

BERKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST
(a company limited by guarantee)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

REGISTERED OFFICE
23 St James Close, Pangbourne, Berkshire RG8 7AP
Registered in England and Wales – Company number 6905541

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
including Directors' Report

The trustees have pleasure in submitting their annual report together with the accounts for the year to 31 March 2020.

Objects of the Trust

The company's principal activity, as established by its memorandum and articles of association, is to act as an educational charity by promoting the understanding, conservation and enhancement of the parks and gardens of Berkshire. During 2019/2020 the company held lectures and organised garden visits.

The directors of the company are the trustees, who decide on all matters of policy through the committee of the trustees.

Accumulated Fund

The net movement in the fund for this accounting year of the company is shown on page 7 of the attached accounts. The trustees propose to utilise the fund for further activities in the continuation of the company's objects. The company does not incur any commitments that cannot be satisfied from the fund.

Directors

The directors who were in office at the end of the period covered by this report were:

Charles Elly	Bettina Kirkham (Chair)
Janet Fuller (Vice-chair)	Alison Mihail
Fiona Hope (Secretary)	Hugh Simon (Treasurer)

As the company is limited by guarantee, no directors have any interest in shares of the company.

By Order of the Directors

F M Hope

Fiona Hope
Company Secretary and Director

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required

- to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- to make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- to prepare financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	<i>Note</i>	£ 2020	£ 2019
<u>Incoming Resources</u>			
Donations and Gift Aid	<i>1c</i>	695.95	926.14
Membership subscriptions	<i>1c</i>	1,048.00	1,036.00
Events		1,840.94	1,551.00
Total Incoming Resources		3,584.89	3,513.14
<u>Resources Expended</u>			
Promotion and website		834.21	545.44
Tenth anniversary celebration (net expenditure)		2,126.92	-
Publications and research		109.26	-
Insurance and memberships		498.50	456.50
Administration and travel		21.00	13.00
Events		1,331.55	930.75
Depreciation	<i>1d</i>	155.64	-
Total Resources Expended		5,077.08	1,945.69
Interest received	<i>3</i>	81.67	42.34
Net (outgoing) / incoming resources for year	<i>2</i>	(1,410.52)	1,609.79

The notes on pages 6 and 7 form part of these accounts.

There were no gains or losses in the year other than those disclosed above in the income and expenditure account.

The financial statements for the year are prepared on an unmodified historical cost basis.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2020

	<i>Note</i>	£ 2020	£ 2019
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	5	622.56	-
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors		330.18	426.53
Stock		25.24	46.27
Accrued income		-	105.00
Deposit account	3	10,000.00	10,000.00
Cash at bank	4	7,482.08	8,727.85
Total Current Assets		17,837.50	19,305.65
<u>Creditors</u>			
Amounts falling due within one year:			
Accrued expenditure		58.75	-
Deferred income		770.18	264.00
Total Creditors		828.93	264.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS		17,008.57	19,041.65
NET ASSETS		17,631.13	19,041.65
FUNDS			
At start of year		19,041.65	17,431.86
Net (outgoing) /incoming resources for year		(1,410.52)	1,609.79
ACCUMULATED FUND	6	17,631.13	19,041.65

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For the year to 31 March 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of directors by written resolution dated 9 July 2020 and signed on their behalf by

B M Kirkham Bettina Kirkham, Chair

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020
(forming part of the financial statements)

1. Accounting Policies

a) Accounting basis

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

b) Cash flow statement

The company has elected not to prepare a Cash Flow Statement under the exemption granted to small and medium sized companies.

c) Subscriptions and donations received

Subscriptions are receivable for the right to be a member of the Trust; accordingly they are accounted for over the year to which they relate. Donations and Gift Aid are recognised when received by the Trust. Although not a registered charity, the Trust is treated as a charity for tax purposes under agreement of HMRC and hence is entitled to claim Gift Aid.

d) Depreciation

Fixed assets are depreciated at the rate of 20% of cost per annum.

2. Net Income / (Deficit) for the Period

This represents the net amount of receipts after provision for all outgoings during the year.

The directors receive no remuneration for their services to the company. Directors are reimbursed for some expenses necessarily incurred in furtherance of the company's objects. There are no employees and consequently there are no staff costs.

3. Deposit Account

	£ 2020	£ 2019
Nationwide Business 95 Day Saver	10,000.00	10,000.00
	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>

The deposit account is a variable interest rate account on 95 days' notice at the Nationwide Building Society. During the year interest rate averaged 0.90% (2019 0.82%). Interest is recognised in the year received.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020 (continued)

4. Cash Balances at Bank

	£ 2020	£ 2019
National Westminster Bank current account	7,482.08	8,727.85
	<u>7,482.08</u>	<u>8,727.85</u>

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

	£ Projector and Cable Guards	£ Display Stands and Sail Flags	£ Total
<i>COST</i>			
At beginning of year	-	514.32	514.32
Purchases	393.00	385.20	778.20
At end of year	<u>393.00</u>	<u>899.52</u>	<u>1,292.52</u>
<i>DEPRECIATION</i>			
At beginning of year	-	514.32	514.32
Charge for year	78.60	77.04	155.64
At end of year	<u>78.60</u>	<u>591.36</u>	<u>669.96</u>
NET BOOK VALUE:			
At 31 March 2020	<u>314.40</u>	<u>308.16</u>	<u>622.56</u>
At 31 March 2019	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6. Accumulated Fund

	£ 2020	£ 2019
Opening balance	19,041.65	17,431.86
Net movement in the fund for the year	(1,410.52)	1,609.79
	<u>17,631.13</u>	<u>19,041.65</u>