CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/ members of

Charity Name
Hereford In Bloom

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2025

Charity no.:	1154601	Company no.:	

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: Skaye **Date:** 21.09.26.

Name:	Sarah Kaye FCCA CTA
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Address:	R J Francis & Co Ltd, Suites 1 & 2 Marshall Business Centre, Faraday Road, Hereford HR4 9NS

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

HEREFORD IN BLOOM

Trustees' Annual Report to the Charity Commission

Charity name

Hereford in Bloom

Registered charity number

1154601

Financial year

2026

This has been a good year for Hereford in Bloom. Our beds, roundabouts and public spaces have continued to flourish, our relationships with local businesses and sponsors remain strong, and our volunteers have once again given generously of their time. The city's floral displays continue to be a source of pride for residents and a warm welcome for visitors, and our participation in the Heart of England in Bloom competition reflects the very best of what this community can achieve when it works together.

Kevin Knipe will step down this year after ten years as Chairman. Jane Daggers will take up the role of Chair. We wish her all the best success.

Objectives and Activities

Hereford in Bloom exists to promote the improvement of the environment and public open spaces within Hereford through horticultural and environmental activity, to encourage community involvement in gardening and civic pride, and to support participation in regional and national "in Bloom" competitions.

In carrying out our activities this year, the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Overall, the charity has had a good year, and its condition and position remain stable and consistent with previous years. Key activities and achievements included:

- Delivery of the annual Heart of England in Bloom judging tour, hosting judges Nicola Clark and Janet Gwinnett on a timed itinerary of sites across the city.
- Continued planting, maintenance and mulching of beds, borders and roundabouts across Hereford, supported by our volunteer network.
- Production of the annual Hereford in Bloom brochure, including a foreword from our Patron, Sylvia Richards.
- Maintenance of sponsorship relationships with local businesses, which continue to underpin the charity's funding alongside volunteer support.
- Regular committee meetings held at The Barrels, Hereford, ensuring good governance and oversight of the charity's activities throughout the year.

- Continued engagement with the City Council.

The trustees are pleased to report that the charity's activities have continued without significant disruption, and that its overall standing in the community remains strong.

Financial Review

The charity's accounts for the year have been independently examined by R J Francis & Co Ltd. The Independent Examiner's report and full accounts are supplied together with this Trustees' Annual Report and should be read alongside it.

The trustees confirm that the charity's financial position remains stable, with reserves maintained at a level considered appropriate to meet the charity's ongoing commitments.

Structure, Governance and Management

Hereford in Bloom is a charitable trust, governed by its constitution and administered by a committee of trustees.

After ten years as Chairman, Kevin Knipe is standing down from the role of Chair during this reporting year. He will remain a trustee of the charity, continuing to contribute his experience and support. Jane Daggers has taken up the role of Chair, following a planned handover period to ensure continuity of leadership.

The trustees wish to record their thanks to Kevin for his ten years of service as Chairman, and their confidence in Jane Daggers as she leads the charity forward.

Plans for the Future

Looking ahead, the trustees intend to:

- Support Jane Daggers in her new role as Chair, ensuring a smooth and effective transition.
- Continue to maintain and enhance Hereford's public planting and green spaces.
- Sustain and, where possible, grow the charity's network of sponsors and volunteers.

Trustees' Declaration

This report was approved by the trustees of Hereford in Bloom on 21 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by.



Kevin Knipe
Chair
21 September 2026

HEREFORD IN BLOOM
ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Sponsorship	10,772.00	Bulbs, Plants, Accessories	7,360.13
Interest	507.62	Maintenance	2,680.00
Herefordshire Council	60,000.00	Equipment	22.07
Hereford City Council	-	HIB Watering	15,120.00
Bulb Sales	1,198.20	HCC Watering	49,392.00
		Insurance	100.00
		Professional Fees	600.00
		Postage & Stationery	90.14
		Competition Entry Fees	280.00
		Judging Expenses	523.70
		Bank Charges	62.80
		Parking Fines	25.00
		Website	-
		Printing & Signs	646.64
		Volunteer Expenses	45.00
	72,477.82		**76,947.48**

	£
Brought forward (Bank Account) 31.12.24	
HSBC Account 02043009 - Charitable Bank account	20,835.57
HSBC Account 62257440 - Business Money Manager	30,863.02
Excess Expenditure Over Income	- 4,469.66
Carry Forward (Bank Account) 31.12.25	**47,228.93**
HSBC Account 02043009 - Charitable Bank account	15,858.29
HSBC Account 62257440 - Business Money Manager	31,370.64
	47,228.93

HEREFORD IN BLOOM
FRIENDS OF BLACKFRIARS ROSE GARDEN

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

INCOME		**EXPENDITURE**	
Donations	521.00	Plants	53.40
Sponsorship	830.00	Accessories	1,027.93
Garden Party	266.30	Garden Party	59.20
		Signage	549.30
		Bank Charges	56.02
		Printing	180.00
	1,617.30		**1,925.85**

Brought forward (Bank Account) 31.12.24	3,953.87
Excess of Expenditure over Income	- 308.55
Carry Forward (Bank Account) 31.12.24	**3,645.32**
HSBC Account 42194481 - Charitable Bank account	**3,645.32**