Annual Report – Covering Period 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024

Charity address: 7 Eldon St, Reading, RG1 4EA

Charity Type: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Charity Number: 1187238

Trustees:

Nichola Jeanne Ebbern	Chair
Richard Charles Parkinson	Treasurer
Daisy Coates	
Michael Robert Turner	Secretary
Jonathan Bartlett Sim	

Charity Structure and Governance

Our small charity is run by five trustees who manage all aspects of our charitable purpose from design and planning of the gardens, organising volunteer events to clear and plant the gardens and fundraising.

Should we need to recruit additional trustees, these would be from the local community. We would determine the particular skill set we require, advertise the position through our social media platforms requesting CVs to be submitted. Where we had multiple suitable candidates, we would undertake a formal interview process to select the individual most suited to our skills gap and charitable aims.

Charity Objectives

For the public benefit the conservation, preservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, in particular through the maintenance of the King George V Memorial Gardens (also known as (Eldon Square Community Gardens) located within the Eldon Square Conservation Area, Reading with the aim of enhancing the history and heritage of the designed landscape of Eldon Square, raising awareness of its local and national importance, promoting biodiversity within the gardens and conserving the gardens as a place for exercise, recreation and leisure for the benefit of the local community and visitors.

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Activities for the year

Our activities this year have been extremely limited with no new planting. This has been due to a shortage of volunteers and trustees time.

Due to lack of time and resources it has been decided to close the charity before the end of calendar year 2025. This will be done after autumn bulb planting for which we will use our remaining funds.

Achievements

Nothing notable this year though our previous work still enhances the gardens.

Financial Review

No funds have been raised in this financial year as no new planting costs were incurred and the charity had the tools necessary to perform the required maintenance.

The charity has not yet had the option of building reserves. As the position changes it is our intention to build a reserve that would enable planting and maintenance to be maintained for a period of 6 months and will also allow us to build towards long term plans, for example providing additional seating and setting aside an area as a sensory garden.

The reserve will also be beneficial when applying for grants that require match funding.

Declaration

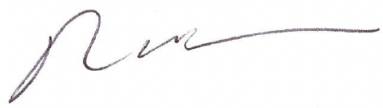
The trustees declare that have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.



Eldon Square Gardens Community Group

Michael Robert Turner: Secretary



Richard Charles Parkinson: Treasurer

Dated: 11/10/2025

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Receipts and payments accounts CC16a

For the period from Period start date 01/01/2025 To Period end date 31/12/2025

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					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
David Austin Roses	- 173	-	-	- 173	-
Norfolk Quality Plants	- 144	-	-	- 144	-
Erleigh Rd Community Gardens (Food for	- 42	-	-	- 42	-
Metro Bank Charges	- 3	-	-	- 3	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	- 362	-	-	- 362	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	-

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		-	-	-

		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-

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B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Richard Charles Parkinson	31/12/2025