

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024
FOR
YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST**

**UHY Calvert Smith
Chartered Accountants
Heritage House
Murton Way
Osbaldwick
York
YO19 5UW**

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

**CONTENTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Page
Report of the Trustees	1 to 15
Independent Examiner's Report	16
Statement of Financial Activities	17
Balance Sheet	18 to 19
Notes to the Financial Statements	20 to 27

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Yorkshire Gardens Trust was incorporated in September 1996, became a registered charity in February 1997, and is a company limited by guarantee.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives of the Trust

- To promote the education of the public on matters connected with garden land.
- To promote the protection, conservation and appropriate treatment of whatever garden land may exist or have existed in and around the counties of North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, East Yorkshire and West Yorkshire for the education and enjoyment of the public.

Delivering our Objectives

The Trust is active on many fronts in pursuit of our objectives. The Trustees have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission when formulating these activities.

The Trust has a strategy of advocacy and consultation with our members, professionals in related fields, private landowners and public authorities, heritage bodies, the wider public, with Government, and with and through the Gardens Trust, to promote our objectives. In particular, the Trust has links with:

The Yorkshire Philosophical Society	Historic England and English Heritage
The Folly Fellowship	Natural England
The Gardens Trust	York Civic Trust
Other County Garden Trusts	The National Trust
The Yorkshire Dales and the North Yorkshire Moors National Parks	The Borthwick Institute, University of York
The Local Authorities of Yorkshire	Ancient Society of York Florists
Royal Horticultural Society	Northern England Horticultural Society

Specifically, the Trust is active in the following principal areas where the Trustees have delegated activities to sub-committees which have either at least one Trustee as a member or a designated link Trustee:

- Research and Recording
- Conservation and Planning
- Schools and Education
- Small grants
- Bursary
- Membership and Engagement
- Events

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR: Chris Webb

Summary

This has been a busy year on several fronts, with most of our activities and concerns reported in our excellent and informative Newsletter. Unusually, we have spent some time looking at ourselves, beginning in April with an open meeting hosted by Penelope Dawson Brown (alas, the daffodils we anticipated were less plentiful than normal because of the wet spring). A group of a dozen trustees and members met to discuss how we might be able to improve on the work we already do. In a wide ranging and free flowing discussion, we noted that our membership is scattered across Yorkshire but with some notable gaps, that we could do even better in publicising ourselves and our work, that links with other heritage organisations in Yorkshire might help us and them, and that, in a county that has large urban areas, we might make more of our urban parks and cemeteries. Out of the discussion came a postcode analysis of the location of our members, produced for us by Lynn Watkinson. This showed quite clearly that our membership is not distributed across the county in the same proportions as the general population. For example, 37% of our members live in the YO postcode area, but only 31% in Bradford, Doncaster, Huddersfield, Hull, Leeds, Sheffield and Wakefield combined. There is potential that we should work to unlock.

More concern about the nature and role of YGT came towards the end of the year. For its AGM in September, the Gardens Trust put forward a number of constitutional amendments that, in YGT's view, would have damaged the links between GT and the County Gardens Trusts. YGT wrote to GT and to all CGTs to explain why we could not support the changes; in the event, GT decided not to press the point at the AGM, instead initiating a welcome project to renew and revivify our mutual links and dependence. This will be an important part of our work in the coming years.

Research and Recording continues to make its strong and vital contribution to YGT's work and profile, particularly in providing critical help with our planning responses, and in providing a publicly available corpus of information and interpretation about Yorkshire's important designed landscapes. Louise Wickham leads an engaged and inspirational team; as well as researching and writing up sites, the team continually widens its scope and expertise by regular training sessions.

The Conservation Committee, as Val Hepworth's report shows in more detail, has had a busy year with some high profile and important cases, as well as changes to the way we work as a team with GT's Conservation Officers. Studley Royal has continued to occupy us, and the White Rose Forest has provided new challenges that are proving difficult to handle. The most important event, though, is Val Hepworth's part-retirement. After decades of handling planning applications for the whole of Yorkshire, Val has stepped back from responding to applications for West Yorkshire. It has been a huge effort, visiting sites, pouring over maps and plans, assessing proposals (sometimes inadequately documented) and returning to sites many times as proposals are resubmitted, radically reformed or trivially titivated in the hope of eliciting a more favourable response. On many occasions Val's expertise, knowledge and patience in advocating for the landscape while appreciating the owner's need to develop, has led to better proposals with clear aesthetic, heritage, social and economic benefits. Her work in West Yorkshire has been picked up by a small team of volunteers; but we continue to refer to Val (who still responds for the rest of Yorkshire and to Forestry Commission and Woodland Creation consultations) as our lode star for advice and assistance.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Supporting other organisations and individuals by our grants programmes is a key part of what we do. Sue Lindley reports on the work of the Schools Group, which makes grants in money and kind, and to a growing number of schools across the county. This is one of the most successful such programmes in the country. Brendan Mowforth reports on the work of the Small Grants team, which has made three grants this year, one to an event and two to sites.

Chris Beevers presents her final report on the student Bursary scheme she did so much to revive, as she steps down after three effective years. Chris has also completed her Bursary scheme involvement as of January 2025, and receives the grateful thanks of the Trustees for guiding the Scheme through a period of renewal and revival, which will stand it in good stead for years to come.

As Chris notes, and this applies to the Schools Group and the Bursary Scheme in particular, the numbers of excellent applications worthy of funding outrun our ability to fund them in a sustainable fashion, which is a pity on many fronts. Grant giving is about much more than the one-off relationship, and benefit to the recipient, than is implied by the word 'grant'. Applications help YGT to see where there is interest in, and need for, assistance with historic landscapes, and they often lead to long-term relationships with applicant organisations, and with applicant individuals (even after they leave the organisation they applied for/from). But we cannot meet the present level of demand without an increase in our funds. Any of our Trustees would be interested to talk to anyone who might have ideas to facilitate this.

None of the work we do would be possible if it were not for our active and interested members. Vicky Price and Madalyn Hughes report on our membership statistics and on the extensive events programme they, and the rest of the team, think up, arrange, administer, organise and deliver. There is a lot of hidden work in the events programme, nearly all of it proceeding so smoothly that it goes unnoticed. Setting up our programme to be advertised through Eventbrite has been a great leap forward (part of our drive to get YGT better known); but the team have responded to members who do not like this digital way of working, and will also issue a hard copy programme with associated booking facilities, next year.

Financially we are sound, as Madalyn Hughes reports. Talking to other CGTs it is clear that we are in a much better position than most others, and that we are so in large part due to the Phillippa Rakusen legacy. Legacies and lifetime donations make a huge difference to the viability of charities like ours.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

OUR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Research and recording: Louise Wickham

Our team of volunteers have completed reports on 79 sites across Yorkshire to date, with recent additions including Kippax Park (near Leeds), Hackness Hall (Scarborough district), Hawksworth Hall (near Otley, West Yorkshire), Goldsborough Hall (Harrogate district), Owston Hall (near Doncaster), Sedbury Hall (near Richmond), Kiplin Hall (near Catterick, North Yorkshire), Welton House (near Hull) and Bishop's Palace, Ripon. Those that are nearing completion and will be added to the sites database soon are Denton Hall (near Ilkley), Kirby Hall (near Little Ouseburn, North Yorkshire) and Clifton Castle (near Masham, North Yorkshire).

Each site has its particular interest and, in some cases, long histories dating back to the medieval period. This is why the volunteers enjoy their work of delving into the archives, even if many questions of what was done, when and by whom, remain unanswered. These reports are in a sense unfinished as new information may come to light, which changes the narrative of the development of the historic landscape. This may come from a contemporary letter, diary, book or a newly deposited public archive.

We hold quarterly team meetings, of which three are online, where we also have a short training session. This year, Gillian Parker gave us an excellent presentation on 'The Role of Early Yorkshire Nurseries in Northern Tree Plantations' and Louise Wickham did a session on using maps from the National Library of Scotland website.

On the 8 July, the team held their annual training day at Goldsborough Hall near Knaresborough. Now a luxury country house, we were the guests of the owners, Mark and Clare Oglesby. The theme of the day was improvement plans including what they were, how to interpret them and what they told us about the history of the designed landscape. Goldsborough was chosen as it had eight examples of (possible) improvement plans. Two are well-known as they are the drawn plans produced by Richard Woods in 1763 and Thomas White in 1766. However, during Louise Wickham's recent research, she uncovered four drawn plans dating from c. 1692 to 1738 and one from 1871 that was partly an architectural drawing. In addition, there was Woods' written 'Memorandum' to his foreman, William Stones, c. 1764.

Conservation and planning: Val Hepworth

As is now our custom our Conservation and Planning sub-committee meetings took place in October, January, April and July to precede the quarterly Council of Management meetings for ease of reporting. Again, this year they were all on Zoom as logistically it is easier for members who are scattered across Yorkshire and does not incur meeting room costs or travel time. Despite this we think some face-to-face meetings are good for sharing of ideas and hope to include at least one in the next year. We do not have a named YGT Conservation and Planning chair, but Chris Webb chairs the meetings, Geoff Hughes assists with the agenda and updates our section of the YGT website and Roger Lambert takes the minutes.

We have had another busy year and were delighted that Dr Kristof Fatsar was appointed by Historic England (HE) to be their new Landscape Architect for the North. Kristof has been able to join us for part of our meetings on Zoom which is most encouraging. In August Chris Webb, Peter Goodchild and Val Hepworth also met Tom Frater, HE Regional Director, North- East and Yorkshire to discuss YGT's views on Studley Royal, and our aspirations to promote better understanding of historic designed landscapes and gardens. As has been the case for many years Dr Margaret Nieke, Senior Historic Environment Specialist with Natural England (and YGT member) has been a valuable and regular attendee at our meetings.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

YGT Conservation and Planning works closely with the part-time Conservation Officers at the Gardens Trust (GT), the statutory consultees for Registered Parks and Gardens. For many years the GT sent out weekly details of all relevant planning applications to County Gardens Trusts such as YGT, which worked very well for us but was a lot of compilation work for GT who are very short of funding and have been trying to make conservation work more streamlined. So, that scheme has stopped this year and instead we have the Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies (JCNAS) casework log which we have found less easy to navigate. To reduce the onerous task of searching for Yorkshire's planning applications on a continual basis, our GT Conservation Case Worker Alison, thankfully notifies us of the relevant ones that need attention. YGT continues to write most of the responses liaising with the GT and ensures that HE and in particular their Landscape Architect receives copies. All the responses now go on the JCNAS log as well as under the named site on the YGT website so they should be easy for anyone to access.

We also work closely with YGT's Research and Recording group and between us we have built up considerable specialist knowledge which is invaluable in our efforts to conserve Yorkshire's historic parks and gardens. Development pressures within historic parks and gardens and more often on their setting remains a constant issue and understanding the applications and writing the responses takes up a lot of volunteer time. This year most of the responses have been written by Chris Webb and Val Hepworth with some advice from others in the group; Win Derbyshire, Jane Furse, Geoff Hughes, Susan Kellerman and Roger Lambert. We have responded to a similar number of planning applications as last year - almost 125 - including being reconsulted for advice on amendments. Probably the most controversial is the on-going planning proposals for development at Canal Gates, Studley Royal.

Following our letter of objection, which was reported at the previous AGM, and the objection response from ICOMOS, the National Trust revised its scheme. The principal revisions were a reduction in the size of the café extension and the introduction of more planting to screen it. YGT welcomed the additional planting, but was surprised by the reduction in the café size, which seemed to us to undermine NT's previous insistence that the plans proposed the minimum footprint that would be sustainable for the future operation of visitor facilities at Canal Gates. We also noted that our critique of the data provided in the original application had not been addressed, and provided a further critique of new data purporting to support the smaller café. At the time of writing (December 2024) we are waiting to hear how ICOMOS will respond to this latest iteration of the application.

We have responded to 8 Forestry Commission consultations; mainly felling licences with replanting such as for Bramham Park, Castle Howard and Bingley St Ives Golf Club. We are also now being consulted by officers of the White Rose Forest scheme for woodland creation within a Registered Park and Garden (RPG) or its setting. As you know with our changing climate there is a big push to do much more tree planting, but we are often thinking 'right tree, right place' and at times it can be quite difficult to assess the future impact of introducing new trees and tree groups to the historic designed landscape. So, it was valuable to make a site visit for woodland creation – wood pasture – in the setting of Hornby Castle RPG in September, advise on suitable trees and feel confident that the woodland creation would not only enhance the setting but improve biodiversity and carbon capture. Unfortunately, the more complex consultations on draft Woodland Management Plans for RPGs we are unable to progress; they require skills and time that currently YGT – and indeed the GT – does not have. YGT would therefore welcome any voluntary help with these complex and specialist Forestry Commission and woodland consultations.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Our planning and conservation work also includes site visits. Following continued consultations for developments at Owston Hall, north of Doncaster, Louise Wickham and Val Hepworth went to look at the historic designed landscape enabling them to gain a better understanding, to underpin the desk-based research and what is being proposed. Owston Hall is on the City of Doncaster's Local List of Historic Parks and Gardens but not on the Historic England Register. The estate is within the Owston Conservation Area, and its parkland, although much altered in the mid-19th century, is still legible as the setting for the Hall (Listed Grade II*) with the church of All Saints (Listed Grade I) immediately to its north-east. Chris Webb and Val Hepworth have also visited Tudor Croft at Guisborough to better understand the impact of the proposed residential development in the setting of these significant gardens laid out between the 1st and 2nd World Wars. On a lighter note, at the invitation of the Estate Manager and the Doncaster Conservation Officer, Jane Furse and Val Hepworth visited Cusworth Walled Garden in the summer to see the fine new parterre-style garden and to hear plans for the southernmost section of the walled garden as they are being developed.

Historic England consult YGT regarding proposed Yorkshire additions to the Register and any reviews. This year Jane Furse responded with her research for a Register entry update for Wentworth Castle Gardens and we have also been consulted about Bishopthorpe Walled Kitchen Garden and the grounds of Gillingwood Old Hall, near Richmond, for addition to the Register. The garden structures associated with Gillingwood Old Hall are also undergoing listing review along with assessing the currently unlisted 'bastioned wall at Gillingwood Hall.' We were pleased that this year Waterton Park (formerly Walton Hall Estate), Walton Wakefield was added to the Register at Grade II and the Boundary Wall was Listed Grade II, both with the support of submissions from YGT.

Small Grants Scheme: Brendan Mowforth

YGT has awarded three grants this year.

Firstly, £500 to Dark Star plants towards the £2,065 total cost of providing a detailed information board. This is conditional upon Dark Star raising the remainder of the funds it needs to complete the project. Dark Star nursery is based in the former walled garden of Rounton Grange Estate. The hall (now demolished) was surrounded by a significant landscape that was designed by Philip Webb. The hall was the home of Gertrude Bell (1865-1926). Bell was a major figure in the Middle East, working with the Foreign Office, mapping the states within the Ottoman Empire and Iraq. YGT's research paper, East Rounton Grange, has further information.

Secondly, a grant of £250 went to the Chartered Institute of Horticulture towards the cost of their Grow North event. The event was hosted at Harewood House and some 150 horticultural students and potential students attended. Several companies and organisations had stands to demonstrate the wide variety of opportunities in horticulture. YGT's stand generated considerable interest from both students and tutors. There was also a series of presentations on the Harewood landscape, including Trevor Nicholson on Harewood's future.

Thirdly, we granted £500 to the Friends of Thwaite Hall (Cottingham) towards the cost of improving access (including some resurfacing) and treatment for new planting areas. This award is conditional upon the Friends of Thwaite Hall raising the remainder of the funds they need to complete the project. The garden (it is recorded as a Botanical Garden) was created in 1850/60 for a private residence and purchased by the University of Hull in 1928, by which it is still owned. The Friends' group was formed in 1990 to protect and enhance the garden, and reduced funding in recent times has seen the Friends play an increasingly significant role in maintenance and enabling public access. YGT's research paper, Thwaite Hall, has further information.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Fourthly, we awarded £500 to the Wheler Foundation for planting additional fruit trees at Ledston Hall. The trees increase the range of old examples that exist in the walled garden, and the Northern Fruit Group were also involved. The Wheler Foundation is a registered charity which owns both the Ledston Estate in West Yorkshire, and the Otterden Estate in Kent.

Landscape and Horticultural Student Bursary: Chris Beevers

This year, 2023-24, has not been quite as successful for the Bursary Scheme in terms of the numbers of bursaries awarded. Students generally apply for an award between June and September for payment in what is YGT's subsequent financial year, and several such applications were received. However, the Scheme's budget for 2024-5, notified by Council on 6 August 2024, meant that the Scheme could afford to award only one bursary for the academic and YGT year 2024-25. Council's reasons for the lower budget than 2023-24 were clearly explained, but it did mean that YGT has been unable to support two very interesting applications for the 2024-25 year.

We are pleased to note, however, that applications appear to have been generated from recommendations by previous recipients (e.g. University of Sheffield students), partner organisations and the YGT website. In 2023-24 YGT received eight expressions of interest in the Bursary Scheme, seven of which translated into formal applications, an increase of four formal applications from 2022-23.

Applications and awards

Of the seven applications:

- 3 were from students studying for a master's in landscape design and architecture (University of Sheffield);
- 3 were from students seeking support for horticultural training from RHS levels 2 and 3 courses;
- 1 was from a student for the City and Guilds Level 2 certificate in Chainsaw maintenance and cross cutting.

Most of the applications were from students continuing with their courses and training. There was one career change applicant this year (4 fewer than 2022-23).

The successful applicants were Julie Fern and Lotte Inch. Julie was awarded £1,000 for her fees for her RHS level 3 qualification. Julie completed her course in 2023-4. She provided an insightful feedback and evaluation of her experiences of this new course, which had some challenges in its introductory year. Her feedback was published in YGT's newsletter as well the community horticultural projects in York that Julie facilitated.

Lotte Inch's bursary award (towards 50% of her RHS Level 3 course) of £823 will be funded from the 2024-25 budget. Lotte has extensive professional experience of community projects in York and her commitment to increasing public accessibility to gardens is commendable. She plans to develop higher level horticultural skills through the course, which could be used in a variety of settings. Lotte currently volunteers in York's Museum Gardens. Lotte's Bursary Award also consolidates YGT's partnership with Askham Bryan College.

Rachel Higgins, a previous Bursary recipient, updated YGT on her next steps in her horticultural career. She is now undertaking her RHS Level 3 training because of the springboard support received from YGT. Congratulations to her.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The efficient and careful financial administration of the Bursary scheme by YGT's Treasurer is much appreciated by students and their respective course providers. Trustees Gillian Parker and Brendan Mowforth continue their invaluable work alongside their other YGT contributions. However, this is my final report on the scheme, having resigned as a YGT Trustee in January 2024, and stepping away from the scheme after completing a further year working with it in January 2025. This reshuffle in sub-committee responsibilities, and the necessary reduced funds, did impact on the scheme's administration. YGT will review the Bursary Scheme's operation after its first three years, and plan for its future development as part of YGT's charitable activities.

Schools and education: Sue Lindley

Through the Schools sub-committee, the Trust supports, advises and channels funds to our 111 member schools. The aim is to inspire and support gardening and a love and greater appreciation of the interaction between gardening and the natural world. This small and enthusiastic team have developed an approach where each year they develop an annual programme of support that provides a variety of opportunities to suit the schools involved.

During 2023/24 financial year we:

- Awarded four Grounds Development Awards: £1,200
- Gave sets of three climate resilient perennials to forty schools: £680
- Gave watering cans to 28 schools: £736.96
- Gave water butts to fourteen schools: £672
- Offered 2 x £50 National Garden Tokens in exchange for accounts of exceptional gardening achievements.

Membership and Engagement: Vicky Price and Madalyn Hughes

The work of the Trust is dependent on our members both for income, through membership fees and events, and for the time and skills of those who volunteer to deliver our activities, often foregoing expenses. The Trust's membership also includes much expertise in the conservation of historic parks and gardens.

New members are recruited via the website, social media, the membership brochure, talks given by Trustees and by word-of-mouth.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

At the year-end the Trust's membership consisted of:

Category of membership	Number of memberships 2023-24	Number of memberships 2022-23	Increase/decrease
Life	25	25	0
Annual double	64	71	-7
Annual single	120	112	8
Association	1	2	-1
Corporate	1	1	0
Student	1	4	-3
Student honorary	2	1	1
Student free	1	1	0
School	110	76	34
Honorary life	3	3	0
Honorary annual single*	6	26	-20
Honorary annual double*	3	10	-7
Total memberships	337	332	5

* Honorary memberships include event hosts who are given one year's honorary membership, and researchers whilst they work for the Trust.

Members engage with the Trust through our events, our website, social media – Facebook, Instagram and X (Twitter), and our newsletters. Our website has been designed for members and non-members to easily find information about all the Trust's activities. Members have received four editions of our newsletter, two hard copies and two e-newsletters during the year, which Christine Miskin, the editor, packed with reports of visits, articles and information about the work of the Trust. The newsletter is also available to read on our website.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The events committee organised a full programme of events for members and their guests in 2024, with the aim to include visits to historic designed landscapes as well as modern gardens, nurseries and parks across the breadth of Yorkshire. This year, with the help of Lynn Watkinson, tickets for events were sold electronically through Eventbrite. This has been reasonably successful, but some members do not like to buy tickets on-line, so the Events Programme for 2025 will be sent out to members with a hard copy booking form.

Our 'Snowdrop' visit in February was to Devonshire Mill, Pocklington, home of our hosts Sue and Chris Bond, where there were drifts of snowdrops, hellebores and ferns growing beside the Pocklington Beck which would have powered the flour mill. Our AGM was held at Askham Bryan College near York, where the very first YGT AGM was held in September 1997. Trevor Nicholson, Head Gardener at Harewood, gave the talk entitled Harewood's Gardens & Grounds – 'Reimagined' an overview of the new vision for the gardens and grounds, as well as outlining the concept behind plans to reinvigorate Harewood's outdoor spaces. After lunch our hosts showed us round the horticultural part of the campus.

On 13 April YGT sponsored a visit to Castle Howard for thirty Ukrainian refugees living in and around York and Scarborough. Led by Penelope Dawson Brown, with Peter Goodchild and Chris Webb in attendance, we took our charter bus from York's Station Rise, Peter providing a commentary on the route. After arriving at the House, we split into groups to take the tour at our own paces, then lunch (some of us eating and drinking outside on what was a rainy day), followed by tours of the garden. Many of our guests had not experienced this kind of house-in-a-landscape, while we as hosts had not experienced the emotional and physical difficulties associated with being a refugee during wartime. There was learning on both sides, a cheerful and fulfilling visit for all.

Our Trustee Gillian Parker led a small group looking at sites in central York where there once were plant nurseries, the Riggs, Matthew Wharton's and Telford's which later became Backhouses. A day was spent visiting Sewerby Hall and Gardens overlooking Bridlington Bay guided by Val Hepworth and Caroline Kernan, who drew attention to the Brownian, Reptonian, and mid-19th century features still visible. We were fortunate to have John Grimshaw, now retired director of the Yorkshire Arboretum, give a talk about the history of Ray Wood where George Howard and his designer James Russell had created a woodland garden in the 1970s, which was followed by a guided walk in May when many rhododendrons were in flower.

The biennial joint lecture with the Yorkshire Philosophical Society was given by Victoria Thomson and entitled 'Identifying and Protecting Historic Parks and Gardens in England: Celebrating Forty Years of the Register.' The 17th century walled garden at Ness Hall, developed by three generations of the Murray Wells family and full of beautiful plants was the location chosen for our Summer Evening Party, whilst our Summer Picnic was held at a modern garden, Littlethorpe Manor near Ripon. Laid out after 1985 when Mr and Mrs Thackray purchased the house and grounds, and further developed after 1998 by their head gardener Eddie Harland, it has a walled garden, a sunken garden, a very newly designed physic garden as well as well-cut lawns and a large lake. This year our nursery visit was to Dark Star Plants, which is set in the walled garden of Rounton Grange, a house designed for Sir Isaac Lowthian Bell by Philip Webb, but demolished seventy years ago. Shaun Passman who runs the nursery with Jenny Gaunt, led us through an overgrown wilderness seeking out the remains of the garden, the small lake and the rock garden.

After a break in August, we continued with a visit to Knaresborough where David Rhodes gave a talk about the Ancient Royal Knaresborough Forest and the Castle, as well as taking us on a tour of the area near the ruined castle. David is an ardent supporter of the Coast-to-Coast Forest and importance of Knaresborough's Forest and the White Rose Forest in this.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Our last event took us to see the restored Howsham Mill on the river Derwent north of York, where a member of the Renewable Heritage Trust gave us a fascinating talk about the restoration of the mill and the positioning of two Archimedes screws in the river to generate electricity. After a picnic lunch, a group led by Val Hepworth explored the late 18th century designed landscape of Howsham Hall, where Capability Brown had been consulted by the owner Nathaniel Cholmley.

In March we put on a series of Zoom talks in partnership with the Gardens Trust – we supplied the speakers whilst they supplied the technical expertise. The series of three talks were entitled 'Restoration in Action'. Nick Lane Fox gave the first talk, entitled 'Restoring and Preserving – Bramham Park'. The second was given by staff from Burnby Hall Garden who talked about 'A Rock Garden Recreated – The Restoration of the Backhouse Rock Garden at Burnby Hall Garden, Pocklington'. The last talk, 'Bright Prospects' – Curating and conservation at Wentworth Castle Gardens and Beningbrough' was given by Matthew Constantine, Cultural Heritage Curator for the National Trust in Yorkshire.

In September we were again invited to have a Yorkshire Gardens Trust stand at the Harrogate Autumn Flower Show held at Newby Hall by Nick Smith the Show's director. The Show is put on by the Northern England Horticultural Society. This time our stand, consisting of our two pop-up YGT banners and a large wall-mounted photo of Bramham Hall garden, was inside the main Floral Marquee so there were lots of people passing by. The stand was manned for the three days of the show by our own members and some very welcome volunteers from Helmsley Walled Garden. Like last year we only attracted a few new members, but it is a great opportunity to meet visitors to the show and talk to them about the Trust as most people we find have not heard about us at all.

Our Events Committee meetings this year have again been held on Zoom rather than in person as our members come from all corners of Yorkshire. To ensure that the Trust remains active across a wide range of activities we welcome new volunteers to join all the committees and to bring fresh ideas to help with our role in conservation, research and organising events.

Finance: Madalyn Hughes

The Trust recorded a deficit for the year of £381, (2023 deficit £4,402). This movement in funds is attributable to requests for grants, Schools, Small Grants and Bursary exceeding income during the year. The finances of the Trust are in good shape, due to the continued support of our membership and due to the legacy of one of our founders, Phillipa Rakusen. In this financial year the Trust also received two generous donations from members totalling £3,000, including Gift Aid reclaimed of £500. Annual budgets are in place, agreed by the Trustees, to ensure the longevity of the Trust, (see also Financial Reserves Policy below). The Trust's assets are held in cash or short-term deposit.

Insurance, including professional indemnity and public liability insurance, is in place through the Gardens Trust.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Financial Reserves Policy

The Trust aims to retain enough reserves to further the aims of the Trust and secure our future. The Trust has sufficient funds to continue our work for the foreseeable future and in accordance with the Business Plan.

A Reserves Policy is in place as follows:

A minimum reserve of £10,000 should be maintained, which should be reviewed on an annual basis. If required, this should ensure that YGT could continue to operate for a reasonable period should income fall below that needed to sustain its activities, to allow for an orderly winding up should it not be able to continue operation and pay contingent liabilities should these arise.

Current reserves are significantly in excess of the recommended minimum reserve as a result of a receipt of a significant generous legacy. Trustees will continue to consider disbursement of these funds, in accordance with the charitable objectives of YGT namely:

- to promote the education of the public on matters connected with garden land
- to promote the protection, conservation and appropriate treatment of whatever garden land may exist or have existed in and around the counties of North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, East Yorkshire and West Yorkshire for the education and enjoyment of the public.

Archives

The Trust has deposited its archive at the Borthwick Institute for Archives, University of York. There are regular deposits of records covering the spectrum of our activities in hard copy and digital formats, which are available for public use. The archive finding aid can be consulted online, here: <https://borthcat.york.ac.uk/index.php/ykgt>.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure and management

The Trust is managed by the Council of Management. The Council comprises the Trustees, who are directors of the Trust and are charity trustees for purposes of charity law. The Council met four times in the year. Questions, policy and strategy are usually decided by consensus, but decided by a majority vote if required.

The Trustees delegate some activities to sub-committees, which meet according to need. Each sub-committee comprises Trust members and non-member professionals and partners. Each has at least one Trustee as a member, or a designated link-Trustee. The Trustee reports on the work of their sub-committee to the Council, which discusses proposals and makes decisions. The Trustee reports back to the sub-committee, which also receives the minutes of the Council.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Each sub-committee submits a budget request annually via the treasurer for approval by the Council before the start of each financial year.

The Trustees are grateful for the support and guidance provided by YGT's three vice-presidents, Peter Goodchild, Caroline Legard, and Nick Lane Fox.

The Council seeks professional help when required from our accountants, UHY Calvert Smith LLP, who are the independent examiner of the Trust's accounts, and from our lawyers, Wrigleys Solicitors LLP. Information from the Charity Commission is also circulated to Trustees.

The Trust engages a freelance person, part time, to help with the organisation and recording of meetings, membership and other administrative matters. The work is unevenly spread over the year, averaging around four hours per week.

The Trust is a member of the Gardens Trust and sends a voting delegate to the AGM. Delegates also attend other Gardens Trust meetings. Through the Gardens Trust, the Trust is a member of Heritage Alliance, the national body for organisations concerned with the historic environment.

Members are entitled to attend and vote at the AGM. The 27th AGM was held on Saturday 6 April 2024 at Askham Bryan College. The 28th AGM is to be held on Saturday 29 March 2025 at West Tanfield Memorial Hall.

Trustees, and recruitment, appointment and training of new Trustees

One third of the Trustees must retire at each AGM and retiring Trustees may be re-elected. At the 2024 AGM Chris Beevers retired by rotation and did not wish to stand for re-election; and Maddy Hughes and Roger Lambert retired by rotation and were re-elected. Also at the 2024 AGM, Camilla Allen and Trevor Nicholson stood for election for the first time and were duly elected. At the 2025 AGM Brendan Mowforth and Gillian Parker retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. There being 10 Trustees, and the Articles requiring a third to retire each year, one further Trustee must retire, being the longest serving Trustee. That Trustee is Val Hepworth, who is also eligible for re-election.

New Trustees are provided with the Articles of Association and the Charity Commission's "Charity Trustee Welcome Pack" and "Guidance to Trustees" and are asked to sign our standard Trustee Eligibility Declaration.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
03256311 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
1060697

Registered office
Heritage House
Murton Way
Osballdwick
York
North Yorkshire
YO19 5UW

Trustees

The subscribers to the Memorandum and Articles of Association (The Council of Management) who held office during the year were as follows:-

Camilla Allen	Conservation and Planning (appointed 6 April 2024)
Christine Beevers	Bursary (resigned 16 January 2024)
Penelope Dawson Brown	Schools and Education
Valerie Hepworth	Conservation and Planning
Madalyn Joy Hughes	Treasurer, Membership and Engagement
Roger Charles Lambert	Conservation and Planning
Michael Brendan Mowforth	Small Grants
Trevor Nicholson	Conservation and Planning (appointed 6 April 2024)
Gillian Parker	Secretary, Research and Recording, Bursary
Victoria Price	Membership and Events
Christopher Charles Webb	Chair, Conservation and Planning

The Charity Trustees are the current Directors of the limited company. There is a vacancy for a Vice Chairman to the Council. Some Council meetings have been attended by Vice-presidents Peter Goodchild and Nick Lane Fox. Lucy Bennett undertook a remunerated role as Administrator for Events bookings, Membership Secretary and assisting the Council until Summer 2023, after which this role was undertaken by Lynn Watkinson.

Independent examiner

UHY Calvert Smith
Chartered Accountants
Heritage House
Murton Way
Osballdwick
York YO19 5UW

Solicitors

Wrigleys
19 Cookridge Street
Leeds LS2 3AG

Bankers

Virgin Money
46 Coney Street
York YO1 1NQ

Aldermore Bank
1st Floor, Block B
Western House
Lynch Wood
Peterborough PE2 6FZ

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (INCORPORATING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on21 January 2025..... and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Webb', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Christopher Charles Webb - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024 set out on pages seventeen to twenty-seven.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes 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 company 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 your company'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. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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
4. 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.



Mr Harry P Howley
ICAEW
UHY Calvert Smith
Chartered Accountants
Heritage House
Murton Way
Osbalwick
York
YO19 5UW

Date: 25 February 2025.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	7,784	540	8,324	5,274
Charitable activities					
Functions, events	4	4,590	500	5,090	8,083
Investment income	5	2,674	-	2,674	1,572
Total		15,048	1,040	16,088	14,929
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Functions, events	4	(4,386)	(250)	(4,636)	(5,374)
Grants, donations	6	(4,139)	(1,000)	(5,139)	(6,056)
Support costs	7	(6,694)	-	(6,694)	(7,901)
Total		(15,219)	(1,250)	(16,469)	(19,331)
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)		(171)	(210)	(381)	(4,402)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		68,001	533	68,534	72,936
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		67,830	323	68,153	68,534

The notes form part of these financial statements

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03256311)

**BALANCE SHEET
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	1,298	-	1,298	606
Cash at bank		68,672	323	68,995	69,588
Total		69,970	323	70,293	70,194
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,140)	-	(2,140)	(1,660)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		67,830	323	68,153	68,534
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		67,830	323	68,153	68,534
NET ASSETS		67,830	323	68,153	68,534
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	15			67,830	68,001
Restricted funds				323	533
TOTAL FUNDS				68,153	68,534

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03256311)

**BALANCE SHEET – CONTINUED
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

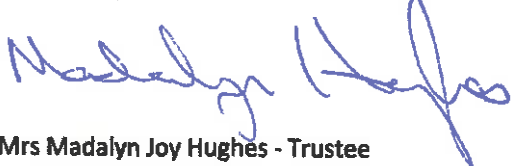
- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 January 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr Christopher Charles Webb - Trustee



Mrs Madalyn Joy Hughes - Trustee

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

Yorkshire Gardens Trust is a private charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office is Heritage House, Murton Way, Osbaldwick, York, YO19 5UW.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that 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. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery etc	- 15% on reducing balance
-------------------------	---------------------------

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Members subscriptions	4,374	4,232
Gift Aid	1,098	606
Donations	2,852	436
	<u>8,324</u>	<u>5,274</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Functions, events income	5,090	8,083
Functions, events costs	(4,636)	(5,374)
Functions, events surplus	<u>454</u>	<u>2,709</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>2,674</u>	<u>1,572</u>

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

6. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants, donations	<u>5,139</u>	<u>6,056</u>
The total of grants paid during the year was:		
	2024	2023
	£	£
Schools Project	3,389	4,083
Bursary – RHS Level 2 course	1,000	973
Wheler Foundation – Fruit trees	500	-
IOH North – Professional recruitment exhibition	250	-
Bursary – demonstration garden RHS Tatton	-	1,000
	<u>5,139</u>	<u>6,056</u>

There were two grant offers made in addition to the grants paid during the year totalling £1,000 (2023: £nil), which will become due when specific conditions are met by the beneficiaries.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants paid to institutions	4,139	4,083
Grants paid to individuals	1,000	1,973
	<u>5,139</u>	<u>6,056</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Secretary costs	983	2,068
Accountancy	850	810
Printing, postage and stationery	3,437	3,170
Research	418	475
Affiliations	578	668
Insurance	308	278
Computer costs and licences	120	100
Room hire	-	312
	<u>6,694</u>	<u>7,901</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy and Independent Examination	<u>850</u>	<u>810</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES

There were no trustees' remuneration, benefits or expenses for the year ended 30 September 2024 or for the year ended 30 September 2023.

10. STAFF COSTS

The charity hired one person, part-time, freelance during the year (2023: 1). Total staff costs were £983 (2023: £2,068).

11. COMPARATIVE FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds £
INCOME FROM			
Donations and legacies	5,091	183	5,274
Charitable activities			
Functions, events	7,378	705	8,083
Investment income	1,572	-	1,572
Total	14,041	888	14,929
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Functions, events	(5,094)	(280)	(5,374)
Grants, donations	(4,083)	(1,973)	(6,056)
Support costs	(7,901)	-	(7,901)
Total	(17,078)	(2,253)	(19,331)
NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)	(3,037)	(1,365)	(4,402)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	71,038	1,898	72,936
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	68,001	533	68,534

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>1,298</u>	<u>606</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors and deferred income	<u>2,140</u>	<u>1,660</u>

14. DEFERRED INCOME

Included within creditors falling due within one year is a total of £940 (2023: £850) in relation to deferred income.

£423 (2023: £423) of this amount relates to income from events that were required to be cancelled, as a result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. A refund has been offered to the customers concerned. Some individuals offered that the charity retain the relevant amounts as donations to unrestricted funds, such amounts have been recognised as income.

The remaining £517 (2023: £427) relates to funds received from individuals who paid for attendance at an event, but subsequently cancelled their attendance or from members who have paid in advance. The funds have been retained by the Charity for use by the relevant individuals at future events in 2025.

There are no amounts held that relate specifically to events that either occurred or are scheduled to occur within one year of the year-end date (2023: £nil).

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 30/9/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30/9/24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	66,951	(171)	-	66,780
Lotherton Hall Gardens fund	1,050	-	-	1,050
	<u>68,001</u>	<u>(171)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,830</u>
Restricted funds				
North Yorkshire County Council	118	-	-	118
Horticultural Student Bursary	415	(210)	-	205
	<u>533</u>	<u>(210)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>323</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>68,534</u>	<u>(381)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,153</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,048	(15,219)	(171)
	<u>15,048</u>	<u>(15,219)</u>	<u>(171)</u>
Restricted funds			
North Yorkshire County Council	-	-	-
Horticultural Student Bursary	1,040	(1,250)	(210)
	<u>1,040</u>	<u>(1,250)</u>	<u>210</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>16,088</u>	<u>(16,469)</u>	<u>(381)</u>

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 30/9/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30/9/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	69,988	(3,037)	-	66,951
Lotherton Hall Gardens fund	1,050	-	-	1,050
	<u>71,038</u>	<u>(3,037)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,001</u>
Restricted funds				
North Yorkshire County Council	118	-	-	118
Horticultural Student Bursary	1,780	(1,365)	-	415
	<u>1,898</u>	<u>(1,365)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>533</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>72,936</u>	<u>(4,402)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,534</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	14,041	(17,078)	(3,037)
	<u>14,041</u>	<u>(17,078)</u>	<u>(3,037)</u>
Restricted funds			
North Yorkshire County Council	-	-	-
Horticultural Student Bursary	888	(2,253)	(1,365)
	<u>888</u>	<u>(2,253)</u>	<u>(1,365)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>14,929</u>	<u>(19,331)</u>	<u>(4,402)</u>

YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

Restricted funds

A grant of £1,500 was received in 2015 from North Yorkshire County Council with stipulation that the grant be applied for research and recording purposes only.

In 2017 the Trust established a Horticultural Student Bursary which is available to any under- or post-graduate student who is attending a Further Education College or University in Yorkshire and is studying either horticulture, landscape design, landscape/garden history or the conservation of historic designed landscapes.

Designated funds

Net proceeds of £1,050 received from an Edwardian gardens continuing professional development day held by the Charity's conservation sub-committee at Lotherton Hall in June 2022, have been designated for future expenditure on specific projects in the gardens at Lotherton Hall. Such projects should result from Leeds County Council developing a 'Vision and Action Plan' for the gardens.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year Trustees made donations to the charity totalling £220.