

Report of Trustees for Financial Year April 2024-March 2025

Trustees

We have 5 Trustees elected by the members and 2 co-opted trustees.



Income

The closing bank statement at 31st March 2025 shows a balance of £4620.19. Closing Petty cash was £460.56 giving a total of £5,080.75. We have accruals totaling £2715.00. Our only guaranteed income comes from membership subscriptions which are set at £15 per year. With 56 members, we can count on a minimum income of £840. We raise additional funds through members' and visitors' donations and sales from our pop-up cafe on our Open Days. We did not apply for grants this year and we received a bequest of £250 from the family of [REDACTED] a former member.

The accruals pertain to Legal fees, and fees due to the Glasgow City Council for rent and the administration of the lease.

Expenditure

An analysis of our expenditure shows we spent money on maintenance and repairs, administration, pop-up cafe, events and an access audit.

Activities

Our garden is both a growing space and a place where members come together socially in friendship and celebration. Throughout the year we arranged events inside the garden and outside. The garden events included Sunday socials, an 80th birthday celebration, our Burns Event, A Poem, a Pie and Plant. In November, we held an event in memory of our deceased members.

Some of us were able to enjoy lunch at the City of Glasgow College Scholars Restaurant in October and December. We held a festive social between Christmas and New Year.

We are keen to share our wonderful space with the wider public and this year we hosted six Sunday Open Days starting in April and these ran until the Doors Open Festival in September. We also welcomed ad hoc and planned visitors like the International Club.

We also introduced a pop-up cafe on our Open Days, and this has provided us with an income source after costs were deducted.

We commissioned an Access Audit by Glasgow Access Panel to give us a steer as to how we could improve access for people with disabilities. The first thing we did after the audit was provide access information on our website and we identified what measures we could reasonably undertake and we planned a schedule of physical adjustments.

We have continued to maintain and upgrade the amenity of the spaces to south and north of the garden with wildflower and spring planting and external floral borders.

Social Media: Website & Facebook

Our website is up and running as is the Facebook Group. Although they have a twitter / X account, we don't use it. We keep the website up to date with notifications of Open Days and other events.

Website: <https://greyfriarsgardenglasgow.co.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/923611618355786>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GreyfriarsGdn>

Future

We look forward to our third gardening year in our prominent High Street location and to welcoming new visitors. We have a waiting list and as only around four plots become available each year, for those at the end of the list it could be a five-year wait. We are looking into creating a Friends' Membership for people on the waiting list. We are keen to see the Lease concluded with Glasgow City Council but as this is in the hands of both sets of solicitors, there is nothing we can do to expedite matters. We will apply again to be in the Glasgow Doors Open Festival for 2025.

We are keen to minimise waste and we will introduce a produce sharing scheme.



