



Friends of Ingestre Orangery

**The trustees present their report for
the year ended 30 June 2016.**

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	Friends of Ingestre Orangery
Charity registration number:	11147905
Company registration number:	07909112
Registered office and operational address:	Maple Cottage 8 Home Farm Court Ingestre Stafford ST18 0PZ

Trustees

The trustees who held office during the year are as follows:

Chair, Mr. Aaron Chetwynd
Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs Gill Broadbent
Mr. Geoff Tavernor
Mr. Anthony Young

Bankers

Co-operative Bank
Stafford

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The charity constituted and governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 13 January 2012

Recruitment and appointment Trustees

Trustees (who are also directors of the company under company law) may be elected at any General Meeting of the Charity

Risk Management

The trustees consider risk management on an ongoing basis and systems are in place to identify and mitigate the major risks to which the charity may be exposed.

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AIMS: The aims of the charity are to 'To preserve for the nation Ingestre Orangery, and to carry on there activities which sustain the preservation of the Building and support and enhance the education, health and wellbeing of the community.'

Preservation of the building and surrounding grounds

The Architectural Heritage fund awarded us a £500 grant in 2014-15 which was spread over two financial years, 2014-15 and 2015-16 when the final part of the grant was paid to support our applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a phase 12 grant. The 30-year lease from Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council was agreed and signed by the Trustees. The application to the HLF for a phase 1 grant was revised and submitted in September 2015 and £48,900 was granted in December 2015. Half of the grant i.e. £24,450 was given in 2015-16. This enabled us to develop our initial plans. A Project Manager, Architect and Design Team with conservation expertise, Activity, Interpretation Plan & Evaluation Consultants,

a Business Planner and part-time secretary/treasurer were appointed and began their work. Initial plans were made and a variety of consultations were advertised and held with a wide group of people to inform the development of the project. A steering group with a wide range of backgrounds has been established with a brief to scrutinise and comment upon the proposals for the project. This work will be developed further before we can apply for a Stage 2 grant to deliver the whole project.

We continue to work to obtain funding to restore the building and to protect it from further damage. We applied to Stafford Borough Council for permission to remove/prune some trees to prevent damage to the Orangery and from being a health and safety risk to visitors. This permission was granted and the necessary work was completed.

We seek grants from other organisations to help with the restoration of the building and have been invited to apply to the Country Houses Foundation following their visit to us in January 2016.

We are very grateful to our volunteers for their hard work. They have spent over 2,000 hours since we began and have made incredible improvements to the condition of the Orangery and garden. Broken glass in the Orangery has been repaired as far as possible and temporary facilities enable us to provide refreshments. The areas below the Orangery and the yew trees opposite, have been pruned and a path created to form a potential woodland walk. The flower bed in the lawn has been bordered with a box hedge and restored thanks to the generosity of residents. They have made enormous improvements to the garden bordering the Long Walk.

Education & Access to Ingestre Orangery's Heritage

The volunteers have worked tirelessly so that visitors can access the Orangery, learn about its history and see the potential for its future use and sustainability. We continue to hold awareness raising events to share our heritage and fund raising events in marquees and at the Orangery.

During the year 17 events were held covering a wide range of activities from guided tours, art exhibitions, talks, walks, events for families and community celebrations of historic events. Free

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WW1 exhibitions and a Teddy Bears' picnic were supported by Andante Choir. Three Walks and Talks were held to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Capability Brown who created his first garden in Staffordshire at Ingestre Hall. Two Open Days at Ingestre Hall included very popular guided tours as were included the three main buildings -Ingestre Hall, Ingestre Orangery and Ingestre Church. They add a further dimension and interest to visitors who learn about Ingestre's history and setting.

The local community have recognised the potential for its future use. They celebrated the Queen's Jubilee in the Orangery and marquees in the grounds. A Teddy Bears Picnic was also popular with local families. The Lottery Funded WWI commemoration of people in Ingestre and Tixall during WW1 was free to visit and provided a powerful illustration of the lives of people in the past. It was developed by our local historian with a nearby school and Ingestre Hall. They demonstrated the capacity of the site to attract people to find out more about the rich heritage of the area.

Fund Raising

Volunteers also helped to raise funds and the profile of the Orangery in the wider community by supporting our 17 events. They work tirelessly to provide refreshments for all our activities that are very popular both in the Hall and Orangery. Many individuals, groups and artists gave their support during the Art Exhibitions, Garden Talks and performances by Andante Choir. An army of volunteers who support all our events, in many ways, are very much appreciated. We have a new fund raising strategy to help us raise the match funding we require to apply for the HLF phase 2 delivery stage grant.

Website developments

Our website www.foio.btck.co.uk was set up so that a wider group of people can access the Orangery's heritage and follow the progress made towards restoring it to a sustainable use in the future. We have reviewed the structure of the website and changed it so that it is easier to use. Photographs are updated regularly. We will continue to monitor it and improve it as necessary thanks to the help of volunteers.

The future

We will continue to work collaboratively with Ingestre Hall, Ingestre Orangery, Ingestre Church and Stables. There are many more opportunities now for future visitors to have access to our rich heritage. Through our HLF grant, our appointed consultants have consulted the wider and local communities about activities they would like to see offered in phase 2 when the project is delivered. We have explored and refined our role as a heritage hub for the area i.e. a place where people can find out about all the activities taking place in the locality and its rich heritage. The future will include further consultations with the Steering Group, the local and wider community. These will include plans for the restoration of the Orangery, new build and the activities planned to ensure the sustainability of the buildings and to deliver our aims to meet the needs of the community.

Financial Review

The financial position is disclosed in the attached accounts. At the year end the charity held fixed assets of nil (2015: £nil)

All of the remaining assets were held on bank investment accounts to provide readily realisable funds for the activities of the Foundation. There have not been any significant financial issues since the year end.

Investment Policy

The Board of Trustees have the power to invest the monies of the charity not immediately required for its objects in or upon such investment, security or property as may be determined from time to time.

Reserves Policy

It is the charity's policy not to make any commitment to fund projects unless sufficient unrestricted reserves exist to cover the total commitment for each existing project. Adequate reserves are maintained to cover the remaining low level of administrative cost incurred by the charity.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1. The trustees are required 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, including the net income or expenditure, for the year. In preparing for those financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies ACT 2006. 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 confirm that they have complied with the duty section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 14.12.16 and signed on their behalf by



Mrs G Broadbent