

Registered Charity 1002338

THE BARNES CHARITABLE TRUST

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31st December 2021

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Secretary: Ian Walsh

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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 2021. 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 2021

The trustees and officers who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 6.

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 four 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 Report & 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 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 objectives to provide:

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 bequest became available in 2014 and the trustees have formed an investment and reserves policy. We have 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 look after Ashmeadow Woodlands, for the enjoyment of all the inhabitants of Arnside and visitors to the area. This sum stood at £367,000 in December 2021. At the present time most of this sum is invested either with COIF Charities Funds or through the local office of fund management group Rathbones. A small part is kept as cash in the Skipton Building Society as reserves. The rent from the Lodge, the revenue 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 11-12.

Covid 19

The covid pandemic has had an effect on the Trust again during the year. Trustees have only been able to hold two face-to-face meetings this year, and the July walkabout. At the beginning of the year we had to continue having virtual online meetings. Whilst we use email to contact each other most of the time, direct personal contact has been missed. It is hoped that we will be able to hold our normal meetings during 2022. Fortunately, despite the uncertainty of covid, our financial position held up well (see the financial report on pages 10-12) and as a result of restrictions on travel again, we have seen an increase in numbers of visitors.

People

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

Ian Walsh, our secretary has also settled in well, worked hard to keep everybody informed of all the developments.

Unfortunately we say goodbye to Jennifer Rae who has done a great job keeping on top of the continually changing state of affairs with the Grants this year. Thank you Jennifer for all the work you have done for the Trust.

We also had to said goodbye to Christine Youdale earlier this year. Christine took an active part in the meetings and looked after the bird and bat boxes for the Trust. She has kindly agreed to continue monitoring them for the time being. Thank you Christine.

Ashmeadow Woodlands

The Trust continues to maintain Ashmeadow Woodlands to a high standard. Our prime objectives are to provide visitors to the woodlands with a safe and enjoyable environment.

Unfortunately, we have had a few problems with vandalism again his year. In November, around the time of Storm Arwen (a powerful extratropical cyclone), somebody broke into the Bothy (the old gardener's cottage) and did some minor damage. We changed the locks after it became apparent that the perpetrators still had the original keys they had stolen from the key box. Whilst this was annoying the majority of damage to the woodlands this year was caused by Storm Arwen. We had initially ten trees down including one of our major mature beech trees. Because the wind was unusually from the north east the beech fell against a very popular hollow oak and took this with it. They both, eventually fell on the high north wall of the Walled Garden causing considerable damage to the old wall.

Two more trees fell a couple of days later when the wind picked up again, this time from the west. As a result of the extensive damage caused, and with several large broken branches still hanging in the tree canopy above footpaths, and the weight of the giant beech and oak trees causing the high garden wall to crumble and bow dangerously, it was decided that the Trust should close the woodlands immediately for safety reasons.

At the present time we have managed to clear some of the main paths and have re-opened them again, but the area around the Bothy where the big trees fell is still waiting to be cleared. Only when this has been done will we be able to assess the full damage to the garden wall. So until this is completed the centre of the woodlands including the Bothy gate into the Walled Garden remains closed off because of instability to the garden wall and suspended branches over the nearby footpath. The Trust hope to clear this quickly and reopen the area as soon as possible when it is safe to do so.

We have removed an ash tree on the boundary with Back Lane because it had Ash Dieback and we have also had to arrange for the Horse Chestnut by the gate of the Lodge to be felled for safety reasons as well. The Horse Chestnut had not been well for some time due to fungal infection. Its structural

integrity had been compromised considerably and because of its location by Silverdale Road and the Lodge, we were advised to take it down.

There will be some work to do on the pathways during 2022, once all the tree works have been completed.

With the loss of so many trees in November the Trust will be considering a long-term replanting scheme over coming years in line with our woodland management plan. We have already agreed to be a part of the 'The Queen's Green Canopy' by planting a field maple in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee 2022, but we may now be able to add more trees to mark this occasion.

Dougie Watson's workload has unexpectedly increased with the ANOB and unfortunately, he has found it necessary to withdraw as our "official" Woodland Adviser. Dougie has kindly offered to help out where he can with woodland advise, for which we will be very grateful. We are also grateful to Jennie Keighley, a local Arboriculturist, who has been helping us with individual tree assessments. We have also had considerable support from Helen Rawlinson, the Wildlife Officer from the AONB and their volunteers. Although covid guidelines have again restricted what could be done, with the ANOB's help we continue to follow the Woodland Management Plan that sets out how Ashmeadow Woodlands is to be managed over the coming years. This plan enables the Trust to have a longterm view however, we continue to monitor the condition of all trees and take remedial action when required. This is an on-going process.

The contractors who were appointed in 2012 to help maintain the woodlands are continuing to provide a satisfactory service. The pathway drainage system installed by Dave Smith in 2020 seems to have done the job. We have had no real flooding or erosion caused by excessive rain fall this year.

Christine Youdale has reported that the bird boxes were being used again this year, but unfortunately several have been lost because of the November storm. The wildlife diversity in general in the woodlands has been good again with reports of hedgehogs, bats and owls.

Our thanks go to Lynne Farrell for her continued work with our ferns. The area beside the Bothy gate steps was doing very well however, because a lot of the surrounding tree canopy came down in the November storm, we wait to see how this might affect the ferns which need shade for good growth.

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

Walled Garden

The allotments have continued to be very popular this year with an increased waiting list for rentals. A small problem with the tap on one of the water butts threatened the water supply, but the extra butt installed last year seemed to cope with demand admirably, despite the dry spell. Again, our thanks go to Julia Holroyd for managing the allotments.

The trees that have fallen onto the north wall (mentioned above) have also knocked down the large pear tree by the Bothy gate. As we already have several "resting" fruit trees which are surviving well, we hope that once the fallen trees are cleared the pear can be saved, adding to our "resting" fruit tree collection.

Organised Visits

The Silverdale & Arnside Art & Craft Trail went ahead during September but was unable to get enough contributors to use the woodlands this year. It is hoped that with the relaxation of covid restrictions in 2022 we will be able to welcome them back again.

Orchards

All the trees in the orchards are doing well. The long term regeneration and pruning programme for the older large trees seems to be developing new growth nicely.

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 make changes as and when appropriate.

Ashmeadow Lodge

The Lodge tenancy is 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 building's structure and the living accommodation. The Trust has a legal responsibility to ensure that the Lodge fully complies with statutory regulations for rented accommodation.

We have carried out some external repairs and redecorating this year, postponed from last year because of covid restrictions. This work should be completed in 2022. We are also planning to follow on and make some improvements to the inside of the building.

Barnes Charitable Trust Grant Scheme (BCTGS)

The trustees have agreed that from 2015, the Trust will make small grants (usually between £300 and £1000) available from the profits of the previous year's investments, as long as there are sufficient funds available.

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

Four local groups applied for grants this year and we were happy to support:

1. Catastrophic Bleed kits for Arnside Defibrillators.
2. An Educationalist to go into schools with the Swift Project.
3. Squirrel pox sampling project with Westmorland Red Squirrels.
4. Help with covid signage for the Silverdale & Arnside Arts & Craft Trail.

Our thanks go to Jennifer Rae for keeping us up to date with the continually changing situations of all the beneficiaries.

Website

The Trust's website can be visited at www.barnescharitabletrust.org.uk
Thanks go to John Stride for continued updating of the site 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 sold out and a reprint was done in 2016. The book is available from both The Little Shop and Bullough's Londis on The Promenade, Arnside - price £5.

And finally, thanks must go to all the trustees for their hard work and time they have all put in over the past year.

Andy Pringle, Chairman
January 2022

Approved by the Trustees on 25/4/2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Andy Pringle:



Chair


Mary Hamilton:



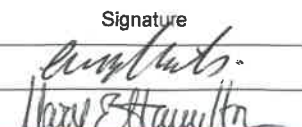
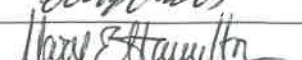
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Date: 25/4/22

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	The Barnes Charitable Trust	1002338			
CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES			Receipts and payments accounts		
			CC16a		
For the period from		01/01/2021	To	31/12/2021	
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/gamts/legacies	-	-	-	-	-
investment income (COIF+Rathbones)	7,850	-	-	7,850	7,378
Allotments	100	-	-	100	100
Rent	5,080	-	-	5,080	4,980
Wayleave	5	-	-	5	5
Books	8	-	-	8	8
Skipton Interest	151	-	-	151	45
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,194	-	-	13,194	12,508
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
asset sales	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,194	-	-	13,194	12,508
A3 Payments					
portfolio management fees	1,178	-	-	1,178	1,012
woodland maintenance etc	3,434	-	-	3,434	5,421
website/book	78	-	-	78	78
insurance	624	-	-	624	604
grants	1,556	-	-	1,556	2,208
lodge costs	1,319	-	-	1,319	1,115
professional fees	472	-	-	472	472
chapel hire (storage)	50	-	-	50	50
petty cash	-	-	-	-	20
Room hire (E1)	60	-	-	60	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,771	-	-	8,771	10,980
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
investment purchases	1,139.00	-	-	1,139	984
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,139	-	-	1,139	984
Total payments	9,910	-	-	9,910	11,964
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,284	-	-	3,284	544
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,937	-	-	46,937	46,393
Cash funds this year end	50,221	-	-	50,221	46,937

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	19,009	-	-
	Skipton Building Society	31,212	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	50,221	-	-
<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>				
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Rathbones Investment Portfolio	Unrestricted	-	149,903
	COIF Portfolio	Unrestricted	-	216,558
			-	-
			-	-
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)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
<small>Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees</small>	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		ANDREW PRINGLE	25.04.22	
		MARY HAMILTON	25.04.22	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Barnes Charitable Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1002338

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021

**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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

G F Whiteside

Date:

25/4/2022

Name:

G F Whiteside

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Chartered Accountant (FCA)

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

