

Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon

(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31 December 2017

Charity no: 1159641



Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2017

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2017.

Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisors

Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon

Registered Charity number: 1159641

Principal Office: Little Green, 12 Dagmar Street, Shaldon TQ14 0DU

Trustees:

The trustees during the period are:

Chair	Carolyn Elizabeth Pash
Treasurer	Richard John Brett
Trustee	Alison Mary Melville-Shreeve

Bankers:

Barclays Bank plc. 23 Wellington St, Teignmouth TQ14 8HP

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is governed by its Constitution last amended 28th November 2014 which establish its objects and powers.

Constitution of the Organisation.

Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered on 16th December 2014.

Board of Trustees and Trustee selection.

The body responsible for the management of Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon is the Board of Trustees.

The full complement of Trustees is eight and the Constitution requires that there shall never be less than three. Trustees serve for a term of three years and there are no restrictions on the number of terms that a Trustee may serve. Appointment of Trustees is by election at the Annual General Meeting. All Trustees must be members of Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon and members are invited to nominate people to serve. The Chair and Officers are appointed by the Trustees from among their number.

Upon their first appointment each new trustee is provided with the following information;

- A copy of the Constitution along with any amendments made to it;
- The latest trustee' annual report and statement of accounts.

The Trustees are supported by a management committee, members of which attend Trustee meetings and by volunteers who provide valuable assistance with work in the Gardens and with fundraising events.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity.

Risk Management

The Homeyards Botanical Gardens is owned and maintained by Teignbridge District Council who operate appropriate risk management policies. The Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon organise events in the Gardens from time to time and for each event a risk assessment and risk management plan is prepared having regard to:

Protecting the public from risk
Protecting the Gardens and property from damage
Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Objectives and Activities

The principal object of Friends of Homeyards Botanical Gardens in Shaldon is for the public benefit to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and to advance the education of the public in the land and buildings at Homeyards Botanical Gardens, Shaldon Devon.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The Friends run Easter, summer and Halloween events to involve children and families in the gardens. These events are generally free but fundraising can be involved. More than 150 children came to the Easter 2017 event, our best attendance ever.

Continuing historical researches into the Homeyards story.

Conservation volunteering on a regular basis to maintain and improve specific areas of the gardens.

Summary of the main achievements of the Charity during the period

The garden restoration and improvement projects enabled by grants from Viridor Credits Environmental through the Landfill Communities Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund commenced were completed during the year. Works included creation of a disabled parking bay, the restoration of the castle including the reinstatement of the roof, windows and doors and the creation of a kitchenette and toilet facilities as well as improved disabled access.

Part of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant was set aside to provide a substantial public event to mark completion of the works, and on Friday 15th September the ceremonial opening of the restored castle took place in the gardens. Inside the castle an exhibition staged by our local school included a display some of the photographic images created during their workshops to document the restoration. On the lawns in

front of the castle local actors young and older gave a vivid presentation of the story of Maria Homeyard's creation of the gardens and neighbouring houses.

During the year we have also taken the best of the broken pieces of William Sears memorial bench found in the undergrowth a few years ago and incorporated them into a restored bench and, through the generous voluntary efforts of a local builder, fixed the Gardeners Hut roof.

The number of Conservation volunteering sessions continued to increase this year. In September we held a workshop to study the Italianate style of gardens in England with a group of Friends, volunteers and professional gardeners. Skillfully led by Simon Bonvoisin and Barbara Theisen, we were guided towards complete plant lists and layouts for all three of the large planting areas in the Italian Garden, and in November volunteers returned to the gardens for the planting.

Also in November TV presenter and professional gardener Frances Tophill together with a group of Marines from the Hasler Naval Recovery Centre in Plymouth visited Homeyards to work on the Gardens. Frances is working on a planting scheme for the area alongside the pond path, but first she and the marines and other volunteers tackled the considerable amount of clearance work necessary as the area has been overgrown for many years.

Financial Review

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in July 2014.

The Receipts and Payments account shows the gross income from all sources and the split of activity between restricted and unrestricted funds.

Review of the financial position

There was an excess of payments over receipts of £1068 during the year, and this amount reduces to the cash balance held in unrestricted funds.

The main element of income in the year was donations from members and supporters amounting in total to £1526. The major expenditure in the year was the purchase of two benches to be placed in front of the newly restored castle, and materials for the repairs to the gardeners hut.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to hold sufficient reserves to provide funding for special events and fundraising efforts organized by the Friends or by supporters.

Reserves at 31st December 2017 amount to £5981 which trustees consider adequate to cover the costs of arranging a typical programme of events for a year.

Future Plans

Updating signage and interpretive materials and working towards an informative Tree Trail with Shaldon School.

History of the Burma Star Nurses.

Preparing for a possible phase 2 funding bid to Heritage Lottery Fund for further works to the gardens.

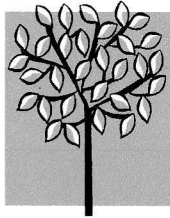
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Pash', written in a cursive style.

**Carolyn Elizabeth Pash
Chair**

28th February 2018



Friends of Homeyards Botanical
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01 January 2017	To	31 December 2017
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions & Donations	1,526	-	-	1,526	3,065
Events & Fundraising	135	-	-	135	77
Merchandising	10	-	-	10	-
Grant - Viridor Credits	-	-	-	-	40,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,671	-	-	1,671	43,142
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,671	-	-	1,671	43,142
A3 Payments					
Fundraising Costs	55	-	-	55	224
Subscription - Devon Gardens Trust	30	-	-	30	30
AGM & Membership Costs	94	-	-	94	102
Works in Gardens	2,335	-	-	2,335	40,000
Insurance	226	-	-	226	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,740	-	-	2,740	40,356
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,740	-	-	2,740	40,356
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,069	-	-	- 1,069	2,786
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,050	-	-	7,050	-
Cash funds this year end	5,981	-	-	5,981	7,050

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Bank plc Current Account	5,981	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,981	-	-

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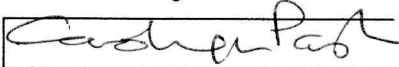
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Carolyn Pash	28/02/2018
	Richard Brett	28/02/2018

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Accounts for the year to 31st December 2017

Notes to the Accounts

1) The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2) Trustee Remuneration, Benefits and Expenses

No trustees have received any remuneration or benefits from the charity.

No trustees have received expenses from the charity.