

Registered Charity 1002338

THE BARNES CHARITABLE TRUST

Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31st December 2020

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Bankers: Barclays Bank, Kendal

Solicitors: Milne Moser, Kendal

Independent Examiners: Ingalls Chartered Accountants, Kendal

The Charity is governed under the Trust Deed of the Late John Barnes. The Trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed and the Charities Act 2011.

The Barnes Charitable Trust

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2020

The Trustees and Officers who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 3.

Structure, Governance and Management.

The Barnes Charitable Trust was founded in 1991 on the death of John Barnes, who for many years was the Headmaster of Earnseat School. The Trustees meet 4 times a year to discuss work needed to ensure the safety and upkeep of the gardens, orchards and woodlands for the general public.

New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. The welcome pack for new Trustees includes a brief history of the Trust, copies of Trustee Board minutes, a copy of the last three years' Annual Reports and accounts, a copy of the governing Trust Deed and a copy of the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know' and 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

All Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

The Trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks that the Trust could face and confirm that systems have been put in place to ensure that these risks are kept acceptably small.

Objectives and Activities

The Trust was set up with the following objects.

- Such charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Civil Parish of Arnside and its neighbourhood for which provision is not made from public rates as the Trustees think fit.
- To provide in the interests of social welfare such leisure, recreational and other facilities as the Trustees shall think fit for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the Civil Parish of Arnside and its neighbourhood.
- As the Trust had no large reserves of money for many years, (it only had a half share of the interest from the bequest made by John Barnes until the death of his wife, Dorothy,) initially it was decided to focus on preserving the gardens and woodlands for the enjoyment of the general public. Opening the gardens and woodlands to use by all the village would, it was felt, act in accordance with the objects of the Trust and be financially viable.

Investment Policy and Reserves Policy

All the money from the original trust became available in 2014 and the Trustees have formed an investment and reserves policy. We decided that a sum of £275,000 at Dec 2014 prices, should be kept to produce income for the day to day running of the charity. This sum will be added to in line with inflation so that the charity will at all times have enough money to generate income to further Aim 3 to look after the Ashmeadow woodlands for the enjoyment of all the inhabitants of Arnside and visitors to the area. This sum stands at £370,879 in December 2020. At the present time most of this sum is invested either with the COIF Charities Funds or through a local fund manager, Rathbones. A small part is kept as cash in the Skipton Building Society. The rent from The Lodge, the interest from investments together with the remaining money will be used to enable us to carry out our commitments over the coming years.

Achievements and Performance

A statement of the financial activities for the year is set out on pages 10–11.

Covid 19

The Covid pandemic has had considerable effects on The Trust. We have not been able to hold any face-to-face meetings this year, except for the July walkabout. Instead we had virtual online meetings, but unfortunately not all of the Trustees have been able to join in. Whilst we do use email to contact each other most of the time, direct personal contact has been missed. It is hoped that we will soon be able to resume our normal meetings. Fortunately, despite Covid and the uncertainty of Brexit, our finances have done reassuringly well (see the financial report on pages 10-11) and as a result of the restrictions on travel we have seen an increase in the number of visitors to the woodland.

People

The Trust's continued thanks are due to Ann and Ken Kitchen who have been kindly helping out throughout the year, despite retiring.

Our treasurer, Mary Hamilton has worked extremely hard to ensure that the financial administration of the Trust is managed effectively and efficiently through a traumatic year.

Ian Walsh, our new secretary has also worked hard to keep everybody informed of all the developments following the fire and antisocial behaviour problems and proved to be very efficient in his job.

We would also like to thank local councillors Pete McSweeney, Helen Chaffey and Rupert Audland for their help and support with the antisocial behaviour problem.

Ashmeadow Woodlands

The Trust continues to maintain Ashmeadow Woodlands to a high standard. Our prime objective is to provide visitors to the woodland with a safe and enjoyable environment.

Unfortunately, we have had a few problems with antisocial behaviour and vandalism this year. In June, during a hot dry spell a small group of teenagers started a fire next to the picnic table in the top orchard. This had to be put out by the fire brigade and the police were informed. This was followed by several large and loud parties at the same location. Because of the considerable number of complaints from our neighbours the police were again informed and it was decided to remove the picnic table for the time being. Apart from one further incident, the destruction of an information board, this seems to have put an end to the problems for now. From time to time we have had minor problems with antisocial behaviour in the past, but not on this scale and they have usually gone away by themselves as the winter draws in. This year was exceptional. I have no doubt that this was partly due to the unprecedented restrictions caused by Covid 19.

We are pleased to announce that Dougie Watson (AONB) has kindly agreed to act as our new woodland advisor. Although unfortunately, due to the Covid restrictions, we were unable to have our initial meeting and get started, we hope to be able to soon. In the meantime, Jennie Keighley, a local arboriculturist, has been helping us with individual tree assessments for which we are very grateful. We have also had considerable support from Helen Rawlinson, the wildlife officer at AONB and from their volunteers. Although the Covid guidelines have considerably restricted what they could do this year, with their help we continue to follow the Woodland Management Plan that sets out how the woodland is going to be managed over the coming years. This plan allows the Trust to have a tree felling license so that urgent work can be carried out on damaged trees without having to apply for permission from South Lakeland District Council.

The contractors that were appointed in 2012 to help manage the woodland are still working to a satisfactory standard.

There was only some minor storm damage caused this year. However, we did lose one of our wonderful mature beech trees to a critical fungal infection. This resulted in it being immediately condemned by all our experts and felled to ensure the safety of surrounding properties and footpaths. The Trust will continue to monitor the condition of all trees and take remedial action where required. This is an on-going process.

Following last years (2019) severe rainwater damage to the paths, Dave Smith replaced a small domestic drain with a large open drain at one of the critical points. This new drain seems to be helping. We have had no serious erosion below this point since and no flooding nearby.

Christine Youdale has reported that not all the bird boxes were used again this year, but there were more used than last year. The previous repositioning of some of the boxes has obviously helped. Wildlife diversity in general has improved this year with reports of many hedgehogs and owls.

The Trust encourages all visitors to the woodlands including responsible dog owners. Most dog owners do behave responsibly and pick up after their dogs, however we would appeal to those who don't, to consider their actions and help to make sure that the woodland is a pleasant place for everyone to visit.

Walled Garden

The allotments have proved very popular this year. The two new raised plots at the back of the allotments are now being used, creating more practical plots.

As part of The Heron Corn Mill's Flax project, we grew and harvested a flax crop last year (2019). It was intended that we would grow another crop this year to continue helping the project. However, the Covid restrictions put a stop to this, so for now we have handed in our 2019 crop at The Heron Corn Mill to be made into linen.

The other allotments have been very successful with all plots allocated and a waiting list. Again, our thanks to Julia Holroyd who is managing the allotments.

Organised Visits

We did have an organised visit arranged for this year, but it has been postponed until the Covid restrictions have been lifted and people feel comfortable to meet in groups again.

The Silverdale & Arnside Art & Craft Trail was also cancelled this year due to the ongoing Covid restrictions.

Orchards

All the trees in the orchards are doing well. One of the new pear trees planted in 2015 fruited for the first time as did the damson tree.

Finance

The majority of the Trust's capital has been invested with The Charities Investment Fund (COIF) and with the financial investment management company, Rathbones. Reasonable returns from these investments are being received by the Trust. The Trust will continue to monitor these investments and makes changes as and when appropriate.

Ashmeadow Lodge

The lodge tenancy is being managed on behalf of the Trust by Hackney & Leigh who charge 10% of the rental fee for this service.

The Trust continues to monitor both the lodge structure and the living accommodation. The Trust has a legal responsibility to ensure that the lodge fully complies with the latest regulations for rented accommodation.

We had planned to do some redecorating to the Lodge this year. However, because of Covid restrictions we were not able to do this. So, in agreement with the tenant, we have postponed the work until 2021.

Barnes Charitable Trust Grant Scheme (BCTGS)

The trustees have agreed that from 2015, the Trust will make small grants (usually between £300 and £1,000) available from the profits of the previous year's investments.

The criteria for a grant are available on the Trust's web site.

Seven local groups applied for grants this year and we were happy to agree to all of them. Unfortunately, two of the groups had to pull out of the scheme because they were unable to continue with their programme because of the Covid restrictions. The remaining beneficiaries were 1. Arnside After School Club; 2. Arnside Defibrillator Keepers; 3. Arnside Guides; 4. Arnside Tennis Club; and 5. Westmorland Red Squirrels. Our thanks go to Jennifer Rae for keeping us up to date with the continually changing situations of all the beneficiaries.

Web Site

The Trust's web site can be visited at www.barnescharitabletrust.org.uk. The site is updated on a regular basis.

Book Publication

The Trust has published a book written in 1903 by J Anthony Barnes called "All Round Arnside". The original print run commissioned by the Trust in 2015 has sold out. A new print run was done in 2016, albeit a smaller quantity. The book is available from Bullough's Londis, on The Promenade and Pier Lane Gallery, Pier Lane, Arnside, price £5, or through the website.

Other

Thanks must go to all the trustees for the hard work they have put in over the past year.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees 'Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The law applicable to Charities in England and Wales requires the Trustee(s) to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ascertain to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the information included on the charity's website. The Trustees have made every effort to ensure that they have complied with these responsibilities.


Approved by the Trustees on 18/4/21 and signed on their behalf by:

Andy Pringle:



Chairman


Mary Hamilton:



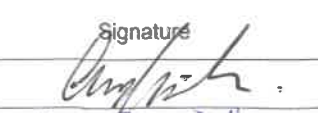

Treasurer

Date: 18/4/21

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	The Barnes Charitable Trust				
CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Receipts and payments accounts				CC16a
	For the period from	01/01/2020	To	31/12/2020	
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					
donations/garnts/legacies	-	-	-	-	-
investment income (COIF+Rathbones)	7,378	-	-	7,378	8,129
Allotments	100	-	-	100	75
Rent	4,980	-	-	4,980	4,820
Wayleave	5	-	-	5	-
Books	-	-	-	-	40
Skipton Interest	45	-	-	45	238
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,508	-	-	12,508	13,302
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
asset sales	-	-	-	-	9,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	9,000
Total receipts	12,508	-	-	12,508	22,302
A3 Payments					
portfolio management fees	1,012	-	-	1,012	1,038
woodland maintenance etc	5,421	-	-	5,421	11,351
website/book	78	-	-	78	108
insurance	604	-	-	604	584
grants	2,208	-	-	2,208	45
lodge costs	1,115	-	-	1,115	1,635
professional fees	472	-	-	472	360
chapel hire (storage)	50	-	-	50	160
petty cash	20	-	-	20	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,980	-	-	10,980	15,281
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
investment purchases	984.00	-	-	984	1,799
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	984	-	-	984	1,799
Total payments	11,964	-	-	11,964	17,080
Net of receipts/(payments)	544	-	-	544	5,222
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,393	-	-	46,393	41,171
Cash funds this year end	46,937	-	-	46,937	46,393

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	15,877	-	-
	Skipton Building Society	31,060	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	46,937	-	-
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Rathbones Investment Portfolio	Unrestricted	-	134,819
	COIF Portfolio	Unrestricted	-	189,122
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	The Lodge, Silverdale Road		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			A PRINGLE	18/4/21
			M HAMILTON	19/4/21

**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of
The Barnes Charitable Trust**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Barnes Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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