

Joy Mead Annual Report 2021

Charity name: Joy Mead Charity Trust (No. 304191)

Despite another year of Covid 19, life in the Joy Mead seemed almost back to normal in 2021, with the garden hosting a number of events as well as continuing to provide a lovely venue for visitors to relax or play in. A total of nearly 5000 people found their way through the gate.

Highlights of 2021:

- The grant of £9000 from the Finnis Scott Foundation enabled us to carry out essential spot repairs on most of the Cloister roof in May (the 8th side needs completely replacing when we have the approximately £70,000 necessary).
- Early in June the Joy Mead hosted another challenging and fun 'Farthingstone Foot Fest'.
- Later in June we opened our gardens for a second very successful 'Farthingstone Open Gardens' with the Joy Mead as the centerpiece providing all the teas and plant sales. We raised a fantastic total of £2700 for village charities of which just under £2000 came to the Joy Mead.
- July saw a lovely sociable get-together for the annual 'Tea' followed by a great concert night at the end of the month with 'Back in Time'.
- A number of exceedingly generous donations made during the year have boosted our reserves and demonstrated strong support for the Joy Mead. The reserves will be essential for the next stage of work on the Cloister roof.
- An outstanding year in terms of total income generated: in total, with grants, donations and income from events, our income was £29,000.
- Various private hires ranging from children's birthday parties to a works 'do' – with many thanks – for our local surgery.
- The best 'Christmas in the Cloisters' yet with the Cloisters packed with people, a massive queue for Santa, everyone having a great time – and over £1600 raised.

Maintenance carried on as usual with the mowing rota over the summer and spring and autumn tidy-ups as well as other tasks such as hedge-cutting and weedkilling. Many thanks to everyone who helped – we couldn't manage without you!

Looking ahead:

2022 is going to be a busy year with a number of events planned to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Joy Mead. The key dates are as follows:

Saturday 2 July - 'Wind in the Willows': an outdoor theatre production of the classic tale.

100th birthday weekend 15 – 17 July:

Friday 15 July - Evening concert of 'Popular Music and Music Hall Songs from 100 years ago' in costume by 'GreenMatthews' duo.

Saturday 16 July - Evening concert by 'Chain of Fools'. Motown Soul and R&B straight out of 'The Commitments' film.

Sunday 17 July - Afternoon '100th Birthday Party' with teas, games and music from the Abingdon Wind Band.

The next maintenance priority is the '8th side' of the Cloister roof which needs a complete overhaul. The total cost is likely to be around £70,000: taking into account our current reserves (and leaving £5000 contingency) we therefore need to raise about £35,000.

Other projects which need addressing are re-pointing sections of wall (as much as possible by volunteers) and finishing off re-laying and securing the final section of path for which we have had a quote of £3000.

Thanks: The Joy Mead has been more than ever valuable as a community asset over the last 2 years. We are very lucky to have it – and to have the support from everyone in order to keep it going. A huge thanks as always to the Committee, to all the volunteers who help with maintenance, to all those who have made donations and to everyone who helps with and supports events. Thank you very much everyone!

Debbie Mason (Chair of the Joy Mead Committee)

JOYMEAD CHARITY TRUST**Summary of receipts and payments accounts**

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Year ending 31st December 2021

Income	Year ending 2016	Year ending 2017	Year ending 2018	Year ending 2019	Year ending 2020	Year ending 2021
Open Gardens				1040.7	0	2000
Hire of Joy Mead Garden	1400	830	150	0	50	360
Garden Party/ Back in time concert 2021	1540.29	0	1391.65	0	0	1055.75
Xmas in the Cloisters	860.98	856.11	963.83	1210.33	0	1634.05
Joymead tea	13.9	126.5	122.5	204.5	130.25	404
Donations	65	25	140	150	597.88	14035
Grants	532.95	1000	0	2000	0	9000
Invesco	325.61	319.7	310.18	345.51	309.76	199.99
M&G	36.24	36.24	25.62	22.08	23.65	19.7
Other/2021 Harvest Supper				332.63	551.5	474
	4774.97	3193.55	3103.78	5305.75	1663.04	29182.49

Expenditure	Year ending 2016	Year ending 2017	Year ending 2018	Year ending 2019	Year ending 2020	Year ending 2021
Insurance	1589.34	886.44	1019.38	1570.87	1399.75	1600.53
Repairs	1764	1003.5	4900	42.92	2731.59	9742.2
Electricity	114.17	125.34	98.97	108	117	99
Water	75.57	46.46	58.29	56.09	46.37	55.17
Equipment	332.95	66.23	20.88	20.88	0	0
Mowing	6.23	196.21	162.78	142.39	124.45	153.62
Hall hire	59.5	22.5	0	0	0	0
Joymead Tea	0	45.48	82.3	64	0	10
Tree work			350	0	0	0
other			12.5	0	12188.5	70
	3941.76	2392.16	6705.1	2005.15	16607.66	11730.52

<i>Surplus / deficit</i>	833.21	801.39	-3601.32	3300.6	-14944.62	17451.97
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Receipts and Payments Summary**Community****Deposit****Totals**

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	Petty Cash	Account	Account	
Balance brought forward 1st January 2021	0	527.42	13691.07	14218.49
Less total payments/transfer	0	-11730.52		-11730.52
Add total receipts	0	29182.49	1.36	29183.85
		17979.39	13692.43	<u>31671.82</u>

Balances	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Community Account	14971.37	15772.76	12171.44	15472.04	527.42	17979.39
Business Premium Account	48.22	48.24	48.32	1550.7	13691.07	13692.43
Petty cash		0	0	0	0	0
M&G Charities	1016.13	999.81	962.38	977.51	985	954.82
Invesco Exempt Fund	10012.07	10,359.54	8395.83	8696.82	6637.45	7396.34

<i>Asset value</i>	26047.79	27180.35	21577.97	26697.07	21840.94	£40,022.98
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<i>Community Account bank balance as at 31.12.21</i>	£18,116.09
unbanked cheque	£136.70
True balance	<u>£17,979.39</u>

Tony Wilson
Treasurer 31.12.21

JOY MEAD CHARITY TRUST

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2021 / 2022

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination.

1. Accounting records were kept in respect of the Trust
2. The accounts agree with those records

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

I agree with the recommendations made by the Treasurer at The Annual General Meeting.

Signed:

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Date:

14 February 2022