

Life in the gardens has almost returned to normal at the end of the first year free from Covid restrictions. Well almost normal ! Thankfully the majority of our volunteers survived without any lasting ill-effects and continue to work with undiminished enthusiasm planting, pruning, harvesting, and keeping the relentless weeds at bay. Beside the work of maintaining the gardens themselves, refurbishment of the glasshouse is on-going, benches have been repaired, paths relaid, the auricular theatre has been overhauled, and a new equipment store has been constructed in the lower garden.

The pandemic necessarily reduced many of our activities, however in June, along with three other gardens in Burton, we took part in the National Open Garden Scheme and welcomed many visitors through the gate. A special oak tree was planted to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and we hope to mark the Coronation in a similar way. Our series of regular evening lectures was put on hold, but a return to a full programme will hopefully happen in the not too distant future.

Our finances are in good shape and reserve funds have been set aside for equipment and various refurbishment projects including upgrading the kitchen area. Hire of the glasshouse has provided a steady income from weekly visits by a local yoga group, and meetings of various local history and U3A groups. We experienced an increase in visitor numbers during the lockdown, which appears to have continued, reflected in the on-going sale of plants and books. We are most grateful for the donation of books to add to the stock, but have to regularly remind people that we don't accept brick-a-brack, jigsaws, or hard-backed books which experience shows just don't sell – despite how good a condition they are !

Construction of the new houses has continued throughout the period and several are now occupied. Maintaining access to the gardens has at times proved challenging, but we are grateful for the support and co-operation of the site-owner, developer, and particularly Robin, the site-agent, and his team. The condition of the Waterloo Beech continues to be a matter of concern, particularly for the safety of people accessing the site, and a decision on its future is awaited.

Finally, once again our thanks go to all the volunteers for their work: To the Trustees for all their time and effort, to the Friends for their support, to our secretary, Janet, to our treasurer, Tony, to Connie who faithfully opens and shuts the gardens every day,..... and to all the other individuals who help to make Burton Manor Gardens a success ! Thank You.

Gavin Hunter. Acting Chairman.
March 2023

Friends of Burton Manor Gardens

Accounts for the Year Ended 30th November 2022

Movements within the Total Funds during the year

Funds as at 30th November 2021

Barclays Deposit Account	60974	
Barclays Current Account	4547	
Petty Cash Float	<u>159</u>	65680
Less Accountancy fee provision		<u>-150</u>
Movement within Year		65530
Surplus for the Year		<u>-6873</u>
Total Funds as at 30th November 2022		<u>58657</u>

Funds represented by:

Barclays Current Account	2745	
Barclays Deposit Account	55997	
Petty Cash Float	<u>65</u>	58807
Less accrual provision for accountancy fees		<u>-150</u>
Total Funds as at 30th November 2022		<u>58657</u>

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Accounts for the Year Ended 30th November 2022

Receipts and Payments Account

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Receipts		
Subscription	699	987
CWAC Grant	0	8335
Donations	810	251
Rent	8800	3000
HMRC Gift Aid	0	67
Bank Interest	22	6
Teas and Books	1157	1090
Plants and Gardening	2556	2835
Room Hire	879	175
Courses and Events	<u>30</u>	<u>1744</u>
Total Income	<u>14953</u>	<u>18490</u>
Payments		
Insurance	515	426
Glasshouse Repairs	14166	4250
Repairs and Renewls	200	188
Cleaning	491	474
Stationery and Computer Consumables	60	236
Accountancy Fees	150	150
Catering and General	226	116
Course and Events	0	1622
Gardening Supplies	1532	1488
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	50	54
Building Materials	348	559
Equipment	3252	2990
Sundry Items/Office/Phone	<u>836</u>	<u>707</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>21826</u>	<u>13260</u>
Surplus of Income for the year	<u>-6873</u>	<u>5230</u>