

**05673816 (ENGLAND & WALES)**

**CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1119592**



**DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Company Number:** 05673816 (England & Wales)

**Registered Charity Number:** 1119592

**Patron:** The Viscount Ashbrook

**Directors:** Susan Bartlett  
Margaret Blowey  
David Cash  
Gordon Darlington  
Martin Slack

**Registered Office:** 26 Sandford Road  
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Cheshire  
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**Bankers:** CAF Bank Limited

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The Council of Management presents its report with the financial statements of the charity for the Year ended 31 January 2023.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### ***Governing document***

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The objects of the Trust are:

- 1 To promote the education of the public in fine arts, crafts, sciences and all other matters connected with designed landscapes; and
- 2 To promote the appropriate action for any or all of the following: the restoration, enhancement, preservation, conservation, protection and understanding of designed landscapes that may exist or have existed in and around the pre-1974 historic county of Cheshire.

The Cheshire Garden Trust Council of Management Trustees has adopted the *Charity Governance Code for smaller charities* and is working towards ensuring that it is fully compliant with its stipulated good practice. It acknowledges, however, that it is not possible to be fully compliant at the present time in relation to the proposed maximum length of service of 9 years. Whilst this is a matter of continual review with steps being taken to ensure a regular turnover of Trustee membership, it is necessary to retain Trustee membership beyond nine years in view of the current Trustees' considerable skills and expertise.

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. The activities of the Trust fall mainly within the Charitable Purposes: advancement of education, and advancement of arts, culture and heritage. The activities of the Trust in meeting these public benefits are described in detail below. Membership of the Trust is open to everyone and members of the public do not need to be a member of the Trust to benefit from its activities.

### ***Appointment of trustees***

The trustees who served during the year are set out on the charity information page at the front of these accounts.

Trustees are elected by the members at the AGM to serve on the Council of Management for three years. Members of the Council are restricted to two consecutive terms of three years, unless there are fewer candidates for election than places available. Council may consist of no fewer than seven and no more than fifteen members. A further three co-options may be made.

The Council of Management encourages others to stand for election and has created an information pack for new Trustees.

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### **Organisation**

The company is limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 12 January 2006. It was registered as a charity on 11 June 2007. The Trust is a member of the national body The Gardens Trust.

### **Risk policy**

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks. The following are in place:

- An annual budget is set and management accounts reported against budget at intervals through the year.
- Public Liability and Trustee Indemnity Insurance;
- Role descriptions and information packs for Council of Management members;
- Risk assessments are made prior to every event; During the COVID pandemic, meetings and events are held on-line;
- Site visit guidance notes and risk assessments for volunteers undertaking research and recording. During the COVID pandemic, precautions are in accordance with current Government requirements
- An information pack for research and recorders which includes guidance to minimise risk;
- Training for researchers;
- A Data Protection Policy has been drafted to ensure the Trust complies with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

The Council of Management also recognises that too much responsibility rests on too few volunteers and will continue to encourage members of the Trust to serve on the Council and to volunteer for the various activities it undertakes.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### ***Membership Summary up to June 2023***

Total membership including 27 joint memberships = 165 (16 of which are gift memberships)

New members since the last summary in Sept 2022 = 8 (4 of which are Gift memberships)

Compared with September 2022, membership has risen by eight but as the renewals process for this year is not yet complete, the above figures do not give a truly accurate picture. (Interestingly, the total membership in August 2017 was 170) So we can report that membership levels have remained fairly stable over the years. A small number of members are very actively involved in our various activities and a large number attend the on-line talks and visits. All members receive newsletters and regular emailed news items.

*Crispin Spencer Membership Secretary*

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### ***Chairman***

Since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021, the Council of Management has been seeking a suitable person who is prepared to fulfil this role. In the meantime, David Cash has temporarily chaired Council of Management meetings but we continue to hope to fill the role of Chairman.

### ***Activities***

The following items were in our plans for 2022/23:

- To continue with our usual activities with a special emphasis on developing skills among the membership to help with the Conservation and Planning demands.
- To attract more members to take part in the proactive work of CGT.
- To continue the aims set out in the Strategic Review 2019.
- To incur additional expenditure on the Caldwell website with a view to increasing the interrogation of the data.

These have only been partially achieved to date.

### ***Strategic Review***

This forward-thinking Review circulated in 2019 arrived at a series of recommendations for action.

Of these, only the aims for the Website have been fully achieved and Council of Management meetings have been restructured.

However, the remaining aims; replacements of Leadership roles, increasing Council of Management members, increasing active Trust Membership and recruiting more assistance with Conservation & Planning activities, all rely on success in growing and diversifying our Membership and involving them directly in these essential activities of the Trust.

In 2022/23 we must now add the replacement roles of Trust Chairman and Newsletter Editor to our list of requirements. Pursuing these aims has been difficult over the past year but it is hoped that more members will be able to step up to help us maintain momentum in the months to come.

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### Events

The early months of 2022 saw the continuing presence of COVID and the uncertainty of meeting face-to face. The Events Team organised a further series of three talks delivered through the medium of zoom as a result:

- January: **Mick Brown**, Production Garden Manager at Chatsworth, gave a comprehensive and well-illustrated talk about the development of the garden over the centuries, including recent projects.
- February: **Stephanie Knoblich**, writer and journalist, gave a delightful talk *The Cote d'Azur- an exotic paradise for English Garden lovers*.
- March: **Anthony Tavernor**, *The Discovery and Development of the Garden at Plas Cadnant*, spoke eloquently on his perseverance to restore the varied garden.

By late spring, we were confident to re-start a programme of garden visits over the summer and autumn months. The visits were as follows:

**27<sup>th</sup> May Manley Knoll:** Our group enjoyed exploring this beautiful Arts and Crafts garden covering six acres, divided into different sections encompassing parterres, clipped yew hedging, ornamental ponds and herbaceous borders, together with a magical quarry/ folly garden with waterfall and woodland walks. The informative introduction to the garden by Thomas Leese and Tom Saxon, was very helpful to explain the garden's development.

**20<sup>th</sup> June Abbeywood, Delamere:** This event combining garden visit with afternoon tea and an annual meeting was well attended. Head gardener, Simon Goodfellow, and his deputy, Carolyn Jones, were pleased to guide us around the delightful six acres of informal and formal gardens set in the heart of the beautiful Cheshire countryside. Following the guided tour and a delicious afternoon tea, we held Cheshire Gardens Trust's Annual Meeting, in a lovely conservatory setting on a warm, sunny afternoon, with a presentation made to our retiring chairman, Ed Bennis, following his many years of service to CGT. Joy Uings, previous CGT Treasurer, Secretary, and Newsletter writer, was thanked also for her many years of service and received a gift following the event.

**7<sup>th</sup> July Eaton Hall:** We were very privileged to be able to visit the stunning gardens of Eaton Hall, the home of the Duke of Westminster and his mother the Duchess of Westminster, guided by Anna MacDonald, Deputy Head Gardener and Andy Smith. We admired the breathtaking redesigned rose garden, and the new hot border alongside the walled garden, the work of the most recent designer, Arabella Lennox Boyd.

**22<sup>nd</sup> September Cholmondeley:** In spite of the heavy rain this was a successful visit led by the enthusiastic Head Gardener, Barry Grain, pointing out the highlights of the extensive garden, including the Lavinia walk, planted in memory of the late Lady Lavinia, and the

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**Events continued:**

Temple Garden, considered the piece de resistance of Cholmondeley, with its main features being the small lake and its two islands.

**19<sup>th</sup> October Walton Gardens:** It was a lovely autumn day for an informal, enjoyable visit. A member of the Events Team, Julia Whitfield, was there to provide a guided tour of the gardens and the hall, including the recently restored large Victorian conservatory. We were fascinated also to tour the bromeliad collection of Don Billington, the winner of numerous gold medals at RHS shows.

Each year the Events Team organises a series of talks from November to March when garden visits are not possible. During 2021 and 2022 all the talks were via zoom but there was a wish to return to face to face meetings on some occasions, retaining virtual talks for the months of January and February when the weather tended to be inclement. The four talks in 2022-23 were:

- **22<sup>nd</sup> November: Phil Esseen, Curator of Botany and Horticulture, Chester Zoo,** gave a fascinating talk on the zoo's conservation role and national collections. The conservation role at Chester began in the 1980s when the gardens started to change to better reflect the animals' surroundings. The Zoo holds five national collections of plants, and three collections of cacti. It was good to return to Marthall Hall for this first talk held face-to-face held for nearly three years.
- **30<sup>th</sup> January: Sarah Murch, Ellicar Gardens, Landscape Designer** specialising in natural swimming pools and ecological gardens, gave a most fascinating virtual talk of the development of Ellicar, an oasis of calm, a sanctuary for visitors and a haven for wildlife. Sarah, a wild swimming fanatic, avid gardener, and plant enthusiast, wildlife and animal lover, enjoys designing and creating natural swimming pools and gardens for clients across the UK. Ellicar is now a focus for young talented construction specialists, designers, soft landscapers, and people with potential who are willing to learn and share our values.
- **28<sup>th</sup> February: Joe Wainwright, award winning professional garden photographer,** specialising in producing creative and inspiring heritage, lifestyle and tourism images, gave a delightful virtual talk, showing a wide range of images of gardens in the northwest from the Lake District to the borders of Wales and Shropshire. Joe's introduction on the composition of successful photographs, including the essential ingredient of the appropriate light at the right time of day, was particularly helpful to budding photographers.



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**Events continued:**

*(Recordings of these two virtual talks were made available for a limited period to those who were unable to attend at the prescribed time.)*

- **6<sup>th</sup> March Wildegoose Nursery talk by Laura Wildgoss at Worleston Village Hall:** The story of Wildegoose Nursery began when Laura and Jack Wildgoss's dream of running a nursery and having a walled garden, turned into reality when they got the opportunity to buy a business involving a viola collection, and by chance found a neglected walled garden at Millchope Park, Shropshire, for its location. Laura gave a superb talk on the nursery's development. Those attending the talk welcomed the opportunity to buy plants from Laura following the talk. And Worleston Village Hall proved an excellent venue that we hope to use again.

Accounts of all these talks and garden visits appear in articles in our **Newsletters** that can be viewed on the website, [www.cheshire-gardens-trust.org.uk](http://www.cheshire-gardens-trust.org.uk), - see **Gallery tab/Events page**.

*Margaret Blowey, on behalf of the Events Team*

**Research and Recording**

Research and recording activities proceeded but with fewer meetings and site visits this year. Four reports were issued including one on Poole Hall where the designer John Webb was involved, and Cuerdon Hall, for which Thomas Mawson produced proposals that were not implemented.

We welcomed one new member to the group, two members have decided to step back, and two members are keeping in touch but unable to contribute at the present time. We have continued to attend the Cheshire West and Chester Heritage Forum, a useful meeting for hearing about the activities of others in this sector. Members attended Wirral History and Heritage Fair with some new display boards featuring local sites, and also represented CGT at Cheshire Local History Day. We were invited to Wickstead Hall, a fascinating property on the southern edge of the county which requires a further site visit and more research.

Our reports constitute a considerable body of work, have been requested by others, and are appreciated by Local Authority officers. They are also used by us to inform responses to planning applications.

*Barbara Moth on behalf of the Research and Recording Team*

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### ***Caldwell's Nurseries Project***

The Website continues to be used on a regular basis. Plans to make the current transcriptions more usable are still in abeyance but meanwhile the information transcribed to date is being used to investigate the world in which the nurseries worked. Work has started on a new book Exploring the World of the Early Knutsford Nurserymen.

We are sad to report the death of Mavis Caldwell at the age of 95. Without the initial contact with her, CGT may never have collected the written and oral memories of the Caldwell family, staff and customers which contribute much to the Caldwell's Nurseries Project, accessible here:-

<https://www.caldwellarchives.org.uk/people/oral-history.html>

*Joy Uings*

### ***Planning and Conservation***

This year CGT received and reviewed 50 applications and commented on 31.

#### Area Breakdown as follows:

- Cheshire East - 37
- Cheshire West & Chester – 6
- NW & West Midlands Area Forestry Commission – 1
- Peak District -2
- Stockport - 1
- Trafford - 2
- Wirral 1

#### Included in these figures are:

- National Consultations - 1
- Neighbourhood Development Plans - 6
- Local Development Plans - 6
- Direct Invitation to CGT for a Pre-application Consultation – 1
- Registered Parks & Gardens – 8
- Local Landscapes - 14

The most significant consultation has been with the National Trust regarding proposed flood alleviation measures at Lyme Park, Grade II\*. This involved scrutiny of a number of reports, including ones on hydrology, considerable tramping of the park (a great pleasure) and

attending an online meeting with National Trust officers. With the challenges of addressing current and predicted issues of climate change in a sensitive landscape, this is a fascinating case.

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***Planning and Conservation continued***

Another 'first' this year has been a request to comment on Forestry Commission proposals for replanting in a registered park and garden, Crewe Hall, Grade II.

While local authorities have a statutory duty to inform the Gardens Trust of planning proposals effecting registered parks and gardens, in our case we do the leg work and draft the response for the Gardens Trust to send. Historic England is only consulted regarding sites graded I and II\*.

These activities form part of our charitable remit and need to continue with the support and local knowledge of a larger proportion of the membership if CGT is to retain its charitable status. We would be most grateful to receive information from Members about planning issues and designed landscapes at risk in their own areas, particularly as we are not always contacted by the local planning officers. e.g., Note the difference between Cheshire East and Cheshire West & Chester figures.

*Barbara Moth and Sue Bartlett*

***Networking***

Networking continues in an informal way included advertising for and joining with other Cheshire organisations' talks and connecting with non-members via CGT on-line talks.

***Newsletter***

Cheshire Gardens Trust Newsletter production has continued during the year with four issues in 2022 and two to date in 2023.

We will continue to run series like head gardeners of Cheshire, Cheshire Parks, though not necessarily in every edition and occasional articles on garden designers. We are hoping to run a new series on Cheshire Women Gardeners. We very rarely have a shortage of articles, but welcome articles from the general membership, including articles on their own gardens, articles on gardens in Cheshire and further afield, and areas of historical interest. We aim to cover what CGT groups are up to, conservation and planning, events, research and recording, as well as one off consultations, such as that at Lyme Park. But it would also be interesting to see more articles on areas like horticultural training and apprenticeships, plant nurseries and technological development in horticulture, after all this is the life blood of gardens and horticulture in Cheshire.

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**Newsletter continued**

We have also tried to encourage the use of external websites by using links in the newsletter, to widen peoples' interest, in particular to encourage people to use the CGT website.

Early in 2021, the format of the newsletter and in particularly the design of the front cover was changed in line with the new website. Subsequently with the formation of the Newsletter Support Group a consultation with members was undertaken.

Feedback on the newsletter was very positive, but members wanted a shorter newsletter and shorter articles to enable members to read the newsletter more easily on iPhone and iPad. Consequently, efforts have been made to shorten all articles, setting a word limit of 750 words.

Subsequently the editor was asked to produce a report on the newsletter and IT, with a view to offering help with the format and design of the newsletter to meet some of these requirements, in particular changing from a two column to one column format. At that stage we felt we needed to employ someone to design a new format. In the end this wasn't necessary. It proved to be relatively easy (with help from members of the newsletter group and Martin Slack) to have one column, simply cut and paste articles to the second page of the newsletter, then add the photos using text wrap facility. This has actually made it much easier to produce the newsletter, possibly encouraging others to "have a go" and for many people much easier to read. I hope that we haven't lost any of the quality in the process. To compare what we have now with previous design, have a look at the newsletter for October 2020 and for April 2023.

To assist the Editor, the Newsletter Support Group (NSG), currently Patricia Hazlehurst, Freyda Taylor, Isabel Wright, Liz Roberts and Monica Walker was formed and now meets quarterly to discuss content and plan the next issue. This has been helpful in widening the scope of the Newsletter, for example to include more regular information on important areas like Conservation and Planning and reports on consultations; to bring in more areas of interest like garden designers; to report on interesting findings from the Research & Recording Group. Two members have had to leave the group and ideally, we would like to recruit two extra members, someone interested in researching ideas, writing articles and editing.

Also, we are still looking for someone to take over as Newsletter Editor. Sue Eldridge has now produced 30 issues since January 2017 and considers it is time for some fresh blood. She intends to finish at the end of May 2024.

*Sue Eldridge + newsletter team (Patricia Hazlehurst, Freyda Taylor, Monica Walker)*

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### **Website**

Regular visitors to our Website will know that there are rolling updates on the Home Page with links to our excellent programme of Events: Visits and Talks, including booking details. And don't forget to check our Gallery where you can find brief descriptions of these events, together with a selection of photographs taken by our members to record the day.

You can also "re-visit" past events and special Cheshire Gardens Trust landmarks via the Gallery, which goes back to 2004, the year of the launch of CGT.

It is also possible to download our first-rate quarterly Newsletter and to keep an eye on the latest landscape-related News, including the splendid and varied talks offered by the Gardens Trust, the national body to which we are affiliated.

Information contained on the Research and the Conservation pages illustrate the crucial work done by CGT members to uphold our aims, including contributing to the safeguarding of designed landscapes via the national planning system. We are pleased that various enquiries reach CGT via the Website and we assist where possible, including providing copies of garden reports researched by the Research & Recording Group.

The vital role of our local Public Parks has been highlighted in recent years and we always welcome contributions from members, indeed all Cheshire residents, to enlarge our coverage of this vital resource. So do please let us have send us your comments, updates, photographs or anything to help us enrich CGT's important public face. Thank you.

*Sue Bartlett and Ed Bennis* [info@cheshire-gardens-trust.org.uk](mailto:info@cheshire-gardens-trust.org.uk)

### **Bursary**

No further action has been taken on progressing the Bursary over the past year due to lack of active members to take on the leading role.

### **Volunteers**

Maintaining our activities requires the input of our many volunteers. However, we are very aware that some have been undertaking their roles for more than a decade and unfortunately that means we are getting older! It is important that the Trust is refreshed by the different ideas and experiences of younger members. Everyone can help, whether occasionally or for longer periods. Please allow our older volunteers to take a step backward. We will still be around to offer support.

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### **Financial review**

The Trust made a loss of £166. and follows the loss of £447 reported in the previous year (ending 31/01/2022) Historically the excess has enabled us to run a surplus rather than a deficit, but the continuing effect of the covid pandemic meant that we ran a number of free online events. However, we are in a healthy position and are able to cope with this loss. It has, of course, reduced our funds, but these still stand at £16,235, so we remain in a good position going forward. The detailed figures on pages 11 - 15 show that most of our expenditure items continued as normal. As a charity, the Trust should not continue to build up funds and the Council of Management is looking for appropriate projects to support.

### **Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at least at a level which equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to meet operational costs and to fund the next two events of the Trust. Unrestricted funds were maintained well above this level throughout the year.

### **Plans for the future**

Cheshire Gardens Trust's most pressing aim, addressed under item 7 of today's meeting, is to amend the Articles of the Charity to reduce the number of Trustees/Directors on the Council of Management to address concerns that CGT is in danger of contravening its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

In partnership with the Gardens Trust, plans are in progress to apply to Historic England for support in maintaining our Planning and Conservation Role.

We are partnering with others in three new initiatives to raise awareness of the Trust and share our enthusiasm for historic parks and gardens:

- With the support of the Gardens Trust CGT are hosting an event for Heritage Open Days at Queen's Park, Crewe on September 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 in liaison with the Friends of Queen's Park and Cheshire Archives and Local Studies.
- With Cheshire West and Chester Museums we have prepared an exhibition on Salt and Cheshire's Parks and Gardens on display at the Lion Salt Works 17<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- We are collaborating with researchers at Liverpool University to host an event at Styal in August 2023 in conjunction with the travelling exhibition 'Women of the Welfare Landscape' which will be on display at Quarry Bank Mill.

2024 will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the launch of Cheshire Gardens Trust. We would be pleased to receive ideas from members for an appropriate celebration.

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Across our other activities we will continue to follow up the ideas arising from the Strategic Review 2019, focusing specifically on attracting more active members to progress, refresh and support the stated aims of the Trust.

**Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial Year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial Year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in existence.

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

This report was approved by the Council of Management on 27 June 2023

David Cash  
Trustee

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## BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 JANUARY 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors and prepayments	3	5		0	
Bank Accounts		<u>16,557</u>		<u>16,688</u>	
		<b>16,562</b>		<b>16,688</b>	
<b>Creditors</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>327</u>		<u>287</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>16,235</b>		<b>16,401</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>16,235</b>		<b>16,401</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>16,235</b>		<b>16,401</b>
<b>Capital funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			<b>16,235</b>		<b>16,401</b>
<b>Total funds</b>			<b>16,235</b>		<b>16,401</b>

For the year ending 31/01/2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for 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 27 June 2023

Martin Slack  
Trustee

David Cash  
Trustee

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements



## THE CHESHIRE GARDENS TRUST

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

Details of Incoming resources and resources used are given in the notes to the financial statements.

	<b>Unrest'd Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<i>Unrest'd Funds</i>	<i>Total Funds</i>
	<b>2023</b>		<i>2,022</i>	
			<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
Incoming Resources from generated funds:				
Voluntary income	2,624	2,624	1,200	1200
Activities for generating funds	1,834	1,834	2,051	2,051
Investment income	44	44	1	0.9
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>4,502</b>	<b>4,502</b>	3,252	3,252
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<b>Resources expended</b>				
Costs of generating funds	782	782	1,108	1,108
Charitable activities	3,245	3,245	1,921	1921
Governance costs	641	641	670	670
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<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>4,668</b>	3,699	3,699
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<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>-166</b>	<b>-166</b>	-447	-447
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>16,401</b>	<b>16,401</b>	16,848	16,848
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<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>16,235</b>	<b>16,235</b>	16,401	16,401
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**1. Accounting policies**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of certain assets) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

**Cashflow statement**

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the SoFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

**Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

**2. Investment Income**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest	44	1
	=	=

**3. Debtors and prepayments**

Amounts falling due within one year:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments and Accrued Income	5	-
	=	=

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**4. Creditors**

Amounts falling due within one year:-

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals and Deferred Income	<b>314</b>	287
	<u><b>314</b></u>	<u>287</u>
	<u><u><b>314</b></u></u>	<u><u>287</u></u>

**5. Incoming resources**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Voluntary Income</b>				
Income from events and workshops	<b>2,419</b>		960	
Donations and Grants	<b>205</b>		240	
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
		<b>2,624</b>		1,200
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>				
Book and plant sales	<b>0</b>		172	
Membership subscriptions	<b>1,834</b>		1,879	
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
		<b>1,834</b>		2,051
<b>Investment income</b>				
Interest	<b>44</b>		1	
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
		<b>44</b>		1
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>4,502</b>		3,252
		<u><u>          </u></u>		<u><u>          </u></u>

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**6. Costs of generating funds**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Membership stationery & postage	125		149	
Newsletter stationery and postage	244		393	
Publicity	170		285	
Miscellaneous expenditure	243		281	
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
		<b>782</b>		<b>1,108</b>
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>

**7. Charitable activities**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Research and recording expenses	259		384	
Caldwell Project	184		34	
Conservation and planning expenses				
Event & workshop expenses	2,802		1,423	
Miscellaneous Charitable expenditure	0		80	
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
		<b>3,245</b>		<b>1,921</b>
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>

**8. Governance costs**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Returns and Registration Fees	48		48	
Council Meetings	-		-	
TGT Subscription and Insurance	593		613	
AGM	0		9	
	<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>	
		<b>641</b>		<b>670</b>
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>

**9. Related party transactions**

All directors are volunteers and receive no remuneration or other financial reward from the Trust.