

# **RIVERS HERITAGE SITE AND ORCHARD**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE**

I report on the accounts of the Rivers Heritage Site and Orchard for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 4.

### *Respective responsibilities of the Committee and the Examiner*

The Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### *Basis of my report*

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Rivers Heritage Site and Orchard 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 the Committee 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 my 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 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Jeremy Dickson FCA**

9 February 2022

Sawbridgeworth

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £p	2020 £p
<b>INCOME</b>	2		
Sales of Apple Juice			
Through Full of Beans	3	590.00	682.50
Other		403.00	974.12
		<u>993.00</u>	<u>1,656.62</u>
Sales of apple juice, less associated costs, at:			
Wassail	4	-	212.20
St James Church High Wych Scarecrow Festival	5	526.00	-
Allotment Show	6	128.24	-
Apple Day	7	45.78	(94.33)
Bell Street	8	923.62	-
Grants			
East Herts District Council		-	294.00
Sales of books		65.00	50.00
		<u>2,681.64</u>	<u>2,118.49</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE other than that included above deducted from income (see notes)</b>			
Apple juice processing, bottling and labels		1,631.26	1,205.05
Equipment (2021 gas urn and fire pit; 2020 apple pickers)		384.99	395.94
East of England Apples & Orchards Project		15.00	30.00
Meetings		-	20.00
Card payment facility		-	49.00
First Aid course and supplies		-	259.86
Public liability insurance		99.31	-
		<u>2,130.56</u>	<u>1,959.85</u>
<b>EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME</b>		<b>551.08</b>	<b>158.64</b>
(2019, excess of expenditure over income)			
General Fund, brought forward		<u>3,061.34</u>	<u>2,902.70</u>
<b>General Fund, carried forward</b>		<u><b>3,612.42</b></u>	<u><b>3,061.34</b></u>

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## BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £p	2020 £p
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Equipment	1	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank and cash balances			
Lloyds Bank		3,542.42	3,011.34
Cash float		70.00	50.00
		<u>3,612.42</u>	<u>3,061.34</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>3,612.42</u></b>	<b><u>3,061.34</u></b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b><u>3,612.42</u></b>	<b><u>3,061.34</u></b>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £p	2020 £p
<b>1 Accounting Policies</b>		
The accounts are prepared on the cash basis; the cost of purchased equipment is written off in the year of purchase.		
<b>2 Apple juice</b>		
Total sales of apple juice	<u>2,815.86</u>	<u>1,958.82</u>
<b>3 Sales of Apple juice through Full of Beans</b>		
Sales of apple juice	590.00	712.50
Gratuity	-	(30.00)
	<u>590.00</u>	<u>682.50</u>
<b>4 Wassail (January)</b>		
Sales of apple juice	-	272.20
Equipment hire	-	(60.00)
	<u>-</u>	<u>212.20</u>
<b>5 St James Church High Wych Scarecrow Festival (September)</b>		
Sales of apple juice	541.00	-
Cost of stall	(15.00)	-
	<u>526.00</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>6 Allotment Show (September)</b>		
Sales of apple juice	<u>128.24</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>7 Apple Day (October)</b>		
Sales of apple juice	230.00	-
Van hire	(101.08)	(94.33)
Refreshments	(83.14)	-
	<u>45.78</u>	<u>(94.33)</u>
<b>8 Bell Street Stall (April, June, October)</b>		
Sales of apple juice	<u>923.62</u>	<u>-</u>

## RHSO report for AGM 2021

Welcome everyone and thank you for coming to the Rivers Heritage Site and Orchard AGM.

This is the Chairman report for 2021.

We started the year in another lockdown and Covid restrictions continued throughout the year. We were able to carry on with the maintenance of the orchard of which you will hear more from Adrienne's report.

A lot of volunteer time and energy was spent looking after the membranes at the expense of other work that needed doing. Because of this we are now looking into other methods of protecting the trees. We also need to look at the sustainability of the methods we use e.g., plastic membrane or wood chip.

The group welcomed new members during the year, and we thank them for joining the group. That also raises another issue of the sustainability of the group. We need more of the members to take on some extra responsibilities, i.e., first aid training, pruning training. We need to look to the future and the best way we can keep going, some of us aren't getting any younger! Please always spread the word the more the merrier.

Apple Day was held in October and was open to the public this year. Even though it rained all day we had a good steady turn out of helpers from the community. The apples are then taken to a juicing company, and we have 847 bottles of juice this year.

The juice is sold throughout the year at 'Full of Beans', a shop in Sawbridgeworth. The volunteers also run stalls through the year at the 'Scarecrow Festival' and in Bell St car park.

A Wassail was held this year after not being able to do so last year. I think everyone agrees that it is a very popular event with approximately 150 people attending. This is technically the start of the Orchards year as we bless the trees for a good harvest.

I would finally like to thank everyone for all their hard work in keeping the orchard a very special place going and thriving, and also to all the committee members for all the hard work they put in. Hopefully next year we can hold the AGM in person and raise a glass.

Ruth Buckmaster Chair