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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

This is the last time I will be writing the Chairman's Foreword to the Trustees' Annual Report as after 17 years I will be retiring as a trustee in July. Those years have gone by quickly but when I look back there have been many changing faces amongst the trustees and executives I have worked with over the years. Their most overwhelming trait has been such enthusiasm and passion for the charity which is also shared by our many volunteers, service users and donors. It has been a delight to be involved with Perennial for so many years.

Because of Covid, 2020 saw us operating in many different ways. The Board resolved, very early into the first lockdown, that our absolute priority was to be available to support any and all of those people in horticulture who were adversely affected by the pandemic – a priority that I believe we achieved through a combination of operational agility and effectiveness and our financial strength. Initially there was a large increase in phone calls asking for advice on so many things. Many of these were immediately solved but there was an increase in the number of service users needing further support from our caseworkers. A vital element of our response was to collate, assess and communicate the constantly changing advice and guidance emerging from government which required exemplary collaboration between our services and marketing teams. Home visits, for so long one of our signature services, were restricted, but this didn't stop our caseworkers and debt advisors ensuring people had the help they needed for as long as necessary to move forward with their lives – another signature service. Because of the various government support programmes there hasn't so far been an increase in the need for debt advice, although individual cases did become more complicated and protracted. We anticipate that the need for debt advice will increase significantly in the second half of 2021 as government support ceases and the economy slowly rebuilds.

During 2020 we delayed some of our 'Prevent' activities to concentrate on delivering the 'Help' that people needed during the pandemic. We are now pressing ahead again with our 'Prevent' strategy with very encouraging results. This focuses on changing the adverse impact of physical, emotional, social and economic factors on the lives of people in horticulture. We have also started a programme of research-based pilot projects to better understand the key challenges faced by people in horticulture whilst evaluating the most effective interventions. We should be able to report further developments in this area in next year's report.

Our 'Reach' strategy is also maintaining its momentum. The growing numbers of horticultural businesses and organisations becoming Perennial Partners (now over 100) is getting us known by many more people in horticulture. The unexpected and extremely generous living gift of The Laskett house and garden by Sir Roy Strong has provided us with our third garden of national significance to share with the garden loving public. Along with the arts and crafts jewel at York Gate, where in 2020 we carefully upgraded the visitor facilities, and the tranquil, woodland, plant lovers' paradise at Fullers Mill, they all provide strong regional hubs from which we can promote ourselves and 'Reach' many more horticulturists in need.

The Leatherhead office team has largely been working from home, as a result there have been some good organisational lessons learnt. For instance, the warehouse operation for our trading company kept going through the year with effective hygiene and social distancing and our wonderful volunteers operating in small shifts. Zoom video meetings became the norm, maybe less enjoyable than face to face meetings but saving much travelling time, an 8-hour round trip from Scotland for me!

We are so lucky with our staff, led by such a strong Senior Leadership Team, and I am very confident for the future of this wonderful charity, and very proud to have played a small part in getting us to where we are now.

In fall Philip

Finally, I would like to thank Tom Cole, Carol Paris and James Robinson who stepped down as trustees last year. We 'inherited' James as a trustee when Fullers Mill was gifted to us in 2013 and he rescued us by stepping into the Treasurer's shoes when we were suddenly between Treasurers. We are very fortunate to have Paul Rochford taking over as Chair of the Board and I wish him every success in the role. I know the charity will continue to go from strength to strength under his guidance.

Dougal Philip

Chairman

OUR ACTIVITIES

The 12-month period to 31 December 2020 covered in this annual report was severely affected by Covid-19. Its continuing impact on Perennial in 2021 is discussed on page 15.

Help Services - Advice, Information and Advocacy

Our help services are focussed on helping people to access the confidential advice, information and support they need throughout their lives. Our services provide immediate help that prevent difficult situations becoming more challenging, a crisis from deepening or problems becoming entrenched. Our approach is based on early intervention; empowering people to make informed decisions; building resilience and delivering sustainable outcomes.

Our help and support is available to everyone in the horticultural industry. During 2020, we have continued to provide information and advice and have co-produced a range of information and tools on our website, providing advice and guidance on a range of issues including government support available during the coronavirus pandemic, as well as helping people to manage their money, mental wellbeing and careers.

Our helpline services provide a first port of call for anyone needing access to information and advice whilst our UK wide casework team provide help and support when unexpected or life-changing events can turn lives upside down. Often, events such as a serious accident or diagnosis of a life-limiting condition, bereavement, family breakdown or a substantial loss of income need our help and support. Our team provides balanced, up to date information from reliable sources, helping people access the advice and information they need.

We help people to access services including health, social care and welfare benefits. We provide housing information, liaising with statutory authorities including social services teams, enabling service users to identify and work to overcome some of the most complex issues that face individuals and their families today. The level of personal support we provide is an important aspect of our service and has been described as a "lifeline".

Our Debt Advice team is regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and provide a range of debt solutions to horticulturists experiencing debt issues. This can include helping people manage their money, the impact of debt on their lives and helping build financial resilience. All our Debt Advisers are accredited money advisers and registered Debt Relief Order intermediaries.

Financial Help

Our financial support programmes are an essential part of the safety net Perennial provides for people unable to gain the help they need. They provide people experiencing real financial hardship with a little extra help. We work with our service users to resolve underlying problems which have led to a service user's financial situation. Our approach is to:

- work with individuals and their families to look at their personal circumstances including their finances;
- ii. offer help towards any immediate needs, including providing food and heating;
- iii. work with service users to identify their strengths and challenges to find effective long-term solutions. We support people to access the information they need to make informed decisions and support them to access housing, health, social care and legal advice, as well as providing employment support and training. We review government support they may be eligible for and support them to access benefits and other forms of support. Our Debt Advice team support people to manage their money and debts by reducing or delaying bill payments, including credit cards, where necessary;

iv. provide direct financial help to ensure families are supported whilst longer term solutions are put in place. For example, supporting transport costs for those experiencing hospital treatment, contributing to rent deposits for those experiencing homelessness or domestic violence.

Accommodation

The Charity provides rented accommodation for people who have retired from horticulture in a small number of self-contained bungalows.

Gardens

We are delighted to report that we are now in ownership of three gardens of national significance following Sir Roy Strong's generous decision to donate his home and gardens to Perennial as a living gift. The Laskett, at Much Birch near Hereford, was created by Sir Roy and his late wife Julia Trevelyan Oman and represents a highly personal and autobiographical garden design. It came into the ownership of Perennial in February 2021.

The Charity's garden at York Gate near Leeds, a legacy from the Spencer family in 1994, is a leading example of late 20th century garden design following the arts and crafts style.

Fullers Mill at West Stow, near Bury St Edmunds, is an enchanting seven-acre woodland garden on the banks of the River Lark. Created by the late Bernard Tickner, it was left to Perennial following his death in 2017.

In addition to being gardens of national significance and centres of horticultural interest, our gardens provide local hubs from which the Charity is able to promote itself: garden-loving visitors are attracted to the garden and leave knowing more about Perennial. These hubs provide an opportunity to build a volunteer community and supporter network, to raise local awareness, generate income and help the Charity to build better futures for people working in horticulture in the surrounding area and beyond.

Our gardens are open to the public and are fully owned and cared for by Perennial.

Marketing the Charity

As an occupational charity, Perennial's vision is for everyone who works in or is retired from horticulture to be aware of how Perennial can help them and to feel confident to get in touch should they need our help.

It's important that Perennial's message reaches all sectors of the horticultural industry, to those working in it, as well as to those who employ them. In particular, the self-employed may not be members of trade associations and often only hear of Perennial from the people they work for. Perennial urges all those who employ gardeners, tree surgeons, landscapers and others who work in horticulture to let them know about Perennial, encourage them to engage with our activities so they become part of the Perennial family and feel confident to contact us if they ever need our support.

Funding the Charity

Perennial relies on legacies, donations and fundraising activities for two thirds of its income.

This is supplemented by investment income from funds generously donated over many years to provide sustainable long-term benefits. Maintaining the value of our investments, and the income they generate, is an essential means of underpinning the Charity's continuing operations.

The Charity also receives other income from visitors to our gardens and rent from our tenants. It does not normally receive any government funding.

The Charity sells a wide range of cards, gifts and gardening-related items to generate funds and raise its profile through its wholly owned trading subsidiary, GRBS (Enterprises) Ltd (trading as Perennial Trading).

Running the Charity Effectively

Perennial has a strong organisational structure, underpinned by a Board of Trustees and supported by four standing committees which follow the principles contained in the Charity Governance Code.

The marketing and fundraising team is based at our Leatherhead office, supplemented by the dedicated work of staff at our gardens and volunteers throughout the UK.

A small team of staff at Leatherhead provide support functions covering governance, finance and HR.

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Charity measures its achievements and performance against its strategy which is described in more detail on pages 15-16 and will be continually updated to reflect progress.

Responding – Our Casework Team

Often people need our support to help manage or overcome a crisis or emergency situation, such as taking on caring responsibilities, falling ill or experiencing a bereavement that has significantly changed their household income. We support individuals and families during these difficult times.

During 2020, we gave advice and support to 2,058 individuals and their families (2019: 1,618). This is a 27% increase in people accessing our help services. Our services are being sought by an increasing number of people experiencing ill health and, with the largest changes to the welfare system in a generation, we have seen a greater number of people from horticulture requiring welfare benefits in order to support their basic living costs.

The trend over the last ten years has been a steady increase in the people entering our services who are facing challenges that can often seem overwhelming. Our services continue to provide increasingly complex support, enabling people to cope with life-changing events and providing access to statutory sources of support including access to a changing benefits system. As a result, our work with individuals can take more time and the volume of follow-up tasks required to help service users such as writing letters and emails, making phone calls continue to rise too, leading to increasing workloads. In 2020, the team delivered 48,609 case actions, sending and receiving 14,808 emails and writing 5,008 letters to overcome immediate problems and make a real impact on long-term futures.

In 2020, we helped our service users to access statutory benefits, including in-work benefits and support for those diagnosed with life-changing conditions, worth £2,352,877 (2019: £2,204,840).

Approximately 55% of our benefit claims work is to support individuals with additional health needs. 21% of the team's work is supporting applicants to access Universal Credit and legacy benefits.

1,559 people were supported through our Prevent activities, 655 of whom used the Online Budgeting Tool.

Responding – Our Debt Advice Team

The Debt Advice team helped a total of 422 individuals and their families during 2020 (2019: 520). Due to the government measures put in place to support people during the pandemic, particularly the cessation of collection action, the debt advice service received a 19% reduction in referrals. The number of people accessing specialist debt advice across the money advice sector reduced significantly.

Our qualified, IMA-accredited debt advisers, who are regulated by the FCA, can help by negotiating with creditors, preparing financial statements, advising on bankruptcy, helping with court paperwork and offering representation at hearings. We can support people to act on their behalf or provide people with the advice and information they need to deal with the problem themselves.

The Debt Advice team successfully negotiated and agreed £684,088 (2019: £684,133) of debt write-offs for our service users and a further £18,224 of cash gained from other sources (2019: £29,809), typically from payment protection refunds. The debts we are able to write off, or successfully dispute, are dependent on the presenting circumstances of those entering our services.

Responding – Our Financial Assistance

We understand that sometimes, unexpected or life-changing events can turn lives upside down. We also understand that everyone can experience financial difficulties or struggle to meet everyday living costs.

Our financial support programmes are an essential part of the safety net Perennial provides for people unable to gain the help they need. Our financial support programmes have been designed and developed in response to the needs of people working in horticulture. They reflect the needs of people living on a low income who need a little additional help to reduce their financial pressures and provide vital support for people coping with a crisis, unexpected or life-changing event, whilst we work towards long-term solutions.

In addition to maximising income from statutory sources, we provided a total of £272,922 to service users in the form of financial help (2019: £402,925).

We provide help to people who are struggling to meet the essential costs of food, heating and clothing. We also provide help for people diagnosed with life-changing conditions, enabling them to travel for treatment and vital hospital appointments, as well as supporting people to access physiotherapy, employment support and legal advice.

Sometimes, people need ongoing financial help. Our help services support individuals and families who have experienced unexpected and life-changing events, including homelessness, redundancy, bereavement or as a result of an accident. Regular financial assistance can also help to provide those who have retired from a career in horticulture on very low incomes to meet day-to-day living costs.

In 2015, we began to place greater emphasis on providing training grants to fund full-time horticultural placements. In 2020, we provided £111,857 (2019: £140,396) to help with various placements and training courses, including retraining initiatives where it was no longer possible for people to continue working in horticulture. The main area of funding was for five student placements on full-time horticultural training schemes. We employed two trainees at each of our own gardens.

Our Children's Fund, established in 2011 following our merger with the Royal Fund for Gardeners' Children, provided £37,709 (2019: £55,681). Through this support, we can provide help to children who have experienced a bereavement or need additional help to meet the cost of school trips, meals, transport and equipment. Through our Back to School programme, we provided 157 children, living in or on the margins of poverty, with school uniforms. We also obtained £20,195 of grants from other sources (2019: £33,347) to be spent directly on our service users.

Responding – Our Accommodation

The Charity manages a small portfolio of retirement accommodation comprising eight bungalows: six in Cambridgeshire, one in Hampshire and one in West Sussex. Where help with third party accommodation is necessary, Perennial provides advice and support to find a safe home that meet individual needs and can provide financial help towards rent deposits, moving and insurance costs.

Responding – Our Gardens

In common with gardens and visitor destinations across the UK, our gardens were affected by the Covid pandemic and accompanying lockdowns and restrictions. This is reflected in the numbers that visited the gardens in 2020. However, at both York Gate and Fullers Mill, the garden staff and volunteers responded magnificently to the unique challenges and difficulties of 2020 and we were still able to receive many thousands of visitors whose feedback was extremely positive.

York Gate

The project to improve the visitor amenities at the garden started in September 2019 and finished in June 2020. A new café was created along with a new shop, admissions hall and a plant sales building. On-site car parking for 60 cars was established, along with a new garden. A new garden to the front of the site has

been created and the meadow to the rear has been brought into use. These improvements have been warmly welcomed by garden visitors.

Despite Covid delaying the completion of the project and then not being able to fully open until July, we were pleased to be able to welcome 9,906 visitors to the garden in the shortened season (2019: 16,588).

The Garden Committee continues to play a key role in supporting and overseeing the continued development of the garden, ensuring that it retains the spirit that was so carefully established by the Spencer family. The Committee, under the Chairmanship of Brendan Mowforth, met twice in 2020.

York Gate Garden would not be the same without the support of its Friends and volunteers. The number of Friends of York Gate has continued to grow and now stands at 1,139 (2019: 938). They are mainly people from the local area who value the garden as a resource in their locality and are pleased to support it and in turn, receive invitations to various events and open days. In 2020, 176 volunteers (2019: 100) supported the garden, shop and café.

Fullers Mill Garden

We continue to maintain Bernard Tickner's unique garden, which he entrusted to us, as a destination of importance, beauty and tranquillity for garden lovers, in line with his wishes.

In 2020, the garden had a total of 4,496 visitors (2019: 8,447). The number of Friends of Fullers Mill grew to 358 (2019: 279).

Fullers Mill Garden would be greatly diminished without the work and support of our volunteers, many of whom have had a long association with Fullers Mill and with Bernard.

The Trustees, guided by the Garden Committee and drawing on experience gained in our garden at York Gate, will consider proposals for establishing appropriate facilities for visitors to ensure the successful operation of the garden well into the future. The Garden Committee, under the Chairmanship of Jim Buttress VMH, met four times in 2020.

The Laskett Garden, Herefordshire

In 2014, Sir Roy Strong agreed with Perennial that upon his death, his home and gardens, The Laskett in Herefordshire, along with a significant financial legacy, would be bequeathed to Perennial for its long-term preservation for the public benefit. The Laskett Garden, created by Sir Roy Strong and his late wife, Julia Trevelyan Oman is a very well known, highly personal garden and Perennial is honoured that Sir Roy has chosen us to be its custodian. In early 2020, Sir Roy decided to transfer the house and gardens to Perennial as a living gift. He, therefore, has now moved to a new home nearby and The Laskett came into the ownership of Perennial in February 2021.

The garden will be open to the public in 2021 and work is in hand to establish the necessary plan for its long-term management and development to ensure that The Laskett continues as a garden of national significance and quality, while also becoming a hub for Perennial's services to people in horticulture in the surrounding area. We have established a Garden Committee, chaired by Dr Heather Barrett-Mold OBE, which held its inaugural meeting in April 2021.

Increasing Reach Through Our Gardens

Our three gardens play a key part in increasing awareness of Perennial. They attract tens of thousands of visitors who are entranced by the gardens but are also very open to learning more about how Perennial helps people in horticulture. They attract significant interest from the gardening press which results in regular exposure in publications and online, in addition to the thousands of people who follow and engage with the gardens' social media accounts. This all spreads the word about Perennial and what we do for people in horticulture. The gardens are also used as locations for photography and filming. This year, ITV used Fullers Mill to film their ITV ident which is aired before each TV programme for several months.

Reaching Out and Engaging

Perennial's vision is that all those in horticulture know to come to us when they need some help or advice, so we continue to reach out to those working in or retired from horticulture, as well as all those people who appreciate the hard work which goes into maintaining gardens, sports grounds and all the other green spaces in the UK. The team at Perennial is small compared to the hundreds of thousands of people who work in, or retired from, horticulture. There are also a great number of sectors within the industry, many of which operate only in their own sector and don't cross over with others, hence there is a need to communicate with them all individually. So, for the sake of everyone who could benefit from Perennial's support, it's vital that we all work together to spread the word.

Trade associations and companies have a large part to play, letting their members and employees know that they can get advice and support at any time throughout their lives. Passing on the message helps but actively helping their trade charity through volunteering and fundraising activities also helps people to feel part of the Perennial family and more confident to call should they need us in the future. In 2020, we were unable to meet people at shows in the usual way, so instead attended online conferences and events to spread the word. We also provided regular news bulletins for trade associations and companies to forward to their members and staff.

Self-employed gardeners, landscapers and arboriculturists are the hardest people to reach. It's often someone they work for who lets them know that Perennial is there for them and encourages them to get in touch if they need help. So, our gardens and community volunteer networks are all important ways of gaining the attention of people who love to visit gardens and flower shows to introduce them to Perennial. These people usually have gardens of their own that they enjoy and may employ gardeners, tree surgeons and landscapers either regularly or on an ad hoc basis. They are often the people who will pass on details of Perennial and support the Charity. With flower shows cancelled in 2020 we relied on social media and our gardens to continue to raise awareness to this group of people.

To also reach this audience, we relaunched our Speaker Panel to horticultural societies and community groups. Our speakers are now spread across the UK and present "virtual talks" online via Zoom. These have been incredibly popular and help us to reach more people who love gardening.

The online world has grown considerably over the last few years, with both younger and older generations having a presence online. We are increasing our digital activity with hits on the website growing year-on-year and an increase of 10% in 2020. The most popular sites visited are the homepages for our gardens, again demonstrating how vital they are in helping us to achieve our vision of reaching more people. Social media engagement also continues to grow with Twitter, Facebook and Instagram being the most popular; engagement has grown across all three channels. Our online supporters are sharing posts regularly with their own networks to spread the word. Our regular e-news is sent monthly to over 9,300 supporters who have opted in for email communications.

Offline communications are also an important way to keep spreading the word and updating people with the help we can provide. Our database of supporters continues to grow. In 2020, we sent 'Perennial News' to over 19,000 supporters, with information about the impact we are having on people's lives and the fun to be had joining in with fundraising activities, along with a "Business edition" for those in the industry. We reached 32.4 million people via media across TV, radio, press and magazines.

Our branded products are a fantastic way to spread the word. Cards sold via Cards for Good Causes, our own shops and by the Great British Card Company to garden centres and outlets around the UK are an effective way to spread the word and raise funds. Our 'Beautiful Gardens' calendars and diaries are sold through high street chains such as John Lewis, Martins Newsagents and Morrisons.

Delivering Today, Tomorrow and Always

Our help services work with people facing some of today's most complex challenges that can often seem overwhelming and whose effects can be long-lasting. Every day we see the very real and devastating effect of adverse life events which impact people's futures.

Our teams work efficiently to deliver immediate crisis support to provide a vital short-term safety net, whilst we explore and implement longer term solutions. Longer term solutions can prevent problems becoming more complex, a crisis from deepening or problems becoming entrenched. By delivering help early, we can improve an individual's and their family's outcomes across employment, education, safety, housing, relationships, health and wellbeing, leading to better future prospects. Often this requires long-term support.

The Trustees believe it is important to hold sufficient investments in our designated funds to provide the Charity with the financial strength and resilience to survive today's economic uncertainties in order to support people in horticulture today, tomorrow and always.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Operating Results

2020 was a financially positive year, primarily due to an increase in legacy income and an overall reduction in expenditure as a result of limited activities in certain areas due to Covid. The combination of these two factors led to a £51,493 operating surplus (2019: £562,000 operating deficit).

However, even though our net assets increased over the year, £811,215 of cash flowed out of the Charity, nearly four times as much as the year before (2019: £217,000). One of the reasons for this was that 46% of this year's legacy income was received as a property asset rather than cash.

Our investments suffered losses earlier in the year as news of the pandemic emerged but ended 2020 with a net gain of £3,937,582 leading to an increase in total funds of £3,989,075 (2019: £4,390,000).

Income

Perennial's three main sources of income are from investments, legacies and donations.

Investment Income

The Charity's investment objective is to generate an income to supplement legacies, donations and other fundraising income and to achieve capital growth above inflation. Investment income is a core component of our funding, but it covers less than a third of current expenditure.

The 32% decrease in net investment income was partly due to several one-off, windfall receipts in the 2019 comparative. As companies' cashflows were increasingly impacted by Covid, many reduced their dividend payments, directly leading to a further decrease in our investment income.

Legacy Income

Over the medium-to-long-term, legacies are a vital source of income, typically covering about a third of our expenditure, but they are inherently volatile and therefore unreliable in the short-term.

Total legacy income of £1,525,355, including a property recognised at its probate value of £700,000, was a welcome increase over last year (2019: £759,000) which had seen one of the lowest levels of legacy income for many years.

This year, we were unable to host any legacy events which usually provide opportunities to meet potential supporters and describe how legacies are vital in helping to fund our work.

Donations and Fundraising Income

Our ability to generate a sustainable level of voluntary income is critical to funding our plans to increase services, extend our reach and ultimately to help more people. Without supporters' donations, we would need to reduce our activities from their current level, help fewer families each year or provide them with less support.

The generous donations from the National Garden Scheme and Scotland's Garden Scheme are important components of our income, but dependent upon their own income which has been affected by Covid. As a result, NGS reduced their donation in 2020; SGS expect to reduce their donation in 2021. The exclusive use of both donations to support our Debt Advice and Casework Team is shown by allocating the income to the Advice & Casework fund within the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent group of designated funds.

Overall, donations increased by 9% to £481,924 (2019: £442,000) due to the generosity shown by individual supporters as well as The Royal National Rose Society, the Miss Anne Brooks Fairgreen Charitable Trust and the Joyce Lomax Bullock Charitable Trust.

In relation to specific components of the income from donations:

- In 2020, the number of company members in our Perennial Partners corporate supporter scheme increased to 98 from 66, generating an income of £51,850 (2019: £26,337). Despite Covid restrictions, many companies were still able to get involved by running fundraising events, generating £16,119 (2019: £20,530).
- The Fellowship programme is for supporters who make significant annual donations. The programme raised £43,924 (2019: £34,826) after two new Fellows joined and three existing Fellows increased their donations.

Income from the Friends of Perennial individual supporters' membership scheme has previously been included within donations. From 2020, Friends of Perennial memberships included unlimited admission to our gardens when the gardens are open, so the income is no longer a straightforward donation. Therefore, it has been shown separately this year.

Total fundraising income fell by 78% due to the impact of Covid on our scheduled events programme and on other fundraising activities. In particular, two income-generating trips to Scotland and Sweden both had to be cancelled, as was the fundraising Festival dinner. Strict control of fundraising expenditure has helped us to improve our fundraising ratio, as measured internally before any support costs, to 1.84 (2019: 1.73). Staff changes in 2018/19 had adversely impacted last year's ratio; previously, it had more typically been in the range 1.90 to 2.10.

As well as generating income, fundraising activities ordinarily provide a way for people to engage with and feel part of Perennial, so if they need our help in future, they are more likely to contact us.

Other Income

Several staff were furloughed during the year who were not able to work due to Covid restrictions. Their costs were recovered under the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. Other income includes business rate rebates from the local authorities' hospitality schemes at York Gate and Fullers Mill.

Allocation of Income to Funds

Unless a donation, legacy or other income specifically relates to a designated or restricted fund, then it will form part of the Charity's general funds.

Trading Results

The trading subsidiary made a small profit of £1,704 (2019: £4,635) over the year (before making a Gift Aid donation to Perennial of its 2019 profit).

From 2020, the income and related expenditure of plant sales and catering activities at our gardens has been transferred from the Charity to the trading subsidiary. This aided the net position of the subsidiary by £18,179. Income from plant sales increased by 87% to £47,072 (2019: £25,158). Catering income fell by 19% to £67,394 (2019: £83,592) due to the impact of lockdowns.

Other sales at the gardens contributed a further £12,513 (2019: £9,643), having opened three months later than usual in July. However, additional overheads reduced the net profit to £9,872 (2019: £8,752).

Our greater focus on mail order and online sales has been successful, generating a contribution of £17,956 (2019: £nil).

There were no garden shows this year, which had generated a contribution of £19,900 in 2019.

Sales of Christmas cards through Cards for Good Causes, our distribution partner, fell by 68% as a result of the November lockdown forcing the closure of their high street shops. After increased costs, the net result from this channel was a loss of £2,043 in contrast to previous contributions (2019: £16,708).

Our team of volunteers work hard to fulfil orders, manage stock and look after customers. Their support is critical in minimising the costs of our trading activity, as well as providing admin support to Marketing.

Perennial received £22,612 (2019: £14,083) of donations included with customers' orders plus corporate donations of £11,651 (2019: £3,041) as a result of trading relationships with GRBS (Enterprises) Ltd. The Charity also benefits in other less tangible ways such as the marketing value generated by the catalogue, our branded Christmas cards and, usually but not in 2020, from our stands at shows, helping grow public awareness which is important for future donations and legacies.

Gardens

Following the transfer in 2020 of plant sales and catering activities to the trading subsidiary, garden income relates entirely to visitor admission fees including memberships from each garden's Friends scheme.

Expenditure covers the costs of running and maintaining the gardens. Staff costs directly associated with plant sales and catering are recharged to the trading subsidiary.

York Gate

Completion of the development project was delayed due to Covid, but the work was completed in June allowing the garden to open as soon as the restrictions were lifted in July.

In the four-month period until the next lockdown, even though the garden's open season was 43% shorter than the previous year, like-for-like income at the garden fell by just 31% to £53,449 (2019: £77,035).

The results that were achieved are very encouraging. We look forward to realising the full potential of the garden over the coming years.

Fullers Mill

Fullers Mill garden closed to the public at the end of September. In the three months that it was open (50% of its usual season), like-for-like income at the garden fell by just 41% to £20,097 (2019: £34,073).

Expenditure

Charitable Expenditure

The costs of running our Casework and Debt Advice teams decreased to £1,427,560 (2019: £1,458,000) as a result of lower travel costs due to not being able to visit service users for most of the year.

Expenditure on grants and benefits decreased by 26% to £343,485 (2019: £467,000), including expenditure on training which decreased by 17% to £143,578 (2019: £172,000). Providing financial assistance to support people in a crisis, helping with essential items such as food and heating, will always be part of our toolkit in the short-term and is driven entirely by need. Expenditure decreased by 41% to £155,333 (2019: 262,000) largely due to the level of government measures which were in place for much of the year.

There is far more to our service than just financial support. The priority is to prevent existing problems from escalating and then prevent other problems from arising in the longer term. We provide access to support for mental health problems, muscular skeletal disorders and employment issues.

Marketing costs decreased in 2020 compared to the previous year, partly due to additional costs incurred in 2019 on 180th anniversary activities. Further savings were achieved as a result of not undertaking so many of the activities that we would usually do, due to Covid.

Other Costs

As explained above, the direct costs and related expenditure, including relevant staff costs, of plant sales and catering activities at our gardens have been transferred from the Charity to the trading subsidiary this year.

Position

The Charity remained in a robust financial position as it moved into 2021 and continues to be well placed to tackle the challenges ahead, thanks to the level of resilience provided by our reserves.

In 2020, tangible fixed assets have increased due to the investment in York Gate.

Cash held on deposit has naturally reduced as the work at York Gate progressed to completion. Operating cash flow has been carefully managed throughout the year. In April/May, £800,000 was drawn down from investments to provide greater liquidity, which has then been maintained at a higher level than normal to give extra breathing space. Access to additional cash at short notice from investments is readily available if it were to become necessary.

Reserves

The Trustees have agreed that the Charity should aim to hold free reserves of at least £4.4m (free reserves exclude restricted and designated funds and the net book value of all assets held for operational purposes, including the Leatherhead Office and our gardens).

Of the £68.3m shown as Total Funds in the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020, the Charity holds £5.2m as free reserves:

	General De	•	Restricted	2020	2019
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Balance Sheet value	6.6	60.5	1.2	68.3	64.3
Less: Fixed Assets (Land & buildings, IT, etc)	(0.9)	(3.5)	-	(4.4)	(3.8)
Working Capital (cash at bank only)	(0.5)			(0.5)	(0.4)
	5.2	57.0	1.2	63.4	60.1
Gardeners Royal Benevolent Funds		(44.7)	<u>=</u>	(44.7)	(41.7)
Gardens Funds	(#I)	(9.0)	#	(9.0)	(9.3)
Lironi Training Fund	-	(3.3)	8	(3.3)	(3.0)
Children's Fund	<u>.</u> =(-	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.1)
Free Reserves	5.2	-		5.2	5.0

Although free reserves are above the minimum level, they will help carry Perennial through the next couple of years. As stated on page 15, the Trustees anticipate that the Charity may need to draw on its reserves in 2021 by up to £2m. The following year may also be challenging. The current level of free reserves is thought to be adequate but not excessive.

The Trustees' reserves policy is described in more detail on page 23.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

Impact of Covid-19

Covid will continue to have a material impact upon the activities of the Charity in 2021 although it is not yet possible to quantify with any degree of certainty the financial consequences of these impacts.

Our ongoing response to Covid is to ensure that staff and volunteers comply with social distancing rules by continuing to work from home where possible and limiting volunteering activities. We recognise that the impact of Covid on many of the people that work within the horticulture sector will be serious, and in some cases devastating. We will therefore continue to maintain an unswerving focus on our service users whilst keeping in line with government advice, meeting the needs of individuals and families as they arise.

We have already experienced an increase in demand for our help from people in horticulture, both from those who we help already and from those who have not needed our help before, and we anticipate this demand to grow further. We stand ready to provide the help that is required, whether in the form of support and advice or financial assistance.

It is clear that income in 2021 will continue to be severely affected. Many garden shows and fundraising events will be held later in the year or may not happen at all, so trading income from stands at shows will be weak. Although we look forward to welcoming visitors to our gardens, income will be delayed. Dividend income from our investments is expected to remain lower than in the past. Firm control will be exercised over costs which are not fixed in nature and any discretionary expenditure.

Perennial has sufficient financial strength (as at 1 May 2021, the value of investments was £64m) to cover annual operating expenditure of circa £4.5m for the foreseeable future and remain able to meet its debts as they fall due throughout this period.

Due to the forecast drop in income and a likely increase in demand from service users, the Trustees anticipate that the Charity may utilise up to £2m of its reserves in 2021 in order to maintain services at current levels. Cash will be drawn down from investments to support working capital. Although those investments generate a core component of our annual income requirement, 2021 is likely to demonstrate how much we rely on legacies, donations and fundraising events to simply maintain our ability to help the people in horticulture who need us.

Our Purpose

To build better futures for people in horticulture and their families.

Our Vision

We believe that no one in horticulture should be denied our help simply because they are not aware of our existence. Our vision therefore is:

That every person in horticulture in the UK will be aware of Perennial, will understand what help they can receive from us, and will be confident to get in touch should they need our help.

Our Strategy

A new framework of goals and performance indicators was implemented in 2020 to measure our progress against the strategy agreed by the Trustees.

Reach

We believe there are many more people in horticulture who we could help but who are not yet aware of Perennial. No one should be denied our help simply because they are not aware of our existence.

We will build a network of hubs to create a greater regional focus, starting at our gardens at Fullers Mill, The Laskett and York Gate. The hubs will help to raise awareness amongst people in horticulture and supporters.

We will work with stakeholders to develop partnerships that help to carry our message more widely.

Help

Providing specialist advice and support to service users will always be at the heart of our charitable purpose and activity. The Casework and Debt Advice teams will be resourced to meet changes in demand and develop their expertise to ensure we deliver our services to the highest standards of excellence.

Financial help will continue to be an important and essential tool in our aim of relieving poverty, but it is complementary to the holistic support that we provide.

Prevent

As well as helping those in horticulture who need our support today, we will develop our activities that aim to reduce the number of people in horticulture who might otherwise need our help in future because we believe in the principle that prevention is better than cure.

We will continue to promote and provide training for people in horticulture, to enhance their careers and provide life skills that will increase people's chances of success. This will reduce the demand for our Help services.

Over the coming years, we will continue to deliver the goals and objectives outlined within our Prevent strategy, which focuses on creating better futures. To achieve this, we will reduce the impact of physical, emotional, social and economic factors on the lives of people in horticulture. Using a credible evidence base, we will co-produce preventative programmes, campaigns and activities at scale that enable people to lead healthier and happier lives.

Resource

Our strategy, with its emphasis on reaching more people in horticulture, is likely to increase the already growing demand for our services. To meet that demand and to deliver our strategy, we need to grow our resources.

We will take account of developments in the domestic and global economies and their potentially adverse impact on our future income streams and the value of our investments. We will review our fundraising strategy and develop plans to cope with a range of likely scenarios.

Manage

We are proud of what Perennial does. We will continue to manage the Charity to the highest standards of governance and financial and operational efficiency and effectiveness.

The strategy is the foundation for our short and medium-term plans. We will adapt it as we move forward so that it remains relevant. It will guide our behaviours and shape the development of our future activities.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Perennial has a relatively low and stable risk profile, with risks that typically can only be managed rather than eliminated.

Risk	Mitigation
Financial impact of an unexpected and prolonged shortfall in income, possibly as a result of a global pandemic or other shock to the world economy caused by an unforeseen geopolitical event.	Regular review of fundraising strategy; maintain a high level of reserves in designated funds to provide a reliable core component of investment income and a cash cushion.
	Regular review of cash position, cash flow forecasts and other financial data on a regular basis.
Failure to provide the necessary level of service or financial support, as a result of unexpected rises in demand for our services from new and/or existing clients.	Regular reviews of operational statistics and other management information to monitor workloads; maintain adequate level of resourcing within Debt Advice and Casework teams.
Failure to provide the necessary level of service or financial support, as a result of unforeseen changes in regulation or unexpected loss of a key member of staff.	Regular monitoring of regulatory landscape; regular staff training to ensure continuing fitness to practice. Regular knowledge-sharing by management team; maintain up-to-date policies and procedures.
Reputational damage and/or financial impact as a result of a major IT incident (e.g. security breach, data loss, catastrophic hardware failure) leading to fines, claims for damages, costs to reinstate data, etc.	Ensure that security procedures are up-to-date and adhered to, disaster recovery procedures are reviewed and tested regularly.

SPECIAL THANKS

The work of Perennial would not be possible without the help of many organisations and individuals.

We appreciate all donations, especially regular contributions that help us to plan with more confidence. Many of our supporters have made significant donations over many years, demonstrating their faith in the important service that Perennial provides.

A special mention must go to the National Garden Scheme which has donated to Perennial since 1986. We also acknowledge with thanks the generous donations in 2020 from Scotland's Gardens Scheme and our Fellows.

Volunteers continue to underpin the work undertaken by members of staff. They take part in a vast range of activities in our gardens and at many different events. We thank them all for their support, we simply could not achieve all that we do without them.

In 2019, we started to build our community volunteers programme and would like to give special thanks to those who have signed up as our first Lead Volunteers to create groups to actively promote Perennial and raise funds in their local community. A special thanks goes to Jo Huffener, our new lead volunteer in Sussex, who sold over £8,000 of plants from her driveway during 2020 that were kindly donated by The Farplants Group of nurseries.

Our growing number of Perennial Partners and corporate supporters have helped us reach significantly more people in 2020 and encouraged them to engage with the Charity so they feel part of the Perennial family.

On behalf of our service users, we hereby extend our thanks to all those who support Perennial through legacies and donations, buying goods, attending our special events and/or volunteering in various ways.

Legacies

Legacies are an important source of income to Perennial; 25 bequests were received in 2020 from the supporters listed below (2019: 26).

We are mindful of the sad circumstances of such gifts and extend our condolences to those bereaved. We are deeply grateful for these donations which are vital to our continuing ability to make real, lasting differences to the lives of the people that we support.

We sincerely thank the following people who have remembered Perennial in their wills:

John Barber	Joyce Garnier	Mary Marchant	Leslie Swindells
Nora-Bayley	Vera Harrison	Kathleen Morant	James Tatchell
Audrey Bedford	Joy Harrison	Joyce Owen	Eileen Wadham
Dorothy Bennett	Cynthia Hoare	Pamela Pointer	Edith Wells
Eleanor Chapman	Anne Holmes	Margaret Price	Audrey Weston
Arthur Elsley	Lucie Le Cheminant	Elizabeth Rayner	Mary Willis
Jean Fuller			

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Name and Registered Office

The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society uses the trading name Perennial alongside its formal legal name. The Charity has its registered office at 115-117 Kingston Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 7SU.

Memorandum and Articles of Association

With effect from 1 January 2014, following its conversion to a company limited by guarantee, the Charity adopted its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which control the way the Charity is organised. They were updated in September 2020.

Board of Trustees

The members of the Board of Trustees, who were the company's directors during the year or on the date of approval of this report, are shown on page 49. They receive no remuneration.

Members of the Board serve for a four-year term, extendable to a consecutive second term but thereafter ineligible to stand again unless the Board agrees that in exceptional circumstances, a Trustee may be elected for a maximum of four more years. Trustees are elected by members at the annual general meeting, save that the Board has power to appoint a Trustee to fill a casual vacancy until the next annual general meeting.

The Board met on four occasions in 2020 (three of which were held by video conference).

Recruitment and Training of Trustees

The Charity aims to have a balance of expertise on the Board, to include professional backgrounds outside horticulture, which brings a range of experience and provides a valuable broad perspective.

Recruitment of new Trustees is the responsibility of a Nominations Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, the Chairmen of the Policy and Services and Marketing and Fundraising Committees and any other Trustee invited by the Chairman with the agreement of the members, together with the Chief Executive.

Without instituting any formal rules or quota systems, the following criteria are important in the search for new Trustees:

- To reflect the diversity of the industry and professional occupations in horticulture;
- · A balance of skills, knowledge and experience;
- · A balance of people from different parts of the United Kingdom.

The Charity has an induction programme and a Trustee Handbook, provided to all Trustees, and actively encourages Trustees to undertake further learning and training to better equip them for their duties.

Changes to the Board

We welcomed two new Trustees to the Board during the year: Malcolm Goodwin and David Buchanan-Cook. Tom Cole, Carol Paris and James Robinson retired.

Committees of the Board

The Board may appoint Committees with specific expertise and may delegate any of its powers to these Committees. The members of the permanent Committees established by the Board are shown on page 50.

The Board is able to delegate detailed functions to its Committees and harness the expertise of Trustees in supporting the organisation in a time effective way in their areas of special knowledge and interest.

The Committees comprise:

Marketing and Fundraising Committee: responsible for supporting and overseeing the Charity's marketing and fundraising activities.

Nominations Committee: responsible for the recommendation of appointment of trustees, senior staff and members of the Charity; also, to review the Board's membership, functioning and effectiveness.

Policy and Services Committee: responsible for overseeing the delivery of the Charity's services.

Resources Committee: responsible for overseeing the effective utilisation and protection of the Charity's resources and for overseeing the management of risk.

LEGAL STATUS

The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society, also known as Perennial, was founded in 1839.

The Charity became a company limited by guarantee on 1 January 2014, previously having been an Industrial and Provident Society with exempt charitable status.

The Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society is registered as a company in England and Wales, number 8828584, and is a registered charity, number 1155156. It is also registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, number SC040180.

Perennial's Debt Advice service is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

2014 was the first year that we reported under our current legal status as a charity and a company limited by guarantee. Therefore, neither Companies House nor the Charity Commission holds earlier years' annual reports, although they are available from Perennial upon request.

OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

The Objects of the Charity were reviewed and updated in 2013 due to the change in legal status, although there were no changes in substance from those already in place. The Objects set out in the Memorandum of Association implemented on 1 January 2014 are as follows:

- 1) The relief and assistance by such means as the Trustees shall determine to be appropriate in each case of gardeners or persons who are or have been in like employment or occupation or those closely involved in gardening or related activities or those training to be gardeners or persons of like occupation and their spouses or widows/widowers or unmarried partners and/or immediate dependants ("the Beneficiaries") in necessitous circumstances or in circumstances of poverty, illness, disability (whether mental or physical) or old age; and/or
- 2) The advancement for the public benefit of education and training in or relating to horticulture or gardening; and/or
- 3) The provision, maintenance or assistance in the provision and maintenance of gardens and open space for training, rehabilitation and other charitable purposes for public benefit, and in particular the preservation and maintenance of gardens of historic and/or aesthetic importance to be enjoyed by and made available to the public at large; and/or
- 4) To further such other exclusively charitable purposes according to the law of England and Wales as the Trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time determine.

Since the Charity's inception in 1839, activities aimed at achieving the first objective have formed the major part of our work. We will continue to provide assistance where it is required, but we aim to put more effort into preventing the need for assistance where we can do so effectively.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity provides advice and support to people of all ages from all horticultural trades in the UK, including employed and self-employed gardeners, those running horticultural businesses, nursery and garden centre staff, grounds staff, landscapers, greenkeepers, arboriculturists, foresters and people working in parks, gardens and large estates. It is estimated that there are at least 500,000 people working in, or retired from, this industry.

Perennial's purpose is to 'Build better futures for people in horticulture and their families'. The charity does this by supporting those who need help and providing access to training and tools to build people resilience and prevent them getting into crisis.

Perennial helps those struggling with life-changing challenges such as bereavement, illness, injury and redundancy, along with other problems people experience. It provides advice and support to individuals, helping them access government support and benefits, helping to manage debt where necessary and providing financial assistance to cover essential items, particularly food and heating.

The charity also provides access to a range of tools and training opportunities to help people in horticulture improve their lives. For example, providing information on how to effectively manage money and access to an online budgeting tool; access to a mental health support network by partnering with Togetherall (formerly Big White Wall); and access to physical well-being check-ups at trade shows around the UK.

Perennial's gardens are an important part of Perennial's strategy to reach more people. Acting as a local hub, York Gate near Leeds, Fullers Mill near Bury St Edmunds, and The Laskett near Hereford are open to the public, with visitors arriving to enjoy these unique gardens but leaving having learned of the services Perennial provides. They also play an important part in their communities, providing volunteering opportunities and a place for people to meet.

The Trustees' policies seek to prevent any private benefit or harm arising from the Charity's activities. Full details of the benefit provided by the Charity over the past year are set out in the preceding sections of this report.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

POLICIES

Fundraising

The Board is proud to abide by the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Fundraising Practice and is committed to fundraising in an open, honest, fair and transparent manner.

Perennial undertakes its own fundraising and does not use external professional fundraisers.

The Board respects the rights of supporters to receive clear, truthful information on the work of Perennial. We will manage data responsibly and respect the privacy and contact preferences of all supporters. We will respond promptly to requests to cease contact and deal with complaints, acting as best we can to address the causes.

We did not receive any fundraising complaints during the year.

Risk Management

The Board has delegated responsibility for monitoring risk to its permanent Committees. The Senior Leadership Team regularly reviews all financial, operational, regulatory and reputational risks in depth. Each permanent Committee then reviews the risks relevant to it. Risks are assessed on the basis of their likelihood and potential impact, having taken current mitigation plans into account. The Board reviews the highest-rated risks at each of its meetings.

Reserves

The Board believes that Perennial's services will be needed indefinitely. Ever since the Charity's inception, it has consistently pursued long-term strategies to ensure that it is able to continue to support current and future service users. We are committed to giving our service users the support that they need, for as long as it is needed. Our reserves reflect this long-term commitment.

We are always grateful to our supporters who generously donate to us, but the inherent volatility in income from legacies and donations means that we do not always receive enough to cover our beneficiaries' needs and our own running costs. Income from legacies and donations may fluctuate for many reasons which are usually out of our control.

Therefore, it is the Trustees' policy to retain sufficient reserves to achieve the following objectives:

- generate investment income to supplement the income from donations and legacies that is used to provide essential support to our beneficiaries every day of the year;
- · mitigate the short-term effects of income volatility and unexpected increases in expenditure;
- provide an adequate level of operational resilience against the other risks that face the Charity in the course of its business;
- provide the Charity with the strength to meet its commitment to our beneficiaries, both now and in the future.

The policy focuses on the level of "free reserves" i.e. those funds which are freely available to be spent. Free reserves therefore exclude all restricted and designated funds, as well as the net book value of fixed assets held for operational purposes, including the land and buildings of the Leatherhead office and our gardens. The value of investments inevitably fluctuates with market indices, so the target reserves requirement is expressed as a minimum figure.

The Trustees consider that to operate effectively and meet the objectives described above, based on their assessment of the financial impact of current risks, the Charity should aim to hold free reserves of not less than £4.4m. This is the equivalent of approximately one year's future operating expenditure.

The reserves policy is formally reviewed at least every two years, unless changes in circumstances or the operating environment require a more frequent review. It was last updated in May 2021. The reserves are monitored regularly throughout the year by the Resources Committee.

Investment

The policy describes the Trustees' attitude to risk, sets out a broad asset allocation strategy and provides a framework for making investment decisions.

It sets out the arrangements for managing the investments effectively, monitoring their performance and for appointing and reviewing the investment managers.

The Trustees' approach to ethical and socially responsible investment is to:

- · invest in companies that have clearly defined, positive environmental and social responsibility policies;
- avoid investment in any company whose activities can be clearly seen to be in direct conflict with the objectives of the Charity.

The investment policy is formally reviewed every three years and was last updated in February 2020. All changes are approved by the Board. The policy may be reviewed sooner if the risks facing the Charity were to change. The basic investment strategy is kept under review by the Resources Committee.

Remuneration

Perennial regularly reviews the remuneration of all staff, including the Senior Leadership Team, to ensure that salaries and terms & conditions of employment are fair and reasonable, in line with the market and facilitate recruitment of personnel.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees, who are also directors of Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- · make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the Trustees is aware at the time the report is approved:

- · there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Format of the Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared so as to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements also comply with current statutory requirements and with the requirements of the Charity's own rules.

In approving this Trustees Annual Report, the Trustees are also approving the Strategic Report included here in their capacity as Company Directors. This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Chairman

11 May 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF PERENNIAL — GARDENERS' ROYAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Group Statement of Financial Activities, the Group and Parent Charitable Company Balance Sheets, the Group Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of the group's and the parent charitable company's net movement in funds, including the income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions Relating to Going Concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the group's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' Annual Report and the Chairman's Introduction. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on Other Matters Prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report (which includes the strategic report and the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report included within the Trustees' Annual Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on Which We Are Required to Report by Exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report (which incorporates the strategic report and the directors' report).

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees for the Financial Statements

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 25, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the group and the environment in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to compliance with regulatory requirements of the Charity Commission, employment law, health and safety regulations and compliance with Financial Conduct Authority rules in respect of debt advice work, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, payroll taxes and VAT.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to recognition of income and management bias in certain accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- · Inspecting Trustees' meeting minutes;
- · Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of noncompliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- · Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- · Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries posted with unusual account combinations, postings by unusual users or with unusual descriptions; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at **www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities**. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of Our Report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Lee Stokes (Senior Statutory Auditor)

11 May 2021

for and on behalf of Haysmacintyre LLP, Statutory Auditors 10 Queen Street Place, London EC4R 1AG

Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		<u>-</u>	Inrestricted	Postrictod	Total	-	70000	1000	Total
		General Funds	Designated Funds	Income	Funds 2020	General Funds	Designated Funds	Income	Funds 2019
		£000	000 3	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
	Note	m	9-9	7-8					
Income from:									
Donations		382	100	î	482	291	148	m	442
Legacies		1,519	9	Ď	1,525	431	328	ř	759
Charitable activities									
Accommodation		ı	45	ì	45	ž	49	×	49
Gardens		*	9/	Ĭ	9/	į.	220	ā	220
Friends of Perennial (memberships)		13	. 9	9	13	Ţģ.	1		(10)
Other trading activities									
Trading subsidiary	6	240	Ē.	ř	240	181	ı	i	181
Fundraising events		31	1	ï	32	142	2	ï	144
Venue hire		Ä	ī	ž		1	æ	ĝ	m
Investments	10	94	1,225	26	1,345	142	1,713	38	1,893
Sale of property & fixed assets		10 m	ä	3	800	28	1	è	28
Other	11	33	40		73	2	4	ř	9
Total Income		2,312	1,493	56	3,831	1,217	2,467	41	3,725
Expenditure on:									
Charitable activities									
Advice and casework	12	ij	1,428	ã.	1,428		1,458	è	1,458
Grants and benefits	12	1	299	44	343	U.	394	73	467
Gardens	12		578	Ñ	578	ī	909		909
Housing and care	12	<u>F.</u>	09	*	09	Ä	87	ï	87
Marketing	12	<u>)</u>	509	Ĩ	509		790	Ü	790
Raising funds									
Fundraising costs	12	377	30	101	377	431	6	Ē	431
Trading subsidiary	9, 12	249	Ğ	Ü	249	193	ĵ	ľ	193
Investment management	12	15	216	2	236	18	232	5	255
Total Expenditure		641	3,090	49	3,780	642	3,567	78	4,287
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) (c/f to next page)	age)	1,671	(1,597)	(23)	51	575	(1,100)	(37)	(562)

Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (continued)

		Unrestricted	ricted	Restricted	Total	Unre	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Gen		Designated Funds	Income	Funds	General	Desi	Income	Funds
		runds	runds	runds	7070	Funds	Funds	Funds	2019
	44	£000	£000	£000	000J	000 3	£000	000 3	£000
Note	e).	3	9-9	7-8					
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) (b/f from previous page)	1,	1,671	(1,597)	(23)	51	575	(1,100)	(37)	(562)
Net gains on investments	ļ	259	3,603	9/	3,938	353	4,499	100	4,952
Net Income/(Expenditure)	1,	1,930	2,006	53	3,989	928	3,399	63	4,390
Transfers between funds	(1	(1,650)	1,655	(5)		(1,250)	1,250	(.	2
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Funds Reconciliation of funds:		280	3,661	48	3,989	(322)	4,649	63	4,390
Total funds brought forward	9	6,272	56,929	1,144	64,345	6,594	52,280	1,081	59,955
Total funds carried forward	9	6,552	60,590	1,192	68,334	6,272	56,929	1,144	64,345

All amounts relate to continuing operations. The Notes on pages 34 to 48 form part of these financial statements,

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society

GROUP BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unre	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unres	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	General	Designated	Income	Funds	General	Designated	Income	Funds
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2020	Funds	Funds	Funds	2019
	000 3	£000	£000	£000	000 3	£000	000 3	£000
Note	1-3	3-5	2-9					
Fixed Assets								
Tangible assets	606	3,500	(0)	4,409	938	2,859	U	3,797
Investments 16	3,519	57,088	1,190	61,797	3,852	53,573	1,138	58,563
	4,428	60,588	1,190	66,206	4,790	56,432	1,138	62,360
Current Assets								
Stock 17	9/	1	1.46	9/	53	10	£	63
Debtors 18	649	1	E	649	517	1	,	517
Short term cash investments	632	1	Æ	632	1,055	485	3	1,540
Property asset held for sale	200	1	*	700	38	ő	3)	SE
Cash at bank and in hand	460	2	2	464	360	2	9	368
	2,517	2	2	2,521	1,985	497	9	2,488
Creditors: falling due within one year	(393)	î	334	(393)	(203)	1	9	(503)
Net Current Assets	2,124	2	2	2,128	1,482	497	9	1,985
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	6,552	065,09	1,192	68,334	6,272	56,929	1,144	64,345
Total Funds	6,552	065,09	1,192	68,334	6,272	56,929	1,144	64,345

The charity-only surplus amounted to £3,991,431.

The Notes on pages 34 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf on 11 May 2021.

Dougal Philip *Chairman*

Steven Palmer Honorary Treasurer

Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Unrestricted		Restricted	Total	Unre	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	9	eneral D Funds	Designated Funds	Income	Funds	General	Designated Funds	Income	Funds
		£000	000J	£000	000 3	£000	£000	600J	£000
	Note	1-3	3-5	2-9					
Fixed Assets									
Tangible assets	15a	606	3,500	ŧ	4,409	938	2,859	¥	3,797
Investments	16	3,547	57,088	1,190	61,825	3,880	53,573	1,138	58,591
		4,456	60,588	1,190	66,234	4,818	56,432	1,138	62,388
Current Assets									
Stock	17		Ť	ŧ.	C	9)	10	2.	10
Debtors	18	682	ř	E	682	488	1	0.	488
Short term cash investments	19	632	Ĭ.	•	632	1,055	485	13	1,540
Property asset held for sale	20	700	3	i.	700	(0	Ñ	131	(10)
Cash at bank and in hand		455	2	2	459	349	2	9	357
		2,469	2	2	2,473	1,892	497	9	2,395
Creditors falling due within one year	21	(382)	,	*	(382)	(449)		11*	(449)
Net Current Assets		2,087	2	2	2,091	1,443	497	9	1,946
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		6,543	065'09	1,192	68,325	6,261	56,929	1,144	64,334
Total Funds	Е	6,543	065'09	1,192	68,325	6,261	56,929	1,144	64,334

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Dougal Philip *Chairman*

Steven Palmer Honorary Treasurer

GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	20	020	2	019
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities				
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the SoFA)		3,989		4,390
Depreciation charges		176		170
(Gains) on investments		(3,938)		(4,952)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		(1,345)		(1,893)
Donation of property		(700)		796)
(Profit) on the sale of fixed assets		2		(28)
(Increase) in stock		(13)		-
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors		(132)		1,009
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors		_(110)		49
Net cash (used in) operating activities		(2,073)		(1,255)
Cash flows from investing activities				
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	1,345		1,893	
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	171		130	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(788)		(532)	
Proceeds from the sale of investments	14,860		19,713	
Purchase of investments	(14,156)		(20,166)	
Net cash generated from investing activities		<u>1,261</u>		<u>1,038</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(812)		(217)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>1,908</u>		2,125
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>1,096</u>		<u>1,908</u>
Analysis of Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents				

Analysis of Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents

	At 1 Jan 2020 £000	Cash flows £000	Other non-cash £000	At 31 Dec 2020 £000
Notice deposits (less than 12 months)	1,540	(908)	<u> </u>	632
Cash	<u>368</u>	96		<u>464</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,908	<u>(812)</u>		<u>1,096</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in the preparation of the financial statements.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities (SORP 2015) (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Perennial meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going Concern

Covid-19 inevitably had a material impact upon the activities of the Charity during the year, although the overall financial effect has been muted. We anticipate a greater financial impact in 2021 when potentially many of our service users are likely to see the reduction or withdrawal of government support schemes. There is continuing uncertainty about how we will be allowed to open our gardens to the public, run fundraising events and attend shows, so it remains difficult to quantify the financial impact in 2021. Our investments gained value in 2020, but the effect of market movements on their future carrying values continues to be a significant area of uncertainty.

Having considered future budgets, cash flows and reserves, the Trustees confirm that they have no material doubts about the Charity's ability to meet its debts as they fall due and to continue as a going concern. The accounts are therefore prepared on a going concern basis.

Group Financial Statements

The financial statements consolidate the results of the Charity and its wholly owned subsidiary, GRBS (Enterprises) Ltd, on a line-by-line basis. A separate Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the Charity have not been presented because the Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption afforded by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

The income and expenditure of the subsidiary company are separately disclosed within the Group Statement of Financial Activities and form part of unrestricted general funds. Further details are disclosed in Note 9.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in the pursuit of Perennial's charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds are to be used for particular purposes as specified by the donor.

In the case of designated and restricted funds, expenditure that meets the specific criteria is charged to the fund, including a fair allocation of support costs where appropriate.

It is the Trustees' policy to retain:

- sufficient unrestricted funds to help mitigate the short-term effects of income volatility and unexpected increases in expenditure;
- sufficient designated funds to generate a core component of investment income to supplement more volatile voluntary income in order to support the Charity's long-term commitment to provide on-going services to its beneficiaries.

Full details of the movements on funds and their purpose are set out in Notes 4-8.

Income Recognition

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is considered to be the earlier of when either:

- · notification has been received from the executor that probate has been granted and the Charity is expected to receive a distribution; or
- · a distribution has been received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy is only considered probable when the executors have indicated that there are sufficient assets in the estate to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the Charity, but the criteria for income recognition have

not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Reversionary interests are not recognised until the cessation of the life interest; they are then valued as for residuary legacies.

Donated goods and services are recognised as income when the value of the economic benefit can be measured reliably, which is the amount the Charity would have been prepared to pay to obtain the equivalent goods and services on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised in the financial statements.

Other donations are recognised when received.

Income received in advance of our Special Events is deferred until the date of the event.

Government grant income represents the total amount claimed from HM Revenue & Customs under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). The income is accounted for in the period in which the associated salary payments are made to furloughed staff.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The expenditure on each activity comprises the direct costs of the activity together with support costs as shown in Note 12. Direct costs include depreciation on assets used to deliver the activity. Expenditure is accounted for gross of irrecoverable VAT.

Grants and benefit payments are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which the obligation to make payment falls.

Allocation of Governance and Support Costs

Governance costs relate to the statutory and legal obligations of running the Charity. They include the costs of trustee meetings, audit and legal fees.

Support costs are those functions that enable the work of the Charity, but which do not directly undertake charitable activities. These costs have been allocated on the basis of:

Secretariat
Governance
Spend per department
Finance
Spend per department
Premises (including associated depreciation)
IT (including associated depreciation)
Other Administration

Number of staff in department
Number of staff in department

Pensions

The Charity provides a group money purchase defined contribution pension scheme operated by Aviva via a salary sacrifice arrangement. All eligible employees are automatically enrolled into it unless they have exercised their right to opt out.

The Charity makes a matching contribution of between 4.5% and 7.5% of salary to the scheme. The amount included in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the total amount payable by the Charity in the year.

Fixed Assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more (£500 for IT equipment) are capitalised at cost; otherwise the cost is treated as an expense in the year of purchase.

Fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful economic life as follows:

Freehold Office, Housing Properties and Gardens

Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings

17 Equipment

Motor Vehicles

40 years (2%% per annum)

5 years (20% per annum)

3 - 5 years (20% to 33% per annum)

25% reducing balance basis

Investments

Investments are stated at their fair value on the last day of trading before the year end.

Gains and Losses on Investments

Realised and unrealised gains and losses in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the aggregate of gains or losses achieved by the Charity on investments sold during the year together with the net increase or decrease in market value of the investments since the last balance sheet date or the date of acquisition, if later. Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to funds in proportion to the opening value of investments held in each fund.

Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value, which is the amount the Charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, cash and short-term, highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and Provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial Instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Significant Judgements and Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

In the view of the Trustees, in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

2. Taxation

As the Charity only undertakes activities relating to its charitable status, it has no liability to taxation with the exception of irrecoverable Value Added Tax.

No taxation is payable by GRBS (Enterprises) Ltd as it Gift Aids its taxable profits to the Charity.

3. General Funds

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's reserves policy; as part of this process, the amounts held in designated funds have also been reviewed.

Transfers between general funds and designated funds are shown in Notes 4 and 7.

The total fund balance as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities is analysed as:

	2020	2019
	£000	£000
Charity general funds	6,543	6,261
Net assets of trading company	9	11
Group general funds	<u>6,552</u>	<u>6,272</u>

The net assets that comprise general funds are shown on the Group and Charity Balance Sheets.

4. Analysis of Fund Transfers

Transfers were made at 31 December 2020 as follows:

	General	Designated	Restricted	2020
	Fund	Funds	Funds	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Designate general funds to provide resilience over medium-term	(1,650)	1,650	-	- -
Reallocate restricted funds	·	5	<u>(5)</u>	
	<u>(1,650)</u>	<u>1,655</u>	<u>(5)</u>	

General funds have been transferred to designated funds; the reserves held in individual funds have been rebalanced to ensure that the investment income generated provides an appropriate level of support to each of our charitable activities.

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5. Designated Funds

	Gardeners Royal Ben	Lironi Training	Garden Funds	2020 Total	Gardeners Royal Ben	Lironi Training	Garden Funds	2019 Total
	Funds £000	Fund £000	£000	Funds £000	Funds £000	Fund £000	€000	Funds £000
Income from:								
Donations	66	31	1	100	145	Ê	m	148
Legacies	ı	6	9	9	2	Ñ	326	328
Accommodation	45	£	1	45	49	Ŷ		49
Gardens	1	ť	9/	9/	ì	Ĩ	220	220
Fundraising events	ı	it.	1	\vdash	<u> </u>	ô	2	2
Venue hire	ı	æ	30	((*))		36	8	Ж
Investments	954	69	202	1,225	1,373	72	268	1,713
Other	e l	10	40	40	Ü	Ť	4	4
Total Income	1,098	69	326	1,493	1,569	72	826	2,467
Expenditure on:								
Advice and casework	1,428	31	(311	1,428	1,458	, P	0)	1,458
Grants and benefits	156	143	£.	299	222	172	E	394
Gardens	10	ĸ	578	578		•	909	909
Housing and care	09	х	i	09	87	Ĩ	1	87
Marketing	209	7	i	209	790	ã	Ð	790
Investment management	168	12	36	216	186	10	36	232
Total Expenditure	2,321	155	614	3,090	2,743	182	642	3,567
Net Operating (Deficit)/Surplus	(1,223)	(98)	(288)	(1,597)	(1,174)	(110)	184	(1,100)
Net gains on investments	2,806	201	296	3,603	3,616	188	695	4,499
Transfers between funds	1,455	200	y	1,655	350	006	t	1,250
Net Increase in Funds	3,038	315	308	3,661	2,792	978	879	4,649
Designated funds brought forward	42,297	3,003	11,629	56,929	39,505	2,025	10,750	52,280
Designated funds carried forward	45,335	3,318	11,937	965'09	42,297	3,003	11,629	56,929
Tangible fixed assets	549	E.	2,951	3,500	297	ř	2,262	2,859
Investments	44,786	3,318	8,984	57,088	41,700	3,003	8,870	53,573
Net current assets		¢	2	2	*	T	497	497
Net assets of designated funds	45,335	3,318	11,937	60,590	42,297	3,003	11,629	56,929

6. Use of Designated Funds

The allocation of reserves to designated funds is an effective way to manage the Charity's resources and to protect its ability to continue to meet its commitments for the foreseeable future.

Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Funds

This group of designated funds carries the very essence of the Charity from its foundation in 1839 to provide for the long-term needs of its beneficiaries. Having grown over many years from donations, bequests and investment returns, these important funds ensure the Charity is able to meet its long-term commitment to both current and future beneficiaries, as follows:

1839 Regular Beneficiary Fund: The fund pays for regular quarterly benefit payments – typically to beneficiaries who have

retired, possibly for the remainder of their lives.

Good Samaritan Welfare Fund: The fund was established in 1899 to provide emergency payments in cases of special need.

Its purpose has since been extended to cover all grant payments made to beneficiaries.

Retirement Housing Fund: The fund is used to provide rented accommodation to retired horticulturalists in a selection

of self-contained bungalows.

Long Term Care Fund: The fund provides financial support to beneficiaries for the care they need, either to meet

the fees charged in residential and nursing care homes or to help to pay for care at home.

Advice & Casework Fund: The fund pays for the Charity's nationwide team of Caseworkers and Debt Advisers, who

assess and review payments from the funds described above as part of the service to our beneficiaries, which aims to help them identify and cope with the problems they face.

Lironi Training Fund

The fund was established in 2009 in memory of Ms J Lironi who left a significant legacy to the Charity to provide an income to pay for training initiatives. The fund provides bursaries to support trainee gardeners, together with support to attend training courses and grants for horticulturists' children who are entering training.

Garden Funds

Each of these designated funds exist for the purpose of ensuring the gardens run as a visitor attraction to promote the Charity, to ensure that the land and buildings are maintained, and the original character of the garden is preserved and enhanced.

York Gate Garden: Originally the bequest of the late Sybil Spencer in 1994.

Fullers Mill Garden: The fund was created in 2012 on the merger with the Fullers Mill Trust, originally set up as a

charitable trust for the specific purpose of preserving and running the garden. The fund includes reserves set aside for the purpose of developing the facilities at the garden.

2019 Total

Fund

Children's

Client Grants £000

£000

Fund £000 38

88 88

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7. Restricted Income Funds

2020 Total	£000	0 -	26	44	49	(23)	9/	(5)	48	1,144	1,192	1,190
Children's Fund	£000	8 8	26 26	44 7	49	(23)	9/	1	53	1,138	1,191	1,190
Client Grants Fund	£000	3		y s	3 1	a	3	(5)	(2)	9	Н	· 🕶

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Net Increase/(Decrease) in Funds
Restricted funds brought forward
Restricted funds carried forward

Net gains on investments

Net Operating (Deficit)

Total Expenditure

Transfers between funds

Investment management

Grants and benefits

Expenditure on:

Total Income

Donations Investments

Income from:

Net assets of restricted funds

Net current assets

Investments

1,144

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1,138

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8. Use of Restricted Funds

Client Grants Fund

The Client Grants Fund is used for all restricted grants and donations received to enhance the financial support that the Charity gives, whether for use in a specific area of the country or specifically for individual service users.

Children's Fund

The Children's Fund was established on the merger with the Royal Fund for Gardeners' Children in 2010. It is dedicated to the education of children of horticulturists, providing financial support to help fund educational opportunities, even where parents are not in direct receipt of Perennial's help. Bursaries may be available towards the additional costs of a child's education, such as laptops or tablets essential for school use, after-school clubs or school trips, school uniform or sports equipment and school meals.

9. Trading Subsidiary

GRBS (Enterprises) Ltd, a company incorporated in England and Wales (number 891277), is wholly owned by the Charity and uses the trading name Perennial Trading. Its activities are undertaken entirely for the benefit of the Charity and consist of trading in Christmas cards and other merchandise at our gardens, via the website and trade stands at shows, through catalogues sent to our supporters and also at shops owned by Cards for Good Causes.

With effect from 2020, all activities relating to catering and plant sales at our gardens were transferred from the Charity to the subsidiary.

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11. Other Income

	2020	2019
	£000	£000
Business rate rebate (at gardens)	35	
Government grants (Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme)	32	-
Other miscellaneous items	6	6
	73	6

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12. Analysis of Total Expenditure by Activity

A Ca	Advice & Casework	Grants & Benefits £000	Gardens £000	Housing & Care £000	Marketing £000	Fundraising Costs £000	Trading Subsidiary £000	Governance £000	HO Support	Investment Mgmt £000	2020 Total £000	2019 Total £000
Grant payments	Ä	225	3	300	8000		Ē.	ť	ř.	t	225	311
Benefit payments	ĵ.	48	(1)	ı	10)	E	ï	Ķ	ĩ	×	48	77
Care & support costs	Ē	10	ı	(9)	ĸ	8	•	ï	i	1	(9)	15
Property maintenance	ŷ	ï	83	23	3	*	*	1	44	()II	150	171
Depreciation	24	0	79	24	(I	6	į	ŷ.	40	((0))	176	170
Publicity & advertising	7	()	22	11	79	7		Ů,	E.	1)?	110	185
Shows & events	7	ī	1	E	CI.	17	1))	Ř	Ë	t	20	244
Legacy & donor development	<u>(5)</u>	Ĩ	1	0.	-	∞	X	ì	Ĭ	*	6	9
Cost of sales (incl. distribution)	10	8	2	£	Ж	į	145	3	î	*	147	172
Payroll costs	1,009	*	230	9.	276	210	92	(<u>(</u>	408	1	2,225	2,068
Travel & subsistence	37	9	2	al.	m	∞	3	9	∞	: 10	61	149
Other staff costs	2	į	3	1311	6	2	i)	•	∞	t	27	61
IT & communications	22	ř.	10	U.	2	4	5	ř.	119	*	195	226
Legal and professional	7	¥(2	£	10	1	2	28	37	31	98	26
Trustee meetings	ř	X	ì	Ж	U.	T.	1	П	j	9	1	∞
Sundry expenses	20	9	ä	4	13	10	2	٠	18	(4)	70	113
Investment management	9	9	3	34	100	*	95		į.	236	236	255
Total	1,161	273	437	45	393	275	249	29	682	236	3,780	4,287
Reallocated HO Support costs	230	62	126	14	104	94	(10)	52	(682)	t	E	8
Reallocated Governance costs	37	8	15	_	12	00	Ü	(81)	Ĭ	4.3	E	
Expenditure on Activity	1,428	343	578	09	209	377	249	•	•	236	3,780	4,287

The allocation of expenditure to individual funds can be found in the Statement of Financial Activities for general funds and in Notes 5 and 7 for Designated and Restricted funds respectively.

The detailed comparative figures for 2019 are provided on the next page.

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	Advice &	Grants &	Gardens	Housing	Marketing	Fundraising		Governance	Ð	Investment	2019
	Casework E000	Benetits £000	£000	& Care £000	£000	Costs £000	Subsidiary £000	£000	Support £000	Mgmt £000	Total £000£
Grant payments	5	311	,	*		8	ì	Ŷ	9.0	r	311
Benefit payments		77	1	к	V	1	×	3	Ą		77
Care & support costs	•	9	1	15	¥	3	À	ä	ı	(0	15
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Depreciation	29	1	58	24	56	5	£.	Ñ	54	10	170
Publicity & advertising	12	ř.	15	'	146	12	10	100 mg	30	e	185
Shows & events	Ü	9	2	1	167	75	ŵ	ï	ď	4	244
Legacy & donor development	ř	•	*	1	1	5	30	i	3.	OR.	9
Cost of sales (incl. distribution)	₩	9	29	ı	.74	1	143	ä	:1	300	172
Payroli costs	951	(i	229	•	282	190	39	ď.	377	00	2,068
Travel & subsistence	109	Ē	2	ı	7	17	1	Ê	14	c	149
Other staff costs	16	10	7	ı	9	8	,	Ũ	24	10	61
IT & communications	71	ï	10	ı	ĸ	3	ĸ	*	136	t	226
Legal and professional	2	10 1	6	2	2	3	7	15	19	9	26
Trustee meetings	*	9	ı	1	ı	(3)	1	∞	ı	(10)	80
Sundry expenses	28	(0)	н	9	38	13	П	ij	26	10)	113
Investment management	0	ř)	Ŷ.		*	8	1	î		255	255
Total	1,218	388	471	70	652	328	193	23	689	255	4,287
Reallocated HO Support costs	210	70	123	15	122	95	٠	54	(689)	ĸ	8
Reallocated Governance costs	30	6	12	2	16	∞	9	(77)	J.	*	
Expenditure on Activity	1,458	467	909	87	790	431	193	•	•	255	4,287

13. Items Included Within Total Expenditure

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Audit fees	18	17
Depreciation	176	170

14. Staff Costs

	Key Mgmt Personnel £000	Other Staff £000	2020 Total £000	Key Mgmt Personnel £000	Other Staff £000	2019 Total £000
Wages & salaries Pension contributions	292 	1,619 <u>92</u>	1,911 112	283 19	1,510 <u>78</u>	1,793 <u>97</u>
	312	1,711	2,023	302	1,588	1,890
Social security costs	32	157	189	31	136	167
Group life cover	2	11	<u>13</u>	2	9	11
	<u>346</u>	<u>1,879</u>	2,225	<u>335</u>	<u>1,733</u>	2,068

Key Management Personnel are deemed to be the Senior Leadership Team (see page 49).

The Charity provides a defined contribution group personal pension scheme for its employees. Contributions are made into the scheme at rates of 4.5% - 7.5% of gross pay.

The number of employees whose emoluments, excluding pension contributions, for the year fell into the following bands was:

	2020	2019
£60,001 - £70,000	3	3
£70,001 - £80,000	727	-
£80,001 - £90,000	1	1

Pension contributions of £19,773 (2019: £19,230) were paid in respect of these employees.

The average numbers of full-time (F/T) and part-time (P/T) employees, together with their full-time equivalents (FTE), at the end of the year were:

		2020			2019	
	F/T	P/T	FTE	F/T	P/T	FTE
Advice & Casework	23.6	4.0	25.9	23.1	3.3	24.7
Gardens	10.2	3.8	12.1	7.9	7.8	11.1
Marketing	5.8	0.8	6.3	4.3	1.8	5.7
Fundraising	5.0	3.0	7.2	3.9	4.0	6.5
Other support staff	_8.0		8.0	7.3	0.5	7.7
	<u>52.6</u>	11.6	<u>59.5</u>	<u>46.5</u>	<u>17.4</u>	<u>55.7</u>

15a. Tangible Fixed Assets (Group and Charity)

	Freehold	Property	Furniture &	Computer	Motor	2019
	Office	Other	Equipment	Equipment	Vehicles	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cost or valuation:						
At 1 January 2020	1,145	3,534	58	259	307	5,303
Additions		678	97	13	:#::	788
Disposals	(4)			(6)	<u> </u>	(6)
At 31 December 2020	1,145	4,212	155	266	307	6,085
Depreciation:						
At 1 January 2020	256	810	57	222	161	1,506
Charge for the year	22	88	10	19	37	176
Disposals				(6)		(6)
At 31 December 2020	278	898	67	235	198	1,676
Net Book Value:						
At 31 December 2020	867	3,314	88	31	109	4,409
At 31 December 2019	889	2,724	1	37	146	3,797

15b. Tangible Fixed Assets – Details of Freehold Properties

	Year of Acquisition	2020 Value £000	2019 Value £000
Leatherhead Office:			
Kingston Road, Leatherhead	2007	<u>1,145</u>	<u>1,145</u>
Retirement Houses:			
Comberton Road, Barton, Cambs (6 bungalows)	1968	544	544
Leigh Road, New Milton, Hants (1 bungalow)*	2002	225	225
Manor Way, Henfield, Sussex (1 bungalow)	2005	<u>190</u>	<u>190</u>
		959	959
Gardens:			
Fullers Mill (garden)	2013	304	304
Fullers Mill (house)*	2018	575	575
York Gate	1994	1,008	1,008
York Gate Cottage	2015	<u>1,366</u>	_688
		<u>3,253</u>	<u>2,575</u>

^{*}Historical cost equates to probate value at acquisition date.

16. Investments

	Listed	Property	Cash for	2020	2019
	Investments	Fund	Investment	Total	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Market value at 1 January	52,818	4,935	810	58,563	53,254
Purchases of investments	13,384	#K	772	14,156	20,166
Transfer legacy property out of investment assets	*	¥	3	(4)	(96)
Disposals at carrying value	(14,860)	5	~	(14,860)	(19,713)
Revaluations	_4,065	(127)		3,938	<u>4,952</u>
Market value at 31 December (Group)	55,407	4,808	1,582	61,797	58,563
Investment in subsidiary*			-	28	28
Market value at 31 December (Charity)	55,407	4,808	1,582	61,825	<u>58,591</u>

^{*}The Charity owns 100% of the shares of GRBS (Enterprises) Ltd

No single investment represented a material share of the total market value at 31 December 2020.

All UK Property investments are held in UK listed Common Investment Funds.

17. Stock

		Group	C	harity
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Goods for resale	64	53	120	=
Plant stock for resale	12	_10		10
	76	_63		10

18. Debtors

	Gro	up	Char	rity
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Trade debtors	15	60	14	6
VAT Recoverable	2	74	1	74
Prepayments	87	78	86	77
Accrued legacies	470	230	470	230
Other accrued income	62	63	61	62
Other debtors	13	12	12	11
Due from subsidiary			_38	_28
	<u>649</u>	<u>517</u>	<u>682</u>	<u>488</u>

19. Short Term Cash Investments

		Group		Charity
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Deposit and notice accounts	<u>632</u>	<u>1,540</u>	<u>632</u>	<u>1,540</u>
	<u>632</u>	<u>1,540</u>	<u>632</u>	<u>1,540</u>

20. Property Asset Held for Sale

Miss Garnier (deceased) left her house and land to Perennial. It was transferred to Perennial in November 2020.

The Charity cannot justify the significant refurbishment costs required by the Grade II listed property, nor does it have the knowledge, skills or expertise to successfully undertake such a project. The Trustees have agreed that our beneficiaries' interests are best served by selling the property with the aim of unlocking the value of the property's development potential.

The property was placed on the market in the first quarter of 2021 and the sales process is ongoing.

21. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Gro	up	Cha	rity
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Trade creditors	88	211	83	168
Taxation and social security	47	50	47	45
Accruals	108	121	102	115
Provision for benefits payable	21	39	21	39
Deferred income	65	36	65	36
Other creditors	64	<u>46</u>	64	46
	_393	_503	382	449

Deferred income relates to fees received in advance for events to be held in 2021. It is fully released in the following year with the exception of some income received in 2019 relating to events that, due to Covid restrictions, were postponed and are due to take place in 2021.

22. Operating Leases

Expected future minimum lease payments over the remaining life of the lease, analysed into the period in which the commitment falls due:

	Group a	Group and Charity	
	2020	2019	
	£000	£000	
Within one year	4		
In the second to fifth years (inclusive)	9		
	13		

Lease payments of £2,477 (2019: £Nil) were recognised as an expense during the year.

23. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year (2019: None).

No Trustee received remuneration during the year (2019: £Nil).

6 Trustees (2019: 9) were reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses totalling £1,259 (2019: £4,576).

24. Post Balance Sheet Events

Sir Roy Strong has gifted The Laskett Garden to Perennial. As the transfer had not taken place by 31 December 2020, it has not been recognised in this year's accounts. The transfer of the property was completed on 10 February 2021. It has been valued at £1,650,000.

25. Capital Commitments

Perennial had no capital commitments (2019: £957,575).

Chairman

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Alan Titchmarsh MBE, VMH, DL

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Alan Kendall JP, MBE Sir Roger Singleton CBE Sir Roy Strong CH

Members

There were 92 Members of the Charity at 31 December 2020. Members of the company do not hold shares but are entitled to vote, attend AGMs and elect Trustees.

The membership consists of a whole range of supporters, including current and previous vice presidents, trustees, ambassadors, prominent figures in horticulture and volunteers who have given exceptional service.

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Paul Rochford **Emma Tinker**

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Vice Chairman (from 14 Jul 2020)

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Dougal Philip Trustee member
Emma Tinker Trustee member

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Chief Executive may attend all Committees.

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Auditor	Banker	Solicitor
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