

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust**

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Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements of a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (updated 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objectives of the Trust are to promote the permanent preservation and restoration of the Gardens (including any structures and buildings contained therein), which adjoin Castle Bromwich Hall, for the benefit and education of the public generally.

The Trust continues to restore and maintain the Gardens and keep them open to the public. Fundraising events take place throughout the year.

The Trust depends upon the contribution of a large number of volunteers who work across the whole range of its activities.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)', when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The twelve months of 2024 have been one of 'all sorts', with significant moments of turbulence across all aspects of the Trust's work.

Since the pandemic, the Trust's small team of staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to provide a truly welcoming space for visitors and users. Their cumulative work seemed to have paid off in 2024 with an unprecedented 53% rise in visitor numbers; topping more than 21,000 visitors for the first time and more than doubling pre-pandemic figures.

Over half of those visitors (62%) participated in our events and activities, while nearly 9% came purely for coffee, cake or a chat in our open air courtyard cafe.

We continue to be indebted to the (mere) fifty or so people who work so hard, enthusiastically and skillfully all year round to make the Historic Gardens and Parkland such a precious place for all to share.

While this positive hike in numbers is still not echoed by an equal hike in income, it nevertheless leads us to believe that, as a developing heritage visitor attraction, the message is now 'out there' and the balance of activities, opportunities and events is working, at least for now.

We were not alone however in also counting more weather related event cancellations; over ten across the year. Increasingly unpredictable weather events and shifting climate conditions continue to challenge both Gardeners and Visitor facing teams.

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Persistent waterlogging, wind damage and the unstoppable increase of voracious pests (eg Box Moth, *Cydalima perspectalis*) cannot be ignored. The Gardening team, alongside specialist Trustees, are developing short and long term policies to manage changes in cultivation and horticultural management. Implementing these across the next five years will be challenging physically, financially and for our historic continuity. A future where our early 18th century garden may have no box hedging at all, has to be contemplated.

Our continued, and newer, relationships with other horticultural and heritage organisations gives us a shared strength to face the future. We have active connections and shared projects with Garden Organic, the East Birmingham team of the National Trust, SPAB (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings) and continue to be happily allied to the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) and NGS (National Gardens Scheme).

New this year has been gaining a Bronze Award for Green Tourism and being part of a new marketing partnership, The Gardens of Birmingham. Both initiatives supported by West Midlands Growth Company. In 2025 we will also be submitting the Historic Parkland to be judged for a national Green Flag Award. Whether this is accepted or not, just being in a reasonable position to apply reflects the massive improvements we have already made to the 30 acre Nature Reserve. We continue to work positively in partnership with the land's owners, Birmingham City Council, to conserve the valuable and historic habitats for nature as well as opening up the area for people's enjoyment.

Further funding - as well as a great deal of staff and volunteer time - has also resulted in much revived and refreshed interpretation on site, more nature and family friendly activities and the launch of a new (free) digital tour guide through the Bloomberg Connects global arts and culture app.

A timely review of governance, begun in 2023, saw an overwhelming membership vote in favour of the update at an EGM in June, with its confirmation at the AGM in September 2024. The Trust's legal constitution has now been updated with the Charity Commission and Companies House.

Going forward, the Trustee Board will consist of people chosen and voted in because of the skills and experiences they have which are relevant to the Trust's work and development. A new Stakeholder Group, which has already met, also serves as a consultative group with local and regional interests in the Gardens..

Such reviews, which are part and parcel of good practice in the charity sector, are advised to be undertaken at regular intervals, this was the first for more than fourteen years.. We note here, with regret that so much productive time was lost, caused by a few who chose an antagonistic and combative approach to the process.

The current Trustees wish to thank the many others; trustees, members and interested parties who worked positively and constructively in the interest of the Trust as part of the review. into 2025 and beyond Trustees will continue to develop the Board to ensure good governance for the long term benefit of the Trust.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trust can now be confident that income raised through its own revenue streams and trading activities can cover a steady 60% of its annual costs and, with further investment, should grow steadily over the coming years.

In line with strategies to further diversify and grow the income streams the Trust began, with the help of funding from the Reach Fund, exploring the possibility of securing 'social investment'. The exploratory work to look at other forms of steady financing will continue into 2025. We are seeking a new trustee who has experience in the financial and social finance sector to support our investigations and growth here.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW CONTINUED

The, unusual, lack of any regular core funding and reserves for development work continues to leave a precarious and worrying gap in income for the Trust..

The 'heritage premium' of the Gardens i.e. the ongoing costs of preserving 350 year old protected buildings and landscape, is unlikely ever to be covered through revenue generation alone.

Fundraising for grants and donations will remain a permanent requirement for the Trust. An annual gap of around £130,000 is tough to fill on a regular basis. Existing foundations and grantmaking trusts themselves are struggling to meet the increased need in the voluntary and social sector. We will continue to work alongside experienced fundraisers in order to manage this shortfall.

Taking into account grant funding across financial years and unrealised gains and losses on investments the charity ends the year with restricted reserves of £177,615 and unrestricted reserves of £167,624, which provides the Trust with the ability to continue its charitable activities into the following year.

Although exceedingly tight control over expenses remains, a budget for the current year was set which includes investment into operational site improvements and support for further revenue generation.

Funds And Reserves Policy

Funds of the Trust at the end of the financial year are as follows:

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	£	£
General Funds	145,551	142,184
Designated fixed asset fund	22,073	30,110
Restricted funds - Projects	37,956	48,497
Restricted funds - Workshop & Gardeners Mess	139,658	144,645
	345,238	365,435

The Workshop & Gardeners Mess Fund represents historic amounts that were used to create some of the existing buildings of the Trust, are represented by fixed assets and will be used to fund future depreciation of the assets concerned.

Investment Policy

The Trustees' policy for the investment of funds is to obtain a balance between capital growth and income with medium risk. A proportion of the funds are held on interest bearing deposits which enable the funds to be readily available.

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024****Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Future Plans

Work into 2025 will concentrate on maintaining the number of visitors and users experienced in 2024 by offering similar activities, events and experiences.

We will increasingly work with partners who share the Trust's goals and values, to deliver these. Modest rises in entry fees and prices will be made in line with national figures, taking into account our local audiences' ability to pay.

With external help, we will seek grant funding to support both larger, longer term projects and support to keep prices and access to the Gardens achievable for those with less disposable income.

Buildings

In early 2025 we received a generous gift from The Bradford Estates Castle, Bromwich Parish Charity enabling us to take the first tentative steps towards planning - and fundraising- for new buildings and indoor resource spaces.

Our members and visitors tell us that the lack of indoor spaces severely limits attendance at events and by schools and groups. The cafe operations could also extend its season with additional indoor spaces.

Over summer in 2025 community architects, APEC, will work with all our users and stakeholders to identify needs and wishes and provide first concept drawings. From that stage begins a much longer period of fundraising and development.

The Trust's precarious and meagre financial position has not permitted such investments in the longer term future, so we are very appreciative of the support and confidence given by Bradford Estates charitable donation.

While the ease and level of engagement varies, we remain committed to maintaining positive connections with our neighbours at both the Hall /Hotel and at the Church to ensure the integrity of the historic experience for everyone.

Trustee and staff succession

Alongside planning a modest celebration of the Trust's 40th anniversary, the new Board of Trustees will set about the task of further developing the Board and expanding the skills needed for the plans ahead.

The Trust is actively seeking people to help guide the two new trading subsidiaries, the building and other environmental improvements and staff succession planning in 2025 and beyond..

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024****STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT****Governing Document and Organisational Structure**

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust, a charitable trust set up in 1985, is a Company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

The Trust is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which were updated and revised, in the current year 2024.

The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees (minimum of 3 and a maximum of 15) who are selected for their skills and experiences which are deemed beneficial to the survival and development of the Trust and its charitable objects. Trustees have power to co-opt for such a period they think fit any member, who in their opinion is able to contribute to the objects of the Trust. In line with good practice, Trustees are generally invited to stand for a limited period of time and retire by rotation.

Members of the Trust may attend and vote on resolutions and membership of the Board at general and annual general meetings. Membership of the Trust consists of Foundation members and ordinary members.

At present, as well as the necessary formal paperwork there is an informal process of induction for new Trustees carried out by the General Manager with a small sub group of Trustees. From time-to-time Trustees participate in further training and information sessions regarding governance issues.

The administration and regular operations of the Trust is carried out by the staff team with the support of the Trustees, who generally meet quarterly and participate in task and finish groups.

In 2024 an informal Stakeholder group, meeting quarterly, was set up to maintain active communication and conversation with individuals who have a local, regional and national interest in the Trust.

Key Management Remuneration

The board of directors, who are the charity's trustees comprise the key management personnel of the charity, in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. No directors were remunerated for services provided to the charity for this reporting period.

Risk Management

Trustees on an ongoing basis examine the major business and operational risks which the trust faces, these are regularly reviewed during trustee meetings and procedures are established and followed to minimise and mitigate against the major risks identified.

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024****REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Company Number:	01944650 (England & Wales)	
Registered Charity Number:	516855	
Registered Office:	Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust Chester Road Castle Bromwich Birmingham B36 9BT	
Accountants:	SAB Accountancy Services Ltd 102 Hamstead Road Birmingham, B43 5BN	
Independent Examiners:	Pearl Accountancy Services Ltd 61 Bridge Street, Kington, HR5 3DJ	
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank Plc 248 Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 3AE	
Investment Managers:	M&G Investments 10 Fenchurch Avenue London EC3M 5AG	CCLA Fund Managers Senator House 85 Queen Victoria Street London, EC4V 4ET

Trustees

The current Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, are as follows:

Richard, Earl of Bradford (Resigned 14th September 2024)	
Pauline Sylvia Allen (Resigned 14th September 2024)	Nominated by Castle Bromwich Parish Council
Diane Donaldson (Resigned 14th September 2024)	Nominated by Birmingham City Council
Helen Johnson	
George Edward Richards	
Martin McCarthy (Resigned 14th September 2024)	Nominated by Solihull MBC
Alan Feeney (Resigned 14th September 2024)	Nominated by Solihull MBC
Marjorie Bridle (Resigned 14th September 2024)	Nominated by Birmingham City Council
Ian Wykes (Resigned 14th December 2023)	
Bethan Collerton (Appointed 7th August 2024)	
Sebastian Walter Lovell-Huckle (Appointed 7th August 2024)	

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024****STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the report of the trustees and the financial statement in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires 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 income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Ted Richards, Trustee
31st May 2025

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust**Independent Examiner's Report
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024****INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

To the members of Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the above charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 3 to 11.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity's trustees (and also its directors for the purpose of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied ourselves that the financial statements of the Charitable Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, we report in respect of our examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out our examination, we have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In completing our examination, we can confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that:

The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or

The accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

We have no concerns and have not identified any matters during the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Samantha Jackson
Independent Examiner
Pearl Accountancy Services Limited

Date: 31st May 2025

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM					
Donations, Grantmaking Trusts and Legacies	2	28,771	102,138	130,909	149,457
Charitable activities	3	43,911	-	43,911	35,057
Other trading activities	4	118,343	-	118,343	91,527
Investment income	5	4,362	-	4,362	4,389
Total income		195,387	102,138	297,525	280,430
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	42,661	9,110	51,771	56,110
Charitable activities	7	158,723	108,555	267,278	286,970
		201,383	117,665	319,049	343,080
Net Income/(Expenditure) and Net movement in funds for year before investments gains/(Losses)		(5,997)	(15,528)	(21,524)	(62,650)
Net gains/(losses) on investments		1,327	-	-	(1,225)
		(4,669)	(15,528)	(21,524)	(63,875)
Total funds brought forward		172,294	193,142	365,435	429,310
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		167,624	177,614	345,238	365,435

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	10	22,074	139,656	161,731	174,755
Investments at market value	11	52,242	-	52,242	50,915
		74,315	139,656	213,972	225,670
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		108,404	37,956	146,360	174,539
Debtors	12	9,732	-	9,732	5,372
		118,136	37,956	156,092	179,910
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(24,826)	-	(24,826)	(40,145)
		(24,826)	-	(24,826)	(40,145)
Net Current Assets		93,310	37,956	131,266	139,765
Total Assets		167,625	177,612	345,238	365,435
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted Fund	15	167,624	-	167,624	172,294
Restricted Fund		-	177,614	177,614	193,142
Total Charity Fund		167,624	177,614	345,238	365,435

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**Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2024**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024 CONTINUED

For the year ended 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors / Trustees responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. In accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an independent examiner whose report appears on page 12

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Trustees on 31st May 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Ted Richards, Trustee

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements****At 31 December 2024****1 Accounting Policies****Basis of preparation****A. Company Status**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and in the event of it being wound up the liability of each of the members shall be for a sum not exceeding £1.

B. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (updated 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

C. Going Concern Assumption

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the charity will continue to operate. The validity of this assumption is dependent upon the continuance of support from the charity's key funders and stakeholders and upon increasing admission to the gardens and income from events. The charity's business plan shows that the charity will be able to operate in the foreseeable future. Based on this understanding the director trustees believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments, which would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

D. Charitable Status Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust is a registered charity and is exempt from corporation tax and capital gains tax provided its income and gains are applied for charitable purposes.

E. Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charitable company is legally entitled, ultimate receipt is probable, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then the income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity, and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Income relating to future periods, as a result of donor-imposed conditions specifying the time period, has been treated as deferred income.

F. Donated Gifts and Services

Donated gifts and services (in kind) are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from use by the charity of the items is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. On receipt, donated goods and services are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity, namely at the equivalent cost to the donating organisation. A corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure for the period.

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements****At 31 December 2024****G. Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to the expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the following activity headings:

- Raising funds comprise the direct cost associated with generating other trading income and raising funds from Trusts and other funding bodies.
- Charitable expenditure comprises the direct costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity, including grants payable and all associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

H. Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off the cost of each asset, less any residual value over its estimated useful economic life. The depreciation charge recognised each year relates to the class of the asset, the rates and classes are as follows:

Permanent buildings - *50 years straight line*

Composting toilet - *5 years straight line*

Fixtures & fittings - *5 years straight line*

Tractor Mower- *5 years straight line*

Courtyard building - *5 years straight line*

Gardeners store - *10 years straight line*

Fixed assets are capitalised where their value exceeds £500 unless otherwise determined by the Trustees

I. Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are valued at mid-market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Realised gains or losses on sale of investments are calculated as the difference between the amount at which the investment was valued at the beginning of the year, or cost if purchased during the year, and sale proceeds.

Gains or losses on investments which have not been realised through sales have been taken to the statements of financial activities as unrealised gains or losses on investment assets.

J. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and in hand and short term deposits repayable on or within a three month notice period.

K. Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Castle Bromwich Hall and Gardens Trust**Notes to the Financial Statements
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Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

M. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the Trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors.

N. Pensions

The Charity contributes to employee's individual personal pension plans. The total contributions to the scheme in 2024 were £5,661 (2023 £5,239) and are charged to the statement of financial activities as incurred.

O. Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in paragraph 1 schedule 6 of the Financial Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received, within categories covered by Chapter 3, Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such applied exclusively to Charitable Purposes.

2 Income From Donations And Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations	7,132	-	7,132	2,416
Gift Aid	3,973	-	3,973	12
Legacies	-	-	-	14,709
Grants	17,665	102,138	119,803	132,320
	28,771	102,138	130,909	149,456
			2024	2023
			£	£
Unrestricted:				
Lord Bradford CBP Charity			15,000	-
Cadbury Trust			1,000	-
Other			1,665	30,000
Total unrestricted			17,665	30,000

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2 Income From Donations And Legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Restricted:		
29th May 1961 Trust	5,000	5,000
Arconic - 5	38,702	-
Arconic Foundation - Bounty On Your Doorstep	-	38,816
Aurelius Trust	-	4,000
Bernard Piggott Trust	3,500	-
Birmingham Airport Community Trust	-	4,500
Book Restoration - Out of the cupboard	-	968
Dame Mary Bridgeman	1,032	1,224
Feeney Charitable Trust	5,000	-
From The Ground Up WMCA CEF	21,292	-
Grimmett Trust	-	1,200
Harry Payne Fund	1,500	-
Our Green and Common Ground	1,200	-
Reach Fund	15,025	-
Rowlands Trust	-	3,000
Saintbury	-	2,000
Severn Trent Community Award	-	2,000
Small Cap Works - ICF (WMCA)	9,887	-
The Arts Society	-	2,840
The Finnis Scott Foundation	-	4,000
Think Active	-	4,835
Vinci Foundation	-	5,000
WMCA Greener	-	22,937
Total restricted	102,138	102,320

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
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3 Income From Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Entry Fees	33,275	-	33,275	25,461
Memberships	10,636	-	10,636	9,594
	43,911	-	43,911	35,056

4 Other Trading Activities

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Sale of goods	54,364	41,931
Hire of facilities	25,956	22,731
Events	38,023	26,866
	118,343	91,527

5 Investment Income

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Dividends	2,874	3,045
Bank Interest	1,488	1,344
	4,362	4,389

6 Total Expenditure On Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total £
Raising Funds:				
Cost of events	11,733	8,493	20,226	23,765
Cost of goods sold	24,003	617	24,620	21,558
Hire costs	6,925	-	6,925	10,788
	42,661	9,110	51,771	56,110

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
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7 Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Charitable Activities:				
Staff costs	82,475	77,296	159,770	155,003
Site Maintenance, Development & Cleaning	5,575	17,028	22,603	37,262
Consultancy & Freelance Staff	5,096	4,081	9,177	9,258
Equipment	6,892	2,907	9,800	12,442
Insurance	9,646	-	9,646	8,092
Light, Heat & Water	8,742	280	9,022	5,533
Security	4,327	150	4,477	2,627
Publicity	3,492	389	3,881	8,267
Office Supplies & Sundries	12,904	163	13,067	11,527
Depreciation	8,037	4,987	13,024	14,091
Accountancy & Examination Fees	10,345	1,275	11,620	9,772
Irrecoverable VAT	1,191	-	1,191	13,095
	158,723	108,555	267,278	286,970

8 Staff Costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries	133,463	131,188
Social Security Costs	20,646	18,576
Pensions	5,661	5,239
	<u>159,770</u>	<u>155,003</u>

During the year the Trust employed the full-time equivalent of 1.6 gardeners (2023– 1.6), a 0.8 fte general manager (2023 - 0.8), 1.05 employees in the office (2023 – 1.2), 1 fte family and outdoor activity manager (2023 – 0.8) and front of house hired 1.8 casual workers on variable hours throughout the year (2023 - 4).

No employee earned more than £60,000 in either year.

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees and the General Manager, Trustees receive no remuneration or other benefits from the charity. The remuneration of key management personnel for the year was £35,934 (2023: £36,123), including pension and employers' national insurance contributions

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9 Trustees Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor the year ended 31 December 2023 with the exception of out of pocket expenses relating to activities undertaken by the charity.

10 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Permanent Buildings	Courtyard Building	Gardeners Store	Fixtures & Fittings	Composting Toilet	Solar Panel Installation	Total
Cost							
At 1 Jan 2024	249,374	20,482	23,562	6,656	5,000	4,800	309,874
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 Dec 2023	249,374	20,482	23,562	6,656	5,000	4,800	309,874
Depreciation							
At 1 Jan 2023	104,730	12,289	7,069	6,392	4,000	640	135,120
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for year	4,987	4,096	2,356	264	1,000	320	13,024
At 31 Dec 2024	109,718	16,386	9,425	6,656	5,000	960	148,144
NBV at 31 Dec 2023	144,644	8,193	16,494	265	-	4,160	173,755
NBV at 31 Dec 2024	139,656	4,096	14,137	-	-	3,840	161,731

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The land relating to the gardens passed into the ownership of the Trust by Deed of Gift from the Earl of Bradford dated 31 December 1986. As the land is to be retained indefinitely for the use of the Trust and cannot be sold, it is considered to be an inalienable asset and is excluded from the balance sheet. There is no reliable information about cost available and the costs involved in obtaining a valuation would not produce additional benefits to the user of the accounts.

11 Fixed Asset Investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market Value at beginning of year	50,915	52,140
Unrealised Investment gain/(loss)	1,327	(1,225)
Market Value at end of year	<u>52,242</u>	<u>50,915</u>
Historical cost at end of year	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>

12 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid Recoverable	-	-
Accrued income	1,714	451
Prepaid expenditure	7,529	4,922
Other Debtors	489	-
	<u>9,732</u>	<u>5,373</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Creditors	3,388	2,764
Accruals	4,714	5,333
Deferred income	-	4,200
Taxes & NI Liabilities	16,723	27,848
	<u>24,826</u>	<u>40,145</u>

Deferred income comprises:	2024	2023
	£	£
Balance at beginning of year	4,200	4,600
Released to income in year	(4,200)	(4,600)
Deferred in year	-	4,200
Balance at end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>4,200</u>

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14 Commitments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Expiring:		
Between one to two years	1,921	421
	<u>1,921</u>	<u>421</u>

15 Movement in funds

	Balance at start of year	Income	Expendit ure	Investme nt gains/los ses	Transfers	Balance at end of year
	£	£	£	£	£	£
2024						
Restricted Funds:						
29th May 1961 Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
Arconic - 5	-	38,702	(17,609)	-	-	21,093
Arconic 4	32,016	-	(32,016)	-	-	-
Bernard Piggot Trust	-	3,500	(3,500)	-	-	-
Dame Mary Bridgeman	-	1,032	(1,032)	-	-	-
Feeney Charitable Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
From The Ground Up WMCA CEF	-	21,292	(18,252)	-	-	3,040
Harry Payne Fund	-	1,500	(1,500)	-	-	-
Our Green and Common Ground	-	1,200	(1,000)	-	-	200
Reach Fund	-	15,025	(10,609)	-	-	4,416
Small Cap Works - ICF (WMCA)	-	9,887	(4,680)	-	-	5,207
The Finnis Scott Foundation	4,000	-	-	-	-	4,000
Workshop & gardeners Mess	144,645	-	(4,987)	-	-	139,658
Vinci Foundation	689	-	(689)	-	-	-
WMCA Greener	11,792	-	(11,792)	-	-	-
	<u>193,142</u>	<u>102,138</u>	<u>(117,665)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,614</u>
Unrestricted funds						
General fund	142,184	196,714	(193,346)	-	-	145,551
Designated Fund	30,110	-	(8,037)	-	-	22,073
Total unrestricted funds	<u>172,294</u>	<u>196,714</u>	<u>(201,383)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>167,624</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>365,435</u></u>	<u><u>298,851</u></u>	<u><u>(319,049)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>345,238</u></u>

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The designated fund represents funds utilised for the purpose of capital expenditure, depreciation is charged against the designated fund for each asset purchased.

Transfers relate to restricted funding used for the purchase of fixed assets.

29th May 1961 Trust

Provided funds to support our charities core costs.

Preserving and sharing nature's capital: Arconic Foundation

A range of support for outdoor and community work including new play area

Sustaining nature and communities through active partnerships: Arconic Foundation

Outreach and local community engagement through outdoor and wildlife activities.

Bernard Piggott Trust

Support for our public programmes, especially the family outdoor activities

The Dame Mary Bridgeman Trust

Pond safety Fencing and Bench repair. Heating for new outdoor café and event spaces

Feeney Charitable Trust

Valuable support to ensure our public music programme was able to continue.

From The Ground Up WMCA Community Environment Fund

Support towards the salaries of environmental and gardening staff engaging and influencing the public and visitors in the green sustainable journeys.

Harry Payne Fund

Towards core costs

Our Green and Common Ground Land

A Culture Solihull arts project with artist Soobie Whitfield engaging the public in nature connectedness through creative activities.

Reach Fund

Supported the Trust to review its governance. develop longer term business plans in order to prepare for potential social investment funding.

Small Cap Works - West Midlands Combined Authority, Inclusive Communities Fund

This 'small capital' purchasing fund enabled us to substantially upgrade the café equipment and make a real difference to the quality of interpretation and signage onsite.

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The Finnis Scott Foundation

Funds to support the restoration work on the Melon Ground, Orangery as well as providing training in heritage skills.

Vinci Foundation

Funded resources to support community growing projects work in our new greenhouse.

WMCA Greener

Funded restoration work on wildlife habitats on the parkland and in the gardens as well as activities working with community groups.

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Comparative Movement in funds

2023	Balance at start of year £	Income £	Expendit ure £	Investme nt gains/los ses £	Transfers £	Balance at end of year £
Restricted Funds:						
29th May 1961 Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
AIM/Brighter Day	953	968	(1,921)	-	-	-
Arconic - Bounty on Your Doorstep	15,768	-	(15,768)	-	-	-
Arconic 4	-	38,816	(6,800)	-	-	32,016
Aurelius Trust	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-	-
B'ham Airport	-	4,500	(4,500)	-	-	-
Dame Mary Bridgeman	-	1,224	(1,224)	-	-	-
Grimmett Trust	-	1,200	(1,200)	-	-	-
Rowlands Trust	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-	-
Saintbury	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-	-
Severn Trent - Going with the flow	8,904	2,000	(10,904)	-	-	-
The Arts Society 2023	-	2,840	(2,840)	-	-	-
The Finnis Scott Foundation	-	4,000	-	-	-	4,000
Think Active	-	4,835	(4,835)	-	-	-
Workshop & gardeners Mess	149,632	-	(4,987)	-	-	144,645
Vinci Foundation	-	5,000	(4,311)	-	-	689
WMCA Greener	-	22,937	(11,145)	-	-	11,792
	<u>175,257</u>	<u>102,320</u>	<u>(84,435)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193,142</u>
Unrestricted funds						
General fund	214,839	178,109	(250,764)	-	-	142,184
Designated Fund	39,214	-	(9,104)	-	-	30,110
Total unrestricted funds	<u>254,053</u>	<u>178,109</u>	<u>(259,868)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,294</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>429,310</u></u>	<u><u>280,428</u></u>	<u><u>(344,303)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>365,435</u></u>

16 Controlling Interest

The Charitable company is controlled by its trustees.

17 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year or in the previous financial year.

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Comparative statement of Financial Activities
For year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM				
Donations, Grantmaking Trusts and Legacies	47,138	102,320	149,457	129,619
Charitable activities	35,057	-	35,057	36,181
Other trading activities	91,527	-	91,527	85,269
Investment income	4,389	-	4,389	3,324
Total income	178,111	102,320	280,430	254,393
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	46,931	9,179	56,110	67,093
Charitable activities	202,608	84,362	286,970	269,609
	249,539	93,541	343,080	336,702
Net Income/(Expenditure) and Net movement in funds for year before investments gains/(Losses)	(71,428)	8,779	(62,650)	(82,309)
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(1,225)	-	(1,225)	(3,075)
	(72,654)	8,779	(63,875)	- 85,384
Total funds brought forward	254,053	175,257	429,310	514,694
Transfer between funds	(9,106)	9,106	-	-
Total funds carried forward	172,294	193,142	365,435	429,310

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Comparative Balance Sheet
For year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total funds	2022 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets	30,110	144,645	174,755	188,845
Investments at market value	50,915	-	50,915	52,139
	81,025	144,645	225,670	240,984
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand	126,042	48,497	174,539	189,384
Debtors	5,372	-	5,372	16,229
	131,414	48,497	179,910	205,613
Creditors				
Amounts falling due within one year	(40,145)	-	(40,145)	(17,286)
	(40,145)	-	(40,145)	(17,286)
Net Current Assets	91,268	48,497	139,765	188,327
Total Assets	172,294	193,142	365,435	429,310
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted Fund	172,294	-	172,294	254,053
Restricted Fund	-	193,142	193,142	175,257
Total Charity Fund	172,294	193,142	365,435	429,310