

GARDENING FOR DISABLED TRUST

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2017**

Registered Charity number 255066

Gardening for Disabled Trust

Annual Report and Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2017

Reference and administrative Details

Registered Charity 255066 (registered in England)

Patron Sir Roddy Llewellyn

President Alan Titchmarsh

Trustees

The Hon. Sarah Joiner	Chairman retired 17 October 2017
Richard Capewell	Chairman from 18 October 2017
Vanessa Berridge	
Stephanie Donaldson	
Penny Knapman	
John Mankelow	

Executive Committee

Felicity Seton	Chairman
Angela Goddard	Secretary
Flora Fairbank	Treasurer retired 25 February 2018
Paul Brown	Treasurer from 26 February 2018
Heather Fooks	
Rosemary Kefford	
Jess Bruce Lockhart	from 6 April 2017
Mary Ann Lovegrove	
Anna Mathews	from 6 April 2017
Sarah Peters	
Justine Stringer	

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Gardening for Disabled Trust Trustees' and Executive Committee Report

The trustees and executive committee present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017. The Trustees confirm that the report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of "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 2015) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)). The Legal and Administrative information on page 1 forms part of this report.

Objectives

The object of the charity is to alleviate the suffering and distress of those disabled by disease, injury or deformity by providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for gardening and their leisure activities.

Structure, Governance and Management

Gardening for Disabled Trust is governed by a Constitution and Rules adopted on Registration as a charity on 11 March 1968 and amended on 4 May 1988.

Trustees are appointed by resolution of the Trustees. The trustees meet twice a year and receive a report from the Executive Committee on the operations of the Trust.

The Trustees have delegated day-to-day management of the affairs of the Trust to an Executive Committee who meet monthly. The Trustees and Executive Committee of the charity are detailed on page 1 of this report.

The charity has no staff. The Executive Committee services are voluntary.

Funds are raised by appeal to charitable trusts and foundations and by events organised by the Executive Committee.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The activities described in this report have been undertaken for the public benefit and in pursuit of the charity's objects.

The Trust is an entirely voluntary organisation and relies on the energy and determination of the Trustees and Executive Committee. Run from the Weald of Kent, the Trust gives small grants to people all over the United Kingdom in order that they may continue to garden despite advancing illness, age or disability. The annual income is spent judiciously and often transforms the recipient as well as the garden, replacing a source of frustration with a valuable therapy and sense of satisfaction.

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Achievements and Performance

The Trust has had another busy and productive year. We have been able to help many gardeners back into their plots and the magic of making things grow.

Some 30 projects have been completed; the majority for people whose enthusiasm remains undimmed but whose physical limitations now demand substantial and often costly changes to adapt their garden. Most of the projects have taken the minimum from our Trust. The basic materials alone have been funded, but usually friends, family and volunteers have all been pleased to help to create a special sanctuary for their friend. Generally our upper limit for grants to individuals is £1,000.

A passion for plants and the care they need are real diversions from the gruelling demands of many chronic illnesses. Whatever the weather or the economy may be doing, reading, choosing and planning for the gardening season to come surely helps. Gardening is a simple pleasure and gives us all an opportunity to escape from the confines of the house and wheelchair into an independent world where disability makes no odds. Encouragement, ideas and information give confidence to work wonders with a daunting patch. Money is a vital component and one where the Trust is pleased to help.

We have had four fund raising events generating a surplus after expenses of over £8,000. In April we held an Open Garden and Plant Fair at The Freight by kind permission of Chairman Flick Seton and her husband Bruce. It was a fair but chilly day with a good turnout and £4,000 was raised.

In May there was a visit to Long Barn, Sevenoaks. It was a lovely sunny day and everyone enjoyed the beautiful garden with a very interesting talk by the owner. Just over £1,000 was raised.

In June there was a Rose and Roses party at the Lake in Frittenden. All available tickets were sold. There was a woodwind band and canapés made by the Committee and £2,500 was raised.

In September How Green Nursery gave a very successful talk and presentation about growing for the designers for Chelsea, Hampton Court and Tatton Park. The event raised £500.

Major Donors

We are very appreciative and thank the Worshipful Company of Gardeners for their donation of £6,000 and the 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust for their donation of £1,500. We were also delighted to receive a £20,000 legacy from the estate of Frances A Murdoch.

Risks

We are very conscious of the dependency we have on the time, enthusiasm and ability of the Committee members to manage the day-to-day business of giving grants and organising fund raising events.

We take great care in our risk assessment for the events we organise on private premises.

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Financial review

We have ended the financial year with a surplus of £19,811 (including investment gains) as a result of a legacy of £20,000. Total income and gains amounted to £50,337 and total costs were £30,526 of which grants totalled £26,328. Our administration expenditure, excluding fund raising expenses, totalled £2,932 and is under close control.

Reserves

Our reserves are represented by investments in two mutual funds. We aim to keep these investments for the long term as an endowment. Our aim is to generate sufficient income each year to cover our costs whilst recognising that we still currently maintain a liquidity buffer.

Statement of Trustees' and Management Committee responsibilities

The trustees and executive committee are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting practice). The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees and executive committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees and executive committee are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees and executive committee are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. 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.

The trustees and executive committee are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee

Richard Capewell
Chairman

Felicity Seton
Chairman

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Gardening for Disabled Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Gardening for Disabled Trust ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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Dated:

**Gardening for Disabled Trust
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2017**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Income from:		
Donations	8,645	8,668
Legacies	20,000	-
Charitable activities: Fund-raising events (Note 3)	9,302	9,211
Dividends & interest from investments	5,372	5,509
Net gains in investments	7,018	4,306
Total Income	50,337	27,694
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities:		
Fund-raising events (Note 4)	1,266	2,709
Grants	26,328	31,217
Garden Club Newsletter	726	954
Other Costs	2,206	2,270
Total Expenditure	30,526	37,150
Surplus (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	19,811	(9,456)
Funds brought forward	166,859	176,315
Funds carried forward	186,670	166,859

Gardening for Disabled Trust Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2017

	2017	2016
	£	£
Current Assets		
Natwest Bank, Current Account	32,762	15,271
CAF Bank, Cash Account	5,507	5,214
CAF Bank, Gold Account	25,788	30,779
52,042 units The Charities Property Fund	65,755	62,450
3,461.273 units M&G Charifund	56,858	53,145
Total Current Assets	186,870	166,859
 Representing:		
Unrestricted Fund – General Fund	186,670	166,859

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 16 May 2018 and signed on their behalf by:

Richard Capewell
Chairman of the Trustees

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2017

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - ("Charities SORP FRS 102"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore the going concern basis of accounting continues to be adopted.

There are no significant areas of judgement or estimation uncertainty.

Reconciliation with previous generally accepted accounting practice

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP FRS 102 a restatement of comparative items was needed. No restatements were required.

Income Recognition

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

It is not considered possible to quantify the value of donated services and facilities, or of the services provided by volunteers, which have not been included in the financial statements.

Expenditure Recognition

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 settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity is not registered for VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the financial statements.

Investments

Investments in mutual funds are valued at market value on the balance sheet date; gains and losses are dealt with through the Statement of Financial Activities.

Status

Gardening for Disabled Trust is an unincorporated charitable organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. Its registered address is P.O. Box 285, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 9JD.

Employees and Trustees

There are no employees. None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year.

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 2017

2. Income from fund raising events

	2017	2016
	£	£
Plant Fair	4,527	3,376
Garden visit	1,110	310
Garden talk	504	309
Wealden Fair	260	-
Rose & Roses party	2,803	-
Bridge event	-	5,141
Other income	98	75
Total Income from fund raising events	9,302	9,211

3. Cost of Fund-raising Events

	2017	2016
	£	£
Plant Fair	460	542
Garden Talk	55	20
Wealden Fair	158	-
Rose & Roses party	277	-
Bridge Event	-	2,014
Other Costs	316	133
Total Cost of Fund-raising Events	1,266	2,709