

Independent Examiner's Report

Friends of Belfast Botanic Gardens  
(a company limited by guarantee)

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

As the charity trustees (and also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

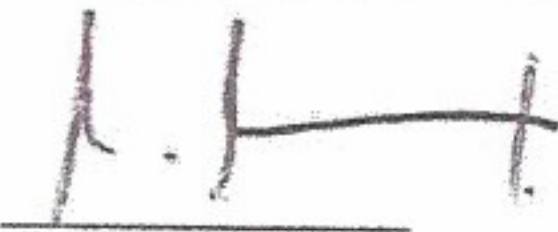
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- 1) That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act
- 2) That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- 3) That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.
- 4) That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with the following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters require drawing to your attention.



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*14 August 2025*