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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1060697**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 SEPTEMBER 2019  
FOR  
YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST**

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# **YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST**

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The Yorkshire Gardens Trust was incorporated in September 1996, became a registered charity in February 1997 and is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives**

The Objects of the Trust are:

- (1) to promote the education of the public on matters connected with garden land.
- (2) 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 those Objectives**

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

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

The Yorkshire Philosophical Society	Royal Horticultural Society
The Folly Fellowship	Historic England
The Gardens Trust	Natural England
Other County Garden Trusts	York Civic Trust
The Arts Society	The National Trust
The Yorkshire Dales and the North Yorkshire Moors National Parks	The Borthwick Institute, University of York
The Local Authorities of Yorkshire	Wentworth Castle and Stainborough Park Heritage Trust

Specifically, the Trust is active in the following principal areas where the Trustees have delegated some 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
- Membership and Engagement
- Events

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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR: OUR PROGRESS AND SOME NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

Even in those heady exciting days before its formal organisation and registration as a charity, the embryonic Trust was already blessed with a group of people with motivation, dedication, passion and a wide range of expertise and experience. And within its midst it already had a natural leader in Val Hepworth who emerged as the catalyst and driving force. Val worked tirelessly to establish the Trust and to build a close and harmonious team and a network of support and connections that has remained a central feature of the Trusts' future and continuing success.

Since its formation the Trust has developed to a position where its work and achievements are much admired and respected by fellow county garden trusts and by colleagues within the conservation field and the world of parks and gardens. It is a great credit to the dedication, enormous passion and commitment of the current team and of their predecessors that such a reputation has been achieved. The Trustees are enormously grateful to those individuals who give their time and skills so generously.

##### **Val's British Empire Medal**

After over 20 years at either the helm or at the heart of the Trust and as a leading figure in the conservation of Parks and Gardens on the national stage, it was thus wonderfully fitting that our Chairman, who finally stepped down as Chair at the 2019 AGM, was awarded the British Empire Medal in June in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her services to Yorkshire Gardens Trust and Conservation. Lady Legard, a vice-president of the Trust, commenting on the Award, spoke warmly of Val's contributions over many years and made particular reference to how "Val's efforts have made an invaluable contribution to the horticultural and architectural landscape of Yorkshire for everyone in the UK, and indeed the world, to enjoy".

##### **Progressing Our Overarching Vision and Strategy**

2019 was our first year in which the impact and focus of the new Business Plan, presented to members at the 2018 AGM, could be seen and felt. It both sets out the vision and strategy of the Trust for the period 2018-2022 and also provides the over-arching framework and focus for the work of our various sub-committees. For those who wish to access it, it is available on the Trust's website.

Great progress has already been made during the past year with turning the Plan into reality.

One of its' key objectives is to increase and to broaden our membership and to make a greater effort to support, to engage with and promote ourselves with a wider range of sectors of the community. Some of the initial achievements are outlined below.

- **Partnership with National Trust :**

One of the sectors that we are keen to engage with and to attract to the Trust are more children and families. Our ever - enthusiastic former Trustee, David Morgan, picked this up and arranged for the Trust to the sponsor two very successful family workshop events at National Trust properties during 2019. The first took place on Mondays throughout August at Beningbrough Hall and was called 'Apprentice Gardeners' where children were supplied with child size wheelbarrows and gardening tools and given real jobs in the splendid walled garden.

And David later succinctly summed up with - "Thank you again for the generous donation, we have had lots of happy little gardeners, (plus some exhausted staff and volunteers!!) and importantly the profile of YGT has been raised, so money well spent'.

We are grateful to all volunteers who joined the children and families to make it such a success.

The second family workshop of crocus bulb planting took place during the Autumn half -term at Nunnington Hall.

- **Our Refugee Day:**

The Trust's very special and often very moving Refugee Day was re- instated in the Trust calendar in 2019. This years' event was attended by Syrian families living in Scarborough and was held at Wydale Hall. Grateful thanks to all volunteers who made it such a great success.

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- **Landscape and Horticultural Student Bursary:**  
We have long had a concern regarding the decline in traditional and specialist horticultural skills amongst the gardeners in general and especially those caring for and managing historic parks and gardens. The granting in 2019 of the first student bursary from the special Landscape and Horticultural Student Fund, which was established in 2018, was therefore a notable milestone achievement. The grant of £156 was made to York Museums and Gallery Trust to support travel costs for a student gardener, an Askham Bryan horticultural student, to enable him to complete his work experience placement at York Museum Gardens when his daily commute from Leeds had become unaffordable.
- **Rebranding:**  
As an integral part of our efforts to broaden membership and promote the Trust to a wider audience, Council have set up a small sub- committee to look into and make recommendations on the re- branding of the Trust across all communication, publicity and promotion, including a greater use of social media. A small first step has been made with the proposed introduction of a regular e- newsletter by our new editor, Christine Miskin, to complement the twice yearly newsletter. The first is planned to go out in December 2019. We look forward to receiving the sub- committee's complete set of recommendations.

#### **Further Progress and Notable Achievements**

Two key foundations of the Trust's success and on- going activities relate to Conservation and Planning and to Research and Recording and to the small dedicated teams that carry the significant workload of both areas. The following events during 2019 have enabled some progress towards meeting two further objectives of our Business Plan which seek to strengthen the two teams and to promote their significant achievements.

##### Inspiration and Planning Workshop [Part 1] – Bramham 12.03.19

This was a special training event organised by the Gardens Trust in partnership with YGT to introduce participants to the conservation of historic designed landscape and the role of Garden Trusts in their conservation and protection. This complete sell- out full day event, held in the very special and appropriate setting of Bramham, thanks to the generosity of our Vice President Nick Lane Fox, provided those present, including many YGT members, with a greater confidence and understanding of conservation and planning that will enable them to contribute more fully to the work of the Conservation Sub- Committee in the future.

##### GT Planning Workshop [Part 2]

– Protecting Historic Parks and Gardens- Mastering Planning Responses - Ripon Workhouse 27.06.19

This equally successful event complemented the earlier Bramham event by taking participants, step by step, through the writing of an effective planning letter with the aim of further increasing the confidence and abilities of volunteers to contribute to the work of the Trust and the Conservation Sub- committee in particular.

##### Discovering North Yorkshire 's Gardens – North Yorkshire Archives- 20.07.19

One of the many unsung achievements of YGT is the incredible work of the Research and Recording team in unearthing and recording Yorkshire's designed landscape treasures. However, in July, Gail Falkingham and Louise Wickham took the opportunity to lead a "fantastic workshop" at the North Yorkshire Archives building in Northallerton where participants joined YGT specialists and Archive staff to explore the historic designed landscapes of North Yorkshire and see original archives from the collections.

##### Repton : Langold Re- discovered – 10.02.18

Such is the richness of Repton's legacy in Yorkshire that our 2018 celebrations of his achievements and legacy continued late into 2018 and into 2019. On a balmy October day, Karen Lynch, our supremo of all things Brown and Repton, who has done so much in recent years to research and promote the Yorkshire legacy of both men to a wider audience through workshops, conferences and visits and through beautiful publications, led a visit to Langold in deepest South Yorkshire. It was thanks to the thoroughness of Karen's recent researches on Repton that the thrilling evidence was uncovered that Repton had indeed provided a 'Red Book' for the Knight family, then owners of Langold.

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#### Repton: Armley House and Gotts Park Study day- 18.03.19

It was a much more wintry day that provided the backdrop to the final Yorkshire Repton celebratory event – a day workshop at Armley House and Gotts Park, which sits in a prominent position overlooking the Aire Valley on the edge of Leeds. It was the then owner, Benjamin Gott who employed Repton on the enhancing of both the Park and the House.

#### **Our Challenges**

The Trust is reliant on the skills and willingness of its members to deliver its activities and achievements. The management structure still has some unfilled roles and the lack of sufficient active volunteers and the ageing profile of the membership continues to be a major issue for the Trust. The 2018- 2022 Business Plan focuses on addressing this issue.

#### **OUR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES:**

Celebrating the work and achievements of our Sub- Committees- there is much to celebrate!

#### **Research and Recording**

The Trust has a long term project to identify, research and record significant unregistered parks and gardens across Yorkshire. A list of about 477 important historic designed landscapes across the historic county of Yorkshire (the three former Ridings plus the City of York) have been identified. Of those, 126 are on Historic England's Register of Historic Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England. This leaves 351 sites that have not been fully documented. Of these, 51 have now been completed, with a further 11 due to be finished by end of financial year 2019/2020 in the areas of Hambleton District of North Yorkshire, the North Yorkshire Moors National Park and Doncaster on which the project is currently focused.

The results are shared with local authority planners and conservation officers. The information on the sites is added to the Parks and Gardens UK Database, to the Trust's website and the Historic Environment Record.

The importance of the work is demonstrated by the fact North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council and the North York Moors National Park Authority have given grants to assist.

The project is run entirely by 15 to 20 volunteers, many of whom are not Trust members, but are from local societies. All volunteers receive assistance from the Researching and Recording team. The research reports and statements of significance are subject to strict editing to ensure they are of the highest professional standard. The methodology and good practice have been shared with other County Gardens Trusts and by contributing to The Gardens Trust Historic Landscape Project workshops and training sessions.

Research and Recording team:-

- completed a total of 4 sites comprising: 1 in the Hambleton District, 1 in the North York Moors National Park and 2 in Doncaster District with many more in varying stages of progress towards completion.
- gave a presentation to Monk Fryston Time team who worked on the Monk Fryston report for the Selby Project.
- met with North Yorkshire's Principal Landscape Architect and Historic Environment Record Co- Ordinator to appraise them of the project, progress made and the records already produced and available.

#### **Archives**

The Trust has established an archive at the Borthwick Institute, University of York. There are regular deposits of minutes, records, research material and pieces of botanical, garden and landscape history.

#### **Conservation and Planning**

As a statutory consultee The Gardens Trust sends the Trust details of all planning applications related to registered gardens and landscapes. On occasions the Trust is also consulted on planning applications relating to non-registered sites. The Conservation sub-committee reviews and responds to these applications. It is made up of 12 members and

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meets regularly, although much work takes place between meetings. Members also draw on the local expertise of other Trust members to contribute to planning responses. The sub-committee works closely on planning matters with the Conservation Officers at the Gardens Trust and notifies Historic England of all its consultations.

The Trust's specialist knowledge is being requested increasingly as funding and expertise is cut within local authorities and Historic England, and development pressures on historic parks and gardens continues unabated.

#### **Wentworth Castle and Stainborough Park Heritage Trust**

Jane Furse, a long time member of the Conservation sub-committee, has been the Trust's nominated representative trustee on the Heritage Trust since 2002. As Trustee, Jane played a leading role in the exemplary restoration and renovation work [that won many awards and accolades] undertaken by the Heritage Trust to bring this iconic Grade 1 site back to life and to open it to the public. After a difficult period of uncertainty regarding the future of this important historic landscape the Trust is delighted that the future care and management of the site has now passed to the National Trust and that the site has reopened to the public. It also wishes to express its gratitude and pay tribute to the leadership and enormous commitment that Jane has demonstrated over almost 20 years as Heritage Trust Trustee in so thoroughly involving herself in all stages of the long incremental restoration process and subsequent management that has ultimately led to such an outstanding restoration project which the Trust has been willing take over and continue to manage.

#### **The Conservation Team :-**

- responded to 90 planning applications including several that required multiple letters and site visits.
- gave pre-application advice and advice to HE for sites being considered for the Register: The Retreat, York; Newham Hall, Middlesbrough.
- participated in the Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal stakeholder meetings and for Temple Newsam.
- took the head gardener and his assistant to see the restored Richardson glasshouse at Goddards courtesy of the National Trust.
- gave advice for Cusworth Hall, Doncaster and for the Museum Gardens, York, Flood Embankment.
- were delighted to learn in early January that the proposed development at Parlington had been deleted from Leeds CC Site Allocation Plan by HM Inspectors.
- have been working with staff at Lotherton Hall, Aberford and Leeds CC to organise a conference on Edwardian Gardens to be held at Lotherton Hall in June 2020.

Small Grants, from its' annual budget of £2,000, were provided to:-

- Wortley Hall and walled garden and Heeley City Farm project for a new booklet - £500
- Friends of Valley Gardens, Harrogate, Guide Book - £500
- We have had several enquiries but no further applications.

#### **Landscape and Horticultural Student Bursary**

The horticultural student bursary, which was established in 2018 through the generosity of its members to help individuals in their horticultural careers, stood at £2,928 at the year end.

#### **Schools and Education**

Through the Schools Sub-Committee, the Trust supports, advises and channels funds to its 42 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 all of the schools involved. The theme this year was based around butterflies.

This year the small grants budget, which was boosted by some donations and bequests enabled the funding of the following programme at a cost of £1490 :-

- An offer to all member schools of gifts of butterfly hatching kits - to follow on from the laminated Field Studies

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Guides to Butterflies offered in the final term of the previous academic year.

- Sent out to 9 schools that requested them in Mid- May
- An offer to all member schools of butterfly- friendly cornflower seeds
- Sent out to all member schools.
- Ground Development grants that are awarded to schools which apply and demonstrate their commitment to their project, its viability and usefulness, the involvement of the children in the planning and use, and the provision for aftercare.
- £250 to St Joseph's RC Primary in Keighley to add resources to a much used woodland area within the school grounds.
- £250 to Ingleby Greenhow Primary School near Middlesbrough to go towards building new raised beds for fruit and vegetables which would be used in school meals.
- Funding to support one school with provision of transport or/and activities on a day visit to a limited and selected number of Yorkshire venues with opportunities to provide significant environmental and horticultural educational benefits such as Harlow Carr or the Yorkshire Arboretum at Castle Howard.
- £250 was given to Pyebank School in Sheffield to enable a visit to Whirlow Farm in May.
- Gifts of sets of 18 pairs of children's gardening gloves awarded to:
  - Ingleby Greenhow, North Yorkshire, Willow Tree Primary School, North Yorkshire, The Halifax Academy, Royston St. John Baptist Primary, Barnsley and St Catherine's Academy Bolton.

#### **Membership and Engagement**

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

At the year end the Trust's total membership was made up as follows:

26 Life members, 1 Honorary life-member, 64 Double memberships, 120 Single memberships, 1 Association, 2 Corporate members, 42 School members, 28 Honorary memberships- 15 Single and 13 Double (includes event hosts who are given one year's honorary membership and researchers whilst they work for the Trust).

New members are recruited via the website, social media, the membership brochure, talks given by Trustees and by word-of-mouth. However, the Trust's ageing profile and insufficient active volunteers continues to be a risk for the Trust, and the Business Plan details a number of new initiatives to address this.

The Trust keeps in touch with its members via its website, the twice-yearly newsletters and e-mail updates and has a presence on Twitter. In December 2019 it plans to also introduce an e- newsletter.

#### **Trust Events**

The Trust's Events sub-committee organises a wide range of informative and enjoyable events across Yorkshire throughout the year. These include visits to historic landscapes, private gardens and commercial growers as well as talks.

Our AGM was at held at Newton-le- Willows Village Hall, where, following the formal business, D'Arcy Wyvill introduced the afternoon's visit to Constable Burton by explaining the background to the family and how they came to acquire their magnificent house and estates.

As ever, there were some wonderful events spread both across the seasons and the whole of Yorkshire from the snowdrop visits to Goldsborough Hall, with the assistance of snowdrop gurus Mike and Gel Heagney, the landscape visits to Aldby Park and Grimston Park to the early Autumn visit to Greenhead Park and Clems Garden near Huddersfield. There were also summer time visits to Weston Hall, to Gisborough Priory and Tudor Court, to Broaches Farm and Lowbridge House near Richmond and to the Alpine nursery of Slack Top and Land Farm Garden



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near Hebden Bridge. And squeezed in amongst all those were the summer picnic and garden visit to Low Askew Farm, the special fundraising evening and visit to Copt Hewick Hall and the Study Day at Armley House and Gotts Park, near Leeds, to find out more about its' history, including its' 'Red Book' and the work of Humphry Repton.

As well as being enjoyable occasions, events provide members and their guests with opportunities to learn about gardens and historic landscapes, and also raise significant sums in support of the Trust's other charitable activities.

The Trustees are grateful to those Trust members who led visits and also to the owners of the parks and gardens visited, especially those who kindly donated event proceeds to the Trust to assist with its charitable objectives.

Events Team's programme attracted:

- 480 visitors and produced a surplus of £5,765 to support the Trust's charitable activities.

#### **Gardens Trust Events**

The Trust is a member of the Gardens Trust which acts as an overarching national organisation in promoting historic and designed landscapes and gardens. It also provides a wide range of events which provide opportunities for visits to historic landscapes and gardens, forums where members can meet and share and develop good practice and more focused training events and workshops.

We are grateful to Win Derbyshire for acting as our primary link with the Gardens Trust and for disseminating information from the Gardens Trust via newsletters and, in future via the e-newsletters. Trust delegates have attended Gardens Trust events including a Historic Landscapes Assembly in York, a regional Meet Up in Newcastle and an event at Castle Howard. The Trust sends a voting delegate to the AGM which, in 2019, was held in Oxford and, in 2020, will be held in North Yorkshire in September.

#### **Finance: Financial Review**

The Trust recorded a surplus for the year of £3,641 (2018: a deficit of £2,879). This was accounted for by an increase in events income and a decrease in administration and governance costs, but also a decline in grants made. The finances of the Trust are in good shape, in part due to the legacy of one of our founders, Phillipa Rakusen. The Trust's assets are held in cash.

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

#### **Financial Reserves Policy**

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

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

New Articles of Association were approved at the Trust's AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

##### **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 on 16th October 2018, 28th January 2019, 30th April 2019 and 23rd July 2019. Questions, policy and strategy are decided by a majority of votes. The Trustees delegates some activities to Sub-committees which meet according to need. Each sub-committee comprises Trust members and other professionals and partners and has either at least one Trustee as a member or a designated link Trustee. That Trustee reports on the work of their sub-committee to the Council, which discusses any proposals and makes decisions. The Trustee reports back to the sub-committee, which also receives the minutes of the Council.

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

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

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 also a member of Heritage Alliance, the national body for organisations concerned with all aspects of the historic environment. One Trustee represents historic parks and gardens issues on the Historic Environment Forum for Yorkshire and Humber.

Members are entitled to attend and vote at the AGM.

The twenty second AGM took place at Newton-le-Willows Village Hall on 30th March 2019. The next AGM will be held at on 4th April 2020 at Bramham Park.

##### **Recruitment, appointment and training of new trustees**

One third of the Trustees must retire at each AGM. Retiring Trustees can be re-elected.

It was at the 2019 AGM that Val Hepworth, our Chair and a leading figure throughout the formation and entire life of the Trust, finally stood down. Thankfully, she agreed to be re-elected and to remain as a Trustee and continue to lead the Conservation and Planning team. We also bid a sad farewell to Trustees Fiona Barlow and to David Morgan who had both contributed significantly to the work and further development of the Trust.

We were, however, fortunate to welcome both Gail Falkingham and Madalyn Hughes as new Trustees. Current Trustees encourage individuals with relevant interest and skills to become Trustees. New Trustees are elected at an AGM, but may be co-opted as a Trustee and elected at the following AGM.

All 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 its standard Trustee Eligibility Declaration. Mentoring is also provided by existing Trustees.

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#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

03256311 (England and Wales)

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**Trustees**

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

Malcolm Barnett	Pippa Rakusen Bequest, Company Secretary
Fiona Barlow	Events, Schools (Resigned 30 March 2019)
Penelope Dawson Brown	Conservation, Archives, Schools Education
Gail Falkingham	Conservation (Appointed 30 March 2019)
Val Hepworth	Conservation, Events
Madalyn Joy Hughes	Events, Student Bursary (Appointed 30 March 2019)
David Morgan	Business Planning (Resigned 30 March 2019)
Vicky Price	Events
Nigel Tooze	Honorary Treasurer

The Charity Trustees are the current Directors of the limited company.

There is a vacancy for a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary to Council.

Some Council meetings have been attended by Vice-presidents Peter Goodchild, Nick Lane Fox and Lady Legard.

Mrs Louise Amende has continued her remunerated role as Administrator for Events bookings, Membership Secretary and assisting the Council, due to the continued lack of further volunteers.

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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 on 4 February 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Malcolm Barnett - Trustee

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

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2019 set out on pages twelve to twenty-two.

## **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.

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11 March 2020

# YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2019 Total funds	2018 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	5,554	938	6,492	6,696
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Functions, events	3	8,739	1,220	9,959	6,031
Investment income	4	740	-	740	778
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,033</b>	<b>2,158</b>	<b>17,191</b>	<b>13,505</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Functions, events	3	(4,045)	(149)	(4,194)	(2,303)
Grants, donations	5	(3,322)	(156)	(3,478)	(6,492)
Administration and governance		(5,787)	(91)	(5,878)	(7,589)
Other		-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>(13,154)</b>	<b>(396)</b>	<b>(13,550)</b>	<b>(16,384)</b>
<b>NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>1,879</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>3,641</b>	<b>(2,879)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>68,902</b>	<b>1,572</b>	<b>70,474</b>	<b>73,353</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>70,781</b>	<b>3,334</b>	<b>74,115</b>	<b>70,474</b>

**YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST (REGISTERED NUMBER: 03256311)**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets		-	-	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	9	697	160	857	1,066
Cash at bank		<u>70,934</u>	<u>3,174</u>	<u>74,108</u>	<u>72,127</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>71,631</b>	<b>3,334</b>	<b>74,965</b>	<b>73,193</b>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(850)	-	(850)	(2,719)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>70,781</u>	<u>3,334</u>	<u>74,115</u>	<u>70,474</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>70,781</u>	<u>3,334</u>	<u>74,115</u>	<u>70,474</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>70,781</u></u>	<u><u>3,334</u></u>	<u><u>74,115</u></u>	<u><u>70,474</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	11			70,781	68,902
Restricted funds				<u>3,334</u>	<u>1,572</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><u>74,115</u></u>	<u><u>70,474</u></u>

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**BALANCE SHEET – CONTINUED  
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

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The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2019.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2019 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 special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 4 February 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr Malcolm Barnett - Trustee

Mr Nigel Tooze -Trustee



# YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

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### 1. 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 (effective 1 January 2015)', the 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
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#### **Taxation**

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

#### **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.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2019 £	2018 £
Members subscriptions	4,813	4,189
Legacies	7	-
Gift Aid	807	911
Donations	865	1,296
Grants	-	300
	<u>6,492</u>	<u>6,696</u>

#### 3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2019 £	2018 £
Functions, events income	9,959	6,031
Functions, events costs	(4,194)	(2,303)
Functions, events surplus	<u>5,765</u>	<u>3,728</u>

#### 4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2019 £	2018 £
Deposit account interest	<u>740</u>	<u>778</u>

## YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

#### 5. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2019 £	2018 £
Grants, donations	<u>3,478</u>	<u>6,492</u>
The total of grants paid during the year was:		
	2019 £	2018 £
Schools Project	1,447	1,672
Heeley City Farm to support the publication of a booklet on the history of Wortley Hall Walled Garden	500	-
York Museums and Gallery Trust to support travel costs for a student gardener to gain work experience (Paid from the Student Bursary)	156	-
National Trust to support a family day at Beningborough Hall	500	-
North Yorkshire County Records Office	100	-
The Gardens Trust to support a planning training day at Bramham Park	600	-
Ripon Walled Garden, Paths (2017: Signage)	-	1,000
New Arcadian Press to support the publication of "On the Spot: The Yorkshire Red Books of Humphrey Repton, Landscape Gardener"	-	2,500
Ripon Museums Trust, Master's Garden at Ripon Workhouse	-	600
Friends of the Botanical Gardens Sheffield, sponsorship of subsidised student places at Repton Conference	-	220
York Philosophical Society to support publication of "The Most Fortunate Situation: The Story of York's Museum Gardens"	-	500
Refugee Day at Wydale Hall	175	-
	<u>3,478</u>	<u>6,492</u>

In addition to the grants paid during the year, grant offers totalling £1,000 (2018: £500) have been made, which will become due when specific conditions are met by the beneficiaries

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

#### 6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2019 £	2018 £
Accountancy and Independent Examination	<u>663</u>	<u>618</u>

#### 7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION, BENEFITS AND EXPENSES

There were no trustees' remuneration, benefits or expenses for the year ended 30 September 2019 or for the year ended 30 September 2018

#### 8. COMPARATIVE FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	5,321	1,375	6,696
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Functions, events	6,031	-	6,031
Investment income	778	-	778
<b>Total</b>	<u>12,130</u>	<u>1,375</u>	<u>13,505</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Functions, events	(2,303)	-	(2,303)
Grants, donations	(6,492)	-	(6,492)
Administration and governance	(7,210)	(379)	(7,589)
<b>Total</b>	<u>(16,005)</u>	<u>(379)</u>	<u>(16,384)</u>
<b>NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE)</b>	<u>(3,875)</u>	<u>996</u>	<u>(2,879)</u>

## YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

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#### 8. COMPARATIVE FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – continued

##### RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS

Total funds brought forward	72,777	576	73,353
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>68,902</u>	<u>1,572</u>	<u>70,474</u>

#### 9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<b>2019</b>	2018
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>857</u>	<u>1,066</u>

#### 10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<b>2019</b>	2018
	£	£
Other creditors and deferred income	<u>850</u>	<u>2,719</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

### 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 30/9/18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/9/19 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	68,902	1,879	70,781
	<u>68,902</u>	<u>1,879</u>	<u>70,781</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
North Yorkshire County Council	497	(91)	406
Horticultural Student Bursary	1,075	1,853	2,928
	<u>1,572</u>	<u>1,762</u>	<u>3,334</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>70,474</u></u>	<u><u>3,641</u></u>	<u><u>74,115</u></u>

Net movement in funds in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	15,033	(13,154)	1,879
	<u>15,033</u>	<u>(13,154)</u>	<u>1,879</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
North Yorkshire County Council	-	(91)	(91)
Horticultural Student Bursary	2,158	(305)	1,853
	<u>2,158</u>	<u>(396)</u>	<u>1,762</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>17,191</u></u>	<u><u>(13,550)</u></u>	<u><u>3,641</u></u>

# YORKSHIRE GARDENS TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

### 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – continued

#### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 30/9/17 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30/9/18 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	72,777	(3,875)	68,902
	<u>72,777</u>	<u>(3,875)</u>	<u>68,902</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
North Yorkshire County Council	576	(79)	497
NYMNPA	-	-	-
Horticultural Student Bursary	-	1,075	1,075
	<u>576</u>	<u>996</u>	<u>1,572</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>73,353</u>	<u>(2,879)</u>	<u>70,474</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	12,130	(16,005)	(3,875)
	<u>12,130</u>	<u>(16,005)</u>	<u>(3,875)</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
North Yorkshire County Council	-	(79)	(79)
NYMNPA	300	(300)	-
Horticultural Student Bursary	1,075	-	1,075
	<u>1,375</u>	<u>(379)</u>	<u>996</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>13,505</u>	<u>(16,384)</u>	<u>(2,879)</u>

#### 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
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**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions during this or the prior year.