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The Garden House (Marple) Charity

Unaudited Financial Statements

29 January 2026

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Financial Statements

Year ended 29 January 2026

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The Garden House (Marple) Charity

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 29 January 2026

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 29 January 2026.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The Garden House (Marple) Charity
Company registration number	11137746
Charity registration number	1182133
Principal office	Lakes Road Marple Stockport Cheshire SK6 7DH
The trustees	Kevin Swindells Charles Bryant Mark Hannon Collette Boswell
Accountants	Tobass Limited Suite 209 Peel House 30 The Downs Altrincham WA14 2PX

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document
The Garden House (Marple) Charity (the Charity) is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a memorandum and articles of association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees
The directors of the Charity are also trustees of the Charity and under the Charity's articles are known as members of the Management Committee. They are appointed in accordance with company law and the Charity's articles of association.

Induction and training of new trustees
Trustees normally attend a 'Trustee training' session run by a local legal practice.

Risk management
The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

Organisational structure
The Charity is governed by its Management Committee. The Management Committee is responsible for formulating the strategy and policies for the Charity including the approval of budgets and the exercising of financial controls through regular financial reporting.

The Charity is run on a day-to-day basis by Kevin Swindells and Hannah Hodgson.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims
The Charity is established to:

- To advance the education of particularly children and young people in the subjects of farming, including animal welfare and food production; and nature and the environment;

- To promote for the benefit of the public the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants;

- To preserve, restore, maintain and repair Samuel Oldknow's Garden House, Marple being of historical, architectural or constructional merit and to advance the education of the public in those features of its historical, architectural and constructional heritage that exists in and around the said garden house and its place within the Mellor Mill site.

- To advance such other exclusively charitable purposes according to the law of England and Wales as the Trustees shall determine from time to time.

Achievements and performance

'Working towards the wellbeing and empowerment of individuals and the wider community through heritage and the natural environment'

The past year has been one of sustained growth and impact for the charity. We are grateful for our dedicated team of volunteers and staff for their continued hard work. We thank those that have supported the charity financially across the year, and for helping to raise our profile and spreading our message. And we thank the many individuals and groups who have worked with us, visited, and benefitted from our services, helping to remind us on a daily basis why we do what we do.

The Garden House site is open Tuesday to Sunday all year round, operating a small entry fee for visitors. Our specialist services have enhanced in line with demonstrated local need this year. Our main supported placement provision, ELEVATE, identifies and tackles barriers to progression for young people in Stockport age 14-24 who are not in education, employment or training (NEET).

Through animal therapy and mentor support we remove barriers and bridge the gap to education and work for our beneficiaries, building confidence and life and work skills to help retain young adults and their parents/ carers in education and employment. Our work with the Probation Service Community Payback scheme provides group and individual placements for men and women with recent experience of the criminal justice system.

Our partnership work with local employers and organisations has grown this year to ensure identification of need and impact of support is beyond the gates of our farm. Our work on the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer Project with Sector3 and Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council has significant impact across Stockport and GMCA. We have been supported through the Work & Skills Fund to employ a mentor for the first time. We are now an approved provider of Alternative Education to schools and local authorities across the North West. We thank all our partners for continuing to provide a platform and give a voice to support joined up working and impact on a larger scale.

We thank all our grant funders and supporters who have enabled the charity to deliver impactful projects covering our wider work including wellbeing in nature, environmental awareness, young people's and adults' mental health. Funders include National Trust, Manchester Guardian Society, Skylight (Stockport Homes), Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund, MacNair Trust, National Lottery Community Fund, KAO Data Seed Fund. We thank the ongoing support of The High Sheriff of Greater Manchester's Trust, Riverside Café and Icy Bar CIC. The King's Trust and Co-op. We are grateful for our work to be recognised and supported at a local, regional and national level in this way.

Our reach is widespread across Greater Manchester. We continue to work with local schools and our specialist educational offer includes regular group visits from urban schools and nurseries across the region.

We are proud that our diverse volunteer and staff team continues to be led by those with lived experience of the challenges facing our beneficiaries, helping us to consider a range of perspectives, give agency and raise voices in the right way and shape our offer in line with need.

The Garden House has supported a number of commercial organisations to carry out volunteer task days on site. This has enabled us to raise awareness among new audiences within the business community of the work we provide and its need and impact. We thank those who have volunteered their time working on ground maintenance and environmental tasks as well as supporting with animal welfare.

The Trustees acknowledge the sustained hard work and success of the charity as reflected in the accounts for this year.

The Trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives and planning its activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial statements show total income of £96,548 (2025: £51,139), expenditure of £87,621 (2025: £46,402) and net income of £8,927 (2025: £4,737). Total funds are £12,762 (2025: £3,835).

Principal funding sources
The charity operates an entry fee for visitors, introduced from 1st July 2025. The charity is in receipt of donations from local organisations and community as well as grants from local, regional and national organisations to support delivery projects in line with the charity's aims and objectives.

Investment policy
The Charity currently has no funds to hold investments.

Reserves policy
At 29 January 2026, the charity held unrestricted funds of £12,762, of which £10,032 was represented by tangible fixed assets used in its charitable activities. Free reserves therefore amounted to £2,730.

The trustees aim to maintain free reserves equivalent to 12 months of operating expenditure, excluding depreciation, approximately £86,373, to meet ongoing commitments and manage fluctuations in income. At 29 January 2026, free reserves were £2,730, below this target. The trustees intend to build reserves progressively through surpluses from admissions income, unrestricted donations and the development of commercial partnerships. A timescale for achieving the target will be established through the charity's budgeting process. Progress will be reviewed quarterly alongside management accounts and cash-flow forecasts.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Plans for 2026/27
Our aims for 26/27 and beyond are to look towards establishing stronger commercial partnerships and direct commissioning opportunities to enable us to further meet the needs of our community, with a strong focus on developing our offer for NEET young people of Stockport.

The Charity continues to deliver the objectives listed in its memorandum of association.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

By order of the Management Committee

K Swindells

Director and Trustee

Date: 24/10/2026

The Garden House (Marple) Charity

Independent Examiner's Report

Year ended 29 January 2026

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Garden House (Marple) Charity
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Garden House (Marple) Charity (the Charity) for the year ended 29 January 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Charity (and also its directors for the purpose 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 Charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the 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, and 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 respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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 methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Tanya O'Toole

Tanya O'Toole
FCMA

Date: 20th October 2026

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The Garden House (Marple) Charity

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 29 January 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	79,916	–	79,916	51,138
Other income and activities		16,618	–	16,618	–
Investment income		14	–	14	1
Total income		96,548	–	96,548	51,139
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	5	87,621	–	87,621	46,402
Total expenditure		87,621	–	87,621	46,402
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		8,927	–	8,927	4,737
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		3,835	–	3,835	(902)
Total funds carried forward		12,762	–	12,762	3,835

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

The Garden House (Marple) Charity

Statement of Financial Position

29 January 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	**7**	10,032	4,170
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	**8**	13,377	1,235
Trade debtors		2,812	–
Total current assets		16,189	1,235
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**9**	(13,459)	(1,570)
Net current assets		2,730	(335)
Total assets less current liabilities		12,762	3,835
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		–	–
Unrestricted funds		12,762	3,835
Total charity funds	**10**	12,762	3,835

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the Charity to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS 102 SORP.

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf on

K Swindells

Director and Trustee

Date: 24/10/2026

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The Charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is a company limited by guarantee. The address of the principal office is Lakes Road, Marple, Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 7DH.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

The trustees have assessed the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from the date these financial statements are approved. In making this assessment, they have reviewed current management accounts, cash-flow forecasts and available information on confirmed and anticipated funding, taking account of the charity's operating commitments, restrictions on available funding and the timing of receipts and payments.

At 29 January 2026, the charity had net assets of £12,762 (2025: £3,835) and net current assets of £2,730. The forecasts indicate that the charity can meet its liabilities as they fall due throughout the assessment period, taking account of anticipated admissions income, donations and grant funding. The trustees recognise that this assessment depends on the continued receipt of income and will monitor financial performance and cash flow closely. If receipts fall below expectations, the trustees will seek additional unrestricted funding and reduce or defer discretionary expenditure where practicable.

On the basis of this assessment, the trustees consider that the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due throughout the assessment period and have therefore prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the statement of financial activities.

3. Accounting policies ***(continued)***

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is more than likely that the trustees will receive the funds and the amount can be measured with reasonable reliability.

Gift aid is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor has specified otherwise.

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the general income recognition criteria are met.

Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are those incurred raising income for the charity through events.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

3. Accounting policies ***(continued)***

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

Valuation, Capitalisation and Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets

The Charity capitalises relevant items that exceed £500 in cost. Tangible Fixed Assets are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Equipment	-	15% reducing balance

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash- generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Debtors

Debtors are measured initially at the settlement amount due. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Cash at Bank and in hand

This relates to current accounts held with UK banks and petty cash.

Taxation

The organisation is exempt from income tax by reason of its charitable status.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	**2026 £**	2025 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations and gifts	22,644	–	22,644	43,786
General grants	57,272	–	57,272	7,352
Total donations and legacies	79,916	–	79,916	51,138

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	**2026 £**	2025 £
Light, heat and power	4,328	–	4,328	2,745
Water costs	–	–	–	798
Business rates	–	–	–	44
Motor and travel expenses	35	–	35	–
Office and administration	436	–	436	144
Agricultural supplies and consumables	11,216	–	11,216	6,174
Veterinary costs	1,918	–	1,918	1,513
IT costs	116	–	116	369
Catering costs	–	–	–	171
Repairs and maintenance	3,072	–	3,072	3,946
Depreciation	1,248	–	1,248	736
Telephone	1,182	–	1,182	1,232
Volunteer expenses	4,061	–	4,061	12,140
Accountancy	760	–	760	611
Insurance	2,349	–	2,349	2,246
Bank charges	(399)	–	(399)	210
Fundraising fees	–	–	–	2,750
Legal and professional	17,112	–	17,112	9,048
Contractors	39,407	–	39,407	–
Cleaning	755	–	755	1,525
Membership fees	25	–	25	–
Total charitable expenditure	87,621	–	87,621	46,402

6. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Trustees received no remuneration or expenses during the year (2025 - nil).

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
Cost	
At 30th January 2025	9,772
Additions in the year	7,110
At 29th January 2026	16,882
Depreciation	
At 30th January 2025	5,602
Charge for the year	1,248
At 29th January 2026	6,850
Net book value	
At 29th January 2026	10,032
At 30th January 2025	4,170

8. Cash at Bank and in hand

	2026 £	2025 £
Cash at bank and hand	13,377	1,235

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2026 £	2025 £
Accruals and deferred income	13,130	1,570
Trade creditors	329	–
Total creditors	13,459	1,570

10. Analysis of funds

	Balance at 30/01/25	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 29/01/26
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	3,835	96,548	(87,621)	–	12,762
Restricted funds	–	–	–	–	–
Total	3,835	96,548	(87,621)	–	12,762

Analysis of funds – prior year

	Balance at 30/01/24	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 29/01/25
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	(902)	43,787	(39,050)	–	3,835
Restricted funds	–	7,352	(7,352)	–	–
Total	(902)	51,139	(46,402)	–	3,835

11. Share capital

The Company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of each person is limited to £1.

12. Related parties

Mr Kevin Swindells, trustee, has made donations to the Charity in the year amounting to £2,173 (2025: £11,000).

13. Fees for examining the accounts

	2026	2025
	£	£
Independent examiners fees	750	500

14. Analysis of assets and liabilities between funds of the Charity

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2026 £
Fixed assets	–	10,032	10,032
Current assets	–	16,189	16,189
Current liabilities	–	(13,459)	(13,459)
	–	12,762	12,762

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 £
Fixed assets	–	4,170	4,170
Current assets	–	1,235	1,235
Current liabilities	–	(1,570)	(1,570)
	–	3,835	3,835

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The Garden House (Marple) Charity

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 29 January 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	22,644	43,786
General grants	57,272	7,352
Sales	6,796	–
Services	2,812	–
Insurance claim	7,010	–
Investment income	14	1
Total income	96,548	51,139
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Light, heat and power	4,328	2,745
Water costs	–	798
Business rates	–	44
Motor and travel expenses	35	–
Printing, postage and stationery	436	144
Agricultural supplies and consumables	11,216	6,174
Veterinary costs	1,918	1,513
IT costs	116	369
Catering costs	–	171
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Bank charges	(399)	210
Membership fees	25	–
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Fund raising fees	–	2,750
Total expenditure	87,621	46,402
Net income/(expenditure)	8,927	4,737

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