

Hampshire Gardens Trust

Annual Report 2022

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since most Covid restrictions were lifted earlier this year, the Hampshire Gardens Trust team has been able to return to a much more normal pattern of Spring and Summer events and activities — which is a refreshing change after the last two years of the pandemic. We are very grateful to our small team of volunteers and supporters who have made this happen, and we remain as determined as ever to make certain that we continue to operate in a very positive way to support our on-going ambitions. In particular, since its launch in February 2021, we have further developed our growing programme of Garden Plans for Schools (GPfS). We continue to use our expertise in Conservation & Development and Research to help us generate wider public interest and nurture Hampshire's most significant and historic gardens, parks and designed landscapes.

We achieve our core aims and responsibilities through the work of our three main teams who focus on *Conservation & Development*, *Research* and *Education* (including GPfS). The separate *Events* team creates a programme of relevant visits and talks to inspire HGT members and guests — and this helps to generate a little revenue, as well as broaden our marketing efforts. We are also very grateful for the work carried out by Jo Bolt, our energetic administrator, who achieves extraordinary results in the 3+ days she works each week. In addition to the main group of volunteers and trustees, HGT is dependent on the participation of its members.

The HGT Education Team, led by Jill Walmsley, has attracted new volunteers, especially in relation to the GPfS programme which continues to grow. We now have 3 locations where we help support schools with the introduction of an 'edible playground' and have plans to raise additional funds for 2 or 3 new schools in 2023. Generally, the GPfS work relies on matched funding with participating schools so that we secure full engagement and cost-effective structure, all of which is closely managed by a growing number of volunteers as well as a part-time professional gardener.

Following Hampshire County Council's (HCC) recent decision to withdraw funding we now need to focus on fundraising and are currently on the lookout for a new trustee to help with this project.

In spite of recent challenges, HGT has managed to control costs and maintain our momentum as we have increased membership over the last 2 years, and we plan to continue to broaden our membership base. The Research Group's work, led by Sally Miller, continues its work to trace the history of Hampshire's plant and tree nurseries and will soon be publishing the results of their efforts. The C&D team, led by Mike Ricketts, has kept a close eye on any new property developments that may threaten historical sites throughout Hampshire – as well as maintaining the county Register of parks, gardens and designed landscapes on behalf of HCC.

Whilst we are acutely aware of the threat of a cost of living crisis and recession, the HGT Trustees remain optimistic about future developments and are grateful to our President, Alan Titchmarsh, who lends his support to our activities when the opportunity arises.

Ted Wake Chairman

Honorary Treasurer's Annual Report

Results and Funds

The results for the year ended 31 March 2022 show a surplus for the year of £12,199. This is made up by a surplus of £14,350 on restricted funds and a deficit of £2,151 on unrestricted funds.

The restricted fund surplus results from the further donations for the Garden Plans for Schools Fund.

As far as the unrestricted fund is concerned, the year was once again affected by covid. However, the Zoom Lectures continued to provide much-needed additional income for the unrestricted fund, along with the very successful garden visits. Expenditure totalling £35,909 was, once again, kept well under control, resulting in the small deficit. This was a satisfactory outcome in the circumstances.

Cash at bank at 31 March 2022 amounted to just over £68,541, with net assets of £66,710.

Reserves Policy

Money continues to be set aside in designated funds for conservation and development (£5,500) and for education (£2,000). There also continues to be a need for some emergency conservation work.

In addition, it is deemed prudent to retain sufficient funds to meet at least six months normal expenditure.

Richard Green-Wilkinson Honorary Treasurer

RESEARCH GROUP

Like many groups we lost a few members post pandemic but gained two new ones. However we do need to recruit more and we welcome anyone who has an interest in the history of Hampshire's parks and gardens. There are sites still to research and projects to get involved with: all new recruits get an induction and as much help and support as they need. So do come and join us! In the first instance please contact our administrator on admin@hgt.org.uk.

The three new research projects we began in 2021 are still on-going and we are very pleased that Hampshire Record Office is again accessible although with reduced opening. The archives housed there are vital to our work.

The aim of our historic plant nurseries project is to identify significant plant nurseries in Hampshire from the mid-18th century when provincial nurseries first appeared, to the early 20th century. When we researched Herriard Park in 2018, for our book about Humphry Repton's work there in the last decade of the eighteenth century, we discovered the North Warnborough nursery of John Armstrong. A few others were known to have existed, but none had been properly researched, apart from Hilliersⁱ. Work this year has added substantially to the list, including some unknown names drawn to our attention by HGT members. Plant nursery records are notoriously fragmented and difficult to piece together: nurseries changed hands quite frequently and many records were lost or destroyed in the process. We are creating a database which will be accessible on our research website and we plan in the coming year to publish our research and offer talks on the interesting stories of generations of Hampshire nursery men and women, some of whom specialised in raising new or exotic plants.

A serendipitous result of further research into the Armstrong family was the discovery that John Armstrong's son became a plant hunter in Australia and Timor, sending back plant samples and seeds to Kew. We are continuing to research his life.

A key lesson of the pandemic was that green space near residential areas is vital for health and well-being when little else is accessible. Pre-pandemic we had completed our survey of urban parks updating a 1997 HCC Survey, but that covered only 6 of HCC's 11 Districts and excluded the two Unitary Authorities of Southampton and Portsmouth. In 2021 we started work on a second stage of this project, recording the condition of the remaining urban parks in the county. Southampton is well served by SCAPPS (Southampton Commons and Parks Protection Society), so the project group started with Portsmouth. That survey was completed this year – it is excellent - and it is available to download from our research website http://research.hgt.org.uk Portsmouth is endowed with many historic parks and the researchers were impressed with the design, quality and good levels of maintenance they found.

There are 61 parks and gardens in Hampshire listed by Historic England but most of the entries have not been updated since the turn of the century. It is important to update these records not least because the historic significance of sites can be damaged by inappropriate changes or the impact of development schemes. We need some new researchers to help with this project!

Eleven years ago, we took over from Hampshire Country Council the task of maintaining the Hampshire Inventory of Historic Parks and Gardens and this continues to be a key responsibility. I am extremely grateful to Janice Bennetts who, although officially 'retired' continues to update the Inventory as

needed and has worked on the Urban Parks project including compiling and publishing the finished research to a very high standard.

I have now been leading the Research Group for many years and I appreciate the hard work. advice and support from those who have helped me to run the group: Sheila Carey-Thomas, Dee Clift, Janet Hurrell and Helen Powell.

Sally Miller Chair, Research Team

¹ 'Hillier, The Plants, The People, The Passion' by Jean Hillier is available from www.hillieronline.co.uk

CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The day-to-day work of the Team has continued apace in responding to planning consultations and enquiries, in liaison with the Research Group and The Gardens Trust throughout the past year. The Team has managed to maintain normal activity and keeping in touch working mostly remotely together with the odd Zoom meeting. However, in October, some of us were able to meet together in person for a catch-up and to pay a site visit to our proposed environmental improvement project in for the riverside Memorial Garden in New Alresford. The site is a small open space (which is dedicated to those lost in the Great War, but has become overgrown in part and itself lost some of its original features) adjacent to the riverside footpath and is popular walk for the local community and for visitors. Following a start-up grant of £490 for a site survey last year, Russell Gordon-Smith has kindly taken on the job of consulting with the Town Council and has designed a proposal for further consideration. It is intended that this should now go out for further public consultation and sources of funding will be explored. Earlier this year, the Team also gave a grant of £500 towards the Aldershot Military Museum Remembrance Garden which has recently been completed.

After a slightly slow start to the year, planning consultations eventually began come on stream and over the past year the Team, together with the Research Group and in liaison with *The Garden Trust* have dealt with over thirty enquiries. The following are a selection of the main planning and site consultations in the districts that were responded to, or are being monitored, since January 2022:- The Elvetham Hotel, Hart; Shepwood House, Hart; Minley Manor, Hart; Brockhurst Park; Grange Park, Northington; Hackwood Park; Chawton Park Farm; Bramshill House; Victoria Park, Portmouth; Pylewell, Lymington; King john's Hunting Lodge, Odiham Common; Rhinefield Lodge, New Forest; Havant Thicket (Lee Park) Reservoir; Southampton City Vision and Fareham Local Plan 2037 Modifications.

One major development site which continues to be monitored, primarily because of its size and potential impact is the delivery of Welborne Garden Village - a new district community of 6,000 homes on the open landscape north of the Fareham town centre and close to Junction 10 on the M27. Stretching northwards towards Knowle and part of the Southwick Estate, it will be one of the largest community developments in Hampshire. The developer Buckland has started discussions with a number of regional house builders, rather than a national plc company, with the likelihood of two being appointed for the first phase of development. The nitrate assessment for the whole site has been completed and various archaeological surveys are now due. Buckland are preparing a public information event on the Design Code for the development to explain how it will apply at Welborne. The guarantee of funding for the future of junction 10 of the M27 has been the subject of media reporting during the summer, but it needs to be in place for work to start in 2023. A Welborne Community Forum is to be set up by

Fareham Borough Council in order to involve neighbouring communities and other interested parties in the ongoing process. The Fareham Society continue to be involved with the present community liaison group and are continually monitoring the whole process.

As usual, my gratitude must go to the Team on behalf of the Trust and the communities that they serve – Diane Hargreaves, Jennifer Adams, Deane Clark, Nikki Barker, Robyn Butcher, Janet Hurrell and Sally Miller for their hard work and commitment over the past year in liaison with the Research Group and also to Jo in the Office.

Michael Ricketts

Chairman, Conservation and Development Team

Education Report

We are very proud with the progress made by our Garden Plans for Schools projects. Our scheme provides a professional gardener/teacher to run weekly gardening and growing sessions that are fun and educational.

We launched the Edible Playground at Oliver's Battery Primary School, Winchester in February 2021 and HGT is now a valued part of the school community. Our second project at Redbridge Primary has just completed its first full year of edible gardening. This project provides the children, many of whom live in tower blocks, with a chance to learn about the natural world and enjoy the benefits that gardening brings.

We are delighted with how much all the children enjoy learning about freshly grown food and trying new flavours.

In addition, our grant to Botley C of E Primary has been much appreciated and they are now running a successful gardening club in their bountiful grounds.

With Felicity Gray and Kevin Barton on board along with our fantastic volunteers we have a great team. Of course we welcome any interested HGT members to join us. In order to expand 'Garden Plans for Schools' in 2023 and beyond we would be delighted to hear from HGT members about suitable primary schools or professional individuals who may want to start a school project for us.

Do contact Jill Walmsley <u>walmsley.jill@gmail.com</u> or Felicity Gray <u>felicity.gray13@gmail.com</u> for more information about how you can help.

Please follow our adventures @Sowyummyfood on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

Jill Walmsley
Education Team Lead

EVENTS TEAM

Well, what a year it has been for both the HGT and our gardens. Ranging from large stately homes to personal plantswoman plots, I was delighted that our venues were all much appreciated and our hosts provided that extra personal touch on many occasions.

The year started in April with a visit to Kingston Bagpuize with a guided tour of the house and after the garden visit the group enjoyed afternoon tea. Continuing the Gertrude Jekyll theme from earlier years, Munstead Wood, Miss Jekyll's home, was next on our list. In May, moving north the guided tour of the landscape garden surrounding Englefield House was well attended. Next on our list, and with the kind permission of Lady Portsmouth, a smaller group were given the opportunity to visit Farleigh House. A private venue normally, this was a real treat.

Deciding to see how adventurous our members were, I arranged a day out in Wiltshire in June. I was thrilled with the attendance, over thirty of us spent the morning in the 5-acre walled garden of West Lavington Manor. It was a beautiful sunny day and in the afternoon the gardens of Chisenbury Priory were looking beautiful, and our hosts were most welcoming. In July, Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants took us behind the scenes and in the afternoon, Spring Pond, Laverstoke was looking at its summer best. One of the highlights for many members was the visit to Sages in the village of Privett. Developed and designed by the owner Joanne it is a garden designer and plantsman's paradise. In August we headed north to Boxford House near Newbury, where Head Gardener Tammy was our host.

The final outing of the year was quite spectacular. Victoria, the owner, of The Rectory at East Woodhay, presented the garden in all its structural and colourful glory. The sun came out and the planting was much admired.

I am working on next year's programme, and it is my intention is to have the whole year's dates ready for booking which will start early in the year.

Gillian Taylor	
Events Chair	

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hampshire Gardens Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material aspect:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Ralph Crump

Ralph Crump Accountants Limited

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Date 31 October 2022

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted 1	Designated	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
DVGOVE	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Grants, donations and subscriptions	6,695	_	21,610	28,305	8,330
Hampshire County Council Grant	17,000	-	-	17,000	17,000
Income from trading activities	6,885	-	-	6,885	1,889
Interest received	178	-	-	178	314
Gift Aid	2,000	-	3,000	5,000	500
	32,758	-	24,610	57,368	28,033
LESS EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure directly for charitable purposes	3,818	-	9,327	13,145	1,540
Expenditure for management and administration	31,091	-	933	32,024	26,572
	34,909	-	10,260	45,169	28,112
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(2,151)	-	14,350	12,199	(79)
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021	37,486	7,500	9,525	54,511	54,590
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward 31 March 2022	35,335	7,500	23,875	66,710	54,511

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

		20	22	202	2021		
	Note	£	£	£	£		
Fixed assets Petersfield Physic Garden Centre	2	÷		**	»: •		
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank	3	7,280 68,541 75,821		1,500 59,639 61,139			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	4	9,111		6,628			
Net current assets			66,710		54,511		
Net assets			66,710		54,511		
Funds Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	5 1	42,835 23,875 66,710		44,986 9,525 54,511			
Total funds			66,710	7	54,511		

The Trustees have acknowledged their responsibilities for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the charity's activities for the year then ended in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities Accounting Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

The accounts were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 17/11/22 and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS (FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY)

	2022		21
£	£	£	£
INCOME			
Grants, service level payment, donations			
and subscriptions			
Hampshire County Council Grant 17,00	0	17,000	
Donations 55	0	1,030	
Subscriptions 6,14	5	5,350	
Gift Aid 2,00	0	500	
	25,695		23,880
Income from trading activities			
Members' events 6,82	5	1,729	
Research group events 6	0	160	
	6,885		1,889
Income earned from assets			
Bank interest 17	8	314	
	178		314
TOTAL INCOME	32,758	- -	26,083

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS (FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY)

	202	22	2021	
	£	£	£	£
EXPENDITURE				
Expenditure directly for charitable purposes				
Grants:				
Conservation	500		500	
Education	-		-	
Members' events	2,222		275	
Promotion	250		35	
Lecture expenses	619		-	
Research	227	_		
		3,818		810
Expenditure for management and administration				
Secretarial salary (including PAYE and NIC)	21,907		19,148	
Office expenses, telephone and postage	3,070		2,778	
Printing and stationery	1,173		523	
Travel expenses	-		-	
Subscriptions	65		30	
Insurance	1,329		1,330	
Accountancy charges	1,760		1,260	
Website & IT	1,297		1,303	
Library	160		200	
Sundry expenses	330	_		
		31,091		26,572
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	_	34,909	_	27,382
	_		_	
Total Income		32,758		26,083
Total Expenditure		(34,909)		(27,382)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	_ _	(2,151)	_	(1,299)

INCOME AND EXPENDTURE ACCOUNT - DESIGNATED FUNDS (FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY)

	2022		2021	21	
INCOME	£	£	£	£	
INCOME					
IT Equipment	-		-		
Bursary Funds					
TOTAL INCOME	,	-	_ _	-	
EXPENDITURE					
IT Equipment	-		-		
Bursary Funds					
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			_		

INCOME AND EXPENDTURE ACCOUNT - RESTRICTED FUNDS (FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY)

	2022		202	1
INCOME	£	£	£	£
Gift Aid Garden Plans for Schools Fund	3,000 21,610		1,950	
TOTAL INCOME	=	24,610	=	1,950
LESS EXPENDITURE				
Secretarial salary (including PAYE & NIC)	622		_	
Office expenses and telephone	155		-	
Printing, post and stationery	156		-	
Garden Plans for Schools Fund	9,327		730	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	=	10,260	=	730
Surplus for the Year	_	14,350	_ _	1,220

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

2021

2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
	Funds	Funds	1 otai		Funds	Funds	1 otai	
	£	£	£		£	£	£	
CASH FUNDS	₩	*	*		*	₩	~	
Bank savings accounts	35,000	-	35,000		35,000	-	35,000	
Bank current accounts	12,666	20,875	33,541		15,114	9,525	24,639	
	47,666	20,875	68,541		50,114	9,525	59,639	
INVESTMENT ASSETS								
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Fixed assets - Petersfield Physic Garden Visitor Centre								
visitor Centre	-	-	-		-	-	-	
CURRENT ASSETS/LIABILITIES								
Debtors	4,280	3,000	7,280		1,500	-	1,500	
Creditors	(9,111)	´-	(9,111)		(6,628)	-	(6,628)	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	42,835	23,875	66,710		44,986	9,525	54,511	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	72,033	25,675	00,710		44,700	7,323	34,311	
		2022				2021		
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ACCUMULATED FUNDS								
Balance brought forward	37,486	7,500	9,525	54,511	38,785	7,500	8,305	54,590
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	(2,151)	-	14,350	12,199	(1,299)	-	1,220	(79)
Transfer between funds	<u> </u>					-	=	<u> </u>
Fund carried forward	35,335	7,500	23,875	66,710	37,486	7,500	9,525	54,511

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1.	RESTRICTED FUNDS	2022 £ £	2021 £ £
	Children's Homes Fund Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021 Fund carried forward	<u>892</u> 892	<u>892</u> 892
	Urban Parks Study Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021 Fund carried forward	<u>7,413</u> 7,413	7,413
	Humphry Repton at Herriard Park Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021 Add: Income Less: Expenditure Fund carried forward	- - - -	- - - -
	School Gardens Fund Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021 Add: Income Less: Expenditure Fund carried forward	1,220 24,610 (10,260) 15,570 23,875	1,950 (730) 1,220 9,525
2.	FIXED ASSETS		
	Petersfield Physic Garden Centre		
	Cost Balance at 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2022	22,242	
	Depreciation Balance at 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2022	22,242	
	Net book value Balance at 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2022		
3.	DEBTORS	2022 £ £	2021 £ £
	Accrued Gift Aid Prepayments Accrued income Other debtors	6,000 500 - 780 7,280	500 1,000 - 1,500
4.	CREDITORS	2022 £ £	2021 £ £
	Deferred income Other creditors	5,811 3,300 9,111	5,148 1,480 6,628

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

		2022		2021		
_	LINDESTRUCTED ELINDS	£	£	£	£	
5.	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
	General Fund					
	Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021	37,486		38,785		
	Add: Income	32,758		26,083		
	Less: Expenditure	(34,909)		(27,382)		
	Fund carried forward		35,335		37,486	
	Designated fund - IT Equipment					
	Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021	-		-		
	Less: Expenditure	-		_		
	Fund carried forward		-		-	
	Designated fund - Bursary Funds					
	Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021	-		-		
	Less: Expenditure	-		-		
	Fund carried forward		-		-	
	Designated fund - Conservation and Development	t				
	Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021	5,500		5,500		
	Fund carried forward		5,500		5,500	
	Designated fund - Education					
	Balance brought forward at 1 April 2021	2,000		2,000		
	Fund carried forward		2,000		2,000	
		_	42,835	_	44,986	
		_		_		