

TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SUSSEX GARDENS TRUST
To be held at 4pm on Saturday, 30th March, 2019, at Clair Hall, Perrymount Road,
Haywards Heath, RH16 3DN.

Notice is given that the Twenty Third Annual General Meeting of members of the Sussex Gardens Trust will be held at Clair Hall, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 3DN commencing at 4pm for the purpose of executing the following:

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Chairman's report**
- 3. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Twenty Second Annual General Meeting**
- 4. To receive and adopt the Report of the Trustees (Council of Management) for 2018 (attached)**
- 5. To receive and adopt the Independently Examined Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2018 (attached)**
- 6. To elect the Honorary Independent Examiner**
- 7. To elect the members of Council**
 - (i) the following members will serve for a further one or two years: Marcus Batty, Susi Batty, Virginia Hinze, Jennie Starr, Colin Chinnery, Gwen Chinnery, Pat Dauncey, Jennifer Parsons.**
 - (ii) the following members have offered to stand for re-election: Jim Stockwell, Caroline Scaramanga.**
 - (iii) the following members are willing to be elected: John Dorkings, Jackie Dorkings, Penny Vasey, Julie O'Hara (see biographies attached at end).**
- 8. Any Other Business**

Two members may nominate a member for Council by notifying the Hon Secretary 7-21 days before the AGM (the nominee to indicate willingness to stand).

Members are entitled to vote by proxy. A form is required to be deposited 48 hours beforehand. This form can be obtained from the Hon Secretary.

Hon Secretary: Jennie Starr, Chatley Dene 19 Rattle Road, Westham, BN24 5DF
E-mail: starrhouse@clara.co.uk

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held at 4.00 pm on Saturday, 24th March 2018, at Clair Hall, Perrymount Road,
Haywards Heath, RH16 3DN.

The Chairman, Jim Stockwell, welcomed all members to the AGM and declared the meeting open.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Mike Griffin, John and Jackie Dorkings, John and Virginia Hinze, Wendy and Ken Jordan, Pat and Chris Dauncey.

2. Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked all Council members and volunteers for their support in the Trust's activities which had led to a successful year. The Chairman explained that after 4 years he was standing down as Chairman but would continue his other roles as joint Chairman of the Conservation Committee, manager of the website and provider of email communications. He reported that the role changes in Council during the year had strengthened the skill set of Council. In the absence of anyone wishing to take on the role of Chairman Council would adopt a system of a rotating Chairman. This would be on a quarterly basis which would help share the workload over the coming year. Marcus Batty would take this on first and Caroline Ikin would follow. Members would be kept informed via the Newsletter and website. Council would welcome the continued support of all members.

3. To receive and adopt the Minutes of the Twenty First AGM

The Minutes were agreed to be correct and their adoption was proposed by Sally Ingram and seconded by Janet Roskilly. This was carried unanimously.

4. To receive and adopt the Report of the Trustees (Council of Management) for 2017

The Chairman referred members to the report and asked if there were any questions. None were raised.

The adoption of the Report was proposed by Caroline Scaramanga and seconded by Sue Stockwell. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. To receive and adopt the Independently Examined Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2017

The Chairman reported on the accounts for Pat Dauncey. He thanked her for the good work she had done since taking over as Treasurer in 2017 and reiterated her apologies for absence due to ill health. The Chairman reported a surplus income for the year of £3,704.47 largely due to income from events and membership fees. This meant the trust had an accumulated fund of £21,122.67 plus £3,241.01 for the Small Grants fund and £235.65 remaining from the Historic Housing Associations grant for research.

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John Bennett asked whether it was SGT's policy to make a high level of profit as the annual accounts were showing a trend in this direction. The Chairman stated that the policy was to break even but a surplus provided the resources to support Trust activities. The Repton study day to be held in June was using some of the surplus to meet part of the speaker's expenses enabling members to be offered a ticket price of £45. John Bennett thanked the Chairman and said he thought all was satisfactory.

Shirley Penny asked if there were any other plans to make use of the high level of reserves. The Chairman said that we would be incurring significant additional expenditure in 2018 as we were to produce a publication on Repton in Sussex. Council would be monitoring and discussing the situation.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by John Bennett and seconded by Gwen Chinnery. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. To Elect the Honorary Examiner

Tony Codd had offered to continue in this role for the coming year. The Chairman thanked him for this.

The motion was proposed by Susi Batty and seconded by Colin Chinnery. It was carried unanimously.

7. To elect members of Council

The Chairman proposed that the members standing for re-election be elected on block. The motion was proposed by Maggie Hill, seconded by Maggie Wier-Wilson and carried unanimously.

8. AOB

Caroline Scaramanga asked whether funds could be used to support a sub group devoted to education with an emphasis on education for children. The Chairman responded by saying that although we had the financial resources we lacked the human resources. There were skill sets in respect of communications and education that Council currently lacked. Sally Walker informed the meeting that this had been tried previously and it became clear that someone with a teaching background would be needed to take this on. Judy Tarling suggested that volunteers might be able to offer expertise in specific areas to support this idea.

These comments were welcomed and the Chairman agreed that Council would explore this issue further.

Meeting closed at 4.17 pm.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Sussex Gardens Trust was incorporated in December 1995, and is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee.

Registered Company number 03149760 (England and Wales)	Registered Charity number 1052734
Registered Office 47 Denmans Lane, Lindfield, Haywards heath, West Sussex, RH16 2JN	Independent examiner Tony Codd, Holly Lodge, High Street, Etchingham, East Sussex, TN19 7AD
Bankers Lloyds Bank Haywards Heath Branch PO Box 1000, BX1 1LT	

Trustees

The Trustees (The Council of Management) who held office during the year were as follows:-

Jim Stockwell	Chairman (resigned 14 May 2018) and joint Chairman of the Conservation Committee
Jennie Starr	Secretary
Pat Dauncey	Treasurer
Sally Ingram	Newsletter Editor
Susi Batty	Humphry Repton Celebration
Jennifer Parsons	Events Planning
Gwen Chinnery	Joint coordinator of events
Colin Chinnery	Joint coordinator of events
Virginia Hinze	Chairman Small Grants Panel
Caroline Scaramanga	Membership Secretary
Caroline Ikin	Winter Lectures (resigned)
Marcus Batty	South Coast Research Project and Chairman (elected 14 May 2018)

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

Since the AGM 2017 there has been a vacancy for a Vice Chairman.

Other Roles (non-Trustee)

Roger Dowty	Joint Chairman of the Conservation Committee
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Governing Instrument is the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Sussex Gardens Trust. This document sets out the specific restrictions regarding the application of the income and property of the Trust and the investment of monies of the Trust. The affairs of the Trust are managed by the Council of Management. Members of this Council are termed Trustees.

Recruitment, appointment and training of new trustees

The Directors of the Sussex Gardens Trust are also Charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's articles are also Members. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association one third (or the number nearest one third) of Trustees must retire at each AGM. Retiring Trustees can be re-elected.

Trustees with interests and skills which can help the Trust's objectives are usually elected at an Annual General Meeting. Where this is not possible the Council of Management may co-opt a Trustee prior to election at the following AGM. Trustee training is by mentoring from established Trustees.

Organisational structure and management

The Trustees listed above form the Council of Management which met four times during the year. Questions, including policy and strategy, arising at any meeting are decided by a consensus or if required by a majority of votes. The Trust has standing sub-committees taking a special interest in Conservation, Research and Recording, Small Grants and Events. These groups meet according to need and each sub-committee includes at least one Council member (the Chairman of the Council of Management is also an ex-officio member of each sub-committee). Council discusses any issues arising from the sub-committees and makes policy decisions.

The Officers and the Trustees for the sub-committees are usually agreed at the first Council of Management Meeting following the AGM.

The Trust is a member of the Gardens Trust (GT) and sends a voting delegate to its AGM. A capitation levy is payable for this membership and SGT insurance is organised through this national body.

The last Annual General Meeting took place at Clair Hall, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 3DN on 24th March 2018. The forthcoming Annual General Meeting will also be held at Clair Hall, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 3DN on 30 March 2019. Minutes of council meetings are archived and available through the Secretary.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims, Objectives and Activities

Set up in 1995 by people concerned with the need to protect, conserve and treat appropriately the designed landscapes, parks and gardens of Sussex; these aims and objectives remain constant.

The Trustees are aware of the guidance published by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit, the need for which has been a consideration taken fully into account by Council and the guidance is taken into account when the aims and objectives are reviewed and future activities planned.

Aims

The aims of the Trust are to educate all age groups in the appreciation, care and management of parks and gardens within Sussex and to encourage the protection, conservation and continued evolution of the local garden heritage.

Objectives

The Memorandum and Articles of Association 1995 describe the objects for which the Trust is established as follows:

- A. To promote the education of the public on matters connected with the arts and sciences of garden land.
- B. To conserve, enhance and re-create for the education and enjoyment of the public, whatever garden land may exist or have existed in and around the Counties of East and West Sussex and the future unitary authority of Brighton and Hove.

To achieve its objectives, the Trust endeavours to organise a range of activities and to establish and maintain the resources necessary for this. It maintains communication with members, professionals in related fields, private land-owners and public authorities, heritage bodies, the wider public and also with Government through The Gardens Trust. Overall the strategy is one of promoting advocacy and consultation.

To support these activities the Trust encourages the active participation of all of the members, seeks to recruit new members and endeavours to manage its budget to maximum effect.

In fulfilling these objectives, during 2018 the Trust has, for example, endeavoured to make its Small Grant scheme more widely known and, as reported below, has met relevant officers of Horsham District Council to support the conservation of historic designed landscapes. The Trust also encourages the active participation of all of the members, seeks to recruit new members and endeavours to manage its budget to maximum effect.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Introduction

The Council of Management is pleased to report another successful year of activities and the Trust has continued to build on the work reported to the AGM in March 2018.

Council would like to thank the Chairs of the Trust's committees and groups for summarising the progress throughout the year reported here. The time and effort of all those who have actively volunteered for different roles during the year is also much appreciated. All of these contributions enable the Trust to function effectively.

Throughout the year the Trust has continued to work closely with the Gardens Trust (GT) and has benefited greatly from the support provided through the Historic Landscape Project managed by the GT. Members of the Trust have attended and contributed to both regional forums and national meetings.

Membership of Council of Management

A major issue facing the Sussex Gardens Trust is the composition of Council. The Trust has enjoyed remarkable stability in the membership of Council for a number of years but change is inevitable. Jim Stockwell, our chairman since 2014 stepped down following the last AGM. Jim has led Council in exemplary fashion over his years as chairman and we are very grateful not only for his initiatives over that period but also for his hard work at a day to day level and his continuing contribution to the work of the trust as a member of Council. Marcus Batty stepped into the role initially for a three month period but, subject to a vote by Council at its next meeting, has undertaken to continue as Chair through to our next AGM in 2020. We were also sorry to lose Caroline Ikin from Council for personal reasons. Caroline was largely responsible for our winter lecture series which has proved so popular. We shall miss her.

Members will be aware from the Newsletter that other changes are afoot. A number of our longstanding members of Council wish to stand down over the next eighteen months and need to be replaced. Considerable time-consuming work has been spent in identifying the next generation of Council members in the hope that overlap with outgoing members will provide the necessary support for the new members and valuable continuity. We are very appreciative that John Dorkings, Jackie Dorkings, Julie O'Hara and Penny Vasey have volunteered to come forward on to Council subject to the necessary resolution at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Humphry Repton 1752 – 1818

Participation in the celebration of the bicentenary of the death of Humphry Repton has been a major focus of the Sussex Gardens Trust in 2018.

Last year it was reported that the Sussex Gardens Trust would join in the national celebration of the work of Humphry Repton's life and work by cooperating with Kent Gardens Trust to run two study days, one in each county, and by a publication entitled "Humphry Repton in Sussex", to be produced following a programme of research.

We are pleased to report that both study days, held at Brightling Park in June and then at Cobham Hall, Kent in October were both very successful, good weather on both occasions adding to the pleasure derived from the site visits. Keynote speakers were John Phibbs and Professor Stephen Daniels, both great authorities on the work of Repton.

"Humphry Repton in Sussex" was published, in time for distribution at our winter lecture at Borde Hill, under the editorship of Susi Batty who led a team of dedicated researchers. All the sites in Sussex where Repton was known to have worked are included. The Trust owes an enormous debt of thanks to the individual researchers and to the small editorial group for the highly informative and beautifully illustrated book which has been published. Not only has this been sent out to all members but copies have been delivered to libraries and record offices in the county, thus providing public benefit as a permanent record

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accessible to all. This research will also be available as a resource to be used by owners and Local Planning Authorities considering changes or developments affecting Repton sites.

Research and Recording

Research relating to Humphry Repton has been the focus during 2018 and, whilst very productive, this has pushed the South Coast Project into the backseat. Some researchers have continued to research this field but, understandably, those responsible for the project have been unable to give much in the way of time to taking it forward as a whole. We hope to revitalise this project in the coming months, a start having been made with a meeting of researchers in the East of the county in November 2018. In the East of the county a link has now been established with Eastbourne Borough Council.

It has been gratifying that a number of new members this year have expressed an interest in research and we need to channel and direct that interest.

Conservation Committee

The Conservation Committee has met four times during the year and there have also been regular communications by email between those in the group.

The GT is a statutory consultee regarding planning applications affecting registered parks and gardens (i.e. those included on the register maintained by Historic England).

A weekly list of applications notified to the GT is circulated to county garden trusts, and where there are any such planning applications in Sussex, they are reviewed by the SGT Conservation Committee. In addition to these applications, we sometimes learn of other applications from Local Planning Authorities, SGT members or other sources. During the year we have responded to some 26 planning applications which have come to our attention and SGT comments are made available to the general public via the SGT website, see <http://www.sussexgardenstrust.org.uk/planning-casework-log>.

In several cases where SGT has objected or raised concerns planning applications have either been withdrawn or refused, hence demonstrating the information provided in SGT comments helps Local Planning Authorities make better informed planning determinations, thereby providing a public benefit.

During the year, representatives of the Conservation Committee also gave a presentation to a group of Conservation and Planning Officers from Horsham District Council to explain the significance of historic designed landscapes and discuss how they may be protected.

As always, the Conservation Committee members are small in number and we would appreciate enormously offers of help from those interested in conservation, one of the Trust's most important roles. We are happy to offer help, training and support for anyone who might be like to know more.

Small Grants Panel

Generating applications to the Trust's Small Grants Fund continues to be challenging and, through 2018, have been from community-based gardens or open spaces rather than from local authorities for their public parks and gardens. This is probably due to continued pressure on local authority resources for either making applications or providing any match funding. Community garden projects, however, often do not meet the heritage criteria of our Fund – as was the case of an application in March for such a garden adjacent to Bognor Library.

The Trust therefore decided to take a pro-active initiative by writing to Sussex's local planning authorities to alert them to our Small Grants Fund and its benefits. This resulted in some 5 inquiries and 2 formal

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applications. Of these, a not-for-profit social enterprise developing therapeutic horticulture at Lewes Community Allotment, did not meet our criteria. The other is for a community garden within Homefield Park, Worthing's "People's Park" and its first municipal park (1880). While the proposed garden's site is not a significant part of the park's Victorian layout, we are working with the applicant, *Transition Town Worthing & Community Greenspaces*, on potential funding for information boards which will illustrate the history of the whole park.

The Trust will continue to promote its Small Grants Fund with the local authorities and friends groups we partner in our research project in Sussex's coastal town parks and gardens.

Events

The summer of 2018 was notable for many weeks of hot sunshine, which was of benefit to members for at least three of the six visits to gardens.

In April the first visit of the year took place in Brighton: a change from the usual visit to a garden in a countryside setting and a change from one location as this visit featured three horticultural elements in a city. Pat Dauncey and Maggie Hill organised the day starting at The Garden House, which runs practical courses 'inspiring people to garden'. This was followed by a visit to the largest park in the City, Preston Park, having, among other features, National Collection status for elms. The day ended with a talk at The Rock Garden by Andy Jeavons, head gardener for what is the largest municipal rock garden in the country.

In May, Caroline Scaramanga arranged a visit to Sir Richard Kleinwort's estate at Heaslands, Haywards Heath. The head gardener walked with members through some of the forty acres of grounds having specimen trees, banks of azaleas blazing with colour, managed woodland and the designed sections of garden near to the house. Jim and Sue Stockwell provided tea and cake at their house in Lindfield at the end of the afternoon, where members had the added bonus of another garden visit.

Saturday June 16 was Sussex Gardens Trust Repton Study Day at Brightling Park.

Talks by SGT member Alan Starr and guest speakers John Phibbs and Laura Mayer were held in the Village Hall: the weather was kind enough for members to take lunch in the garden behind the hall. Tours of the Park were taken by Alan and Jennie Starr, Virginia Hinze and John Phibbs. SGT is most grateful to the owners of Brightling Park for access to the estate and also for their participation in the Study Day.

SGT members Rosie and Robin Lloyd kindly hosted a morning visit to their garden, The Long House, in the hamlet of Westdean, near Seaford. This took place in July an ideal time to see a profusion of summer flowering plants, step-over apple trees, and a meadow to enjoy sitting with coffee and a choice of cake on the terrace in the warmth of a English summer morning.

Also in July, Susi Batty organized a visit to four gardens on the western edge of West Sussex. The first was to an extensive garden at Trotton in the care of head gardener Ben Pope, thereafter three gardens in the village of Rogate:- Yew Tree House owned by Marcus and Susi Batty, where members took their picnic lunches before visiting neighbouring properties, The White House and Old Postings. This was followed by tea and cakes kindly provided at Yew Tree House.

In contrast to the previous visit, members went in August to the far side of East Sussex to the gardens of Fairlight Hall and a tour with the head gardener, Whitney Hedges.

The last in the series of garden visits took place in September at an ancient property owned by Sussex Archaeological Trust, Michelham Priory, near to the market town of Hailsham. Head Gardener James Neal led the group through the grounds from medieval flower plots to the technicalities of managing a moat.

The Winter Lunch organised by Jim Stockwell, was held at Borde Hill. Members were seated in a marquee adjoining 'Jeremy's' restaurant: at times it seemed as though the fabric would take off as the wind rattled

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fiercely throughout the day. This event celebrated the 125-year ownership of the property by the Stephenson Clarke family, the history of which was given by Andrew John in the morning followed by the opportunity of a guided walk through the garden with the head gardener and thereafter a tour by volunteers of the ground floor rooms of the house. The after lunch lecture entitled The Plant Hunters was given by Dr. David Marsh.

Events Numbers

2018 = 8 Events which 281 Members Plus 15 Guests = 296 Attendees
(4 Events had a limit of 30 which reduced the overall total).

The Winter Lecture series 2018 was held at Clair Hall, Haywards Heath and was organised by Caroline Ikin and were well attended. The theme was of writers and their relationship with their gardens.

Personal Data, Website, E-mail and Facebook

Personal data is important both to members of the Trust and other contacts. From 25th May 2018 a new law, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), replaced the Data Protection Act (DPA), which had been in force since 1998. The GDPR has many similarities to the DPA. It reinforces and strengthens the obligations of organisations that use personal data and gives individuals greater rights to see the information that is held about them. Sussex Gardens Trust is committed to protecting and respecting any personal data held and is the "Data Controller" for the purposes of the Regulations. Full details of our [Privacy Notice](#) may be found on our website.

A new SGT website was launched in 2013 and has a wealth of information about the history of Sussex Parks and Gardens; gardens open to the public; work in protecting garden heritage; and events. From 2017 the SGT Website has been enhanced with a new page where all SGT comments on planning applications are freely available, hence making the comments submitted open and transparent. During 2018 another new page was added with downloadable links to earlier SGT Newsletters from 2017. All of this information is freely available to the general public greatly enhancing public benefit.

The Trust continues to keep members informed by e-mail with occasional updates regarding SGT events and other items of interest. Since 2017 these e-mails have been distributed using "Mail Chimp" software to produce higher quality messages and enable better monitoring of the numbers of members who open the e-mails. Mailchimp also helps us comply with GDPR.

Membership

The membership numbers since January 2018 have risen, with some new members joining following our presence at Borde Hill. To break it down a little, this total of 230 comprises 98 individual members and 62 couples. Five Sussex associations are members as well as 3 corporate ones. The RHS as well as the East and West Sussex Records offices are always sent our Newsletters and this year they received our publication on Repton's work in the county too.

A welcome financial input from Gift Aid was claimed for 2018, amounting to £704.51 and has been received from HMRC. The majority of our members have now signed a Gift Aid form, and a reminder was sent to those who haven't with this year's subscription request.

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Newsletter

The celebration of Humphry Repton has continued as a theme in our Newsletter this year with several articles written by our dedicated researchers, describing their discoveries amongst the garden history archives. Our members have also contributed research reports, descriptions of visits to notable gardens both here and overseas, accounts of study days and lectures, book reviews and several stunning photographs. It has been especially enjoyable to publish articles written by head gardeners in Sussex, giving us an idea of their work in public and private gardens. We always welcome suggestions for what you would like included in the Newsletter, or if you would like to contribute an item please do get in touch with the Editor.

Financial Review

Following several years of surplus income, we were able to follow through on members' requests to use up some of the accumulated fund in 2018 by investing in significant research and publication for our book about Humphry Repton. These costs can be seen in the Income and Expenditure 'Research' item and are reflected in the negative overall surplus income figure.

2018 was another year of successful events with good levels of attendance. Overall, costs were slightly larger than income, mainly due to our decision to subsidise the Repton event at Brightling, where members of Kent Garden Trust joined us. Winter lectures remain very popular and contribute positively to our income. The newsletter has been well received in its new format and production costs are not significantly up on the previous year. Our regular print production firms have done us proud this year with the quality of both the newsletter and our Repton book.

Gift Aid claimed on membership fees continues to boost our finances and thanks go to all members who have signed a gift aid form – anyone else who has not yet signed a form and is eligible to do so will be most welcome, just contact our Membership Secretary, it really does make a difference to our membership income.

Our miscellaneous income has again been boosted by talks given to local societies by Council members and by sale of our publications (Historic Gardens in Sussex, Capability Brown and recently Humphry Repton in Sussex). In addition, donations this year have increased as has the proceeds from raffles held at our November/December event.

Once more we have received no suitable applications for garden or park related projects this year and accordingly no transfer has been made to the Small Grants Fund which currently stands at £3,241. If members know of any local garden/park projects in need of some financial support, please let a member of Council know. Using the fund would meet one of our charitable objectives. Overall we have a healthy bank balance and sound reserves to take us forward into 2019.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 18th February 2019 and signed on its behalf by:



CHAIRMAN

M Batty



SECRETARY

J Starr

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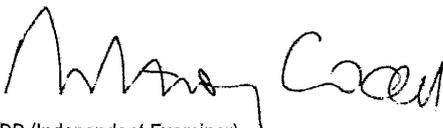
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Year to 31/12/17	Year to 31/12/18
INCOME		
Membership Subscriptions	3,767.00	3,938.00
Event Income	4,961.00	7,450.44
AGM Income	1,047.50	-
Winter lectures	2,122.15	2,060.00
Gift Aid	816.28	704.51
Interest COIF	36.27	50.78
Miscellaneous Income	918.00	1,615.50
Total Income	13,668.20	15,819.23
EXPENDITURE		
Event Costs	3,616.84	7,520.42
AGM Costs	1,421.50	95.00
Winter lectures	644.83	822.15
Production of Newsletter	1,788.79	1,958.99
Postage and stationery	710.98	885.11
Advertising and Promotion	467.00	172.00
Subscriptions and Donations	274.50	421.00
Insurance	347.00	248.50
Research	224.35	5,037.42
Conference Attendance	305.00	240.00
Website Costs	58.99	74.57
Miscellaneous expenditure	103.95	56.85
Total Expenditure	9,963.73	17,532.01
Surplus Income (Expenditure)	3,704.47	-1,712.78
Transfer to Small Grants Scheme	0.00	0.00
	3,704.47	-1,712.78
Accumulated Fund Brought Forward	17,418.20	21,122.67
Accumulated Fund Carried Forward	21,122.67	£19,409.89

I have examined the balance sheet, income and expenditure account and associated vouchers relating to the year ended 31 December 2018 and found them to be correct.


 A CODD (Independent Examiner)

16/1/2019
 Date

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SUSSEX GARDENS TRUST
Charity no. 1052734

Registered Company 03149760

BALANCE SHEET at 31 DECEMBER 2018

	<u>31/12/2017</u>	<u>31/12/2018</u>
Current Assets		
Bank Balances	26,503.83	23,644.90
Debtors	250.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	<u>26,753.83</u>	<u>23,644.90</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	2,154.50	994.00
Net Current Assets	<u>24,599.33</u>	<u>22,650.90</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>£24,599.33</u>	<u>£22,650.90</u>
Represented by		
Accumulated fund	21,122.67	19,409.89
Small Grants Scheme	3,241.01	3,241.01
Research Grant Fund	235.65	0.00
	<u>£24,599.33</u>	<u>£22,650.90</u>

For the year ending 31 December 2018 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 of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

M Batty

J Starr

date

date

Biographies of New Candidates Standing for Election to Council at the 2019 AGM

Jackie Dorkings

I was a Home Economics Teacher with a love of Art and Design. But gave that up to bring up my large family whilst maintain links with Adult Education.

My garden has always been my place of escape and I feel that my membership of the Trust and the garden visits has broadened my knowledge and interest.

John Dorkings

After a business life in the Insurance Industry, I sold my business and retrained as a Psychotherapist specialising in Families and Children.

My love of gardens was born at home where my parents “dug for victory” and grew cut flowers. Since then, I have loved the peace that a garden can provide and latterly, since discovering the SGT have become interested in garden history and the place they hold in our landscapes.

Julie O’Hara

Having come to Sussex in the sixties to study at the new university, Julie has lived in central Brighton ever since (with virtually no garden space). A member of the Folly Fellowship since its earliest days, Julie is interested in eccentric buildings, grottoes and garden history - as well as industrial archaeology. She has been a member of the SGT for some time and now feels that she is in a position to give something back in return for all the pleasure that membership of the Trust has given her over the years. Julie is also a member of the Brighton & Hove Conservation Advisory Group.

Penny Vasey

In my 5th year as a member of SGT I now feel able to give more time to the Trust, having recently retired fully after 45 years on the Dentists Register. My career has been varied, including involvement in postgraduate training, dental politics, and board membership of large organisations in addition to clinical practice. Hopefully this experience will be useful in contributing to the work done by Council on behalf of SGT. Having sold my practice in 2013, but continuing part time in my role as a dento-legal adviser in a corporate setting, I embarked on a series of courses to extend and deepen my knowledge of plants, including a year devoted to trees alone.