

THE BARNES CHARITABLE TRUST

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31st December 2019

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Barnes Charitable Trust

Legal and administrative information.
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Andy Pringle (Chairman),
Mary Hamilton (Treasurer from Oct 2019),
David Barton (Vice Chairman)
Helen Caldwell,
Ann Kitchen (Treasurer to Oct 2019)
Basil Herwald
Julia Holroyd,
Jennifer Rae
John Stride (Oct 2019)
Ian Walsh (Oct 2019)
Christine Youdale
Pete McSweeney resigned Oct 2019

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 2019. 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 2019

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

Structure, Governance and Management.

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

The Trustees meet 4 times a year to discuss work needed to ensure the safety and upkeep of the gardens, orchards and woodlands for the general public.

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

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

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

Objectives and Activities

The Trust was set up with the following objects.

- 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. The House was sold by the executors in 2004 so that part of objective 3 does not lie within the remit of the Trust.

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 £275,000 at Dec 2014 prices, should be kept to produce income for the day to day running of the charity. This sum will be added to in line with inflation so that the charity will at all times have enough money to generate income to further Aim 3 to look after the Ashmeadow woodlands for the enjoyment of all the inhabitants of Arnside and visitors to the area. This is around £310,000 at today's prices. 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 9 - 11.

People

The Trust's continued thanks are due to Ken Kitchen who kindly remained in the post of temporary honorary secretary for this year. Ken has announced his resignation this year & will be replaced by Ian Walsh as full time secretary in January 2020.

Ann Kitchen has also handed in her resignation as treasurer but will remain as a trustee until early in 2020. Ken & Ann Kitchen, have worked extremely hard to ensure that the administration of the Trust is managed effectively and efficiently. Our thanks go to both, they will be missed. Mary Hamilton kindly agreed to take over as treasurer from October 2019.

Unfortunately, Pete McSweeney resigned this year as well. The Trust would like to thank Pete for all the hard work he has put in representing the Trust's interests in many areas over the years. Pete has kindly agreed to be available in an advisory role, should we need him in the future.

The Trust are very pleased to welcome 2 new Trustees, Ian Walsh & John Stride. Both have a good knowledge of the village and the woodlands & bring new vigour & skills to The Trust.

Ashmeadow Woodlands Boundary

The Trust has employed Milne Moser Solicitor's to help with the on going question of Dallam Tower's claim of "Manorial Rights" over the woodlands. They have also been helping define a minor boundary dispute with the owners of the tennis court.

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 help that we get from our woodland adviser Roger Cartwright, who has announced his retirement from a full time professional role. Roger has also kindly agreed to continue to advise, unofficially, when needed. We have also had considerable support from Helen Rawlinson, the wildlife officer from the AONB & their volunteers. With their help we continue to follow the Woodland Management Plan that sets out how the woodland is going to be managed over the coming years. This plan allows the Trust to have a tree felling license so that urgent work can be carried out on damaged trees without having to apply for permission from South Lakeland District Council.

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

There was some storm damage caused during 2019. Minor tree surgery was done to ensure the safety of surrounding properties and footpaths. However, the Trust continues to monitor the condition of all trees and take remedial action where required. This is an on-going process. There was some water damage to the paths, which has been repaired & a proposal for future drainage is being developed.

Thanks to the hard work of Christine Youdale, re-positioning & monitoring the bird & bat boxes, we now have more of them being used than ever before. This has considerably help the animal diversity in the woodlands.

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

This year we built 2 new raised plots in the back of the allotments, creating a more practical soil depth in both. We also added a 3rd water butt to try & ensure we don't run out of water in the future.

As part of The Heron Corn Mill's Flax project, we grew & harvested a flax crop in one half of a vacant allotment plot.. The other allotments continue to be a success with all plots now 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.

We welcomed back The Silverdale & Arnside Art & Craft Trail in June to use The Woodlands as an outdoor Arts Trail. This included various sculptures, artwork and a sound installation of unusual sounds recorded by local school children. It proved a continued success with a large number of people visiting The Woodlands.

Orchards

The new trees planted in 2013 are continuing to do well. The grassland management regime also meant that the daffodils have thrived. Pruning has helped the older trees to regain vigour. We have lost another old apple tree & are continuing to monitor the others. I am pleased to say that this year the mistletoe, in the top orchard, has survived the Christmas period with out being butchered. So hopefully it will have a chance to flower this coming year.

Finance

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

Ashmeadow Lodge

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

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

Barnes Charitable Trust Grant Scheme (BCTGS)

The trustees have agreed that from 2015, the Trust will 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.

Unfortunately, due to insufficient funds, no grants were allocated in 2019. The Trust made its usual donations to The Broadsheet and the Poppy Fund. The Trust is pleased to announce that there will be some funds available for grants in 2020.

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 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.

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

and signed on their behalf by:

Andy Pringle:

Chairman

Mary Hamilton:

Treasurer

Date:



Charity Name		No (if any)		CC16a
The Barnes Charitable Trust		1002338		
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01/01/2019		31/12/2019	

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					
donation/grants/legacies	- 0	-	-	-	- 0
investment income (COIF + Rathbones)	8,129	-	-	8,129	7,566
Allotments	75	-	-	75	90
Rent	4,820	-	-	4,820	4,740
wayleave	- 0	-	-	-	9
books	40	-	-	40	100
Skipton Interest	238	-	-	238	248
	- 0	-	-	-	- 0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,302	-	-	13,302	12,753
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
asset sales	9,000	- 0	- 0	9,000	- 0
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	9,000	- 0	- 0	9,000	- 0
Total receipts	22,302	- 0	- 0	22,302	12,753
A3 Payments					
portfolio management fees	1,038	-	-	1,038	1,050
woodland maintenance etc	11,351	-	-	11,351	5,403
website/book	108	-	-	108	554
insurance	584	-	-	584	512
grants	45	-	-	45	4,000
lodge costs	1,635	-	-	1,635	977
Professional fees	360	-	-	360	2,035
chapel hire	160	-	-	160	160
	- 0	-	-	-	- 0
Sub total	15,281	-	-	15,281	14,691
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
investment purchase	1,799	- 0	- 0	1,799	1,280
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	1,799	- 0	- 0	1,799	1,280

Total payments	17,080	- 0	- 0	17,080	15,971
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,222	-	-	5,222	- 3,218
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	41,171	-	-	41,171	44,389
Cash funds this year end	46,393	-	-	46,393	41,171

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	15,377	-	-
	Skipton	31,016	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	46,393	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Rathbones Investment Prtfolio	Unrestricted Funds	-	128,173
	COIF Portfolio		-	169,423
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Ashmeadow Woodlands		-	-
	The Lodge Silverdale Road		-	-
			-	-
			-	-

			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	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	

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

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Barnes Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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

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