Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1/1/25				31/12/25		

Charity name	The Northumbria Gardens Trust
Other names charity is known by	-
Registered charity number (if any)	1187196
Charity's principal address	Margery Flatts Farm Lanchester Co. Durham **DH7 ORS**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled t appoint trustee (if any)
1	Harry Beamish	Chair		
2	Fiona Green	Secretary		
3	Martin Roberts	Membership		
4	Nick Owen			
5	Tony Smith			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Annual General Meeting
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Vote by members attending AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1) To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Northumbria.

2) To advance the education of the public on matters concerned with the heritage, protection, conservation and enhancement of historic parks, gardens and other designated landscapes of Northumbria.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

3) Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

A programme of visits to historic designed landscapes in the region was successfully held commencing with a joint visit with the Yorkshire GT to Raby, providing an opportunity to see the results of the transformation following the major Raby Rising developments. This was followed by a visit to Blagdon, led by Head Gardener Jo Hinchcliffe, with the opportunity to see documents relating to the history of the estate over lunch and the opportunity to explore the wider landscape further in the afternoon.
The AGM in June was held in Hexham followed by a talk on the work of the Northumberland Archives Trust and then a visit to Duke's House, organised by Nick Owen, where we were welcomed by the enthusiastic joint owners, who led us on a tour of the grounds, following a splendid communal picnic to mark our 30th anniversary.
July saw a visit to the grounds of Callaly Castle in Northumberland, guided by Chris Mullen, who described the work of the joint owners over the years to recover and maintain this landscape. The visit continued to visit Edlingham castle and church.
In September, the planned Rockcliffe visit not being possible, advantage was taken of the open garden day at Skeeby Manor to combine the garden of long term supporters Val and Ian Hepworth, with that of nearby Croft Hall.
The autumn lecture in Newcastle was given by Simon Green, who spoke on the challenges of conserving and restoring historic landscapes today.

Planning

We continued to respond to the weekly planning lists forwarded by The Gardens Trust, who are statutory consultees on applications affecting designated sites (Registered Parks and Gardens). We aim to provide local information on proposed developments requiring a response where they are likely to have an impact on the Registered designed landscape, either responding to the planners directly or jointly with The Gardens Trust. The majority of proposals are uncontentious and we are fortunate to have several committee members with extensive research knowledge of the region and planning backgrounds which helps considerably in making assessments. Large development schemes can often be overwhelming, with extensive documentation to be considered, but the Heritage Statement provided by the developer often provides sufficient information to make a reasonable assessment of the likely impact of the proposals.
Applications/variations involving RPG's responded to in 2025 have included the usual range of proposals from the simple, usually modest alterations or additions to buildings within or adjacent to RPG's, involving a straightforward "no objection"; to the more large scale developments, such as the restoration of the Ryton Quarry land and the proposed renewable energy park near Greenside and Chopwell.

	The consultation on proposed removal of the Gardens Trust as a statutory consultee on planning applications affecting Registered Parks and Gardens was firmly responded to.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The policy is to maintain a modest reserve to cover the cost of future publications and other necessary expenses while keeping the membership cost low.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	N/A.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	HHB Beamish	14 oct 2026
Full name(s)	Henry John Hosford Beamish	

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	

Date 7/10/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
The Northumbria Gardens Trust	1187106

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1/1/25	To	Period end date 31/12/25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subs	491	-	-	491	618
Event income	1,168	-	-	1,168	574
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	1,659	-	-	1,659	1,192
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,659	-	-	1,659	1,192
A3 Payments					
TGT Subs and Insurances	371	-	-	371	356
Events and lecture costs	1,186	-	-	1,186	422
Bank charges	42	-	-	42	65
Membership Secs overheads	-	-	-	-	152
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,599	-	-	1,599	995
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	1,599	-	-	1,599	995
Net of receipts/(payments)	60	-	-	60	197
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,343	-	-	3,343	3,146
Cash funds this year end	3,403	-	-		3,343

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

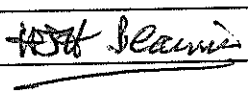
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Statement Dec 2025	3,403	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,403	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Henry John Hosford Beamish	6/10/2026