses)	(9,559)	(19,267)	(677,771)	(706,597)	(627,486)
Other Gains	-	(21,133)	844,771	823,638	1,497,234
Net movement in funds	(9,559)	(40,400)	167,000	117,041	869,748
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	9,559	2,729,600	19,212,000	21,951,159	21,081,411
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Accounts

Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth

Charity No. 299739

Trustee's Report and Audited Accounts

31 March 2023

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The trustee presents their report with the audited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity No. 299739

Principal Office

Civic Centre

Bourne Avenue

Bournemouth

Dorset

BH2 6DY

Trustee

The following trustee served during the year:

BCP Council

Key Management Personnel

Councillor Lawrence Williams

Councillor Stephen Bartlett

Councillor Vikki Slade

Councillor Matthew Gillett

Councillor Bernadette Nanovo

Chief Executive Officer - Mr Ian Poultney

Auditor

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24 Cecil Avenue

Bournemouth

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Councillor Simon Bull

Councillor Mike Greene

Mr Roger Boon

Councillor Jamie Martin

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the charity is the provision of open space for the recreation and enjoyment of the public. The Gardens are Listed Grade II in the Historic England "Register of Parks and Gardens".

The Charity is subject to several strategies that design the way that objectives are being fulfilled. The main document is Lower, Central & Upper Gardens 5-year Management Plan which was drafted in conjunction with: Bournemouth 2026 Community Strategy, Green Space Strategy, Playground Strategy, Nature Conservation Strategy.

The Management Plan and Lower Gardens Masterplan are providing details of proposals to improve the visitors' experience in the Gardens. The examples of these are: to review planting and phase replacement with new water tolerant planting, to refine and improve Christmas events in Lower Gardens to ensure smooth running, 4-year plan to renovate all the shrubs/tree borders along Westover Road, to develop Westover Gardens as an area for the arts and other community events.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The event highlights were the Air Festival (August 2022), the Bournemouth Marathon (October 2022), the Arts By The Sea Festival (September 2022) and winter ice rink and Christmas Tree Wonderland (November 2022 - January 2023).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Historically the Council, in its role as local authority and corporate trustee, has provided donated services each year sufficient for the charity to achieve breakeven and meet any liabilities as they fall due. This is currently the policy that is expected to continue and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The restricted income fund of £2,729,600 represents change in the fixed assets value and is not used for distribution. The endowment fund of £19,212,000 is held on trust to be retained for the benefit of the charity as a capital fund. The trustee must permanently maintain the whole of the fund. The fund consists of assets that are used for the purposes of the charity and cannot be spent as if it were income. The net revenue expenditure supports the objective of the Trust.

The Charity holds an unrestricted income fund of £9,559 is the value of the donated stock.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Maintaining and improving the public's access to the Charity's land for use as pleasure gardens will continue to be the main focus in the years ahead.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustee have taken the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit into consideration. The Lower Central Gardens are provided for the enjoyment of the public without charge and there continues to be investment in and improvements to the main pleasure garden infrastructure. Furthermore, a series of events have been held that were designed to have broad appeal to the public - both local and visitors alike.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Trustee has considered the risks that the charity is exposed to but do not deem there to be any significant risk arising from its activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The accounts recognise the treatment of the Charity as a separate entity with its own transactions distinct from those of BCP Council.

The Trust was created in 1873 under an Indenture between BCP Council's predecessor body the Bournemouth Commissioners and Sir George Eliot Meyrick Tapps Gervis. The day to day control and management of the Lower Central Gardens and hence the charity, was varied by s.29 Bournemouth Borough Council Act 1985. This vested in the Council the general power to use, control and manage the Lower Central Gardens. BCP Council manages the Charity in its role as trustee. Recommendations from the Council Cabinet on Charity issues are referred to full meetings of the Council acting as trustee for appropriate decisions.

There is a separate Charity Board. The composition and remit of the board has been made consistent with the requirements identified in the Maidment tribunal case that addressed a similar open space known as Dartford Central Park. The board of the Trustee meets periodically and receives reports from operational staff and determines strategy and policy for the Charity. Operational decisions on day to day management of the Charity are the responsibility of the Environment Service Director and Service Managers. Charity related items are clearly separated and identified in all reports and papers. A clear distinction is drawn between the Council acting in its role as local authority and in its role of trustee of the Lower Central Gardens Trust. The trustee has considered the risks that the charity is exposed to but do not deem there to be any significant risk arising from its activities. The Charity's main relationship is with BCP Council who delivers all maintenance and management services to the Charity. The Council also operates a plant nursery in King's Park, which supplies flowers to the Lower Central Gardens Trust at commercial rates.

The trustee recruitment process is carried out by existing trustees on behalf of Members of the Trust. The trustee vacancy is advertised in the local media and interested parties are then provided with: a. Briefing Note b. Application Form c. Draft Scheme of Management d. Master Plan drawing e. Lower Gardens summary. The applicants are then interviewed and appointed using the Charity Commission Operational Guidance, Trustee Act 2000, OG 86 B4 'Power to employ nominees and custodians'. On the appointment the trustees are provided with a copy of the Charity Scheme for the new Trust together with the rules for conflicts of interest.

There are no formal policies or procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.

The law applicable to charities requires the charity trustee to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustee is required to:

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

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. The Trustee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure of information to auditor

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware and each trustee has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Side', written in a cursive style.

BCP Council

Trustee

29 January 2024

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustee of Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the Notes to the Accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 ,and of its profit/loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the accounts, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the accounts is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group and parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the accounts are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. The trustee is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the accounts is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustee's report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustee

As explained more fully in the trustee's responsibilities statement found in the trustee's report, the trustee is responsible for the preparation of accounts which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustee intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

We have been appointed under the Charities Act 2011, s. 145 and report in accordance with the regulations made under the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these accounts.

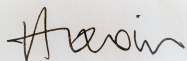
The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth
Audit Report Unqualified

Use of this report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Hixsons, Accountants and Statutory Auditors

24 Cecil Avenue

Bournemouth

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29 January 2024

Hixsons is eligible for appointment as auditor in terms of the Companies Act 2006, s.1212.

Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
	Notes					
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	336,064	205,291	-	541,355	460,672
Charitable activities	4	602,863	-	-	602,863	531,083
Other trading activities	6	207,424	-	-	207,424	247,188
Total		1,146,351	205,291	-	1,351,642	1,238,943
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7	191,444	-	-	191,444	206,963
Charitable activities	8	948,309	205,291	-	1,153,600	1,031,526
Other	10	-	8,152	625,932	634,084	423,644
Total		1,139,753	213,443	625,932	1,979,128	1,662,133
Net gains on investments		-	-	-	-	-
Net expenditure	11	6,598	(8,152)	(625,932)	(627,486)	(423,190)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net expenditure before other gains/(losses)		6,598	(8,152)	(625,932)	(627,486)	(423,190)
Other gains and losses						
Other Gains		-	169,302	1,327,932	1,497,234	4,296,856
Net movement in funds		6,598	161,150	702,000	869,748	3,873,666
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		2,961	2,568,450	18,510,000	21,081,411	17,207,745
Total funds carried forward		9,559	2,729,600	19,212,000	21,951,159	21,081,411

Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth

Balance Sheet

at 31 March 2023

Charity No. 299739

		2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	21,941,600	21,078,450
		<u>21,941,600</u>	<u>21,078,450</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	14	9,559	2,961
Cash held on behalf of trust		17,919	13,894
		<u>27,478</u>	<u>16,855</u>
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	15	(17,919)	(13,894)
Net current assets		<u>9,559</u>	<u>2,961</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>21,951,159</u>	<u>21,081,411</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset or liability		<u>21,951,159</u>	<u>21,081,411</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>21,951,159</u></u>	<u><u>21,081,411</u></u>
The funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	16		
Endowment funds		19,212,000	18,510,000
Restricted income funds		2,729,600	2,568,450
		<u>21,941,600</u>	<u>21,078,450</u>
Unrestricted funds	16		
General funds		9,559	2,961
		<u>9,559</u>	<u>2,961</u>
Total funds		<u><u>21,951,159</u></u>	<u><u>21,081,411</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 29 January 2024

And signed on their behalf by:



BCP Council

Trustee

29 January 2024

Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth
Statement of Cash flows
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income per Statement of Financial Activities	869,748	3,873,666
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	634,084	423,644
Other gains/losses	(1,497,234)	-
Increase in stocks	(6,598)	(454)
Increase in trade and other payables	4,025	13,894
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>4,025</u>	<u>4,310,750</u>
Net cash from investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	4,025	4,310,750
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	13,894	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>17,919</u>	<u>4,310,750</u>
Components of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash held on behalf of trust	17,919	13,894
	<u>17,919</u>	<u>13,894</u>

for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 1 January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth's corporate trustee includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements are prepared under the International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public at:

<https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/About-the-council/Budgets-and-finance/Annual-accounts.aspx>.

In these financial statements the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purpose of this FRS) and has applied exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the requirement to present a cashflow statement. Having given regard to Public Benefit Entity guidance the corporate trustee considers the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth to be a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

Historically the Council, in its role as local authority and corporate trustee, has provided donated services each year sufficient for the charity to achieve breakeven and meet any liabilities as they fall due. This is currently the policy that is expected to continue and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

As of 1st April 2019 the Council became part of a new authority Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council (BCP) and the policy of donation has passed to the new authority. This is enshrined in the following two UK Statutory Instruments: 1) 2018 No. 648 The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (Structural Changes) Order 2018 & 2) 2008 No. 2176 The Local Government (Structural Changes)(Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Regulations 2008.

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds	These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.
Designated funds	These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.
Revaluation funds	These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.
Restricted funds	These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

Donated services and facilities These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment income This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on investment assets This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on raising funds These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.

Grants payable All grant expenditure is accounted for on an actual paid basis plus an accrual for grants that have been approved by the trustees at the end of the year but not yet paid.

Governance costs These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including any audit/independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity, together with a share of other administration costs.

Other expenditure These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Pavilion	2% Straight line
Gardens	4 - 10% Straight line

Pavilion asset (above) is Pavilion and Lower Gardens bandstand. Gardens asset (above) is Lower Gardens minor buildings, certain improvements to main buildings.

Assets are assessed at each year-end (in 2023 this was by the external company Wilks, Head & Eve whose employees are accredited by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) as to whether there is any indication that they may be impaired. Where indications exist and any possible differences are estimated to be material, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and any shortfall is recognised as an impairment loss.

Impairment losses are accounted for in the following ways: 1) where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Restricted Income fund the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance, up to the amount of the accumulated gains; 2) where there is no balance in the Restricted Income fund or an insufficient balance the carrying amount of the asset is written down against the expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA).

Where an impairment loss is subsequently reversed the reversal is credited to the SoFA up to the amount of the original loss, adjusted for depreciation that would have been charged if the loss had not been recognised.

The assets of the Charity are treated as comprising the freehold interest (based on the Council as trustee's right to manage) in the land between Bournemouth Square and the seafront laid out as formal public pleasure gardens. The area is approximately six hectares. Furthermore it comprises the Charity's ownership of the Pavilion. Assets included in the Balance Sheet are re-valued annually.

The assets of the Charity are: 1) Pavilion - at the end of 2009-10 the land swap took place giving the Charity full ownership of the building. The value of the asset in the Balance Sheet is based on the full amount of the depreciated replacement cost and is subject to a full depreciation charge. The Pavilion is leased to BCP Council who under the agreement have sub-leased it to BH Live. Both leases are for £nil consideration. 2) Lower Central Gardens - a full share of the existing use valuation based on the concessions. The land now occupied by concessions is carried at nil value. The trustee recognises that there is an intrinsic value to the rest of the gardens but as there is no likelihood of a full or major disposal and because of the costs and difficulty in obtaining a valuation this is carried at £nil.

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated. All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank is equal and opposite to the sum of the creditors. The charity does not have its own bank account, all receipts are paid into and all payments paid from the BCP Council's main bank account.

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Receipt of donated goods, facilities and services

All donated goods, facilities and services received are recognised within incoming resources and expenditure at an estimate of the value to the charity.

2 Statement of Financial Activities - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	366,333	94,339	-	460,672
Charitable activities	531,082	-	-	531,082
Other trading activities	247,189	-	-	247,189
Total	1,144,604	94,339	-	1,238,943
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	206,963	-	-	206,963
Charitable activities	937,187	94,339	-	1,031,526
Other	-	20,391	403,253	423,644
Total	1,144,150	114,730	403,253	1,662,133
Net income	454	(20,391)	(403,253)	(423,190)
Net income before other gains/(losses)	454	(20,391)	(403,253)	(423,190)
Other gains and losses:				
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets	-	218,838	4,078,018	4,296,856
Net movement in funds	454	198,447	3,674,765	3,873,666
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	2,507	2,370,003	14,835,235	17,207,745
Total funds carried forward	2,961	2,568,450	18,510,000	21,081,411

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donated services received from BCP Council	336,064	-	336,064	366,333
Donated services received from BCP Council	-	205,291	205,291	94,339
	<u>336,064</u>	<u>205,291</u>	<u>541,355</u>	<u>460,672</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Commercial operations, activities and events (see Note 5)	602,863	602,863	531,083
	<u>602,863</u>	<u>602,863</u>	<u>531,083</u>

5 Income from charitable activities (detail)

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Refreshments & concessions	290,511	290,511	270,446
Ice rink costs reimbursement	82,540	82,540	23,142
Arts by the Sea	23,527	23,527	10,754
Christmas Tree Wonderland	206,285	206,285	226,740
	<u>602,863</u>	<u>602,863</u>	<u>531,082</u>

6 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Mini-golf	201,414	201,414	242,965
Art exhibition	6,010	6,010	4,223
	<u>207,424</u>	<u>207,424</u>	<u>247,188</u>

7 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£
<i>Fundraising trading costs</i>			
Commercial operations	191,444	191,444	206,963
	<u>191,444</u>	<u>191,444</u>	<u>206,963</u>

8 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>				
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings (see Note 9)	400,718	205,291	606,009	455,718
Activities and events (see Note 9)	540,091	-	540,091	569,308
<i>Governance costs</i>				
Audit fees	7,500	-	7,500	6,500
	<u>948,309</u>	<u>205,291</u>	<u>1,153,600</u>	<u>1,031,526</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities

9 (detail)

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings				
Direct costs - maintenance and repairs	33,556	-	33,556	13,144
Maintenance team	349,868	-	349,868	336,113
Public conveniences	17,294	-	17,294	12,122
Asset maintenance	-	205,291	205,291	94,339
	<u>400,718</u>	<u>205,291</u>	<u>606,009</u>	<u>455,718</u>
Activities and events				
Art Exhibition	8,395	-	8,395	3,145
Bandstand	3,934	-	3,934	2,078
Arts by the Sea	57,970	-	57,970	23,107
Christmas Tree Wonderland	310,514	-	310,514	360,800
Festival Coast Live	52,011	-	52,011	93,845
Ice Rink	59,746	-	59,746	25,130
Events team	14,727	-	14,727	20,398
Mini-golf	32,794	-	32,794	40,805
	<u>540,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>540,091</u>	<u>569,308</u>

10 Other expenditure

	Restricted	Endowment	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Amortisation, depreciation, impairment, profit/loss on disposal of fixed assets	8,152	625,932	634,084	423,644
	<u>8,152</u>	<u>625,932</u>	<u>634,084</u>	<u>423,644</u>

11 Net expenditure before transfers

	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	634,084	423,644

12 Staff costs

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

There were no direct staff costs in the year and that all staff were supplied by BCP Council. The maintenance staff are employed by the Council rather than directly by the Charity and only the proportion of cost relating to the Lower Gardens is recharged. This arrangement is in place as this is considered the most cost effective way for maintenance of the Lower Gardens to be carried out. The actual cost is based on the timesheets records and estimates where the timesheets are not available.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Pavilion	Gardens	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation			
At 1 April 2022	18,510,000	2,568,450	21,078,450
Revaluation	702,000	161,150	863,150
At 31 March 2023	<u>19,212,000</u>	<u>2,729,600</u>	<u>21,941,600</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
Depreciation charge for the year	625,932	8,152	634,084
Revaluation	(625,932)	(8,152)	(634,084)
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book values			
At 31 March 2023	<u>19,212,000</u>	<u>2,729,600</u>	<u>21,941,600</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>18,510,000</u>	<u>2,568,450</u>	<u>21,078,450</u>

14 Stocks

	2023	2022
	£	£
Goods for resale and consumables	9,559	2,961
	<u>9,559</u>	<u>2,961</u>
Carrying value analysed by activities	2023	2022
	£	£
Commercial operations	9,559	2,961
	<u>9,559</u>	<u>2,961</u>

15 Creditors:

amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	17,919	13,894
	<u>17,919</u>	<u>13,894</u>

16 Movement in funds

	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources (including other gains/losses) £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2023 £
Restricted funds:				
Endowment funds:				
Pavilion	18,510,000	1,327,932	(625,932)	19,212,000
<i>Total</i>	<u>18,510,000</u>	<u>1,327,932</u>	<u>(625,932)</u>	<u>19,212,000</u>
Restricted income funds:				
Gardens	2,568,450	374,593	(213,443)	2,729,600
<i>Total</i>	<u>2,568,450</u>	<u>374,593</u>	<u>(213,443)</u>	<u>2,729,600</u>
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	2,961	1,146,351	(1,139,753)	9,559
 Total funds	 <u>21,081,411</u>	 <u>2,848,876</u>	 <u>(1,979,128)</u>	 <u>21,951,159</u>

Purposes and restrictions in relation to the funds:

Endowment funds:

Pavilion

The Pavilion became fully owned by the Charity in 2009-10 and was reflected that year in the accounts as a donated asset and the endowment fund. This reserve is in the nature of an endowment i.e. it may not be spent as income nor disposed of.

Restricted funds:

Gardens

The full amount of total valuations and the cost of any subsequent routine fixed asset additions is credited to the restricted income fund as these assets can only be used for specific purposes. Any revaluations or disposals of assets within these sums is also adjusted through the reserve.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	-	21,941,600	21,941,600
Net current assets	9,559	-	9,559
	<u>9,559</u>	<u>21,941,600</u>	<u>21,951,159</u>

18 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1 April 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash and cash equivalents	13,894	4,025	17,919
	<u>13,894</u>	<u>4,025</u>	<u>17,919</u>
Net debt	<u>13,894</u>	<u>4,025</u>	<u>17,919</u>

19 Related party disclosures

	2023 £	2022 £
<i>Transactions with related parties</i>		
<i>Name of related party</i> BCP Council in its role as local authority		
<i>Description of relationship between the parties</i> Trustee		
<i>Donations received from related party</i>	541,355	460,671
Additional Information on Related Parties		

The Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth's corporate trustee includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements are prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public at <https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/documents/about-the-council/Draft-Statement-of-Accounts-2022-23.pdf>. Having given regard to Public Benefit Entity guidance the corporate trustee considers the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth to be a Public Benefit Entity.

The Council acting in its role as trustee of the charitable trust nominates certain Members to act as members of the Trust Board. The Trust Board has a Constitution setting out administration and management arrangements of the trust. The charity trustee was not paid or reimbursed expenses during the year and did not receive any emolument or payment for professional or other services. There were no transactions involving the trustee and related parties and there were no ex-gratia payments. The Council has historically subsidised the annual deficits of the Charity.

Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Endowment funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies					
Donated services received from BCP Council	336,064	-	-	336,064	366,333
Donated services received from BCP Council	-	205,291	-	205,291	94,339
	<u>336,064</u>	<u>205,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>541,355</u>	<u>460,672</u>
Charitable activities					
Commercial operations, activities and events (see Note 5)	602,863	-	-	602,863	531,083
	<u>602,863</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>602,863</u>	<u>531,083</u>
Other trading activities					
Mini-golf	201,414	-	-	201,414	242,965
Art exhibition	6,010	-	-	6,010	4,223
	<u>207,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>207,424</u>	<u>247,188</u>
Total income and endowments	1,146,351	205,291	-	1,351,642	1,238,943
Expenditure on:					
Costs of other trading activities					
Commercial operations	191,444	-	-	191,444	206,963
	<u>191,444</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,444</u>	<u>206,963</u>
Total of expenditure on raising funds	191,444	-	-	191,444	206,963
Charitable activities					
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings (see Note 9)	400,718	205,291	-	606,009	455,718
Activities and events (see Note 9)	540,091	-	-	540,091	569,308
	<u>940,809</u>	<u>205,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,146,100</u>	<u>1,025,026</u>
Governance costs					
Audit fees	7,500	-	-	7,500	6,500
	<u>7,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>6,500</u>
Total of expenditure on charitable activities	948,309	205,291	-	1,153,600	1,031,526
General administrative costs, including depreciation and amortisation					
Depreciation of Pavilion	-	-	625,932	625,932	403,253
Depreciation of Gardens	-	8,152	-	8,152	20,391
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,152</u>	<u>625,932</u>	<u>634,084</u>	<u>423,644</u>

Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Total of expenditure of other costs	-	8,152	625,932	634,084	423,644
Total expenditure	1,139,753	213,443	625,932	1,979,128	1,662,133
Net gains on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net expenditure	6,598	(8,152)	(625,932)	(627,486)	(423,190)
Net expenditure before other gains/(losses)	6,598	(8,152)	(625,932)	(627,486)	(423,190)
Other Gains	-	169,302	1,327,932	1,497,234	4,296,856
Net movement in funds	6,598	161,150	702,000	869,748	3,873,666
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	2,961	2,568,450	18,510,000	21,081,411	17,207,745
Total funds carried forward	9,559	2,729,600	19,212,000	21,951,159	21,081,411

LOWER CENTRAL GARDENS BOURNEMOUTH

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LOWER CENTRAL GARDENS BOURNEMOUTH
ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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The trustee is pleased to present its report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st March 2022.

Reference and administrative details

Registered name: Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth

Charity number: 299739

Principal Office: Town Hall, Bourne Avenue, Bournemouth, BH2 6DY

Trustee: Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council (BCP Council) (Cabinet members see [BCP Council – Democracy](#))

Councillor Lawrence Williams

Councillor Simon Bull

Councillor Mike Greene

Councillor Mark Howell (resigned 6 June 2021)

Councillor Andy Hadley (resigned 21 June 2021)

Councillor Stephen Bartlett (resigned 21 June, re-appointed 8 November 2022)

Councillor Vicky Slade (appointed 21 June 2021)

Mr Bernard Uzzell (resigned 8 September 2021)

Mr Roger Boon

Chief Executive Officer: Ian Poultney (Michael Rowland left BCP Council August 2021)

Auditor: Hixsons, 24 Cecil Avenue, Bournemouth, BH8 9EJ

Structure, Governance and Management

The accounts recognise the treatment of the Charity as a separate entity with its own transactions distinct from those of BCP Council.

Governing Document

The Trust was created in 1873 under an Indenture between BCP Council's predecessor body the Bournemouth Commissioners and Sir George Eliot Meyrick Tapps Gervis.

The day to day control and management of the Lower Central Gardens and hence the charity, was varied by s.29 Bournemouth Borough Council Act 1985. This vested in the Council the general power to use, control and manage the Lower Central Gardens.

Governance

BCP Council manages the Charity in its role as trustee. Recommendations from the Council Cabinet on Charity issues are referred to full meetings of the Council acting as trustee for appropriate decisions. There is a separate Charity Board. The composition and remit of the board has been made consistent with the requirements identified in the Maidment tribunal case that addressed a similar open space known as Dartford Central Park.

The board of the Trustee meets periodically and receives reports from operational staff and determines strategy and policy for the Charity. Operational decisions on day to day management of the Charity are the responsibility of the Environment Service Director and Service Managers.

Charity related items are clearly separated and identified in all reports and papers. A clear distinction is drawn between the Council acting in its role as local authority and in its role of trustee of the Lower Central Gardens Trust.

The trustee has considered the risks that the charity is exposed to but do not deem there to be any significant risk arising from its activities.

The Charity's main relationship is with BCP Council who delivers all maintenance and management services to the Charity.

The Council also operates a plant nursery in King's Park, which supplies flowers to the Lower Central Gardens Trust at commercial rates (the Nursery is within the Five Parks Trust land).

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustee recruitment process is carried out by existing trustees on behalf of Members of the Trust. The trustee vacancy is advertised in the local media and interested parties are then provided with:

- a. Briefing Note
- b. Application Form
- c. Draft Scheme of Management
- d. Master Plan drawing
- e. Lower Gardens summary.

The applicants are then interviewed and appointed using the Charity Commission Operational Guidance, Trustee Act 2000, OG 86 B4 'Power to employ nominees and custodians'. On the appointment the trustees are provided with a copy of the Charity Scheme for the new Trust together with the rules for conflicts of interest.

There are no formal policies or procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is the provision of open space for the recreation and enjoyment of the public.

During the year it is estimated that over 3.5 million people visited the gardens and used its facilities. The Gardens are Listed Grade II in the Historic England "Register of Parks and Gardens".

The Charity is subject to several strategies that design the way that objectives are being fulfilled. The main document is Lower, Central & Upper Gardens 5-year Management Plan which was drafted in conjunction with:

- Bournemouth 2026 Community Strategy
- Green Space Strategy
- Playground Strategy
- Nature Conservation Strategy

The Management Plan and Lower Gardens Masterplan are providing details of proposals to improve the visitors' experience in the Gardens. The examples of these are:

- to review planting and phase replacement with new water tolerant planting
- to refine and improve Christmas events in Lower Gardens to ensure smooth running
- 4-year plan to renovate all the shrubs/tree borders along Westover Road
- to develop Westover Gardens as an area for the arts and other community events.

Background and Context

The Lower Gardens are Bournemouth's first and most famous public park, they retain much of their original Victorian character and are Listed Grade II. The Lower Central Gardens are renowned for their floral bedding displays throughout the year, which are designed to bring together brilliant colours, subtle textures, height variations and scent. The gardens have the Pine Walk area noted for the aroma of the pine trees and it also has one of the largest municipal rock gardens in the country.

The Pavilion was first opened as a concert hall with reading rooms and cafes, was later enlarged to become a theatre and has undergone numerous alterations and enlargements. It was Grade II listed in 1998.

Current Activities and Performance

Events within the Lower Gardens have returned to normal - the highlights were the Air Festival (August 2021), the Bournemouth Marathon (October 2021), the Arts By The Sea Festival (September 2021) and winter ice rink and Christmas Tree Wonderland (November 2021 - January 2022.) During the pandemic grounds maintenance was impacted by the Council re-prioritising work towards the welfare and needs of residents, the knock-on effect was that the gardens' did not enter the South and South East England In Bloom competition. The Gardens did however retain their Green Flag Status once again, which they have held since 1999.

Financial Review

Historically the Council, in its role as local authority and corporate trustee, has provided donated services each year sufficient for the charity to achieve breakeven and meet any liabilities as they fall due. This is currently the policy that is expected to continue and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The restricted income fund of **£2,568,449** represents change in the fixed assets value and is not used for distribution.

The endowment fund of **£18,510,002** is held on trust to be retained for the benefit of the charity as a capital fund. The trustee must permanently maintain the whole of the fund. The fund consists of assets that are used for the purposes of the charity and cannot be spent as if it were income. The net revenue expenditure supports the objective of the Trust.

The Charity holds an unrestricted income fund of **£2,961** is the value of the donated stock.

Plans for Future Periods

Maintaining and improving the public's access to the Charity's land for use as pleasure gardens will continue to be the main focus in the years ahead.

Public Benefit

The Trustee have taken the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit into consideration. The Lower Central Gardens are provided for the enjoyment of the public without charge and there continues to be investment in and improvements to the main pleasure garden infrastructure. Furthermore, a series of events have been held that were designed to have broad appeal to the public - both local and visitors alike.

Responsibilities of the trustee

The law requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its net movement in funds for that period.

The charity trustee is responsible for preparing a trustee annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards (United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice).

In preparing those financial statements, the trustee is required to:

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

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2016. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of Information to Auditor

Each of the persons who are a trustee at the time when this Trustee Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the trust's auditor is unaware, and
- the trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to make them aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditor is aware of that information.

By Order of the Trustee

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Mellor', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Name Cllr D Mellor

on behalf of trustee

Date 30 January 2023

Independent auditor's report to the Trustee of the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2022, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
 - have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
 - have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustee's annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustee is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustee's report; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Independent auditor's report to the Trustee of the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth (cont'd)

Responsibilities of trustee

As explained more fully in the trustee's responsibilities statement set out on page 6 the trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustee either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

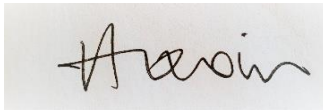
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (ie. gives a true and fair view).

Independent auditor's report to the Trustee of the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth (cont'd)

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustee, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustee, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Hixsons (Statutory Auditor)

24 Cecil Avenue

Bournemouth BH8 9EJ

30 January 2023

Hixsons is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

LOWER CENTRAL GARDENS BOURNEMOUTH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

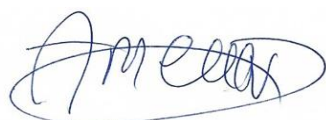
	Note	Year to 31st March 2022				Year to 31st March 2021			
		£ Unrestricted income fund	£ Restricted Income fund	£ Endowment fund	£ Total funds	£ Unrestricted income fund	£ Restricted Income fund	£ Endowment fund	£ Total funds
Income and endowments from:									
Donations									
Donated services received		366,333	94,339	-	460,671	252,255	129,043	-	381,297
Activities for generating funds:									
Commercial trading operations	2.	531,083	-	-	531,083	200,661	-	-	200,661
		897,415	94,339	-	991,754	452,916	129,043	-	581,959
Recreational activity income	3.	247,189	-	-	247,189	129,786	-	-	129,786
Total income and endowments		1,144,604	94,339	-	1,238,943	582,702	129,043	-	711,745
Expenditure on:									
<i>Raising funds</i>									
Commercial trading operations		206,963	-	-	206,963	111,400	-	-	111,400
		206,963	-	-	206,963	111,400	-	-	111,400
<i>Charitable activities</i>	4.								
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings		361,379	94,339	-	455,718	355,616	129,043	-	484,659
Costs of providing recreational activities		569,308	-	-	569,308	103,686	-	-	103,686
Governance cost		6,500	-	-	6,500	12,000	-	-	12,000
		937,188	94,339	-	1,031,526	471,303	129,043	-	600,346
Depreciation	5.	-	20,391	403,253	423,644	-	21,130	407,459	428,589
Total expenditure		1,144,150	114,729	403,253	1,662,133	582,702	150,173	407,459	1,140,335
Net movement in funds		454	(20,391)	(403,253)	(423,190)	-	(21,130)	(407,459)	(428,589)
Total funds brought forward		2,507	2,370,002	14,835,237	17,207,746	8,275	2,352,499	16,600,002	18,960,776
Gains on Revaluation	10.	-	218,838	4,078,018	4,296,856	-	38,633	(1,357,306)	1,318,673
Transfer to/(from) Unrestricted income fund	8.	-	-	-	0	(5,769)	-	-	5,769
Total funds carried forward	8. /9. /10.	2,961	2,568,449	18,510,002	21,081,412	2,507	2,370,002	14,835,237	17,207,746

All of the activities are derived from the continuing operations of the charity.

LOWER CENTRAL GARDENS BOURNEMOUTH
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

		<u>As at 31st March</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>As at 31st March</u> <u>2021</u>
		£	£
	<u>Note</u>		
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5.	21,078,451	17,205,239
Stock	6.	2,961	2,507
Cash held on behalf of trust		13,894	0
Creditors	7.	(13,894)	0
Net Assets		<u>21,081,412</u>	<u>17,207,746</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income fund	8.	2,961	2,507
Endowment fund	9.	18,510,002	14,835,237
Restricted Income fund	10.	2,568,449	2,370,002
Total charity funds		<u>21,081,412</u>	<u>17,207,746</u>

Signed



Name Cllr D Mellor

on behalf of trustee

Date 30 January 2023

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

a. Basis of accounting

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Section 1A of FRS 102 has been applied and no Statement of Cashflows has been prepared.

The Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth's corporate trustee includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements are prepared under the International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public at:

<https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/About-the-council/Budgets-and-finance/Annual-accounts.aspx>

In these financial statements the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purpose of this FRS) and has applied exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the requirement to present a cashflow statement. Having given regard to Public Benefit Entity guidance the corporate trustee considers the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth to be a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

Historically the Council, in its role as local authority and corporate trustee, has provided donated services each year sufficient for the charity to achieve breakeven and meet any liabilities as they fall due. This is currently the policy that is expected to continue and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

As of 1st April 2019 the Council became part of a new authority Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council (BCP) and the policy of donation has passed to the new authority. This is enshrined in the following two UK Statutory Instruments:

- 2018 No. 648 The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (Structural Changes) Order 2018
- 2008 No. 2176 The Local Government (Structural Changes)(Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Regulations 2008.

b. Income recognition

Donations and legacies in the form of Donated Services received is recognised in the year that the matching unfunded element of expenditure is incurred. The policy of BCP Council has been to subsidise the charity to the extent each year of its income shortfall.

Whilst this arrangement is likely to continue for the foreseeable future there is no contractual necessity for the Council to provide the subsidy through Donated Services other than the basic maintenance of the pleasure gardens. However, the Council makes no additional payment for its use of the Pavilion building currently on Charity land. The provision of Donated Services is therefore partly a rental payment in kind.

Income from commercial trading activities and recreational activities is recognised at point of sale.

c. Expenditure recognition

Raising funds - there are no directly attributable costs to the income from the concessions element of commercial trading operations. However the Council invests time and resources in negotiating and arranging the concessions. An estimate of the value of this service is reflected in the statement of financial activities on an accrual basis. Costs associated with the Council run café provision are included here.

Charitable activities - Maintenance includes the direct costs of maintaining the pavilion infrastructure, the gardens infrastructure, the cost of the Council staff and the machinery utilised in the landscaping, gardening and horticulture. It also includes the costs of maintaining and running public conveniences. The costs of recreational activities includes the mini-golf and those incurred staging various public events.

Governance costs - these comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include those related to preparing statutory accounts, the statutory audit, legal fees and costs of committee meetings. All of these are met by the Council.

d. Tangible fixed assets

The asset valuations policy treats amounts of less than £1,000 as revenue expenditure and so they are charged to the accounts in the year of expenditure.

Assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows: -

Freehold buildings - Pavilion, lower gardens bandstand	50 years
Freehold buildings - lower gardens minor buildings, certain improvements to main buildings	10 - 25 years

Assets are assessed at each year-end (in 2022 this was by the external company Norse Group whose employees are accredited by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) as to whether there is any indication that they may be impaired. Where indications exist and any possible differences are estimated to be material, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and any shortfall is recognised as an impairment loss.

Impairment losses are accounted for in the following ways:

- where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Restricted Income fund the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance, up to the amount of the accumulated gains;
- where there is no balance in the Restricted Income fund or an insufficient balance the carrying amount of the asset is written down against the expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Where an impairment loss is subsequently reversed the reversal is credited to the SoFA up to the amount of the original loss, adjusted for depreciation that would have been charged if the loss had not been recognised.

e. Cash held on behalf of trust

Cash at bank is equal and opposite to the sum of the creditors. The charity does not have its own bank account, all receipts are paid into and all payments paid from the BCP Council's main bank account.

f. Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

g. Funds structure

The charity has a single unrestricted income fund that comprises those funds which the trustee is free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

The endowment fund represents the pavilion asset that was donated to the Charity and is held on trust to be retained for the benefit of the Charity as a capital fund. The fund cannot be spent as if it was income.

The restricted income fund represents total valuations, the cost of any subsequent routine fixed asset additions, any revaluations and any disposals of assets. These assets exclude the pavilion asset.

h. Leases

Where the Charity grants an operating lease over an item of property, plant or equipment the asset is retained in the Balance Sheet. Rental income is credited to Commercial Operations line under Activities for Generating Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities. There are no finance leases where the Charity is the lessee or lessor.

i. Revaluation gains or losses

Any revaluation gains or losses are adjusted through the Statement of Financial Activities and are held in the endowment fund if it is in relation to the pavilion otherwise it is held in the restricted income fund.

2. Analysis of Commercial Trading Operations

Various food concessions have been let to operate attractions in the Lower Gardens. The income from these concessions is treated as earned by the Charity. Some of the cost of the Christmas Tree Wonderland was covered by income from Bournemouth BID's (Business Improvement Districts), the Council & sponsors.

	£ <u>2021-22</u>	£ <u>2020-21</u>
Refreshments & concessions	270,446	171,281
Commemorative benches & bandstand	0	0
Ice rink costs reimbursement	23,142	0
Arts by the Sea	10,754	29,380
Christmas Tree Wonderland	226,740	0
	<u>531,083</u>	<u>200,661</u>

3. Analysis of charitable activities

	£ <u>2021-22</u>	£ <u>2020-21</u>
Mini-Golf	242,966	127,680
Art Exhibition	4,223	2,106
	<u>247,189</u>	<u>129,786</u>

4. Analysis of Expenditure on raising funds

	£	£
	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings		
Direct costs - maintenance and repairs	13,144	17,275
Maintenance team	336,113	321,179
Public conveniences	12,122	17,162
Assets Maintenance	94,339	129,043
	<u>455,718</u>	<u>484,659</u>

The maintenance staff are employed by the Council rather than directly by the Charity and only the proportion of cost relating to the Lower Gardens is recharged. This arrangement is in place as this is considered the most cost effective way for maintenance of the Lower Gardens to be carried out. The actual cost is based on the timesheets records and estimates where the timesheets are not available.

	£	£
	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
Costs of providing recreational activities		
Events		
Art Exhibition	3,145	2,527
Bandstand	2,078	754
Arts by the Sea	23,107	54,650
Christmas Tree Wonderland	360,800	0
Festival Coast Live	93,845	0
Ice Rink	25,130	0
Events Team	20,398	18,489
	<u>528,503</u>	<u>76,421</u>
Mini-Golf	40,806	27,265
	<u>569,308</u>	<u>103,686</u>

Governance costs incurred are met by BCP Council. Included within these costs are audit fees of £6,500 (2020-21 : £12,000) excluding VAT.

	£	£
	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
Governance costs	6,500	12,000

5. Tangible fixed assets

	<u>Freehold land and buildings</u>		
	<u>Pavilion</u>	<u>Gardens</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
2020-21			
Asset valuation brought forward	16,600,002	2,352,499	18,952,501
Revaluation (net)	(1,357,306)	38,633	(1,318,673)
Depreciation charge for year	(407,459)	(21,130)	(428,589)
Net book value carried forward	14,835,237	2,370,002	17,205,239
2021-22			
Asset valuation brought forward	14,835,237	2,370,002	17,205,239
Revaluation (net)	4,078,018	218,838	4,296,856
Depreciation charge for year	(403,253)	(20,391)	(423,644)
Net book value carried forward	18,510,002	2,568,449	21,078,451

Historically, under an Indenture drawn up in 1873 a trust was created and this was formally registered with the Charity Commissioners.

The effect of the Indenture was to transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the Charity and the Council.

The assets of the Charity are treated as comprising the freehold interest (based on the Council as trustee's right to manage) in the land between Bournemouth Square and the seafront laid out as formal public pleasure gardens. The area is approximately six hectares. Furthermore it comprises the Charity's ownership of the Pavilion.

Valuation

The Charity accounts for its unencumbered share of the assets using the same approach to valuation as adopted by the Council's Property Services department when preparing valuations for the Council. The trustee consider this to be a fair, cost effective and pragmatic basis.

In 2022 the valuations were undertaken by the external company Norse Group whose employees are accredited by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) so are considered to be independent of the Charity.

The following approaches to valuation have been adopted: -

Assets included in the Balance Sheet are re-valued annually.

Pavilion - at the end of 2009-10 the land swap took place giving the Charity full ownership of the building. The value of the asset in the Balance Sheet is based on the full amount of the depreciated replacement cost and is subject to a full depreciation charge. The Pavilion is leased to BCP Council who under the agreement have sub-leased it to BH Live. Both leases are for nil consideration.

Lower Central Gardens - a full share of the existing use valuation based on the concessions. The land now occupied by concessions is carried at nil value. The trustee recognises that there is an intrinsic value to the rest of the gardens but as there is no likelihood of a full or major disposal and because of the costs and difficulty in obtaining a valuation this is carried at £ nil.

6. Stock

	£ 2021-22	£ 2020-21
Balance brought forward	2,507	8,275
Movement during the year	454	(5,769)
Balance carried forward	2,961	2,507

7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	£ 2021-22	£ 2020-21
Creditors	(13,894)	0

8. Unrestricted Income fund

	£ 2021-22	£ 2020-21
Balance brought forward	2,507	8,275
Movement during the year	454	(5,769)
Balance carried forward	2,961	2,507

The unrestricted income fund is the value of the stock held.

9. Endowment fund

	£ 2021-22	£ 2020-21
Balance brought forward	14,835,237	16,600,002
Revaluations	4,078,018	(1,357,306)
Net movement in funds	(403,253)	(407,459)
Balance carried forward	18,510,002	14,835,237

As mentioned in Note 6 above the Pavilion became fully owned by the Charity in 2009-10 and was reflected that year in the accounts as a donated asset and the endowment fund.

This reserve is in the nature of an endowment i.e. it may not be spent as income nor disposed of.

10. Restricted Income fund

	£ 2021-22	£ 2020-21
Balance brought forward	2,370,002	2,352,499
Revaluations	218,838	38,633
Net movement in funds	(20,391)	(21,130)
Balance carried forward	<u>2,568,449</u>	<u>2,370,002</u>

The full amount of total valuations and the cost of any subsequent routine fixed asset additions is credited to the restricted income fund as these assets can only be used for specific purposes. Any revaluations or disposals of assets within these sums is also adjusted through the reserve.

To the extent that the carrying amount of the depreciated assets is reflected in the restricted income fund the relevant amount of the depreciation charge in the statement of financial activities is transferred as a reserves adjustment to the general fund.

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	0	2,568,449	18,510,002	21,078,451
Current assets	2,961	0	0	2,961
	<u>2,961</u>	<u>2,568,449</u>	<u>18,510,002</u>	<u>21,081,412</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	0	2,370,002	14,835,237	17,205,239
Current assets	2,507	0	0	2,507
	<u>2,507</u>	<u>2,370,002</u>	<u>14,835,237</u>	<u>17,207,746</u>

12. Related party transactions

The Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth's corporate trustee includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements are prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public at <https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/About-the-council/Budgets-and-finance/Documents/annual-accounts/draft-statement-of-accounts-2021-to>. In these financial statements the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purpose of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the requirement to present a cashflow statement. Having given regard to Public Benefit Entity guidance the corporate trustee considers the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth to be a Public Benefit Entity.

The Council acting in its role as trustee of the charitable trust nominates certain Members to act as members of the Trust Board. The Trust Board has a Constitution setting out administration and management arrangements of the trust.

The charity trustee was not paid or reimbursed expenses during the year and did not receive any emolument or payment for professional or other services. There were no transactions involving the trustee and related parties and there were no ex-gratia payments.

As disclosed in the analysis of resources expended, the Council provides staff who maintain the gardens - there are no staff employed by the charity. The Council has historically subsidised the annual deficits of the Charity.

	£ 2021-22	£ 2020-21
<u>Donated services received</u>		
Income & expenditure from activities - Unrestricted Income fund	366,333	252,255
Assets Maintenance - Restricted Income fund	94,339	129,043
BCP Council in its role as local authority	<u>460,671</u>	<u>381,297</u>

Accounts



LOWER CENTRAL GARDENS BOURNEMOUTH
ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Charity number 299739

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**LOWER CENTRAL GARDENS BOURNEMOUTH
TRUSTEE REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The trustee is pleased to present its report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st March 2021.

Reference and administrative details

Registered name: Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth
 Charity number: 299739
 Principal Office: Town Hall, Bourne Avenue, Bournemouth, BH2 6DY
 Trustee: Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council (BCP Council) (Cabinet members see <https://democracy.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=285>)
 Councillor Lawrence Williams
 Councillor Simon Bull
 Councillor Mike Greene
 Councillor Mark Howell (resigned 6 June 2021)
 Councillor Andy Hadley (appointed 11 June 2021)
 Councillor Stephen Bartlett (appointed 11 June 2021)
 Mr Bernard Uzzell (resigned 8 September 2021)
 Mr Roger Boon
 Chief Executive Officer: Ian Poultney (Michael Rowland left BCP Council August 2021)
 Auditor: Grant Thornton UK LLP, 199 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes, MK9 1AU

Structure, Governance and Management

The accounts recognise the treatment of the Charity as a separate entity with its own transactions distinct from those of BCP Council.

Governing Document

The Trust was created in 1873 under an Indenture between BCP Council's predecessor body the Bournemouth Commissioners and Sir George Eliot Meyrick Tapps Gervis.

The day to day control and management of the Lower Central Gardens and hence the charity, was varied by s.29 Bournemouth Borough Council Act 1985. This vested in the Council the general power to use, control and manage the Lower Central Gardens.

Governance

BCP Council manages the Charity in its role as trustee. Recommendations from the Council Cabinet on Charity issues are referred to full meetings of the Council acting as trustee for appropriate decisions. There is a separate Charity Board. The composition and remit of the board has been made consistent with the requirements identified in the Maidment tribunal case that addressed a similar open space known as Dartford Central Park.

The board of the Trustee meets periodically and receives reports from operational staff and determines strategy and policy for the Charity. Operational decisions on day to day management of the Charity are the responsibility of the Environment Service Director and Service Managers.

Charity related items are clearly separated and identified in all reports and papers. A clear distinction is drawn between the Council acting in its role as local authority and in its role of trustee of the Lower Central Gardens Trust.

The trustee has considered the risks that the charity is exposed to but do not deem there to be any significant risk arising from its activities.

The Charity's main relationship is with BCP Council who delivers all maintenance and management services to the Charity.

The Council also operates a plant nursery in King's Park, which supplies flowers to the Lower Central Gardens Trust at commercial rates (the Nursery is within the Five Parks Trust land).

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trustee recruitment process is carried out by existing trustees on behalf of Members of the Trust. The trustee vacancy is advertised in the local media and interested parties are then provided with:

- a. Briefing Note
- b. Application Form
- c. Draft Scheme of Management
- d. Master Plan drawing
- e. Lower Gardens summary.

The applicants are then interviewed and appointed using the Charity Commission Operational Guidance, Trustee Act 2000, OG 86 B4 'Power to employ nominees and custodians'. On the appointment the trustees are provided with a copy of the Charity Scheme for the new Trust together with the rules for conflicts of interest.

There are no formal policies or procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is the provision of open space for the recreation and enjoyment of the public.

During the year it is estimated that over 3.5 million people visited the gardens and used its facilities. The Gardens are Listed Grade II in the Historic England "Register of Parks and Gardens".

The Charity is subject to several strategies that design the way that objectives are being fulfilled. The main document is Lower, Central & Upper Gardens 5-year Management Plan which was drafted in conjunction with:

- Bournemouth 2026 Community Strategy
- Green Space Strategy
- Playground Strategy
- Nature Conservation Strategy

The Management Plan and Lower Gardens Masterplan are providing details of proposals to improve the visitors' experience in the Gardens. The examples of these are:

- to review planting and phase replacement with new water tolerant planting
- to refine and improve Christmas events in Lower Gardens to ensure smooth running
- 4-year plan to renovate all the shrubs/tree borders along Westover Road
- to develop Westover Gardens as an area for the arts and other community events.

Background and Context

The Lower Gardens are Bournemouth's first and most famous public park, they retain much of their original Victorian character and are Listed Grade II. The Lower Central Gardens are renowned for their floral bedding displays throughout the year, which are designed to bring together brilliant colours, subtle textures, height variations and scent. The gardens have the Pine Walk area noted for the aroma of the pine trees and it also has one of the largest municipal rock gardens in the country.

The Pavilion was first opened as a concert hall with reading rooms and cafes, was later enlarged to become a theatre and has undergone numerous alterations and enlargements. It was Grade II listed in 1998.

Current Activities and Performance

Fundraising work continued in partnership with the Bournemouth Parks Foundation (Registered Charity Number 1159939) and Aviary Volunteers to replace the aviary. By late September 2021 £266,225 of funds had been raised or pledged through the Bournemouth Parks Foundation, towards a fundraising target of £200,000 to build a new domed aviary. Construction of the aviary is due to start in September 2021.

Events within the Lower Gardens were under constant review, and because of the virus the Air Festival (August 2020), the Bournemouth Marathon (October 2020) and winter ice rink and Christmas Tree Wonderland (November 2020 - January 2021) were all cancelled. The Arts By The Sea Festival (September 2020) did go ahead through a combination of virtual and ticketed performances that kept to HM Government social distancing guidelines. The concessions in the gardens were all closed impacting on income, however their expenditure was also reduced. The Hedgehog cafe traded with only takeaway food (and removed its seating) in line HM Government guidelines. The mini-golf opening mirrored the guidelines impacting adversely the income received. Grounds maintenance was impacted by the Council re-prioritising work towards the welfare and needs of residents so the gardens' did not enter the South and South East England In Bloom competition. The Gardens did however retain their Green Flag Status once again, which they have held since 1999.

Implications of Covid-19

All events within the Lower Gardens are under constant review because of the ongoing pandemic however the Air Festival took place (September 2021) and currently the Arts by the Sea Festival & the Bournemouth Marathon (October 2021) and winter ice rink and Christmas Tree Wonderland (November 2021 - January 2022) are all expected to happen. All events follow HM Government social distancing guidelines. The concessions in the gardens, the Hedgehog cafe and the mini-golf are now all open again following HM Government social distancing guidelines.

Financial Review

Historically the Council, in its role as local authority and corporate trustee, has provided donated services each year sufficient for the charity to achieve breakeven and meet any liabilities as they fall due. This is currently the policy that is expected to continue and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The restricted income fund of **£2,370,002** represents change in the fixed assets value and is not used for distribution.

The endowment fund of **£14,835,227** is held on trust to be retained for the benefit of the charity as a capital fund. The trustee must permanently maintain the whole of the fund. The fund consists of assets that are used for the purposes of the charity and cannot be spent as if it were income. The net revenue expenditure supports the objective of the Trust.

Plans for Future Periods

Maintaining and improving the public's access to the Charity's land for use as pleasure gardens will continue to be the main focus in the years ahead.

Public Benefit

The Trustee have taken the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit into consideration. The Lower Central Gardens are provided for the enjoyment of the public without charge and there continues to be investment in and improvements to the main pleasure garden infrastructure. Furthermore, a series of events have been held that were designed to have broad appeal to the public - both local and visitors alike.

Responsibilities of the trustee

The law requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its net movement in funds for that period.

LOWER CENTRAL GARDENS BOURNEMOUTH
TRUSTEE REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The charity trustee is responsible for preparing a trustee annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards (United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice).

In preparing those financial statements, the trustee is required to:

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

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2016. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

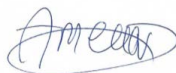
Disclosure of Information to Auditor

Each of the persons who are a trustee at the time when this Trustee Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the trust's auditor is unaware, and
- the trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a trustee in order to make them aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditor is aware of that information.

By Order of the Trustee

Signed



Name

Councillor Drew Mellor

on behalf of trustee

Date

27/01/2022

Independent auditor's report to the trustee of the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102; The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We are responsible for concluding on the appropriateness of the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor's opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.

In our evaluation of the trustee's conclusions, we considered the inherent risks associated with the charity's business model including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as Brexit and Covid-19, we assessed and challenged the reasonableness of estimates made by the trustee and the related disclosures and analysed how those risks might affect the charity's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Independent auditor's report to the trustee of the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth (cont'd)

The responsibilities of the trustee with respect to going concern are described in the 'Responsibilities of the trustee for the financial statements' section of this report.

Other information

The trustee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustee's Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustee's Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept sufficient accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustee for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Trustee's Responsibilities Statement set out on pages 6 and 7, the trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustee either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Independent auditor's report to the trustee of the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth (cont'd)

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those related to the reporting frameworks (The Charities Act 2011, the Charities SORP and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102; 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice);

We enquired of management, concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:

- the identification, evaluation and compliance with laws and regulations;
- the detection and response to the risks of fraud; and
- the establishment of internal controls to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

We enquired of management, whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or whether they had any knowledge of actual, suspected or alleged fraud.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by evaluating incentives and opportunities for manipulation of the financial statements. This included the evaluation of the risk of management override of controls and fraudulent revenue recognition. We determined that the principal risks were in relation to:

- journals, management estimates and transactions outside the normal course of business; and
- fraudulent revenue recognition, and specifically the occurrence and accuracy of commercial trading and recreational activity income.

Our audit procedures involved:

- evaluation of the design effectiveness of controls that management has in place over journals;
- journal entry testing, with a focus on unusual journals made during the year and after the draft accounts stage;
- challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
- understanding controls around the monitoring and receipt of income; and
- sample testing of income to supporting records.

Independent auditor's report to the trustee of the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth (cont'd)

These audit procedures were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error. However, detecting irregularities that result from fraud is inherently more difficult than detecting those that result from error, as those irregularities that result from fraud may involve collusion, deliberate concealment, forgery or intentional misrepresentations. Also, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it.

Assessment of the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team included consideration of the engagement team's:

- understanding of, and practical experience with audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity through appropriate training and participation
- knowledge of the sector in which the charity operates
- understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements specific to the charity.

In assessing the potential risks of material misstatement, we obtained an understanding of:

- the charity's operations, including the nature of its income and expenditure and its services and of its objectives and strategies to understand the classes of transactions, account balances, expected financial statement disclosures and business risks that may result in risks of material misstatement;
- the charity's control environment, including the policies and procedures implemented by the charity corporate trustee to ensure compliance with the requirements of the financial reporting framework.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustee, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and Section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustee those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Grant Thornton UK LLP
Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants
Milton Keynes

28/1/2022

Grant Thornton UK LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

LOWER CENTRAL GARDENS BOURNEMOUTH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

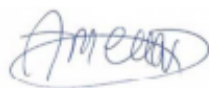
		Year to 31st March 2021				Year to 31st March 2020			
		£	£		£	£	£		£
		Unrestricted income fund	Restricted Income fund	Endowment fund	Total funds	Unrestricted income fund	Restricted Income fund	Endowment fund	Total funds
	<u>Note</u>								
Income and endowments from:									
Donations									
Donated services received		252,255	129,043	-	381,297	322,719	129,640	-	452,359
Activities for generating funds:									
Commercial trading operations	2.	200,661	-	-	200,661	559,161	-	-	559,161
		452,916	129,043	-	581,959	881,880	129,640	-	1,011,520
Recreational activity income	3.	129,786	-	-	129,786	218,992	-	-	218,992
Total income and endowments		582,702	129,043	-	711,745	1,100,872	129,640	-	1,230,512
Expenditure on:									
<u>Raising funds</u>									
Commercial trading operations		111,400	-	-	111,400	127,282	-	-	127,282
		111,400	-	-	111,400	127,282	-	-	127,282
<u>Charitable activities</u>									
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings	4.	355,616	129,043	-	484,659	409,582	129,640	-	539,222
Costs of providing recreational activities		103,686	-	-	103,686	552,008	-	-	552,008
Governance cost		12,000	-	-	12,000	12,000	-	-	12,000
		471,302	129,043	-	600,345	973,590	129,640	-	1,103,230
Depreciation	5.	-	21,130	407,459	428,589	-	12,100	478,178	490,278
Total expenditure		582,702	150,173	407,459	1,140,334	1,100,872	141,740	478,178	1,720,791
Net movement in funds		-	(21,130)	(407,459)	(428,589)	-	(12,100)	(478,178)	(490,279)
Total funds brought forward		8,275	2,352,499	16,600,002	18,960,776	3,953	2,444,499	14,600,002	17,048,454
Gains on Revaluation	9.	-	38,633	(1,357,306)	(1,318,673)	-	(79,900)	2,478,178	2,398,278
Transfer to/(from) Unrestricted income fund	7.	(5,768)	-	-	(5,768)	4,322	-	-	4,322
Total funds carried forward	7./ 8. /9.	2,507	2,370,002	14,835,237	17,207,746	8,275	2,352,499	16,600,002	18,960,776

All of the activities are derived from the continuing operations of the charity.

LOWER CENTRAL GARDENS BOURNEMOUTH
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		<u>As at 31st March</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>As at 31st March</u> <u>2020</u>
		£	£
	<u>Note</u>		
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5.	17,205,239	18,952,501
Stock	6.	2,507	8,275
Net Assets		<u>17,207,746</u>	<u>18,960,776</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income fund	7.	2,507	8,275
Restricted Income fund	9.	2,370,002	2,352,499
Endowment fund	8.	14,835,237	16,600,002
Total charity funds		<u>17,207,746</u>	<u>18,960,776</u>

Signed



Name

Councillor Drew Mellor

on behalf of trustee

Date

27/01/2022

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

a. Basis of accounting

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). Section 1A of FRS 102 has been applied and no Statement of Cashflows has been prepared.

The Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth's corporate trustee includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements are prepared under the International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public at:

<https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/About-the-council/Budgets-and-finance/Annual-accounts.aspx>

In these financial statements the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purpose of this FRS) and has applied exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the requirement to present a cashflow statement. Having given regard to Public Benefit Entity guidance the corporate trustee considers the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth to be a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

Historically the Council, in its role as local authority and corporate trustee, has provided donated services each year sufficient for the charity to achieve breakeven and meet any liabilities as they fall due. This is currently the policy that is expected to continue and so the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustee in considering the impact of Covid 19 on the accounts are aware that the income from the refreshments, concessions and the mini-golf will decrease but there will also be a decrease in the level of related expenditure and this will not have a significant impact on the charity as the Council will continue to donate to the charity sufficient for the charity to break even and meet any liabilities as they fall due.

As of 1st April 2019 the Council became part of a new authority Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Council (BCP) and the policy of donation has passed to the new authority. This is enshrined in the following two UK Statutory Instruments:

- 2018 No. 648 The Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole (Structural Changes) Order 2018
- 2008 No. 2176 The Local Government (Structural Changes)(Transfer of Functions, Property, Rights and Liabilities) Regulations 2008.

b. Income recognition

Donations and legacies in the form of Donated Services received is recognised in the year that the matching unfunded element of expenditure is incurred. The policy of BCP Council has been to subsidise the charity to the extent each year of its income shortfall.

Whilst this arrangement is likely to continue for the foreseeable future there is no contractual necessity for the Council to provide the subsidy through Donated Services other than the basic maintenance of the pleasure gardens. However, the Council makes no additional payment for its use of the Pavilion building currently on Charity land. The provision of Donated Services is therefore partly a rental payment in kind.

Income from commercial trading activities and recreational activities is recognised at point of sale.

c. Expenditure recognition

Raising funds - there are no directly attributable costs to the income from the concessions element of commercial trading operations. However the Council invests time and resources in negotiating and arranging the concessions. An estimate of the value of this service is reflected in the statement of financial activities on an accrual basis. Costs associated with the Council run café provision are included here.

Charitable activities - Maintenance includes the direct costs of maintaining the pavilion infrastructure, the gardens infrastructure, the cost of the Council staff and the machinery utilised in the landscaping, gardening and horticulture. It also includes the costs of maintaining and running public conveniences. The costs of recreational activities includes the mini-golf and those incurred staging various public events.

Governance costs - these comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include those related to preparing statutory accounts, the statutory audit, legal fees and costs of committee meetings. All of these are met by the Council.

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d. Tangible fixed assets

The asset valuations policy treats amounts of less than £1,000 as revenue expenditure and so they are charged to the accounts in the year of expenditure.

Assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows: -

Freehold buildings - Pavilion, lower gardens bandstand	50 years
Freehold buildings - lower gardens minor buildings, certain improvements to main buildings	10 - 25 years

Assets are assessed at each year-end (in 2021 this was by the external company Bruton Knowles who hold the Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (FRICS) qualification) as to whether there is any indication that they may be impaired. Where indications exist and any possible differences are estimated to be material, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and any shortfall is recognised as an impairment loss.

Impairment losses are accounted for in the following ways:

- where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Restricted Income fund the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance, up to the amount of the accumulated gains;
- where there is no balance in the Restricted Income fund or an insufficient balance the carrying amount of the asset is written down against the expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Where an impairment loss is subsequently reversed the reversal is credited to the SoFA up to the amount of the original loss, adjusted for depreciation that would have been charged if the loss had not been recognised.

e. Funds structure

The charity has a single unrestricted income fund that comprises those funds which the trustee is free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

The endowment fund represents the pavilion asset that was donated to the Charity and is held on trust to be retained for the benefit of the Charity as a capital fund. The fund cannot be spent as if it was income.

The restricted income fund represents total valuations, the cost of any subsequent routine fixed asset additions, any revaluations and any disposals of assets. These assets exclude the pavilion asset.

f. Leases

Where the Charity grants an operating lease over an item of property, plant or equipment the asset is retained in the Balance Sheet. Rental income is credited to Commercial Operations line under Activities for Generating Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities. There are no finance leases where the Charity is the lessee or lessor.

g. Revaluation gains or losses

Any revaluation gains or losses are adjusted through the Statement of Financial Activities and are held in the endowment fund if it is in relation to the pavilion otherwise it is held in the restricted income fund.

2. Analysis of Commercial Trading Operations

Various food concessions have been let to operate attractions in the Lower Gardens. The income from these concessions is treated as earned by the Charity. The cost of the Christmas (2019/20) was covered by income from Bournemouth BID's (Business Improvement Districts), the Council & sponsors.

	£ <u>2020-21</u>	£ <u>2019-20</u>
Refreshments & concessions	171,281	229,149
Commemorative benches & bandstand	0	200
Ice rink costs reimbursement	0	16,863
Arts by the Sea	29,380	43,886
Christmas Tree Wonderland	0	269,063
	<u>200,661</u>	<u>559,161</u>

3. Analysis of charitable activities

	£ <u>2020-21</u>	£ <u>2019-20</u>
Mini-Golf	127,680	213,671
Art Exhibition	2,106	5,321
	<u>129,786</u>	<u>218,992</u>

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4. Analysis of Expenditure on raising funds

	£	£
	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
Maintenance of gardens and public buildings		
Direct costs - maintenance and repairs	17,275	29,119
Maintenance team	321,179	320,550
Public conveniences	17,162	59,913
Assets Maintenance	129,043	129,640
	<u>484,659</u>	<u>539,222</u>

The maintenance staff are employed by the Council rather than directly by the Charity and only the proportion of cost relating to the Lower Gardens is recharged. This arrangement is in place as this is considered the most cost effective way for maintenance of the Lower Gardens to be carried out. The actual cost is based on the timesheets records and estimates where the timesheets are not available.

	£	£
	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
Costs of providing recreational activities		
Events		
Art Exhibition	2,527	3,108
Bandstand	754	0
Arts by the Sea	54,650	97,445
Christmas Tree Wonderland	0	385,921
Ice Rink	0	2,599
Events Team	18,489	34,054
	<u>76,421</u>	<u>523,127</u>
Mini-Golf	27,265	28,881
	<u>103,686</u>	<u>552,008</u>

Governance costs incurred are met by BCP Council. Included within these costs are audit fees of £12,000 (2019-20 : £12,000) excluding VAT.

	£	£
	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
Governance costs	12,000	12,000

5. Tangible fixed assets

	<u>Freehold land and buildings</u>		
	<u>Pavilion</u>	<u>Gardens</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
2019-20			
Asset valuation brought forward	14,600,002	2,444,499	17,044,501
Revaluation (net)	2,478,178	(79,900)	2,398,278
Depreciation charge for year	(478,178)	(12,100)	(490,278)
Net book value carried forward	16,600,002	2,352,499	18,952,501
2020-21			
Asset valuation brought forward	16,600,002	2,352,499	18,952,501
Revaluation (net)	(1,357,306)	38,633	(1,318,673)
Depreciation charge for year	(407,459)	(21,130)	(428,589)
Net book value carried forward	14,835,237	2,370,002	17,205,239

Historically, under an Indenture drawn up in 1873 a trust was created and this was formally registered with the Charity Commissioners.

The effect of the Indenture was to transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the Charity and the Council.

The assets of the Charity are treated as comprising the freehold interest (based on the Council as trustee's right to manage) in the land between Bournemouth Square and the seafront laid out as formal public pleasure gardens. The area is approximately six hectares. Furthermore it comprises the Charity's ownership of the Pavilion.

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Valuation

The Charity accounts for its unencumbered share of the assets using the same approach to valuation as adopted by the Council's Property Services department when preparing valuations for the Council. The trustee consider this to be a fair, cost effective and pragmatic basis.

In 2021 the valuations were undertaken by the external company Bruton Knowles who hold the FRICS qualification and so are considered to be independent of the Charity.

The following approaches to valuation have been adopted: -

Assets included in the Balance Sheet are re-valued annually.

Pavilion - at the end of 2009-10 the land swap took place giving the Charity full ownership of the building. The value of the asset in the Balance Sheet is based on the full amount of the depreciated replacement cost and is subject to a full depreciation charge. The Pavilion is leased to BCP Council who under the agreement have sub-leased it to BH Live. Both leases are for nil consideration.

Lower Central Gardens - a full share of the existing use valuation based on the concessions. The land not occupied by concessions is carried at nil value. The trustee recognises that there is an intrinsic value to the rest of the gardens but as there is no likelihood of a full or major disposal and because of the costs and difficulty in obtaining a valuation this is carried at £ nil.

6. Stock

	£ <u>2020-21</u>	£ <u>2019-20</u>
Balance brought forward	8,275	3,953
Movement during the year	(5,768)	4,322
Balance carried forward	<u>2,507</u>	<u>8,275</u>

7. Unrestricted Income fund

	£ <u>2020-21</u>	£ <u>2019-20</u>
Balance brought forward	8,275	3,953
Movement during the year	(5,768)	4,322
Balance carried forward	<u>2,507</u>	<u>8,275</u>

8. Endowment fund

	£ <u>2020-21</u>	£ <u>2019-20</u>
Balance brought forward	16,600,002	14,600,002
Donated assets received	0	0
Revaluations	(1,357,306)	2,478,178
Net movement in funds	(407,459)	(478,178)
Balance carried forward	<u>14,835,237</u>	<u>16,600,002</u>

As mentioned in Note 6 above the Pavilion became fully owned by the Charity in 2009-10 and was reflected that year in the accounts as a donated asset and the endowment fund.

This reserve is in the nature of an endowment i.e. it may not be spent as income nor disposed of.

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9. Restricted Income fund

	£ 2020-21	£ 2019-20
Balance brought forward	2,352,499	2,444,499
Revaluations	38,633	(79,900)
Decommissions	0	0
Movement during the year	0	0
Net movement in funds	(21,130)	(12,100)
Balance carried forward	2,370,002	2,352,499

The full amount of total valuations and the cost of any subsequent routine fixed asset additions is credited to the restricted income fund as these assets can only be used for specific purposes. Any revaluations or disposals of assets within these sums is also adjusted through the reserve.

To the extent that the carrying amount of the depreciated assets is reflected in the restricted income fund the relevant amount of the depreciation charge in the statement of financial activities is transferred as a reserves adjustment to the general fund.

10. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Endowment funds funds £	£	Total funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	0	2,370,002	14,835,237	17,205,239
Current assets	2,507	0	0	2,507
	<u>2,507</u>	<u>2,370,002</u>	<u>14,835,237</u>	<u>17,207,746</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Endowment funds funds £	£	Total funds £
Tangible Fixed Assets	0	2,352,499	16,600,002	18,952,501
Current assets	8,275	0	0	8,275
	<u>8,275</u>	<u>2,352,499</u>	<u>16,600,002</u>	<u>18,960,776</u>

11. Related party transactions

The Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth's corporate trustee includes the charity in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements are prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public at <https://www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/About-the-council/Budgets-and-finance/Documents/Draft-Statement-of-Accounts-2020-21.pdf>. In these financial statements the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purpose of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the requirement to present a cashflow statement. Having given regard to Public Benefit Entity guidance the corporate trustee considers the Lower Central Gardens Bournemouth to be a Public Benefit Entity.

The Council acting in its role as trustee of the charitable trust nominates certain Members to act as members of the Trust Board. The Trust Board has a Constitution setting out administration and management arrangements of the trust.

The charity trustee was not paid or reimbursed expenses during the year and did not receive any emolument or payment for professional or other services. There were no transactions involving the trustee and related parties and there were no ex-gratia payments.

As disclosed in the analysis of resources expended, the Council provides staff who maintain the gardens - there are no staff employed by the charity. The Council has historically subsidised the annual deficits of the Charity.

	£ 2020-21	£ 2019-20
Donated services received		
Income & expenditure from activities - Unrestricted Income fund	252,255	322,719
Assets Maintenance - Restricted Income fund	129,043	129,640
BCP Council in its role as local authority	<u>381,297</u>	<u>452,359</u>