

KING HENRY'S WALK  
garden

**Annual Report 2018**



# **Friends of King Henry's Walk Garden**

Registered Charity no **1173019**

## **Trustees**

Philomine Wales (Chair)  
Annabel Goulding (Treasurer/Vice Chair)  
Fiona Kirk (Secretary)  
Angela MacGuire  
David Harrison  
Jenny Morgan  
Nicola Freshwater  
Amanda Hall (in attendance)

## **Management committee**

Philomine Wales (Chair)  
Annabel Goulding (Treasurer/Vice Chair)  
Fiona Kirk (Secretary)  
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## **Chair's Report**

### **Welcome and Overview - Continuity and change**

As we enter our eleventh year, there have been a number of changes at King Henry's Walk Garden, although these have not affected the day to day life of the garden, which has continued to thrive and flourish. Taking over from Nicola as Chair has been a hard act to follow, and I am very grateful to her continuing support as well as to her on-going dedication to the garden

### **Charitable status**

The garden's Trustees decided in 2017 that King Henry's Walk Garden should change its charitable status from a Charitable Company (CC) to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This happened in the summer so we now have a new registered charity number. All funds have been transferred to the new Charity and the old Charity closed.

### **People**

Apart from the change of Chair, 2017 also saw other changes to the make up of both the Trustees, and the Management Committee. However, all Trustees have confirmed that they are willing to stand for re-election in 2018. Over the year, there had a couple of changes to the roles that they carry out. We are very grateful both to David Harrison for stepping in as treasurer when Francesca Mahoney stepped down last year, and now to Annabel Goulding, who has agreed to take over this role. Membership will be split between the treasurer (for payments) and our secretary, Fiona Kirk, who will cover mailings and other communications.

On the management committee, we are sorry that Michael Woolley stepped down in the autumn, due to work commitments. We are indebted to him for all the time and work he has put in on looking after the fruit trees, ensuring that they are always in good shape, and delighted that he will continue to look after them for the time being.

We are also sorry that Maggie Millman has had to step down through ill health. Maggie is always a stalwart at our events, and I know she has every intention of remaining as much a part of the greenhouse and plant stall team as she can manage.

We are pleased to welcome Suzanne Brayley to the committee, who has agreed to take on the coordination of our workshops.

All the committee members are volunteers who run the garden in their spare time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for the great work they do. There are currently vacancies in the Management committee; we are always looking for new enthusiasts to join us!

At this point, I would also like to thank the many other volunteers, who help make the garden what it is, and my apologies to those not named in person.

Especially thanks to Andy Parkinson, for his huge dedication and enthusiasm in ensuring the infrastructure of the garden remains in good shape, organising teams of volunteers to perform Herculean tasks. Thanks also are due to Alison Fell who works with Jenny Morgan in the greenhouse to produce plants for sale and for the garden, Louise Norton who helps Michael Woolley with caring for the KHWG fruit trees, Judith Palmer who manages KHWG's social media presence, and Clare Jeapes who keeps all the garden's bird feeders filled. Last but by no means least, Nicola and Andy for continuing to run the workdays and to all those regulars who regularly turn up in all weathers, to ensure the garden is looking its best.

## **The Garden - Infrastructure**

In 2018 we have made a number of changes, improvements, and necessary repairs and upgrades to the garden.

In the spring, Andy coordinated moving the benches and planters, over a single weekend, to their current configuration, including emptying and then refilling seven out of the ten containers – a massive task.

We have upgraded the hot water supply – much appreciated particularly when washing up at the events. The green house has new cold frames, cunningly designed so that they now can be moved when the clay oven is in use. And our new Bee Shed in the woodland is now finished and operational.

The main focus in 2018 will be repairing the roof to the hut, which has been leaking for a while. You will have seen that the sedum 'green roof' has already been removed prior to repairs, and we hope next year to report successful completion of this work.

## **Education**

**The Garden Classroom** continued to run their excellent programme of learning outside the classroom, with a total of 79 half-day educational sessions and 33 community & recreation sessions delivered at the garden, which can be broken down into approximately 2,910 individual educational experiences. Secret Garden Theatre Project and The Acorn Clubs, which happen at Easter and in the Summer holidays, all help to bring new families into the garden.

**Informal visits** from nursery and preschool groups included Minik Kardes Day Nursery on Balls Pond Road who hold an annual barbeque for families. The preschool group connected with St Paul's Steiner School organise an early evening lantern walk through the woodland for St Nicholas in November. And the Kingsgate Hall playgroup spent a sunny July day in the garden with half the children coming for the morning and the others for the afternoon

**Workshops** We ran 8 very well attended workshops in 2017, on a wide range of garden and ecologically related topics. The garden also supported a range of classes by other providers, including mindfulness and yoga. Do look out for this year's programme, now available on the garden website

## **Events**

Our three annual fund raising events were all well attended. As well as making money to run the garden, and being a lot of fun, these events bring many new faces to the garden. Do encourage friends and family to come this year.

Once again we held a fundraising opening for the National Gardens Scheme. One of our workshops was part of the Chelsea Fringe event and we took part in London Open Garden Squares Weekend.

Community projects included get-togethers for elderly local residents, and the ever popular annual Strawberry Tea for the Mildmay Pensioners.

## **Membership**

Membership remained stable, with all 76 plots taken, and 114 key holders. Our plot holders include 2 schools, 2 churches, with 6 containers tended by TGC as part of their education programme. KHWG retained 2 plots, one for the bees, and one that provided soft fruit for jam for the Autumn Produce stall

## **Objectives**

### **We set ourselves the following objectives to achieve in 2017:**

- To establish a methodology for monitoring wildlife and biodiversity. David Harrison orchestrated a team of specialists to carry out a 'Bio Blitz' last May. This measured and recorded the pond and insect life, native plants, and birds around the garden and woodland. Records are available on our website
- To develop plans for and complete repairs to the bridge and decked area. Some work has been carried out to ensure the area is safe but full refurbishment has been postponed due to the more pressing need for work to the hut roof
- To establish a working relationship with a new partner organisation to encourage greater awareness and use of KHWG. Links have been established with the Federation of City Farms & Community Gardens and Marie Curie

### **The objectives we've set for 2018 are as follows:**

- To continue to establish more and better contacts with other local community gardens and similar organisations.
- To further develop the methodology for monitoring wildlife and biodiversity.
- To carry out an accessibility review to improve experiencing the garden for everyone. The inclusion of some sensory features might be one objective. When items such as tables need replacing, then they should be wheelchair friendly.

## **Party**

Finally, to round off, we must thank Nicola and Amanda for masterminding our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party, which will be starting at the end of the AGM

**Philomine Wales**

Chair

March 2018

## King Henry's Walk Garden - Annual income and expenditure

Totals from 1 January to 31 December	2017 Totals	
	£	£
INCOME		<u><u>16,189.46</u></u>
EXPENDITURE		
Running costs:		
Administration	1,860.99	
Bees	1,707.16	
Education	-	
Events	1,792.72	
Maintenance General	1,571.52	
Oven Costs / Supplies	-	
Bird Food	255.31	
Manure/compost	649.51	
Other	-	
Community Projects	145.36	
Plants	90.17	
Publicity	62.00	
Sales	-	
Security	332.76	
Grants	-	
Building Hire	-	
10th Anniversary	-	
Membership	-	
Training	-	
Tools	-	
Website Hosting & Development	45.71	
Workshops	1,409.72	
Utilities	-	
Total running costs		9,922.93
Total capital items		2,016.39
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u><u>11,939.32</u></u>
NET INCOME		<u><u>4,250.14</u></u>
Balance brought forward on 1 January		36,529.40
Bank balance as at 31 December		<u><u>35,943.93</u></u>
PapPal balance as at 31 December		1,751.09
Margin		36%

**KHWG Budget 2018 (vs Actual 2017)**

	<b>2018 budget 2017 Actual</b>			<b>2018 budget 2017 Actual</b>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Income - sales</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Building Hire	2,000	3,030.00	Honey	1000	-
Donations	100	98.60	Plants	500	
Education	1,200	980.00	Compost / manure	500	
Workshops	1,450	1,572.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>449.10</b>
Events	5,250	6,880.62			
Grants	1,600	-			
Interest	25	-			
Membership	3,200	3,040.00			
Community Projects	60	139.14			
Sales	2,000	449.10			
Utilities	-	-			
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,885</b>	<b>16,189.46</b>			
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Expenditure - administration</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Administration	2,150	1,860.99	Accountancy	150	456.00
Bees	1,000	1,707.16	Catering	250	189.33
Building Hire	-	-	Float	-	-
Education	300	-	Insurance	500	448.08
Workshops	1,400	1,409.72	Professional Subscriptions	80	35.00
Events	1,750	1,792.72	Internet Services	100	85.91
Donations	-	-	Telephone	620	646.67
Community Projects	2,100	145.36	Cleaning Services / Supplies	150	-
Maintenance General	3,000	1,571.52	LPG	200	-
Oven Costs / Supplies	250	-	Office Supplies	100	-
Bird Food	400	255.31	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>1,861</b>
Training	500	-			
Manure/compost	800	649.51			
Plants	200	90.17			
Publicity	350	62.00			
Sales	100	-			
Security	400	332.76			
Tools	250	-			
Utilities	-	-			
Membership	120	-			
Website Hosting & Development	100	45.71			
Contingency fund	1,000	-			
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,170</b>	<b>9,922.93</b>			
Surplus before extraordinary expenditure	715	6,267			
% profit (income over expenditure)	4.42%	63.15%			
% profit (excluding grant income)	-5.47%				
<b>Extraordinary expenditure</b>					
10th anniversary commemoration	1,000	-			
Capital items and major repairs	10,000	2,016.39			
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>2,016.39</b>			
<b>Surplus/(deficit)</b>	<b>(10,285)</b>	<b>4,250.14</b>			
<b>Bank Balance as at 31 December</b>		<b>39,028.45</b>			
<b>PayPal Balance as at 31 December</b>		<b>1,751.09</b>			