

Registered Charity 1002338

THE BARNES CHARITABLE TRUST

Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31st December 2016

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Legal and administrative information.
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David Barton
Helen Caldwell,
Mary Hamilton
Basil Herwald (July 2016)
Julia Holroyd,
David Marland,
Andy Pringle,
Jennifer Rae
Christine Youdale

Honorary Secretary: Ken Kitchen

Bankers: Barclays Bank, Kendal

Solicitors: Milne Moser, Kendal

Independent Examiners: Ingalls Chartered Accountants, Kendal

The Charity is governed under the Trust Deed of the Late John Barnes.

The Trustees present their Annual Report and financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2016. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed and the Charities Act 2011.

The Barnes Charitable Trust

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2016

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

Structure, Governance and Management.

The Barnes Charitable Trust was founded in 1991 on the death of John Barnes, who for many years was the Headmaster of Earnseat School.

The Trustees meet 7 times a year to discuss work needed to ensure the safety and upkeep of the gardens, orchards and woodlands for the general public.

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

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

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

Objectives and Activities

The Trust was set up with the following objects.

- 1 Such charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Civil Parish of Arnside and its neighbourhood for which provision is not made from public rates as the Trustees think fit.
2. To provide in the interests of social welfare such leisure, recreational and other facilities as the Trustees shall think fit for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the Civil Parish of Arnside and its neighbourhood.
3. To preserve the aesthetic and architectural values of Ashmeadow House, Arnside, Cumbria and the gardens and Parklands belonging thereto for the benefit of the said inhabitants of the Civil Parish of Arnside and its neighbourhood.

As the Trust had no large reserves of money for many years, (it only had a half share of the interest from the bequest made by John Barnes until the death of his wife, Dorothy,) initially it was decided to focus on preserving the gardens and woodlands for the enjoyment of the general public. Opening the gardens and woodlands to use by all the village would, it was felt, act in accordance with the objects of the Trust and be financially viable.

Investment Policy and Reserves policy

All the money from the original trust became available in 2015 and the Trustees have formed an investment and reserves policy. We have decided that a sum of £260,000 at Dec 2016 prices, should be kept to produce income for the day to day running of the charity. This sum will be added to in line with inflation so that the charity will at all times have enough money to generate income to further Aim 3 to look after the Ashmeadow woodlands for the enjoyment of all the inhabitants of Arnside and visitors to the area. At the present time most of this sum is invested either with the COIF Charities Funds or through a local fund manager Rathbones. A small part will be kept as cash in the Skipton Building Society. The rent from The Lodge, the interest from investments together with the remaining money will be used to enable us to carry out our commitments over the coming years.

Achievements and Performance

A statement of the financial activities for the year is set out on pages 10 - 12.

People

The Trust is pleased to welcome Basil Herwald who accepted an invitation in 2016 to join the Trust.

The Trust's continued thanks are due to Ken Kitchen who remains in the post of temporary honorary secretary.

Our treasurer, Ann Kitchen and our honorary secretary, Ken Kitchen, have continued to work extremely hard to ensure that the administration of the Trust is managed effectively and efficiently.

Ashmeadow Woodlands Boundary

As was reported in the annual report for 2015, the Trust has been made aware that the boundary of Ashmeadow Woodland as documented by the Land Registry, does not reflect what is actually on the ground. There is a problem in an area where the grounds of Ashmeadow House, The Coastguard garage, Ashmeadow Woodland and the United Utilities buildings meet.

United Utilities have agreed to resolve the problem with the Land Registry. United Utilities will pay all the legal costs involved. There will be no cost to the Trust. This work was expected to be

completed during 2016. However, the relevant documents that are held by United Utilities in their Carlisle office, were damaged by the floods caused by storm Desmond on 5th December 2015. Hopefully the documents will be restored to a usable condition during the early part of 2017 and resolution of the problem can continue.

Although the inaccuracies of land boundaries in this area do not cause any problems on a day-to-day basis, resolution is needed. That may not be the case in the future if any of the land ownerships change hands.

The Trust has employed Milne Moser Solicitor's to help register the ownership of a small parcel of land near to the lodge gate with the Land Registry. The Trust is claiming adverse possession on this parcel of land. The application has been sent to the Land Registry during the first week of January 2017. A response is expected from the Land Registry by the end of April 2017.

Ashmeadow Woodlands

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

We are indebted to the considerable help that we get from our woodland adviser Roger Cartwright and from Tony Riden, the wildlife officer from the AONB. With their help, the Trust has now got a Woodland Management Plan that sets out how the woodland is going to be managed over the coming years. This plan allows the Trust to have a tree felling license so that urgent work can be carried out on damaged trees without having to apply for permission from South Lakeland District Council.

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

There was no major storm damage caused during 2016 apart from a couple of fallen holly trees. Minor tree surgery was done to ensure the safety of surrounding properties and footpaths. Major improvements to part of the main footpath and some tree surgery which were budgeted to take place during 2016 have been delayed to early 2017. Some of this work will improve the view of the estuary from the Bernard Higgins memorial bench and will also clear vegetation and young, self-seeded tree growth from the bank above Ashmeadow House. This means that the £7,000 allocated has been carried forward to 2017. The Trust continues to monitor the condition of all trees and take remedial action where required. This is an on-going process.

We are pleased to report that quite a few nest boxes have been occupied this year.

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

Walled Garden

The allotments continue to be a success with all plots allocated. Thanks to Julia Holroyd who is managing them.

Organised Visits

We did not organise any visits this year. However, we do try to help if we are approached with a specific request.

Orchards

The new trees planted in 2013 are doing well. The grassland management regime also meant that the daffodils have thrived. Pruning has helped the older trees to regain vigour. A couple of trees appear to have reached the end of their useful life and we are monitoring them. Ann Kitchen has successfully introduced mistletoe to the top orchard.

Finance

The majority of the Trust's capital has been invested with The Charities Investment Fund (CoIF) and with the financial investment management company, Rathbones. Some small returns from these investments are being received by the Trust. While 2016 was a good year for investments the various challenges ahead globally mean that this may not continue. The Trust will continue to monitor these investments and makes changes as and when appropriate.

Ashmeadow Lodge

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

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

During 2016 repairs were done to the garden shed and in early 2017 a gate and small fence will be erected on the Silverdale Road boundary so that the site is secure. There is a small passageway down the northern side of the lodge. Irresponsible dog owners have allowed their dogs to foul this area. A gate and fence should solve this problem.

Barnes Charitable Trust Grant Scheme (BCTGS)

The trustees have agreed to continue to make small grants (usually between £300 & £1,000) available from the profits of the previous year's investments.

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

The Trust is pleased to report that in 2016 grants were made available to a few projects in Arnside including the Arnside After School Club (Arnies), Arnside EI, Arnside Guides, Arnside Mother & Toddler Group & Playgroup, Swifts in the Community and Westmorland Red Squirrels

Web Site

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

Book Publication

The Trust has published a book written in 1903 by J Anthony Barnes called "All Round Arnside". The original print run commissioned by the Trust in 2015 has sold out. A new print run was done in 2016, albeit a smaller quantity.

This is available from both the Little Shop or Bullough's Londis, on The Promenade, Arnside - price £5.

Other

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

Financial Review.

It has been the Trustees' policy to maintain a reserve equal to a year's operating costs if at all possible. This has been achieved.

Plans for future activities.

The Trustees have taken financial advice to make sure the funds are invested wisely and continue to produce sufficient income to satisfy the terms of the Trust. While the priority will be keeping Ashmeadow Woodland open for all to enjoy, it is hoped to continue to make a limited number of grants that satisfy the criteria laid out in the Trust Deeds.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

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

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;


make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and;

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

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

Approved by the Trustees on 23/03/2017 and signed on their behalf by:

P McSweeney: 

Chairman

Ann Kitchen: 

Treasurer

Date: 23/03/2017



CHARITY COMMISSION
EXCELLENCE IN CHARITY

Charity Name		No (if any)	
The Barnes Charitable Trust		1002338	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2016		31/12/2016

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
donations, grants and legacies	12	-	-	12	9,404
Investment income	7,614	-	-	7,614	6,726
Allotments	100	-	-	100	190
Rent	4,462	-	-	4,462	4,330
Wayleave	- 0	-	-	0	5
Books	400	-	-	400	1,744
Skipton Interest	368	-	-	368	364
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,956	-	-	12,956	22,763
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,956	-	-	12,956	22,763
A3 Payments					
Portfolio management fees	873	-	-	873	637
woodland maintenance etc	2,781	-	-	2,781	4,732
website/book costs	1,587	-	-	1,587	-
insurance	501	-	-	501	657
Grants	4,224	-	-	4,224	3,450
Lodge costs	1,031	-	-	1,031	9,539
Professional fees	684	-	-	684	3,092
Chapel Hire	-	-	-	-	150
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,681	-	-	11,681	22,257
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Investment purchases	1,734	-	-	1,734	1,044
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,734	-	-	1,734	1,044

Total payments	13,415	-	-	13,415	23,301
Net of receipts/(payments)	(459)	-	-	(459)	(538)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	52,992	-	-	52,992	53,530
Cash funds this year end	52,533	-	-	52,533	52,992

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Bank	15,384	-	-
	Skipton BS	37,149	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	52,533	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Rathbones Investment portfolio	Unrestricted funds		114,062
	COIF portfolio	Unrestricted funds		135,447
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Ashmeadow Woodlands	Unrestricted funds	-	-
	The Lodge, Silverdale Road	Unrestricted funds	-	-
			-	-

			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	<i>Ann Kitchen</i>	ANN KITCHEN		23/03/2017
	<i>P. McSweeney</i>	PETER MCSWEENEY		23/03/2017

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2016 set out on pages 10 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

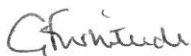
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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