Knoll Gardens Foundation

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statement for year ending 31st December 2025

Charity Information

Charity Registration No.	1159390
Registered Office	Knoll Gardens, Stapehill Rd, Hampreston, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 7ND
Trustees	Rebecca Bourdon Andrea de Souza Nicola Haswell (to November 2025) Ross Humphrey Rowena Jecock (Chair) Neil Lucas Helen McIllmurray

This report covers the financial period 1 January - 31 December 2025.

The objects for which the Foundation was incorporated as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) in 2014 are:

- to promote, for the benefit of the public, environmentally responsible horticultural practices which conserve, protect and improve the physical and natural environments especially by, but not limited to, the undertaking of research, the provision of educational courses and by encouraging the development of Knoll Gardens as a showcase for environmentally responsible practices which benefit biodiversity.

The Foundation is managed by a small committee of Trustees, each of whom is elected for a period of up to three years. The trustees operate with regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Activities

The valuable work of our garden volunteers continued, supporting one full-time gardener at Knoll. As in previous years, work continued to develop new areas of planting in the Gardens, using species and varieties tolerant of a wide range of climatic conditions. There were some additions to a new series of garden message boards, to assist visitors in understanding Knoll's naturalistic style of planting, how plants are

chosen, and their interaction with local wildlife. Volunteers in the nursery and plant centre assisted with care and maintenance of the large number of these plants propagated and grown at Knoll. Others in our volunteer cohort continued work to review the extant garden planting against historic planting records, ensure both new and established plants are recorded, and labelled for the benefit of visitors, as well as contributing to an ongoing programme of wildlife surveys and monitoring. The Foundation is fortunate to have the assistance of other surveyors who undertake regular monitoring of the garden's butterflies, moths, dragonflies, bumblebees and reptiles, and occasional surveys of other fauna.

Dorset Wildlife Trust, the Bournemouth Natural Science Society, and the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust (ARC), have continued to provide assistance with aspects of our wildlife surveys.

More information about the surveys can be found on the Foundation website, http://www.knollgardensfoundation.org

We are grateful for the continuing support of all our surveyors.

Educational and community events and activities

During the Summer, the Foundation facilitated some guided walks for small groups of the public to see and learn about some of the insect life to be found in the Garden – notably butterflies and bumblebees. In addition, displays were provided of some of the numerous species of moths, following monthly night-time moth-trapping surveys organised by Mitch Perkins, our Wildlife Survey Co-ordinator.

We were pleased with the success of our first offering of a guided afternoon walk around the garden in September, to show participants some of the wildlife found in the garden and how the plants and planting style contribute to a thriving wildlife habitat. The walk commenced with a review of the moths caught in the garden during the previous night, and excitingly, the finding of a Blue Underwing (Clifden Nonpareil) which enthralled those present with a lengthy display while it warmed its wings before flight. It was a treat to find such an impressive and rare moth in the garden.

The Foundation offered several community open days during 2025. These open days provided free access to the garden for a variety of local community groups, to enable them to enjoy and learn about the garden and its ethos. Those attending included local gardening groups together with art and camera clubs.

A variety of events were hosted in the garden for the benefit of the local community, including yoga sessions, photography workshops and art/craft events.

Additionally, we ran an Open Day on 13th September, with volunteers on hand to assist visitors and explain how the garden is managed for the benefit of wildlife. All garden entrance fees on that day were kindly donated to the Foundation by Knoll Gardens Ltd.

With regard to other outreach activities, the Foundation facilitated further donations of plants to Wimborne Community Garden, created to provide therapeutic and productive gardening for people in Wimborne, and to students at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester, for their gold medal-winning display at the Gardeners' World Spring Fair in Beaulieu, Hampshire. We aim to continue to expand similar outreach activities in future years.

In conclusion, I give my warmest thanks to my fellow trustees and volunteers, together with the staff at Knoll Gardens for their help and support.

Rowena Jecock, Chair
October 2026

Knoll Gardens Foundation: Income & Expenditure (Jan-Dec 2025)

INCOME						**EXPENDITURE**				
Date	**Item**		**Amount**	**Notes**		**Date**	**Item**	**Ref**	**Amount**	**Notes**
	Balance bf 2024	£ 3,597.50								
01-Apr	Donation Box		£ 50.00			13-Jan	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 43.98	
22-Jul	Knoll Gardens		£ 24.00			20-Jan	HSBC (Bank Charges)	DD	£ 5.00	
29-Jul	Donation Box		£ 65.00			11-Feb	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 44.13	
16-Sep	Knoll Gardens		£ 69.00			07-Feb	LDS (Website Maintenance)	100043	£ 238.80	
30-Sep	Knoll Gardens		£ 375.00			20-Feb	HSBC (Bank Charges)	DD	£ 5.00	
14-Oct	Knoll Gardens		£ 51.70			11-Mar	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 44.08	
16-Jul	Knoll Gardens		£ 60.00			21-Mar	HSBC (Bank Charges)	DD	£ 5.40	
21-Oct	Pop up Garden		£ 280.00			11-Apr	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 44.08	
29-Oct	Donation Box		£ 85.00			20-Apr	HSBC (Bank Charges)	DD	£ 5.00	
	From KG for Fundraising Regulator		£ 60.00			29-Apr	ICO	DD	£ 47.00	
	From KG for LDS Domain Renewal		£ 103.20			12-May	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 44.08	
						21-May	HSBC (Bank Charges)	DD	£ 5.60	
						11-Jun	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 44.08	
						20-Jun	HSBC (Bank Charges)	DD	£ 5.00	
						11-Jul	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 44.08	
						21-Jul	HSBC (Bank Charges)	DD	£ 5.00	
						11-Aug	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 44.08	
						20-Aug	HSBC (Bank Charges)	DD	£ 5.66	
						11-Sep	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 44.08	
							Fundraising Regulator	KG	£ 60.00	
						13-Oct	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 44.08	
							LDS (Domain Renewal)	KG	£ 103.20	
						11-Nov	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 44.08	
						20-Nov	HSBC (Bank Charges)	DD	£ 0.74	
						11-Dec	NFU (Employers & PI)	DD	£ 44.08	
	2025 Income		£ 1,222.90							
	Total	£ 4,820.40					**Total**		£ 1,020.31	
	Balance to carry forward	**£ 3,800.09**								
	Closing Petty Cash Balance									
	Closing Bank Balance as at 31 Dec 2025	£ 3,800.09								
	Petty Cash	£ -								