CASTLE HOWARD ARBORETUM TRUST UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 JANUARY 2014

Charity Number 1044931

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

Registered charity name

Castle Howard Arboretum Trust

Charity number

1044931

Company registration number

03006258

Registered office

The Estate Office Castle Howard

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Trustees

Professor Alastair Fitter (Independent

representative & chairman)

The Hon. Simon Howard (Castle Howard Estate Ltd

representative)

The Hon. Nicholas Howard (Castle Howard Estate

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Mrs Jane Ingham (Castle Howard Estate Ltd

representative)

The Hon. Lady Arabella Lennox Boyd (Independent

representative)

Sir Ronald Cooke DSc AcSS (Independent

representative)

Mr. Timothy Richard Hornsby CBE, MA, FRSA

(Independent representative)

Dr. Alan Suggett (Independent representative) Mr. Richard Barley (Royal Botanical Gardens Kew

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Mr. Tony Kirkham (Royal Botanical Gardens Kew

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2014.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Professor Alastair Fitter (Independent representative & chairman)

The Hon. Simon Howard (Castle Howard Estate Ltd representative)

The Hon. Nicholas Howard (Castle Howard Estate Ltd representative)

Mrs Jane Ingham (Castle Howard Estate Ltd representative)

The Hon. Lady Arabella Lennox Boyd (Independent representative)

Sir Ronald Cooke DSc AcSS (Independent representative)

Mr. Timothy Richard Hornsby CBE, MA, FRSA (Independent representative)

Dr. Alan Suggett (Independent representative)

Mr. Richard Barley (Royal Botanical Gardens Kew

representative)

Mr. Tony Kirkham (Royal Botanical Gardens Kew

representative)

Professor Nicola Spence (Royal Botanical Gardens Kew

representative)

(Appointed 6 November 2013)

(Appointed 15 May 2013)

(Appointed 15 May 2013)

(Appointed 15 May 2013)

The Hon Sir Richard Storey Bt CBE DL (Royal Botanical

Gardens Kew representative)

(Retired 18 March 2013)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Castle Howard Arboretum Trust has been administered during the past financial year under the Memorandum and Articles of association of the Castle Howard Arboretum Trust. Company number 03006258 and Charity number 1044931.

Rights of nomination exist for an independent Chairman and equal numbers of Trustees as between Castle Howard Estate Ltd. and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Three Trustees have been appointed by each and two Trustees are independent of those bodies and have been appointed by the other Trustees.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Trust was founded in 1997. Its prime purpose is the curation of its extensive botanical collections for the purposes of arboriculture, botanical science, education and conservation.

TRUSTEE INDUCTION PROCESS

New Trustees are given a tour of the Arboretum and meet with staff. They also meet with the Chair of Trustees. They receive papers such as the business plan, budget and latest annual accounts, together with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Castle Howard Arboretum Trust continues to maintain and extend its nationally important hardy wood reference collections using primarily wild source material as a complement to the National Collections at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Wakehurst Place. In doing so it also makes these collections available to the public, and visitor numbers are generally growing year on year.

We seek to ensure the scientific integrity of the records and to encourage the wider use of the collection for science and conservation and to develop its educational and information services. The outdoor education programme to extend the use of the arboretum by schools and to share the experience of such environmental education with a wide range of other users has been particularly successful.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have embarked on a programme of improvements to the Arboretum over the next three years which is likely to utilise a significant proportion of the existing Reserves. The Trustees' objective is that Reserves should not fall below the level of eighteen months' recurrent expenditure.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity's Investment Policy has two components:-

- i) funds which may be required for expenditure within the next three years are held in deposit instruments which may be realised at short notice without capital loss.
- ii) funds which are held for the medium to long term in a balanced portfolio of equities and bonds which seeks to achieve capital growth without undue risk, and also to provide a sustainable income to support the Arboretum's operating costs.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2013-2014 was a busy year for the Trust, during which the Arboretum was rebranded as The Yorkshire Arboretum, an operation requiring considerable investment of resources and staff time. Curation of the collection and maintenance of the grounds was improved through the acquisition of new equipment and the development of a Tree Team to undertake tasks such as planting and pruning. Visitor and member numbers increased significantly on 2012-2013 and the Education Programme was again successful.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trust had net expenditure of £113,247 for the year but has a strong Balance Sheet.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Trust has embarked upon a bid for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop an educational area ('the Exploration Zone') and the facilities needed to support this, with the intention of bringing increased revenue to the Trust to place it on a sustainable basis. In addition a separate fund-raising campaign will be commenced.

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

Registered office: The Estate Office Castle Howard York YO60 7DA

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Signed on behalf of the trustees

Professor Alastair Fitter

Chairman

5 June 2014

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CASTLE HOWARD ARBORETUM TRUST

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 January 2014 which are set out on pages 9 to 219.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the directors of Castle Howard Arboretum Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 the 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CASTLE HOWARD ARBORETUM TRUST (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

R C Bailey FCA Independent examiner

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2014 £	Total Funds 2013 £
INCOMING RESOURCES Incoming resources f	rom					
generating funds: Voluntary income		55 266	21.006		97.262	100 542
Investment		55,266	31,996	_	87,262	109,542
income Incoming resources from charitable	3	35,639	_	_	35,639	35,748
activities	4	73,267	-	_	73,267	80,012
TOTAL INCOMIN	G					
RESOURCES	_	164,172	31,996		196,168	225,302
RESOURCES EXPENDED Costs of generating funds: Costs of						
generating voluntary income	5	(49,496)	_	-	(49,496)	(38,902)
Charitable activities Governance costs	6 7	(226,317) (1,606)	(31,996)	. - -	(258,313) (1,606)	(264,360) (1,993)
TOTAL RESOURCE	ES			_		
EXPENDED		(277,419)	(31,996)	_	(309,415)	(305,255)
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES BEFORE		(112.247)			(112.047)	(70.052)
TRANSFERS	8	(113,247)	_	_	(113,247)	(79,953)
Transfer between funds	9	169,494	(170,199)	705	_	-
NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	RE ·	56,247	(170,199)	705	(113,247)	(79,953)

Carried forward 56,247 (170,199) 705 (113,247) (79,953)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2014 £	Total Funds 2013 £
Brought forward	56,247	(170,199)	705	(113,247)	(79,953)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES Gains on revaluation of					
investment assets	22,915	_	15,641	38,556	74,628
NET MOVEMENT IN		·			
FUNDS	79,162	(170,199)	16,346	(74,691)	(5,325)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	1,276,715	195,965	103,631	1,576,311	1,581,636
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,355,877	25,766	119,977	1,501,620	1,576,311

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET

31 JANUARY 2014

		201	4	2013	3
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11		330,192		339,168
Investments	12		1,085,613		1,043,852
in vocation as	•				
			1,415,805		1,383,020
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	1,427		205	
Debtors	14	12,521		55,292	
Cash at bank and in hand		92,022		219,492	
		105,970		274,989	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due		100,570		27 1,505	
within one year	15	(20,155)		(81,698)	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS			85,815		193,291
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NET ASSETS			1,501,620		1,576,311
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			_		
FUNDS					
Endowment funds	16		119,977		103,631
Restricted funds	17		25,766		195,965
Unrestricted funds	18		1,355,877		1,276,715
TOTAL FUNDS			1,501,620		1,576,311
I O I I III I O I I I O			1,501,020		

For the year ended 31 January 2014 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

BALANCE SHEET (continued)

31 JANUARY 2014

PROFESSOR ALASTAIR FITTER (INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE & CHAIRMAN) member of the committee

Company Registration Number: 03006258

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005).

Cash flow statement

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

Donations

Donations included in the financial statements are those actually received in the period together with amounts agreed to be contributed to cover any deficit.

Investments

The investment is shown at its mid market value at 31 January.

Interest receivable

Interest on short term deposit is included in the financial statements calculated on a daily basis.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Resources expended

Where possible costs are allocated directly to the activity cost other costs are allocated based on the benefit to the cost category.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

An Independent Charitable Trust was formed in June 1997 by joint agreement between Castle Howard and the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew to oversee the curation of the extensive collections of woody plants held in both the Arboretum and in the woodland garden in Ray Wood at Castle Howard which is situated within the Howardian Hills, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Trust holds a 99 year lease dated 23rd June 1997 with regards to the Arboretum and a licence to manage Ray Wood.

The Trustees consider the plant collection has inestimable value for environmental conservation, scientific research, education and also public enjoyment. To value the lease and management licence would not only involve very considerable expense but conventional valuations would, in certain cases, lack sufficient reliability. Even if reliable valuations could be obtained the Trustees consider that the cost would be wholly disproportionate to any likely benefit to the Trust or to other users of the accounts. Accordingly the Trust does not recognise heritage assets on its Balance Sheet and no value is placed on these assets.

Maintenance and Curation Costs

These are charged and reported in the accounts under Cost of Charitable Activities By Fund Type in the year it is incurred.

Further information is given in Note 22 in the accounts.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 5 years Leasehold property - 50 years

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Pension costs

Pension contributions payable by the charitable company into defined contribution pension schemes on behalf of its employees are charged to the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Funds	Total Funds 2014	2013
Donations	£	£	£	£
Wespelaar	_	20,000	20,000	10,000
The Monument Trust	-	11,996	11,996	43,540
Benefactors	4,850	_	4,850	7,500
Members	19,808	_	19,808	20,336
Miscellaneous	9,944	_	9,944	9,291
Gift Aid by subsidiary	13,716	_	13,716	12,020
Gift Aid	6,948	_	6,948	6,855
	55,266	31,996	87,262	109,542

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	2014	2013
	£	£	£
Income from UK listed investments	33,130	33,130	31,297
Income from non-UK listed investments	51	51	_
Bank interest receivable	2,444	2,444	2,648
Building society interest receivable	14	14	1,803
	35,639	35,639	35,748

4. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds £	2014 £	2013 £
Entrance fees	34,011	34,011	25,593
Events	1,713	1,713	4,358
Education receipts	12,683	12,683	19,450
Wild About Wood Festival	22,452	22,452	28,217
Cafe rent	2,000	2,000	2,000
Sale of Wood	120	120	_
Sale of pictures	138	138	394
Venue Hire	150	150	_
	73,267	73,267	80,012

5. COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	2014	2013
	£	£	£
Donations, Fundraising, Grants & Membership costs	49,496	49,496	38,902
			

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

6. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2014	2013
	£	£	£	£
Arboretum	138,388	10,000	148,388	109,024
Ray Wood	1,037	21,996	23,033	70,605
Education	28,006	_	28,006	27,196
Community Education	143	_	143	·
Visitor Centre	58,743		58,743	57,535
	226,317	31,996	258,313	264,360
				

Within the expenditure headings, the costs have been analysed to more fairly reflect the operations of the charity. As a result of this, the prior year costs have been reanalysed. This has not resulted in a change to the profit.

7. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	2014	2013
	£	£	£
Accountancy fees	760	760	692
Costs of trustees' meetings	82	82	537
Trustees' indemnity insurance	764	764	764
	1,606	1,606	1,993

8. NET OUTGOING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR

This is stated after charging:

	2014	2013
	£	£
Staff pension contributions	5,527	2,155
Depreciation	21,833	19,861

9. FUND TRANSFERS

The transfer between Unrestricted Funds and Endowment Funds are dividends received from Accumulation Fund Investments that are held within the Endowment Fund.

The transfer between Unrestricted Funds and Restricted Funds relates to the Building Fund.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

10. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

Total staff costs were as follows:

	· 2014	2013
	£	£
Wages and salaries	122,638	92,920
Social security costs	8,022	5,358
Other pension costs	5,527	2,155
	136,187	100,433

Particulars of employees:

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2014	2013
	No	No
Number of production staff	3	3
Number of administrative staff	4	3
		 ,
	7	6

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 during the year (2013 - Nil).

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment	Leasehold Property	Total
COST	£	£	£
At 1 February 2013	161,242	321,451	482,693
Additions	3,619	9,237	12,856
At 31 January 2014	164,861	330,688	495,549
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 February 2013	95,718	47,807	143,525
Charge for the year	15,378	6,454	21,832
At 31 January 2014	111,096	54,261	165,357
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 January 2014	53,765	276,427	330,192
At 31 January 2013	65,524	273,644	339,168

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12. INVESTMENTS

Movement in	market value
MINIOAGINGINI III	market value

	2014	2013
	£	£
Market value at 1 February 2013	1,043,852	969,224
Acquisitions at cost	3,206	-
Net gains on revaluations in the year ended 31 January 2014	38,555	74,628
Market value at 31 January 2014	1,085,613	1,043,852
Historical cost at 31 January 2014	1,090,023	1,086,817

Analysis of investments at 31 January 2014 between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2014 £	Total Funds 2013 £
Listed investments UK Quoted Shares	765,635	-	114,423	880,058	843,851
Non-UK Quoted Shares		<u> </u>	5,554	5,554	<u>-</u>
Other investments UK Participating	765,635	-	119,977	885,612	843,851
interests UK Cash held as	1	-	-	1	1
part of Portfolio	200,000			200,000	200,000
	200,001	-	-	200,001	200,001
	965,636	_	119,977	1,085,613	1,043,852

13. STOCKS

	2014	2013
	£	£
Stock	1,427	205

14. DEBTORS

	2014	2013
	£	£
Trade debtors	353	_
Funds held at Kew	-	3,155
Other debtors	369	4,445
Prepayments	11,799	47,692
	12,521	55,292
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

15. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2014	2013
	£	£
Trade creditors	8,369	73,798
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1	1
PAYE and social security	2,857	2,369
Accruals	8,928	5,530
	20,155	81,698

16. ENDOWMENT FUNDS

	Balance at		Gains and	Balance at
	1 February 2013 £	Transfers £	fosses 3	31 January 2014 £
Permanent endowments				
Howard Fund	101,131	_	13,292	114,423
Howick Fund	2,500	706	2,348	5,554
	103,631	706	15,640	119,977

The Howard Fund is a capital investment, given to provide income from interest to support the maintenance of the collections.

The Howick Fund is capital given to provide income for the maintenance of the botanical collections.

17. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Feb 2013	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance at 31 Jan 2014
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Fund	170,199	_	_	(170,199)	-
Minns	5,000	_	_	_	5,000
Branching Out	20,766	_		_	20,766
The Monument					
Trust	_	11,996	(11,996)	_	_
Tree Team &					
Ray Wood	-	20,000	(20,000)	_	-
	195,965	31,996	(31,996)	(170,199)	25,766
•			10-21019		

The Building Fund represents monies given to fund the new visitor and education building. This has been transferred to Unrestricted Funds as the building is now complete.

The Minns Fund represents monies given to fund a propagation unit.

The Branching Out Fund represents monies given to fund a propagation unit.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

17. RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS (continued)

18. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

			Outgoing		
	Balance at	Incoming resources and		Gains and	Balance at
	1 Feb 2013	resources	transfers	losses	31 Jan 2014
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds	1,276,715	164,172	(107,925)	22,915	1,355,877

19. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible		Net current	
	fixed assets	Investments	assets	Total
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Income Funds:				
Minns	_	_	5,000	5,000
Branching Out	_	-	20,766	20,766
-				
	_	_	25,766	25,766
Endowment Funds:	_			
Howard Fund	_	114,423	-	114,423
Howick Fund	_	5,554	_	5,554
				
	_	119,977	_	119,977
				
Unrestricted Income Funds	330,192	965,636	60,049	1,355,877
Total Funds	330,192	1,085,613	85,815	1,501,620

20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The charity has a 100% subsidiary The Arboretum Trust Trading Company Limited which gift aids its surplus of £13,716 (2013 £12,020) over to the trust.

21. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 in the event of the company being wound up whilst still a member. The members are not entitled to any distribution in the event of the dissolution of the company.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2014

22. HERITAGE ASSETS

The Trust's plant holdings are found on two sites. Yorkshire Arboretum opened to the public for the first time in 1999 as part of the celebration of Castle Howard's tercentenary year although planting of the new Arboretum began in 1975, instigated by the shared vision of the late Lord Howard and Dr James Russell. It was James Russell's talented plantmanship and extraordinary planting design that was brought to bear on the creation of the present Arboretum. In the 120 acre Arboretum, a native flora of of species-rich grassland nestle beneath exotic trees gathered from around the temperate world, providing a landscape that is unique in both style and substance.

The Garden in Ray Wood covers 40 acres and contains a collection of rhododendrons, some 500 species and 300 important hybrids along with many other rare shrubs and trees, among them other members of the family Ericaceae, such as Vaccinium and Gaultheria and considerable collections of genera such as Sorbus, Magnolia, Rosa and Acer. Many of the plants such as Rhododendron thomsonii, along with other rhododendrons from the Sino Himalaya are of historic importance. The collection also includes plants gathered by many great plant collectors, for example Hooker, Wilson, Farrer, Purdom, Rock and Kingdon-Ward.

An education programme offers a range of activities for school and community groups, families and all visitors in general.

Management Policies

The Yorkshire Arboretum and the Garden in Ray Wood collections are managed by the Director, with the assistance of two full-time and one part-time staff in the arboretum and a part-time member of staff in Ray Wood.

The Trust maintains a catalogue of the collections which can be consulted by appointment with the Director.

Further information on the Trust can be found at www.yorkshirearboretum.org.